

Scouting Around

by David Lintz

If you are a young man between six and sixteen years of age (or between first and tenth grades) and would like to discover new and challenging activities with other young men your age, then scouting is for you and the JCC is the place to find it.

For first through fifth graders, we have Cub Scout Pack 163. Cub Scouting is a family-oriented program for younger boys run by parents. Because of the wide range of abilities, interests and maturity levels in boys this age, boys are grouped in dens by grade level. We start with Tigers for first graders (and their adult partner). Wolves are second graders, Bears are third graders and Webelos are fourth and fifth graders. In addition to playing games, working on craft projects and developing various skills toward advancement, the pack stays busy. We've had campfire programs, collected food for the needy, participated in the CROP walk, had a bike rodeo conducted by the N. C. Highway Patrol, had a family pool party, spent two days in Charleston where we slept on an aircraft carrier, and best of all, we had lots of fun! While doing all these things, we accidentally nourished our citizenship, character, and physical and mental development.

As boys develop into young men, they require more challenges and greater personal freedom and self-direction. In Scout Troop 163 we have the right combination for boys who have completed fifth grade or are at least 11 years of age. For these older boys, we encourage personal development under the guidance of adult volunteers. The scout troop conducts an active program with an emphasis on camping, community service and personal advancement. The troop has learned to survive in some of the most adverse weather conditions through its camping program, which includes district camporees, troop camping, summer camp for one week each summer and our annual white water rafting trip. We contributed to the community by collecting food for the needy and helping with a Habitat for Humanity project. As for personal advancement, who hasn't heard of an Eagle Scout? Well, we don't have any Eagles yet, but after only three years, some of our boys are well on the trail to becoming Eagles. By the end of the Summer (or maybe by the time you read this) some of our young men should have completed the Life stage, the last rank before Eagle.

Our troop and pack have both Jewish and non-Jewish members but we take special pride in being sensitive to the Jewish perspective. Want kosher hot dogs at the campfire? We'll make sure you get them.

If you are interested in Cub Scouting call David Lintz at 364-0227 or 588-8888. If you are interested in Boy Scouting call Mike Shannon at 882-3086. Don't wait. Call today! There will also be a Fall sign up at the JCC on Thursday, September 5 at 7:30 for both programs. But, hey, anytime is the right time to join scouting!

The Hebrew Cemetery -- the final resting place

By Cynthia Chapman

A cemetery is always the first Jewish institution established by Jews new to a community. Jews need a place to bury their loved ones with dignity and according to Jewish tradition. None of us looks forward to saying the Mourner's Kaddish.

But how much harder grief is to face if there is no final resting place with which we feel a bond.

How wise is Jewish tradition in recognizing the gift of life and the importance of mourning ritual!

The acknowledgment in Jewish tradition that the loss of a loved one is always a loss—there never stops being a *yahrzeit*—is a real truth of great psychological significance. In Judaism, I find comfort is seeing, Shabbat after Shabbat, others who stand and acknowledge via the Mourner's

Kaddish not only the greatness of G-d but the lasting nature of grief. When we grieve as Jews, we do not grieve alone. So also our tradition teaches that we do not bury alone.

The early Jews of Charlotte knew this and founded the Hebrew Cemetery in 1867 when Charlotte's total population was only 4,500. Because of them, Jews from all over North Carolina have had a place to be buried in

Charlotte.

As the Days of Awe approach and bring back to us memories of our loved ones and friends we will recall during *Yizkor*, let us join together as members of the Hebrew Cemetery Association.

Dues for families or individuals under 32 are \$18 per year. For families or individuals over 32 years of age the dues are \$35 a year. Additional gifts are appreciated.

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