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**From
The Director's Desk**

Daniel Z. Lepow



Two events occurred this past month that give me great hope for the future. A group of young adults met to form "The New Federation Generation." This forward thinking group recognized that the future is in their hands and they are going to prepare themselves. Knowing that they will be called upon to lead us into the next century, they have begun to reach out to others of their generation. As their parents did in the past, they joined together to marshal resources to create the next wave of caring and involved people to help the community's institutions.

The second event was a packed reception for newcomers to our community. Not only is Charlotte a place where large employers are transferring management personnel, it's a destination community for those seeking a new place to live. We are growing every day and by all accounts, our newest neighbors are looking to be part of the Jewish community.

Our challenge is to encourage our new generation, giving them the resources and respect that they will need to work for the future. We must look for ways to invite the newcomers to our organizations and make them

feel like a part of our future.

If this isn't enough, the Blumenthal Home's Regional Board, the Jewish Family Service and the Federation have joined together to study the needs of our senior citizens. In addition, the response to the Federation's Community Service Board's Interfaith Survey has been very good, indicating how much people want to be heard and how crucial these studies are to our growth.

Look for more demographic studies and long range planning efforts by the Federation. Let's plan for our future today!

Editorials

A Dream Becomes a Reality

As the deadline approached for this issue of *The Charlotte Jewish News*, I was excited to hear the remarkable news of the Israel-PLO Peace Accords. What a wonderful way of beginning the Jewish New Year!

Never did I anticipate that this would happen in 1993; in fact, I did not think that it would even occur in my lifetime. Though the days, weeks and months to come will no doubt be ones of great difficulty, periodic hostilities, and adjustment for both Palestinians and Jews, it is a giant stride in the right direction. Hopefully, the Arab countries of Syria, Iran and Iraq will eventually acknowledge and uphold these Peace Accords. The United States will continue to play an important role in policing the Mid-East and seeing that both the Palestinians and Israelis achieve the cementing of relationships for their mutual benefits.

—Rita Mond

Procrastination vs. Responsibility

We recently published an informational piece on how, when and what to do on submitting articles to *The Charlotte Jewish News*. Uppermost in importance is that submissions be on time. The deadline is the 10th of the month preceding the month of issue, unless the editor advises otherwise. That means that one need not wait until the last day to do so. Please do not procrastinate and wait and then discover that you have missed the deadline.

Just like the editor has the responsibility of getting *The CJN* out on time, she can only do so if all criteria are adhered to. If she would procrastinate, then you might get November's CJN in December. What a fiasco that would be!

If you do not see the news from your organizations and institutions in the paper, it is because we did not receive it on time. They also must be typed in upper and lower case and doublespaced, otherwise they will not be accepted. If you have any problems with your responsibility in helping *The CJN* be published and on time, so that the community will be kept well informed, call Rita Mond. Thank you for your cooperation.

The following are the absolute deadlines for everybody, no exceptions:

- Nov. issue — Sunday, Oct. 10
- Dec. issue — Wednesday, Nov. 10
- Jan. issue — Sunday, Dec. 5

**Jewish Calendar
Candlelighting**

- Oct. 1 - 6:49 p.m. (Shabbat & 2nd day Succoth)
- Oct. 6 - 6:42 p.m. (Hoshanah Rabbah & 5th day Succoth)
- Oct. 7 - 7:37 p.m. (Yizkor - Shemini Atzeret)
- Oct. 8 - 6:39 p.m. (Simchat Torah)
- Oct. 15 - 6:30 p.m.
- Oct. 22 - 6:21 p.m.
- Oct. 29 - 6:13 p.m.
- Nov. 5 - 5:06 p.m.



"CJN" is Truly a Remarkable Achievement

(Ed. note: The writer is a former Executive Director of the Charlotte Jewish Federation and the Charlotte Jewish Community Center, and was one of the cofounders of "The CJN." He resides with his family in Columbia, SC and is owner of Resource Development, Inc.)

Dear Rita:

When I received the August issue of the CJN, I was struck, even more than ever before, how you continue to shape the paper to make it meaningful to the entire Jewish community. The Teen Page and the Jews by Choice column are wonderful and essential additions.

In putting together the first Teen Page, I want to congratulate you and whoever else had the courage to let the teens write the articles on drinking and inter-dating in such an open and honest manner. Obviously, you didn't insist that they just condemn and preach. Hopefully, your respect for them and their right to present their points of view will open the door to productive dialogue about issues like these. Perhaps Alan Shulimson might encourage parents to write brief letters which he could publish and answer.

The pairing, on the front page, of the stories about Mrs. Hofmann's column and the Interfaith Outreach Committee was brilliant. It demonstrates an outreaching attitude that, to me, is the embodiment of the concept of "community" which motivat-

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ed the development of Shalom Park.

I could go on, page by page, sharing with you the excitement and the emotionality I felt as I read. There is a vibrancy that leaps out to draw people in. In a world where we are bombarded by sophisticated marketing, The CJN holds its own with the best. I know how hard you have always worked, and I just want you to know that, in my opinion, you have achieved far more than I ever dreamed possible. Fortunately for the community, your vision, like your dedication, seems to have no limitations.

—Marvin Bienstock

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Greensboro Enjoyed Prager and So Will Charlotte

I hope that your readership knows what an unusual opportunity it has. That opportunity is to spend a weekend listening and learning from Dennis Prager. Dennis Prager is probably the most incisive thinker in America on Jewish and non-Jewish issues.

As a self proclaimed Prager enthusiast, I admit to having listened to some 40-odd audio tapes he has recorded on issues varying from "The Ten Reasons Why I Revere Judaism" to "The Case for Capital Punishment" to

"Abortion—The Case for Compromise" to "Lessons from the Holocaust" and on and on. I am an eight-year subscriber to his quarterly journal "Ultimate Issues" which is the most penetrating and challenging material I read.

Dennis Prager is, as he admits, obsessed with good and evil, and Ethical Monotheism as the answer to so much of the folly of modern and barren secularism. Any Jew with a modicum of interest or a depth of commitment needs to hear Dennis' ability to clarify issues and respond accordingly.

Greensboro just had the good fortune of Dennis' presence for a weekend as Scholar-in-Residence as will Charlotte in early November. I attended his four lectures in Greensboro and will schlep to Charlotte to hear him once again. While I may be seen by some as a "Pragerhead," I urge those who have not had the pleasure of the intellectual stimulation of a lifetime to join me at his lectures in Charlotte.

—Ken Miller
Greensboro

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