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JCC's Gala Dinner Dance-Auction was Rousing Success

Saturday night, Nov. 7 was one of the most enjoyable events of the season for the Jewish Community Center and all those who attended the Gala Dinner Dance and Auction. There was excitement in the air from the moment guests arrived until the evening ended. Over 165 tickets were sold for this spectacular function.

The decorations were in keeping with the international theme which was carried out with the delicious dinner elegantly catered by Eli's. The gym was beautifully transformed; the tables were covered with an array of different colored cloths in keeping with the international motif.

Gorelick Hall was filled with tables laden with outstanding and varied items to be auctioned. It was also where the busy "buyers" could partake of cocktails and hors d'oeuvres as they shopped for their bargains. When people were not bidding, they enjoyed dancing to the music of "Black & Blue."

The evening was not only a great social success, but a very profitable one for the JCC, as they raised well over \$18,000. All this could not have been possible without the tireless efforts of the committee, those who purchased tickets, the hard working JCC staff and of course the many individuals and companies who



Line dancing was a big "hit" as was the entire evening.

so generously donated items for the auction. (A complete listing is to be found on the JCC pages.)

Our thanks go to the committee members: Sue Ades, Scott Gorelick, Arlene Karp, Barry Klemons, Hal Levinson, Alan Rosenberg, Mike Van Glish, Nancy Bernstein, Dr. Sam Blumenthal, Ed Karp, Barbara Levin, Vera Mendel. A very special thank you to the following committee members: Jill Newman, Eric Sklut, Linda Goldsmith, Ethel Gordon, Joanne Bigel, Nancy Kipnis, Dan Levinson, Pam Segal, Gary Silverstein and Elaine Schefflin, who really went that "extra

mile." And what would have been, if we didn't have the hard working team of Paula Musler and Paul Edelstein as the committee cochairs...they did a spectacular job!

"Aneem Zemirot" Youth Choir Formed

Charlotte has a new group of talented young singers. The seed that grew into Aneem Zemirot, The Jewish Youth Choir of Charlotte, was planted last January at a meeting of the dedication committee of Temple Beth El.

Susan Kramer, a very active volunteer, suggested having a group of children singing at the family day that would cap a weekend of dedication activities. Susan called on the talents of Peri Flohr, a teacher at Beth El's Hebrew School, to help put it all together.

In August, the children received an invitation to perform this December, at "The Festival of Lights," sponsored by The Guild of Discovery Place and The Nature Museum. Arthur Kramer, educational director at Temple Beth El, realized that this was an opportunity to be shared by all our Hebrew School children. Working with Roz Cooper, educational director at Temple Israel, Aneem Zemirot was formed.

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1993 Campaign to Kick-Off With Workers' Brunch

The Jewish Federation of Greater Charlotte is pleased to announce that the Campaign Kick-Off for the 1993 Annual Federation Campaign and the Continuation of Operation Exodus will be held Sunday, Dec. 13, 10 a.m.-noon. All those who are interested in working on the campaign are invited to attend.

Peggy Gartner and Steve Menaker, Kick-Off cochairs, have planned an exciting educational and social brunch. The

program will mark the beginning of the campaign and highlight "the case for giving."

This year's theme is "Jewish Continuity...Around the Corner...Around the World." We must continue to support our local organizations and agencies. So too, must we ensure the continued immigration from the Soviet Union. "With increased needs, we must increase the scope of our efforts," says Peggy.

To get involved, please call the Federation office, 366-5007.

Chanukah Programs



Community Celebration

This year's Community Chanukah Celebration, sponsored by the Charlotte Jewish Community Center, Temple Beth El and Temple Israel, will be on December 17 at 6 p.m.

A very exciting evening is planned, beginning with a candle lighting ceremony and a delicious dairy dinner which includes potato latkes and sofgan-yot. After dinner, while waiting for the highlight of the evening, there will be a songfest with all the traditional songs, as well as some new ones.

While enjoying the music, 3rd through 7th grade children from the Jewish community will be getting ready for their stage debut. The actors and actresses, as well as set and costume designers, prop and stage managers, have been rehearsing for weeks. They will be performing in "Chanukah—Behind the Scenes," a Chanukah play that will keep everyone laughing and their parents glowing with pride. We will then be entertained by the new Jewish Youth Choir.

For more information call Debby Rosenberger, 366-5007.

Uncle Moishe is Coming To Town

As preparation for the festive holiday of Chanukah, Lubavitch is sponsoring a children's musical concert by the famous group "Uncle Moishe & the Mitzvah Men."

The event will be held on Sunday, Dec. 13, 2-4 p.m. at Shalom Park in Gorelick Hall. "Uncle Moishe & the Mitzvah Men" are very popular with children all over the country. They have released over a dozen recordings, and all have been best sellers. Uncle Moishe concerts are exciting, funny and always attract large audiences of children and parents. Tickets are \$5 per person.

On Sunday, Dec. 20, a giant size Menorah will be kindled at the Arboretum Shopping Center. The kindling will take place at 5:30 p.m. "Judah the Maccabee" will deliver Chanukah gifts to participating children. The lighting will start by passing the "Freedom Torch" through the crowd. Hot latkes and apple cider will be served along with other holiday delights.

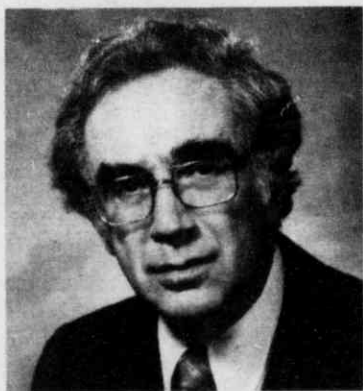
Temple Beth El Appoints Interim Rabbi

The Interim Rabbi Search Committee of Temple Beth El has appointed Rabbi Robert W. Shapiro as interim rabbi. He assumed the rabbinic duties Nov. 17.

Rabbi Shapiro was the rabbi of Temple Emanuel, Marblehead, Mass., a Reform congregation, with approximately 600 families. In 1992 he was designated Rabbi Emeritus after 30 years as their religious leader.

Rabbi Shapiro was awarded a BS in Psychology, Jewish Studies from New York University in 1951 and a BHL, Hebrew Union College, Cincinnati, 1955. His ordination as Rabbi and MHL took place in 1957. In 1974 he received a Doctorate of Ministry, Pastoral Psychology from Andover Newton Theological School, Newton, Mass. The Doctor of Divinity, Hebrew Union College, Jewish Institute of Religion was awarded in 1982.

In his long career he has held many significant positions and has had a number of notable experiences. They include six years as lecturer at Tufts College, Medford, MA and asst. professor at Salem State College, sabbatical leaves to both the Hebrew Union College,



Rabbi Robert Shapiro

Hebrew University, Jerusalem and Tavistock Clinic, London. Rabbi Shapiro has been active and chaired many community committees on drug abuse, mental health, interfaith and inter-racial understanding, and inter-denominational clergy organizations as well as hospital review boards. He has served hospitals as chaplain and on youth commissions.

Rabbi Shapiro and wife Charlotte have four children, David, Joel, Tamar and Sorena.

We invite you to attend services on Friday evenings at 8 p.m. (nursery available at no charge for children through 6 years) and Saturday mornings at 10:30 a.m. to meet Rabbi Shapiro and to share in the Shabbat.

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