

## CHS Focuses on Respect for 1996-97

by Sue Brodsky, Director

September is in the air, bringing new students, new classes, new beginnings and a new year. Imagine that you can see the magic box I am holding in my hands. It is very beautiful and very special, and it can contain anything we want. I would like for each student, teacher and parent at the Consolidated High School of Jewish Studies to imagine that he or she can put one thing into my magic box—one thing that would enable us to have the best year we've ever had.

Into the magic box, I would put the formula for respect. In order for us to have the best year possible, we have many things in place—a wonderful faculty, interesting courses, and students and teachers who enjoy the com-

raderie of being together for learning and sharing. If we add respect what an incredible school we would have! Teachers need to respect students, students need to respect their fellow students and their teachers, all of us need to respect each other's religious differences, and we need to learn to be inclusive rather than exclusive. Parents need to respect their children and their changing needs, and students need to respect their parents and recognize the real concern that parents have for their children.

We can achieve the atmosphere we seek in our school. We can do it if we are all working in the same direction to achieve our goals. We can do it without a magic box—because what we need to put into the box can be found within ourselves.

## CJP Names 1996-97 Board

by Beth Davis

Charlotte Jewish Preschool officially installed the new members of the 1996-97 Board of Directors at its first June meeting. Linda Hindel will continue to serve the board as President. Bob Davis will assume the duties of Treasurer and Jenny Stern will be Secretary. Also serving as at-large board members are: Anita Biederman, Nancy Bernstein, Lisa Frick, Sherri Leonard, Rhona Nadel, Tammy Seigel, Marvin Sigal, Anne Sinsheimer, Joe Steiner and Marc Steir.

Beverly Grey will represent the PTO in a nonvoting status. These board members represent both temples as well as elected parent representatives. Parents are encouraged to talk with any of the board members about questions or concerns.

The mission of the CJP

Board is to guide school policy and oversee finances. This is done in close cooperation with Director Debby Block and in respect to the needs of the students and their families.

The Charlotte Jewish Preschool is jointly sponsored by Temple Beth El and Temple Israel. "We are both proud and fortunate to have the rabbinical and cantorial staff at both temples actively involved in the everyday lives of the preschoolers, as well as in our special events throughout the year," said Debby Block. "It teaches the children that the Rabbis and Cantors are special teachers who are accessible on their level. The parents and teachers greatly value the time these very busy professionals spend at our school."

CJP will have 146 students

enrolled for the 1996-97 school year, a school record. Board President Linda Hindel commented, "We are thrilled that CJP is growing so rapidly. The Preschool is often the first opportunity young Jewish children have to learn about their religion and culture in a social setting. We also welcome the new members of the professional staff at both temples and look forward to their joining the preschool family."

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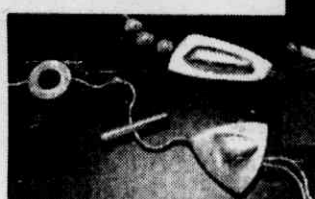
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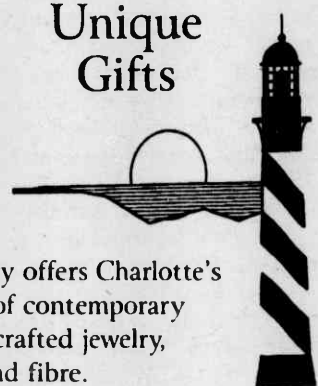
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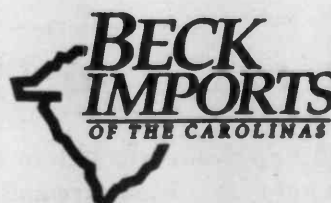
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