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Making Midrash Through Music and Story

On February 12, 1995, the Carolina Agency for Jewish Education (CAJE) will present two workshops for the teachers of the community's Jewish schools entitled "Making Midrash Through Music and Story". The workshops will explore creative ways for teachers to use Jewish music and literature to enhance their students' understanding of Jewish texts and subjects.

Rabbi James Bennett of Temple Beth El will present a program called "Music As Midrash". Teachers will learn how to incorporate contemporary Jewish music as part of their classroom teaching style. A sampler of current songs will be shared; teachers will be empowered to involve



their students in writing music; strategies on how to use music will be explored; and an opportunity to learn new songs and sing along will be part of the interactive workshop.

Dr. Jay Jacoby, Professor of English at the UNCC and a teacher trainer for the Char-Meck Public Schools will present a workshop called "Creating Midrash: Helping Students Make Meaning Out Of Biblical and Other Jewish Texts". Teachers will learn how to use Jewish literature, stories and techniques to enhance teaching Jewish texts, biblical texts and other subjects. How to involve students in interactive writing experiences will be stressed.

The workshops will be held at Shalom Park and will begin with a kosher dairy lunch at 12:30 p.m. and will conclude at 3:00 p.m. To register, or for more information, please contact Lenora Stein at CAJE, 366-5007 ext. 272.

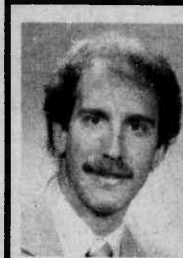
Passe Has Textbook Published

Jeff Passe, Associate Professor of Education in UNCC's Department of Curriculum and Instruction, is the author of a new book, entitled *Elementary School Curriculum*. Published by Brown & Benchmark, the new textbook is designed for prospective elementary school teachers.

Passe's book differs from other textbooks by its descriptions of how teachers can become effective agents for curricular change. He believes that too many good teachers leave the profession in frustration. By examining these issues early in their training, good teachers may be more likely to stay in the classroom and fight for a better curriculum.



Passe makes his ideas accessible to parents and other non-professionals. Some of his examples include teachers at Lansdowne Elementary School in Charlotte.



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FEBRUARY 10.

Berger To Represent Mecklenburg County at White House Conference

Evelyn Berger, along with two other Mecklenburg County residents, have been appointed by Governor Hunt to represent Mecklenburg County at the upcoming White House Conference on Aging. Berger is Chairperson of the C/M Council on Aging and serves on the C/M Aging Coalition. She is also a member of the CJN Editorial Board.

The first national conference on aging was held in 1950. In 1961 it became the official White House Conference. This, the fourth Conference, the last of this century, will be held May 2-5, 1995 in Washington, D.C.

The main goal of the Conference is to develop recommendations on aging policy for the next decade. These recommendations will have a tremendous impact on aging concerns well beyond the year 2000. The results of the last Conference (1981) contributed to the comprehensive Social Security Reform amendments of 1983.



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