

# Hadassah Events

By Leslie Barro and Suzanne Cannon

We have some great events planned for the new year so plan to join us!

**\*\*September 8 Paid-Up Membership Brunch at Temple Israel at 11:00 am\*\*** Cost: \$5.00 for members; FREE to prospective members.

**\*\*October 27 Donor Gala Evening at Temple Beth El at 7:30 pm\*\***

**\*\*November 20 Education-Study Group at 7:30 pm\*\***

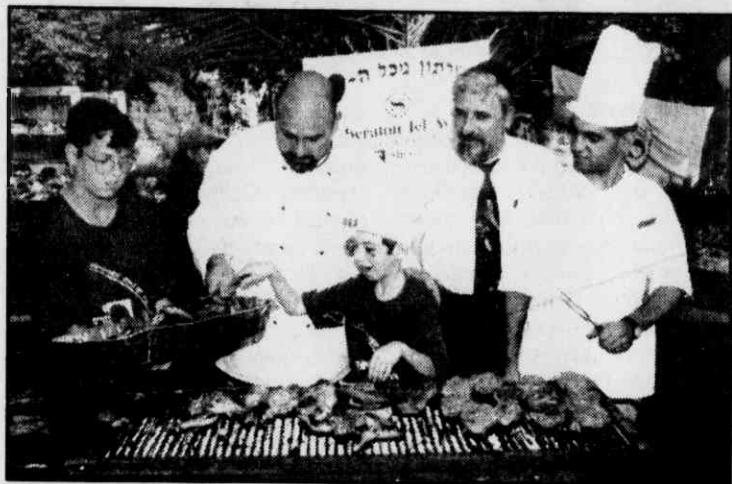
**\*\*December 15 10th Anniversary Book & Author Annual Event in Gorelick Hall, JCC at 7:30 pm\*\***

This year's Book & Author event is very special. It is our tenth anniversary and we have an exiting author coming. Anne Roiphe is a graduate of Sarah Lawrence College and a respected author of both fiction and non-fiction. Her articles have appeared in the *New York Times*, *New York Magazine*, *Parents*, *Tikkun*, *Hadassah Magazine* and *Ms.* She is also a contributor to *The Jerusalem Report*. Her novels include *Lovingkindness*, *Torch Song*, *If You Knew Me* and *Up the Sandbox*. Her nonfiction works include *Generation Without Memory: A Jewish Journey Through Christian America* and *Season Without Healing: A Holocaust Response*. This annual event is sponsored in conjunction with the Speizman Jewish Library. Look for more details later!

In response to our current and prospective members' requests for more meetings and events to be held during non-working (traditional business) hours, the Hadassah Chapter is responding by scheduling several events for the 1996-97 calendar during the evening or on Sunday afternoon. Now you have no excuse to miss our events! Please show support for your Chapter by attending as many of our events as possible.

With over 600 members in the Charlotte Chapter, you're bound to make new friends, and are most welcome to join in the many interesting and important projects of Hadassah.

*If you would like to know about Hadassah, who we are, how we change people's lives, and how you can participate, please contact Leslie Barro, Chapter President at (704) 541-5166 (office).*



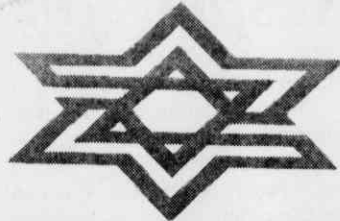
Shalom Pollack (l.) from Beersheva helps Sheraton Tel-Aviv Hotel's executive chef, Hans Lelle. Lelle and other hotel staff prepared a barbecue for one thousand people, including two hundred profoundly sick children at the end of their two-week summer camp. It was organized by Kav L'Haim—Lifeline, a national network of volunteers which helps sick children.

# Queen City ORT

by Ruth Silverman

The Queen City Chapter of ORT hosted a most entertaining evening of dinner and Bingo at the Cedarwood Country Club on Wednesday, July 31, 1996. Sixty-two women attended this fund raising event

The dinner consisted of a salad bar and baked potatoes with various toppings. A variety of delicious desserts were home-made by ten members of the organization. While the evening was filled with much fun and many laughs, the most significant result of the affair was that it raised over \$400, all of which



will be contributed to the ORT organization.

The ORT program aids in the education of children and adults in over eighty countries throughout the world. The focus of the Program is to teach vocational skills which help the participants become self-sufficient.

# Charlotte Welcomes Russian Families

By Ellen Dubin

For the past several months volunteers have been busy preparing for and welcoming several refugee families from the former Soviet Union. The most recent arrivals include Natasha Selyavo and her toddler Max. Natasha looks forward to her husband's arrival from Latvia early this Fall. The young mother plans to work as soon as day care can be obtained for Max. She hopes to go to CPCC next year.

Natasha and Max arrived in Charlotte during July along with her parents Il'ia and Olga Shvarts and her 13 year old brother Eugene. Il'ia is an electrical engineer and began to work as an electrician less than three weeks after his arrival.

Olga is a seamstress who obtained a job at Highland Mills the same day as her husband! Eugene is enrolled in ESL classes at Hawthorne Traditional School. He is an eighth grader who looks forward to improving his English skills and being with new American friends. The family lives in Italian Village apartments at Providence Square. Their welcome was headed by Susan Rabinovitch from Lubavitch.

Shasha and Svetlana Ziskind came from the Ukraine in June. He is an electrical engineer whose excellent work enabled him to land a job very soon after their arrival. Svetlana is seeking a part-time job near their Italian

Village apartment.

Their welcome was headed by Eula Crane and Penny Eisenberg from Temple Beth El.

Members of the Blyudaya family have been working for a cleaning agency since their April arrival. Boris is still seeking a position in a hospital or medical office. His improved English skills are enabling him to study for an American medical license. He plans to take the qualifying test in June. His mother Tatyana was a teacher in the Ukraine and she would like to work with children as an educator or in a bookstore. Her husband Mikael and daughter Zhanna live with her in Idlewild Apartments. Their welcome was headed by Temple Israel.

All of the families look forward to calls and visits from members of the Charlotte Jewish community. Contact Ellen Dubin to find out how to get in touch with our newest families.

Within the next several months the Charlotte Jewish community hopes to resettle more Jewish Russian refugees.

Towards this effort, the synagogues and organizations have agreed to "sponsor" a family by helping set up apartments, driving family members to appointments and shopping, making social calls, being interpreters or helping to teach English, providing medical, dental, legal assistance and taking them to community activities. If you are willing

to make a significant contribution in the life of a newcomer by doing one of these simple gem-lut chasidim (acts of loving kindness), please leave a message for Ellen Dubin at Jewish Family Services at 364-6594.

We need furniture and household goods for our families. If you have any spare living room or bedroom furniture in usable condition, please call. We also need Kitchen tables, chairs, lamps, cassette recorders, televisions, radios, linens, dishes, pots, silverware and other kitchen items. Another specific need is for people willing to help schlep these items and the use of trucks (pick-up, panel or larger) to carry them. Let us know if you will help. Call 364-6594.

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