

## Meet the Editors

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Lauren Monosoff is currently a Junior at South Mecklenburg High School. At school, she is a member of the International Club, the Drama Club and Treasurer of the Junior Civitans. When she is not busy with school, Lauren is an active member in BBYO. She is the Safranit of the local BBG chapter, Chai Chaverim. She is also active in the Temple Israel Youth Group, USY. Lauren also participates in post confirmation classes on Wednesdays and Sundays. She also finds time to be a madricha for Temple Israel twice a week. She has served on the CHS Student Council as Treasurer. Lauren spent the



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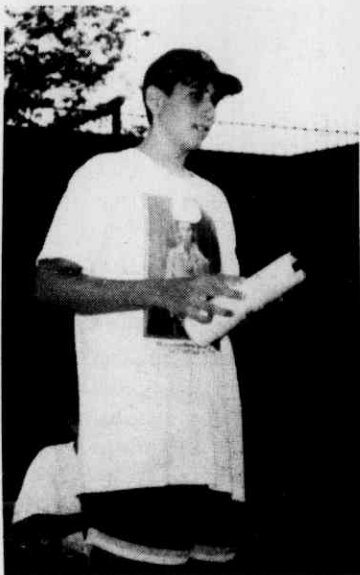
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summer in Starlight, Pennsylvania at two BBYO summer programs; Kallah and ILTC. She is eagerly looking forward to the upcoming year on the Teen Editorial Board.

## BBYO Intake 1994

B'nai B'rith Youth Organization started their 1994-95 year off with a splash at the annual pool intake party, held at the Jewish Community Center on Sunday, August 28. Accompanied by their advisors, Nina Harris, Michelle Bamford, Phillip Solomon and Charlotte City Director, Leora Itzhaki, the 2 Charlotte BBYO chapters got off to a strong start!

Chai Chaverim BBG (for girls) and MBA AZA (for boys) had a total of 71 Jewish teens at the intake. About halfway



Aleph Moreh Eric Seittlin leads an icebreaker program with the new members.

through, the BBYO'ers broke into chapter groups to meet each other and talk about the upcoming BBYO year.

Said Mark Resnik, MBA Godol (President), "I was very happy with the attendance. There were a lot of new faces. I look forward to getting even more people interested in joining."

Junior BBG Emily Hopkins was excited about the turnout as well. "It is going to be a great year. We have so many MIT's



BBYO'ers have fun at the Annual BBYO Intake Pool Party.

(BBG Members in Training) and AIT's (Alephs in Training) there will hopefully be an increased participation of Jewish teens."

BBG advisor Michelle Bamford summed it up well: "BBG can expect another fantastic year of programs and sisterhood events led by the inspired new executive board!"

Some BBYO'ers came to intake with a new perspective. Junior Jill Freiberg was Chai Chaverim Mazkir (corresponding secretary) last year. This

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Aleph Jason Gold makes sure to scrub the back of his neck as the night comes to a close.

year, as NC Council Mazkir, Jill is one of 4 Charlotte BBYO'ers on the North Carolina Council for Eastern Region BBYO.

"It was different coming back not being on the board!" Jill stated. "Both chapters have strong boards and are off to a great year!"

**Splash, Splash:** BBYO Pool Party a Success!! Paula White of Chai Chaverim BBG said, "It was a very memorable night for the MITs and AIT." Aleph Casey Neumann of Mickey Barak Aberman AZA summed up the night: "The pool party was lots of fun, and everybody came out with good spirit about the new year for BBYO. For more information on BBYO in Charlotte, call: Eric Seittlin - 553-0510 (for guys) or Cara Wilkoff - 552-9686 (for girls).



Chapter brothers Jesse Lieberman, Andrew Lyons, Mark Resnick, and Jesse Lepow take a minute to pose

## Being a Vegetarian in the Eyes of a Jew

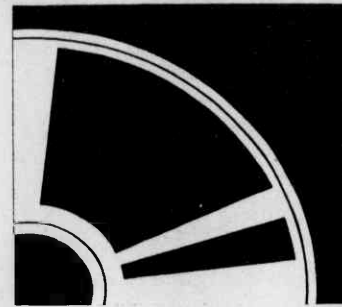
by Lauren Monosoff and Melissa Gottheim

Have you ever thought about where most of your meals come from? Many people have pondered the brutality to animals that goes into putting meat on their plates. The idea of animals being murdered so they could be cooked in a hot oven, then served on one's plate has become too gruesome for people to deal with. This is not the only reason people become vegetarians.

In Genesis 1:29, God tells us that he has "given you every herb yielding seed, which is upon the face of all the earth and every tree, in which is the fruit of a tree yielding seed. To you it shall be food."

Did you know there is a religious custom recognized today that deals with the cruelty of animals? One is not allowed to wear leather shoes on Yom Kippur. It makes sense because it seems foolish to repent for your sins while wearing items that were made from a slaughtered animal. I know vegetarians who are strongly against cruelty to animals, wear articles of clothing that are made from animals. I think if one is that much against killing animals for food, they would be twice as much against killing animals for clothing.

Many rabbis believe that human-kind will once again refrain from killing animals for food when the Messiah comes. It is interesting that they relate vegetarianism with peaceful times.



## Everyone Agrees - Gump is Great!

by Melissa Gottheim and Lauren Monosoff

"Life is like a box of chocolates; you never know just what you're gonna get." Sound familiar? This voice of reason comes from the box office hit "Forrest Gump". This and many other interesting philosophies are shared with the viewers by the main character, Forrest Gump, also known as the famous actor, Tom Hanks. This movie will bring you from a state of hysterical laughter to a state of hysterical tears in a matter of minutes. It deals with many serious issues in life such as drugs, abuse, war, handicaps and love. You live the life of Forrest Gump, a mentally disabled man, who did many things that most of us would never imagine accomplishing. It reminds us that anything is possible if we believe in ourselves and ignore those that have not an ounce of faith in us. All our fingers and toes are up for this movie! If you haven't seen it yet, we strongly recommend that you go and see it now!

## Oct./Nov. 1994

9	10 Articles Due For Nov./Dec. TEEN PAGE!!	11 BBG Chapter Meeting: 7:30pm at JCC.	12 Hebrew High	13	14	15 BBYO Program on this weekend.
16	17	18 BBG Chapter Meeting: 7:30 at JCC; AZA Board Meeting.	19 Hebrew High	20	21	22
23	24	25 BBG Chapter Meeting: 7:30 at JCC.	26 Hebrew High	27	28	29 28th-30th: BBYO MIT/AIT Convention!!
30 Post Confirmation: 5:30pm at TBE	31	1st of November: AZA & BBG Chapter Meetings: 7:30pm at JCC.	2 Hebrew High; Youth Council Meeting: 6pm at JCC	3	4	5 4th-6th: USY Convention!!
6	7	8 AZA & BBG Chapter Meetings: 7:30pm at JCC.	9 Hebrew High	10	11	12 11th-13th: NFTY Fall Conclave!!

The TEEN Calendar is a monthly publication of the events and happenings of the Charlotte Jewish community for youths ages 13-19. If you have a date you would like to have on the calendar, please contact Mark Resnik at (704) 846-4431 before the 10th of the month prior to publication.