

# Teen Page

## Rising Jewish Teen Leaders:

**Mike Slavin** is a rising senior at Myers Park High School. Mike is a member of USY and Mickey Barak Aberman AZA. Mike was S'gan (vice-president of Programming) for MBA last year, and has been elected Dover (VP of Leadership and Retention) for the next six-months. In addition to the two youth groups, Mike also attends Post Confirmation.

**Jonathan Friend** is a rising sophomore and will be attending Providence High School next year. Jonathan is an avid swimmer and was an MT (Aleph-in-Training) in MBA AZA this past year. He was recently elected as the chapter's Recording Mazkir (Secretary), and was also elected as North Carolina Council Sopher (Newspaper Editor) at the Spring Council Convention.

**Michelle Maslov** is a rising junior at Myers Park High School. As a member of Temple Israel's USY, Michelle served as Second Vice President this past year and was recently elected to serve as the Ein Gedi Sub Regional Vice President. Michelle has headed up many of USY's chapter programs this year, and she was in charge of (and created) the Inter-Chapter Basketball Tournament at Fin Gedi' 5 Spring Convention held here in Charlotte in March. Michelle enjoys being with children and she is a madricha in Temple Israel's Study School.

Aside from her contributions to the Jewish community, Michelle is very active at her school. She is in the Ambassadors Club, Latin Club, SADD, SAVE, and she plays in the band. Michelle was recently recognized by the Army in the County-wide and Regional Science

Fairs. Michelle's project also received recognition from the Food Science Department at North Carolina State University.

In her spare time, Michelle enjoys being outdoors, especially if she's rock climbing!

**Lauren Monosoff** is very active in the Jewish community in Charlotte. As a sophomore, she served as Gizbarit (treasurer) of Chai Chaverim BBG, and as a junior, she served as Safranit (Sunshine Girl). Lauren is a member of the Consolidated High School Student Council, where she serves as secretary. Lauren has also been a contributing editor on the *Charlotte Jewish News*, *News Teen* Board and writes regularly for the *Teen Page*. Lauren can be seen with the Temple Israel Hebrew School kids on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and any time she has left she uses to be an active member of USY.

As a rising senior at South Mecklenburg, Lauren keeps busy at school as well. She was the secretary for Civitan Service Club this year and was involved in planning the club's programs. When Lauren is not at school or working in the Jewish community, she likes to go hiking and climbing. She's into "all that outdoorsy stuff."

**Emily Bedrick** is a rising junior at Charlotte Country Day School. She is a member of CCDS's Tennis Team, and she enjoys playing in her spare time as well. If she's not playing tennis, she is water or snow skiing, depending on the weather. Emily has been Top Scholar of her class for the past two years and devotes a lot of her time to her studies. At

school, she is a member of Aquilifer Service Club, Interact Service Club, and the French Club.

In the Jewish community, Emily is a member and Chai Chaverim BBG and served as Sh'licha (Jewish Awareness) this year. Emily is also a member of Temple Israel's USY. On Sunday mornings, Emily works at Temple Beth El's Sunday School.

**Carey Stern** moved to Charlotte nine short months ago, and she has already become well-adjusted in the Charlotte Jewish community. While in Atlanta, Carey was very active in BBYG and was elected last spring to be Chalutzim BBG's next N'siah (President). The Stern family relocated to Charlotte over the summer, and Carey had to give up her position. As soon as she arrived in Charlotte, Carey began to get involved. She joined both USY and BBYO. In USY, she served on a convention committee and chaired many successful programs including a picnic at the Blumenthal Jewish Home. In April, Carey was elected to serve as TI-Y USY's 1995-1996 President. In Chai Chaverim BBG, Carey was named Creativity Chairwoman and was selected to co-chair Sweetheart-Beau in February.

Carey is a rising senior at Providence High School where she is a reporter for their newspaper, *The Prowl*. She is also historian for the Latin Club, a member of National Honor Society, and the ICC representative for the Key Club. When not at school or working, she is Jazzercising or working out. She loves to go out with friends and travel.

*Editor's note: The following article is excerpted from the Greensboro Federation News. It relates the experience of David Effren, a UNC-G student, during a recent trip to the US Holocaust Museum in Washington, D.C.*

## Hillel Students Visit US Holocaust Museum

By David Effren, UNCG

The UNC-G Hillel, along with other Hillel members from surrounding schools, ventured to Washington to visit the United States Holocaust Museum.

Preparing for the trip was tough; it was filled with mixed emotions. Flashbacks of my trip eight years ago to the Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial in Israel reminded me of the horror I had experienced.

The (US) museum is huge in stature and once inside you are overwhelmed by space. Looking straight ahead, one sees a huge marble wall which, in my opinion, represented darkness. The opposing wall is white marble, symbolizing light. Built into the walls are huge arched doorways, which appear to be facsimiles of the arches that flank the entrance to Auschwitz. The elevators are made to look like gas chambers; the lighting is dark to set a motif;

and even the halls are tight passages, making one feel as though he or she is experiencing what those six million did.

To me the museum was more of an educational experience than a tear jerker. Even though the pictures and exhibits spoke for themselves, the museum went a step further. Everything that was displayed in the museum was accompanied with literature and movies to appeal to all our senses.

It was an incredible experience affecting not only our hearts but our minds and our eyes and, especially, our legs, for as we walked through the museum, we were overtaken with numbness. It got to the point where we found ourselves saying, "How much more must we see?" It was then we realized that no matter how much more we saw or experienced or tried to understand, it would not change the fact that millions of people were executed as the world stood still.

## L.I.B.E.R.T.Y. Senior Youth Group

### Attended NFTY-MAR Spring Conclave

By Katie Benfield

*Kol E'chad - All for One*

It was a great weekend for all of us! We arrived in Washington late Thursday evening where we were greeted by our tired host families. But it was important to get to know the other NFTY-ites that were staying at the same host house.

The weekend was filled with programs, services, fun and elections. The programs were related to individuals, community and world community, all trying to achieve a greater understanding of our possible role in society. The services were compiled by the Youth of Washington Hebrew Congregation, where the Conclave was held, and we were especially impressed by their Youth Choir. The fun was a trip to the

Washington Zoo for a Scavenger Hunt, a Formal Dance on the Saturday night followed by a sleep-over in the Temple, and of course just being part of the Conclave! The elections created a sense of belonging with tears and laughter, especially as some of the Seniors would not be attending another conclave. It was nice to learn of their experiences and memories of past events. The weekend was such a wonderful experience for our Youth Group to meet other Jewish Youth groups in the Region. It is nice to know that we are a part of NFTY-HAR and are "All for One."

Katie Benfield  
Secretary/Publicity

## BBYO Racks Spring Council '95 Awards



The future of BBYO... rising sophomores Carrie Jacobs and Jenn Wismuller.

At right, Charlotte's own Mollie Neumann was elected North Carolina Council Sweetheart by the NC AZA's.



Charlotte Seniors Cammie Sklar, Shara Grifenhager, Rachel Diamond, and Stacy Blumenthal enjoy each other's company at their last BBYO Convention.



Mark Resnik and Jull Freiberg as Noah and Mrs. Noah. They led a very successful theme program at Spring Council

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