

Engagement & Wedding Announcements

Labovitz - Cook

Karen and Melvyn Labovitz announce the engagement of their daughter, Elise Ann Labovitz, to Larry Redding Cook, both of Macon, Georgia.

Elise, a graduate of the University of Georgia, is attending law school at Mercer University.

The groom-to-be is the son of Charlotte Cook of Greensboro. He is a food broker for Belca Food Services of Atlanta and also a student at Georgia College.

A July 31 wedding is planned at Temple Israel.



Elise Labovitz and Larry Cook

Goodman - Lerner

Michelle and Barry Goodman announce the engagement of their daughter, Alison Rachel Goodman, to Mark Lerner, both of Charlotte.

Alison, a graduate of UNC-Chapel Hill, is employed by First Union National Bank.

The groom-to-be is the son of Lynn and Paul Edelstein and the late Sam Lerner. He is a graduate of Georgetown University and UNC-Chapel Hill School of Law. He is in the employ of Lerner and Company Real Estate.

An August wedding is planned.

Fortson - Elam

Evelyn and Norman Fortson of Charlotte announce the engagement of their daughter, Laura Fortson, to Neil Peyton Elam, both of Charlotte. The groom-to-be is the son of Mrs. Leonie Kahn of Charlotte. A March 19 wedding is planned.

The BBYO Adult Board thanks everyone who donated to our No Donor Dinner. Your contributions are helping Charlotte BBYO teens attend conventions and other programs. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT.



President Clinton celebrated the beginning of Chanukah with children from the Washington, DC Jewish Community Center's after-school program. In the Oval Office at dusk the President and children lit the candles of the Menorah and sang Chanukah songs. Pictured is the President playing Dreidel with his young guests.

This 'n That

Perry Ann Moniuszko, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Richard Moniuszko, has been named for the second year to "Who's Who Among American High School Students." She is a student at Providence High School.

Jackie Fishman tied for second place in the Seventh Annual Anna Davidson Rosenberg Award for Poems on the Jewish Experience. The awards ceremony/reading was held Dec. 12 at the Judah I. Magnes Museum in Berkeley, CA. Her winning entry was "Cafe mit schlag." She entered the contest after reading about it in *The Charlotte Jewish News*.

Jason Cathcart, son of Terri and David Cathcart, received an award of \$1,715 as a Residential Scholar at UNC-Greensboro. Residential Scholars, who are required to live in UNC-G's residence halls, are selected on academic achievement and potential for future academic success; the one-year award is not renewable.

Daniel Hantman, son of Felicia and Barry Hantman, a student at Myers Park Traditional Elementary School, has been selected to participate in the sixth grade All-County Honors Band. Only 100 children from the entire Charlotte-Mecklenburg school system have been chosen to participate. The concert will be held at Myers Park High School on Mar. 20. Daniel plays the bass clarinet and studied with Gene Kavadlo.

Maxine and Gary Silverstein, owners of Mann Travels/Carlson Travel Network, have been appointed to the newly formed Travel Agent Advisory Board for Premier Cruise Lines/The Big Red Boat. The Advisory Board is made up of eleven (11) travel agencies from the United States and Canada. The Big Red Boat offers three and four night cruises to the Bahamas which can be combined with three and four night packages to either Walt Disney World or Universal Studios and Sea World. The company was founded as a family cruise line.

Dr. David Citron, a retired Charlotte family doctor, was one of nine North Carolinians recently recognized by Gov. Jim Hunt as living examples of the courage it takes to fight against AIDS. Citron and the others were honored for their volunteer work with AIDS services. He was chairman of the first AIDS study in Mecklenburg County and was the first chairman of the Regional HIV/AIDS Consortium.

Community Blood Drive Scheduled

Temple Israel Men's Club, Charlotte Lodge of B'nai B'rith and Temple Beth El Brotherhood are cosponsoring an American Red Cross Blood Drive on Sunday, Jan. 23, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., at Temple Israel.

This will be the first Blood Drive at Shalom Park during the winter months and those who normally participate during the August drive, along with those who might not have donated before, are encouraged to help us reach our goal of 75 units of blood.

This will also be the first time that these three men's service organizations will be coordinating one of the most important mitzvahs one can support:

"Giving the Gift of Life."

To be a blood donor, you must be at least 17 years of age (there is no upper age limit), weigh at least 110 pounds and be in general good health.

There are new and less restrictive eligibility requirements for donors with a past diagnosis of cancer, epilepsy and high blood pressure. You can contact the Donor Counselor at 1-800-822-7631, ext. 313, to verify your eligibility to donate. Donations may be safely made every 56 days.

To schedule your appointment to donate, please contact Arnold Snitz, 846-8205, Michael Yaffe, 541-3144, or Temple Israel, 362-2796.

Portrait of a Survivor

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his evening flight home to Australia and spent the night at Page's house, going through piles of documents and photographs. Not long afterward, the author and the survivor set out on a global tour to interview *Schindlerjuden* (Jews whose lives were saved by Oskar Schindler), and to visit the wartime sites in and around Krakow where Jews had lived and died.

The book *Schindler's List*, published in 1982, became an international best-seller, 2.5 million copies have been sold. The author dedicated his work "to the memory of Oskar Schindler, and to Leopold Pfefferberg, who by zeal and persistence caused this book to be written."

Enter Steven Spielberg

But Page (generally addressed as Poldek) had just begun. A year later, he convinced one of his customers — the wife of Universal Pictures-MCA president Sidney Sheinberg — to arrange a meeting at her home with her husband. Also present were Keneally and Steven Spielberg, then only 34 and hot off his latest triumphs in "Raiders of the Lost Ark" and "E.T. — the Extra-Terrestrial." As usual, Poldek did the talking. Both Sheinberg and Spielberg appeared interested. "I'm ready to start tomorrow, Page said to Spielberg. "How about you?"

"Well, maybe in 10 years," Spielberg responded, explaining that he did not feel he was psychologically mature enough to handle the subject.

"For God's sake, I won't be here — I'm 70 years old," Poldek protested. But in vain.

Spielberg went on to other film triumphs, including the phenomenally successful "Jurassic Park." Then, almost 10 years from the date of that first meeting, Spielberg felt he was mature enough to shoot "Schindler's List," with Irish actor Liam Neeson playing Schindler. Poldek returned to his native Krakow as technical adviser on the movie and to meet the man who plays him in the film, Canadian-born Israeli actor Jonathan Sagalle.

Schindler died in 1974, the year Yad Vashem, Israel's Holocaust Remembrance Authority, named him "Righteous Among the Nations." A tree was planted in his name on the Avenue of the Just approaching Yad Vashem, and he is buried not far away in the Catholic cemetery in Jerusalem.

Poldek Pfefferberg — Paul Page — sold his shop in Beverly Hills and is now in the wholesale leather business there. Proceeds from *Schindler's List* benefits in New York on Dec. 1 and Los Angeles on Dec. 9 went in part to the Oskar Schindler Humanity Foundation, which Poldek founded with author Keneally and Schindler's lawyer, Irv Glovin.

Its purpose: "To recognize and reward humanitarian heroes."

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