

## Hadassah

— Bunny Bramson

Charlotte Chapter of Hadassah held its installation of officers on May 19 at Temple Israel in Charlotte. Outgoing President Lynda White greeted members and guests and was recognized by incoming President Leslie Berro for serving the local Hadassah organization in its highest office for the past two years with distinction. The agenda included an invocation by Ellie Bantit, lighting of simcha candles by Nettie Smith, award presentations by Marsha Smith and an installation ceremony by Betta Kaplan.

Along with Mrs. Berro the following members will serve Hadassah as officers for 1996-1997: Fund-raising Vice Presidents: Anne Brandt, Shari Marcus, Marsha Smith; Programming Vice-Presidents: Ellie Bantit, Debby Rosenberger; Membership Vice-Presidents: Sandy Hoagland, Ali Kavaddo; Education Vice-Presidents: Roz Cooper, Ruth Warat; Communications Vice-Presidents: Janice Bernstein, Bunny Bramson, Suzanne Cannon; Treasurer: Rosalee Starer; Financial Secretary: Ellen Waldman; Corresponding Secretary: Paula Gentile; Recording Secretary: Stephanie Dorchinsky.

Serving as committee chairpersons will be: Zionist Affairs, Elizabeth Klein; Youth Activities, Licia Brandt; Installation, Lois Benjamin,

Anita Grey; Jewish National Fund Day, Randy DeFilipp; Simcha Candles, Nettie Smith; Blue Box, Helen Friedman; Trees and Cards, Lottie Goldman, Estelle Goozner, Evelyn Osborne; Scrapbook, Gail Green; Life Membership, Berta Kaplan.

Serving on the 1997 Hadassah Directory Committee will be: Chairs/Editors - Dorothy Rosenblatt and Lynda White; Treasurer - Vivian Mallins; Ads Chair - San Dee Smoke; Ads Committee - Lois Benjamin, Debbie Binnick, Geneva Boxer, Gail Green, Helen Friedman, Audrey Madans, Zava Rosenberg; Names and Addresses - Shirley Levine; Copy Editors - Anne Brandt, Deane Boxer, Judy Kaufman, Renee Steiner; Distribution - Syd Gerber, Nadine Rosen; Jewels and Patrons - Ellen Dubin.

In her remarks, President Berro shared her vision for the Charlotte Chapter. She stressed Hadassah's affiliations with the State of Israel. Mrs. Berro noted opportunities for growth in the Charlotte organization and the need to reach out to Jewish women who are new to the community to welcome them and their talents to Hadassah.

An elegant dessert buffet followed the installation. The evening was coordinated by Ellie Bantit, Installation Chair.

*Hadassah Presents Paid-Up Membership Luncheon; Sunday, September 8 at Temple Israel Social Hall. Details to follow.*

## ORT -- Charlotte Chapter News

A wonderful evening celebrating the installation of officers of the Charlotte chapter of ORT was held at Castaldi's Restaurant in Dilworth on June 3. Thirty-three women attended the event which included a delicious dinner and impressive ceremony. The installing officer, Florence Sperling, a past president of ORT, started the ceremony by officially discharging all the outgoing officers. Then, one by one, each new officer was called upon to light a candle representative of one aspect of the work done by ORT.

The new president, Brenda Lutz, was called upon to light the final candle. She spoke to the group about the importance of the ORT program and its aid to education for children and adults

in more than sixty countries. Lutz expressed hope and confidence that the Queen City Chapter of ORT will continue to grow and increase the amount of money it contributes to meet worldwide ORT goals.

The ceremony was especially meaningful because it included original scripted remarks written expressly for the evening by Mrs. Sperling and Mrs. Lutz. The new incoming officers are: President Brenda Lutz; Vice-Presidents Claire Krusch, Debra Goldstein, Evelyn Hochstat and San Dee Smoke; Treasurer Tammy Golder; Financial Secretary Jean Cabillus; Recording Secretary Muri Corzin and Corresponding Secretary Mae Goldman.

— Ruth Silverman

## International ORT News

# President Mandela Attends First ORT-STEP Graduation

The ORT-STEP (Science and Technology Education Project) Institute in South Africa graduated its first class of technology education teachers this past spring. President Nelson Mandela handed the 28 graduates their certificates and praised ORT for its initiative in establishing the unique center of technology, education and resource development in Midrand, near Johannesburg. Mandela said, "Technology education ought to be one of the cornerstones of our education and training. Each teacher will, in turn, train hundreds more students...and they will lead in enabling us to solve today's problems with today's tools."

ORT-STEP, started in 1993, is the only program of its kind in South Africa. Funded by local industry and private donations, it is South Africa's first fully operational, educational project offering technology education and training to both teachers and high school students, and also serves as a resource center for the development of curriculum and com-



President Mandela (right) greets members of the first ORT-STEP graduating class, along with Dr. Eli Eisenberg (left), national Executive Director of the ORT-STEP Institute in South Africa.

puter hardware and software. Branches of ORT-STEP have been established on the Western Cape, the Eastern Cape and the Kwazulu Natal and further expansions are planned.

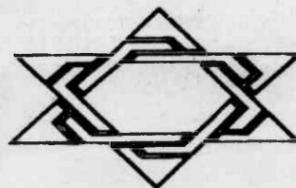
ORT has 800 schools and projects in 60 countries and is the largest non-governmental network of vocational education and technical training centers in the world.

## Mazon Gives Charlotte Grants

Mazon, A Jewish Response to Hunger has awarded \$10,000 in grants to one North Carolina agency, the Metrolina Food Bank. The Food Bank received the money in support of the distribution of over five million pounds of food annually to 400 charities in a 17-county area of North and South Carolina.

Since 1986, Los Angeles-based Mazon has granted nearly \$11.1 million to organizations working to prevent and alleviate hunger in the United States, Israel and throughout the world. Grants in 1995 totaled \$1.65 million. Over the last 11 years, Mazon has provided \$145,000 in grants to North Carolina agencies.

Mazon is now one of the largest privately supported philanthropic organizations in the U.S. working to reduce hunger, malnutrition and poverty. Grantees include food banks and pantries, anti-hunger advocacy



groups, multi-service agencies and small-scale hunger relief and development projects in Israel and poverty-stricken countries.

Mazon (Hebrew for "food") raises funds principally from Jews nationwide who donate a suggested amount of 3 percent of the cost of weddings, bar and bat mitzvahs and other joyous events to support Mazon's efforts to confront hunger. Mazon also conducts Passover and Yom Kippur appeals and receives numerous commemorative contributions. "Jews throughout the country are honoring the enduring Jewish tradition of sharing joyous celebrations with those in need," said Mazon Executive

Director Irving Cramer. In 1995, Mazon received more than 35,000 individual contributions.

Mark C. Levy, newly elected chair of the Mazon board of directors, says the organization must continue to make a strong push to increase its base of support and grantmaking.

"Over the coming months we intend to work diligently to spread the word about Mazon. We'd like to see even more Jews make giving to Mazon a routine part of celebrating simchas and Passover, and of observing Yom Kippur," Levy said.

Legislative cutbacks from Congress are feared. "With the federal government reevaluating its role in helping poor Americans and the likelihood of funding cutbacks in critical federal feeding programs, many private charities are looking increasingly to private funders, like Mazon, for support."

— Mazon

### Jewish Community Blood Drive

Sunday August 25, 1996

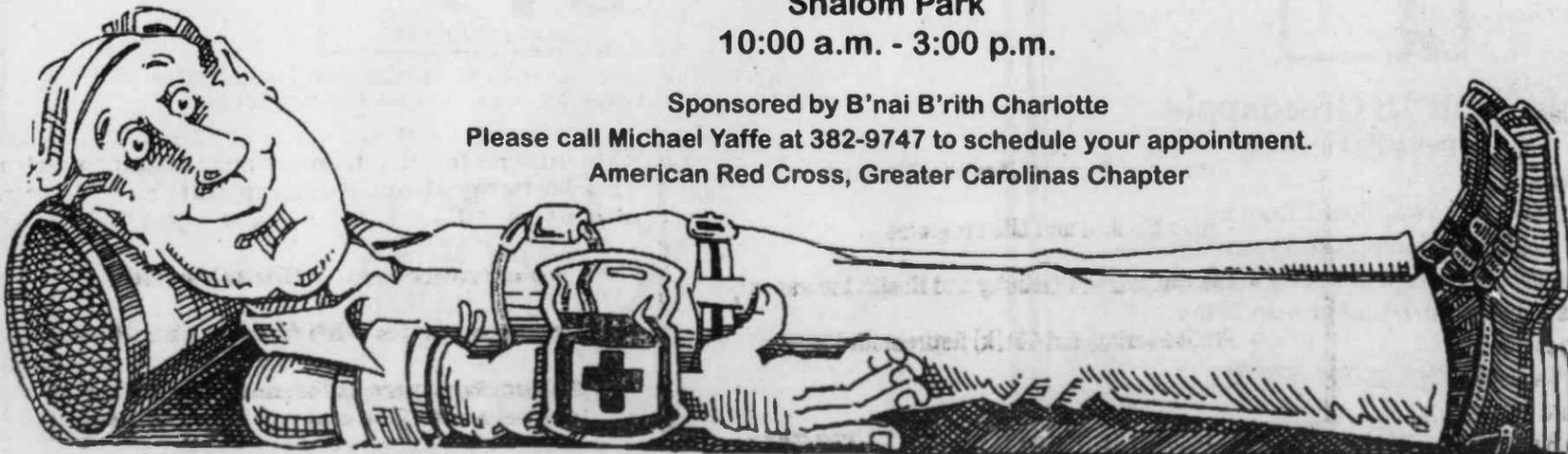
Shalom Park

10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

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American Red Cross, Greater Carolinas Chapter



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