

PERSPECTIVES

by Harvey Cohen

In trying to publish a newspaper readers will find interesting and informative, it will be necessary to experiment a little. So, you will notice the content of the CJN change slightly each month. We hope you find the changes to your liking.

There is an article I hope you read. The Ray Tobias story is as inspiring as it is interesting.

Temple Israel has a new rabbi. Read about him, then find a way to make him, and his family, welcome to Charlotte.

There's a story about the totally different face of Islam than the one presented by Louis Farrakahn, a media whiz-bang whose 15 minutes of fame promised by Andy Warhol, has lasted far longer than he, his message and his movement deserve.

In each issue we'll strive to bring you stories of interest as well as news about local events and activities. In that regard, if all goes as planned, next month you'll have a one page calendar to look at and learn what's going on in the local Jewish community.

You'll also notice a somewhat new face for the newspaper. Next month we'll bring you the story of the company that helped make that possible.

If this newspaper is to provide you with the kind of material that will stimulate your interest each month, I need to hear from you. Please call me or write to me with your comments. Unless we hear from you, we don't know if you're getting what you want from this newspaper. The telephone number is 366-5007. The address is The CJN, 5007 Providence Road, Charlotte, NC 28226.



National/International News

Two major American Jewish community groups have welcomed the \$7 million direct investment in Israel recently announced by L'Oreal, the French firm which is the world's largest cosmetics company.

In separate actions, the Anti-Defamation League (ADL) and B'nai Brith International expressed satisfaction with L'Oreal's first direct investment in Israel.

The first ever U.S.-Israeli biotechnology business partnering conference will take place in January of 1995. The conference will be sponsored by the U.S. Israeli Biotech Council, held in conjunction with BioEast '95.

On the agenda for the conference will be presentations on the new technologies coming from Israeli universities and research centers, as well as presentations by emerging Israeli biotechnology firms looking for partners, investors or purchasers of their technologies.

Deceased

Aharon Yariv, who served as the head of Israeli military intelligence during the Six-Day War.

According to the 1993 annual report by the Health Department of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, health care in Russia and the other republics of the former Soviet union is "seriously ill." The report predicts the overall situation is likely only to get worse in the short run.

A hoard of 4,000 ancient coins was discovered several yards off Haifa's shoreline, one of the largest and most valuable finds anywhere in the country.

The "tetradrachma," minted on the Greek island of Pathos in 145 BCE, were each worth the equivalent of \$133. One-fourth of that amount was paid daily to a soldier of that time.

Archeologists believe the money was being transported from Egypt on a boat which sank in a storm.

France has convicted Nazi collaborator Paul Touvier, viewed as a signal that the country may finally be ready to confront its wartime past.

Touvier is the first Frenchman to be convicted of crimes against humanity.

OPINIONS

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A Birthday Passes

Frankfurt, Germany, in mid-June, paid homage to a young city native who earned posthumous renown for the account, in her diary, of Jewish life under the Nazis. The young girl was Anne Frank and this year she would have celebrated her 65th birthday.



Anne Frank

In conjunction with the celebration of Frank's birthday, students from eight Frankfurt schools participated in a hunt for traces of the Frank family's residence in the Dornbusch section of the city.

The family left Frankfurt in 1933, shortly after Hitler came to power, and settled in Amsterdam. Frank's diary recounted the two years the family spent in hiding before being discovered and turned over to Nazi authorities.

Congregation Bais Ball

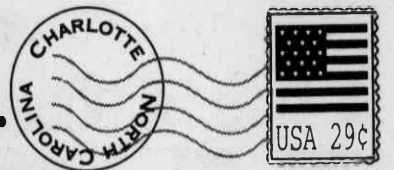


Behind home plate in a room accorded them at Camden Yards, home of the Baltimore Orioles, as many as 40 or more Jews ignore the action on the field and the cheering of the crowds for regular mincha and ma'ariv afternoon prayers. Services begin after the final out of the fifth inning.

Project Ezra is a Jewish health and safety organization that operates the ballpark's kosher concession stand. Services are hosted in the organization's office and supply room.

The idea for the services came to two Jewish men who were attending the game and needed to recite the kaddish prayer.

Letters to the Editor



If Lubavitch Loses, We All Lose

If this letter reads like an appeal for support of the Jewish Day School of Charlotte, then I have not effectively presented my case. Because the truth is that our support of a Lubavitch-initiated project for a day school is not limited to the construction of a building on Sardis Road. It goes much deeper than that. It is really about Jewish education and why it is so very important for our children's sake and for the future of Charlotte's Jewish community.

Our history has proven, time after time, that for Judaism to survive, there must be the transmission of Torah principles. For Judaism to thrive, there must be substance to it, so that it can grow, expand and attract. Such substance comes from the Torah, the heart and soul of our religion. Never has its teachings been more necessary than now, given our current societal climate of pervasive sexuality and violence. Our young people are constantly being bombarded with messages which desensitize them to a higher form of love and obedience. Strong Jewish education is our answer to such moral degeneration, not only to stem the tide, but to help lead the world toward spiritual transformation.

Ira Chase-Charlotte

Discovering Comets—A Work In Progress

David Levy of Tucson, Arizona, is a 45 year old amateur astronomer. He has 19 comets named after him as discoverer or co-discoverer. The 19th comet now is known as Shoemaker-Levy 9, following the custom of naming comets after their discoverers.

It's believed that Levy will win the world's title as having more comets named after him. The record is held by Jean Louis Pons, a Frenchman with a total of 26 comets named after him.

Levy discovered his first comet in 1984 and does his comet hunting both in his backyard, some 30 miles southeast of Tucson, and at Mt. Polamar, in California. One of his comets slammed into Jupiter late last month.

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