

-- Letters to the Editor --

Dear Editor:
 There have been items in *The Charlotte Observer* lately about the driving records and abilities of Senior Citizens. Senior members of the community are fortunate to have access to the 55 Alive Defensive Driving course through our very own JCC and the AARP. The driving course is offered to all drivers 55 years of age or older. The class is held for two mornings, provides you with a workbook and only costs \$8.00. It could be the best \$8.00 you'll ever spend! All proceeds from the classes benefit AARP. I will be teaching four classes and all anyone has to do to reg-

ister is give me a check as a reservation. There is a maximum of 25 students per class, so early registration is suggested. The classes will be on September 10 & 12 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm at the JCC; September 17 & 18 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm at the Senior Center at 2225 Tyvola Road; October 8 & 10 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm at the JCC; and on December 10 & 12 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm at the JCC.

If your readers have other questions, they can call me at 542-8011.

Sincerely,
 Adele Grossman

**One Voice...
 Segulah**

By Cynthia Chapman
 Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur are almost here. There are things about the Jewish High Holiday season that make these Days of Awe seem different any other part of the Jewish calendar, at least to me. First of course, there is the problem of taking days off work for them. When one converts, it involves no small amount of explaining to employers, family and friends just why you won't be at work those days. You always worked them before, didn't you? Why do you fast? Is that hard? You have to pay for seats? But I don't have to pay to go to church at Christmas. Why isn't it free for anybody who wants to come? There are plenty of questions.

I am always glad to answer them as best I can. I love this season and the liturgy never fails to strike me as poetic and meaningful. The melodies of High Holidays are haunting and evocative. I suppose for some Jews, it is the music and ritual that make them feel most close to whatever tradition with which they were raised. Just as certain Christmas carols evoke special memories for many Christians, so the melody of *B'sefer Hayim* stirs in me a yearning so deep within me I cannot really describe it.

It is the hope for peace, for blessing, for life to be good in the coming year that we human beings encircle with our hearts and our prayers. Who among us does not seek happiness and health? It with special significance that this issue of *The CJN* includes Marcia Stern's story on page 3. May you who read it be as moved as I was by hearing it.

My thanks to each of you for welcoming my first effort as editor last month. Sincere thanks go to Rita Mond for this issue as well. Because of her and our advertisers, this issue has many ads, and ads help pay for the paper to be produced. If things go well, we may begin the New Year in the black for this issue! Thank you, also to all who contributed to this issue. L'shana tova to all.



**Federation
 Connection**

**Rich Osborne
 President
 Jewish Federation
 of Greater Charlotte**

**Letter to the Community:
 September, 1996**

By Rich Osborne

The holidays are upon us, and we can anticipate a year in which a number of important initiatives in our community will start to bear fruit. Recommendations of the Teen/Israel Task Force, chaired by Shel Goldstein, have been forwarded to the Allocations Committee. The Board has authorized restructuring the Community Fund to affiliate with the Foundation for the Carolinas, offering individuals and institutions in the Jewish Community a means of endowing the services and activities important to them utilizing the efficient and well-regarded development and investment expertise of the Foundation.

The Demographic Study Task Force has selected a consultant and is developing a demographic survey to determine how many Jews live in Charlotte; where we live; where we came from; what religious and cultural practices characterize us, etc. This valuable information will be useful to Federation and our communal institutions and organizations as we begin to plan for the future.

The Park Foundation is undertaking a facilities planning study to assess the adequacy of to current recreational and educational facilities at Shalom Park and the determine future needs. Community Relations Committee is coordinating a celebration of Jewish and Israeli culture for October 13 at Shalom Park. Co-chairs Jerry Klein and Yossi Shem-Avi are seeking participation from all interested members of the community.

Consistent with recent practice, at its September meeting the Board will determine the allocation to UJA and the rent subsidy to


the partners in Shalom Park. The balance of the campaign will be sent to the Allocations Committee. In July the Board elected Bob Davis, Paul Edelstein, Steve Garfinkle, Scott Gorelick, Allison Lerner, Dan Levine and Sandra Levine to two-year terms on the Allocations Committee and Joel Ostrow and Lori Wojnowich to one-year terms. Serving the second year of their two-year terms are Anita Blumenthal, Bill Gorelick, Bob Haber, Nancy Kipnis and Marcia Simon. Allocations Chair Mike Van Glish also announced the leaders of each of the three panels.

Nancy Kipnis will chair Panel I which focuses on major community institutions, including the JCC and Federation. Marcia Simon will chair Panel II focusing on education, including both pre-schools, the day school, CAJE, Hillel, BBYO and, for the first time this year, the proposed program to encourage teen travel to Israel. Bill Gorelick will chair Panel III, focusing on social services, including JFS and the Blumenthal Home.

In addition, of course, Mike and each of his panel chairs will invite three or four additional involved people from the community to serve as members of each panel. While we are fortunate to have almost 9 percent more money to allocate this year, work on the Allocations Committee is time-consuming and difficult. There are always far more worthy needs than we can fund. I am very grateful to Mike and each of his committee members and panelists for their commitment to a fair, open and sound process to meet the needs of our community.

I trust everyone has a wonderful New Year.

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