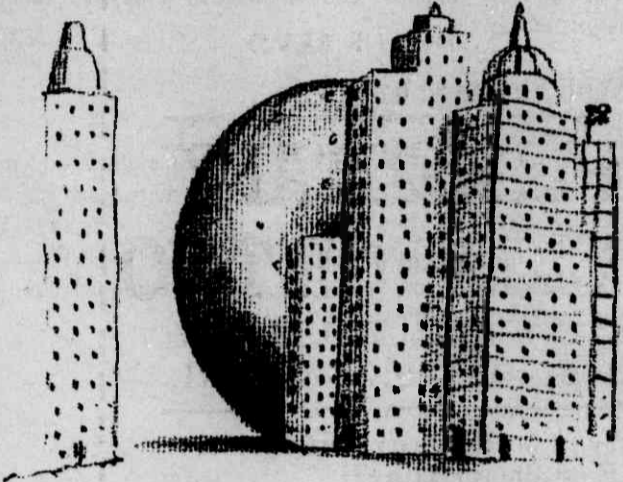


# HADASSAH NEWS BULLETIN

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## Volunteers of the Month Leon & Flora Beneviste

by Linda Levy

Speizman Jewish Library users are rewarded by the efforts of Library volunteers Leon and Flora Beneviste. Those smartly recovered books are the handiwork of Leon Beneviste, who has earned the name "The Book Doctor." As his wife, Flora, explained, "When a book is broken, he fixes it."

Flora and Leon Beneviste are a retired couple, who came to Charlotte seven years ago to be near their son, Sam. They've been volunteering for the Speizman Jewish Library ever since they arrived. Alphabetizing and stamping books, pasting in the date cards, re-shelving books — "Whatever they give us, we do," Flora says. Librarian Amalia Warshenbrot points out, "They know the routine so well, that they work independently."

The Benevistes came to the United States in 1951 from Salonika, Greece. Survivors of Bergen-Belsen Concentration Camp, they were liberated by American soldiers and were thrilled to be able to come to the U.S. — "The best country in the world." They settled in Syracuse, New York, where they lived for thirty-four years.

They tried retiring in Myrtle Beach, "But there wasn't enough to do," Flora commented. They followed son Sam to Charlotte, which Flora describes, as a "Beautiful, friendly city." In addition to Sam, the Benevistes have two other grown children — Emma Goodman, in Syracuse, New York and Dinah Cohen, who lives with husband Mark in Washington, D.C.

Flora, who speaks five languages, expressed her deep appreciation to Julius Goldman, who drives them to the Library, and to Jeanne Rees, Elkie and Stan



Tulman, George and Verna Sheldon and Bob Jacobson who take turns driving the Benevistes to Temple Israel for Shabbat Services. "And don't forget to mention Sam," Flora continued. "He takes such good care of us and helps us with our daily activities."

Thank YOU, Flora and Leon Beneviste, for being such spirited, dedicated and competent Speizman Jewish Library volunteers.

## Theodore Bikel Stars in *Fiddler on the Roof*



Theodore Bikel continues his "tradition" as Tevye in the award winning musical FIDDLER ON THE ROOF at the North Carolina Blumenthal Performing Arts Center, February 28-March 5, 1995.

Set in the small Russian village of Anatevka in 1905 (on the eve of the Russian Revolution) and inspired by the stories of Sholem Aleichem, FIDDLER ON THE ROOF focuses on love and laughter, devotion and defiance...and changing tradition.

Tickets for FIDDLER ON THE ROOF range from \$20.00-\$42.50 and can be purchased at the Performing Arts Center Box Office, located in Founders Hall, NationsBank Corporate Center, or charged by phone at (704) 372-1000. Tickets are also available at all Ticketmaster outlets or charge by phone 522-6500. For group sales information, please call (704) 333-4686, ext 120.



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