

Blumenthal Jewish Home Welcomes Consolidated High School Students

Seventy students from the Consolidated High School of Jewish Studies discovered a little bit about old age when they visited the Home on Sunday

January 29th. The students, members of the eighth and ninth grade classes were participating in a retreat entitled "Old Age is not for Sissies." The students

spent Saturday evening together with their teachers in Charlotte learning about growing old through film, discussion and experiential activities, according to Sue Brodsky, Director of the School. The students came prepared with pencil and paper and cameras to take oral histories and to record their mission.

When students and teachers arrived at BJH the students were exuberant and eager to meet "old age" face to face. The residents were excited to meet the students who had come to see them. The Fair Oaks Commons buzzed with excitement as residents delighted in the attention of the teenagers, answered questions, enjoyed music performed by the students and received gifts of plants brought by the students for each resident. Most of all, the residents enjoyed the small moments of a conversation or a loving hug and in knowing that they were remembered.

The students came to learn about old age and they left knowing they had made friends and had put tzedakah into action. Intergenerational programs can bridge the generations and BJH looks forward to continuing the relationship with students in the Consolidated High School.

Historical Society Hosts 7th Annual Day For History

The Charlotte Jewish Historical Society (CJHS) will host the 7th Annual Day for History at Shalom Park on Sunday, March 5, 1995 from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Videotape oral history interviews of long-standing Jewish Charlotteans will be conducted throughout the day. About one hundred video oral histories have already been completed on previous Days for History, and are housed in the Historical Society's archives in the CAJE Resource Center at Shalom Park. Sam Eneman, coordinator of the oral history project for the Historical Society commented, "We expect to complete an additional dozen or so interviews this year. We are creating a precious legacy for future Charlotteans by preserving the people and their stories on tape for generations to come."

In conjunction with the day's activities, there will be continuous showings of excerpts from video clips of Harry Golden's TV program "The Golden Touch," the historic walking tour video of the Charlotte Hebrew cemetery and the oral history collection. Some of the photos from the Historical Society's photo archive collection will be on display for the first time.

Join the Charlotte Jewish Historical Society at Shalom Park for a walk down "memory lane" on Sunday, March 5.

The Charlotte Jewish Historical Society is a project of the Carolina Agency for Jewish Education (CAJE). Ben Jaffa, Jr. is the Chairman; Jay Jacoby is Vice-Chairman; Sam Eneman is coordinator of the video oral history project. In addition to the video oral history

project, the Society continues to document on video the history of the organizations and institutions of the Charlotte Jewish community and has completed several productions. A video in honor of Temple Israel's centennial will premiere later this year. The photo archive now houses more than 800 historic photos available to researchers both at Shalom Park and in the Robinson-Spangler Carolina Room of the Public Library, Main Branch. An historic tour brochure of Jewish Charlotte is currently in production. And as part of its mission to educate the community about the impact and influence of the Jews of Charlotte on the larger community, the Society is participating in an exhibit sponsored by the Museum of the New South and the Mecklenburg Historical Association regional history consortium. It will take place in the Overstreet Mall connector between Founder's Hall of the NationsBank Building and Cityfair, from March 12- May 14, 1995. The Historical Society has prepared a pictorial panel that will inform the community-at-large about the scope of the Society's projects and productions. A festive grand opening will take place on Sunday, March 12 - watch the Charlotte Observer for your invitation to the opening.

Membership in the Society is open to interested members of the Charlotte Jewish community. The Society meets quarterly during the year. To join, or for further information, please call Lenora Stein, CAJE Executive Director at Shalom Park, 366-5007, ext. 272, or Ben Jaffa, Jr. at 376-8438.



BJH resident George Carp who recently celebrated his 100th birthday shares a little of his history with students and teachers from the CHS.



BJH residents Bessie Schwartz(left) and Ann Nelson formerly from Charlotte enjoy meeting the students from the Consolidated High School.



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