## **Charlotte Jewish Preschool** Sails to Hawaii for **Silent Auction**

#### By Beth Davis

The Charlotte Jewish Preschool PTO hosted over 100 parents, teachers, friends and alumni at a gala event Saturday, May 4 at TPC Piper Glen. The 1997 Silent Auction raised over \$7,000 for CJP, and was its most successful fund raising event ever. "Our committee has been working on this auction since February," said Chairperson Sherri Auction Leonard. "We were fortunate to have such a wide variety of items for sale - restaurant gift certificates, massages, gift baskets, even a trampoline. We appreciate all of the businesses in the community that supported our school."

Parents and even students in the school provided items for the auction. Bidding was most competitive for the painted floor mats made by each classroom. As Debbie Ward, coordinator of all of the classroom baskets said, "The creativity of the room mothers just amazes me. They had such wonderful ideas including a Death by Chocolate Basket, a Spoil Me Rotten Basket and a Kids Travel Basket. Each room seemed to have a good time putting them together.'

A big thank you goes to the committee who assisted Sherri Leonard by putting in hours and hours of work - Beverly Grey, Debbie Ward, Ann Sinsheimer, Andrea Cronson, Leigh Anne Goodman and the many parents who solicited donations. CJP also thanks Beth Mattos (an alumni parent) for the generous contribution by her company, Creative Art Promotions, in providing all of the decorations and accessories for the festive island feel for the evening. As Sherri and Beverly said

about the evening, "It would not have been possible without the generous donations from so many area businesses. Many, many thanks on behalf of Charlotte Jewish Preschool."

**CJP 1997 Silent Auction Donors** Arboretum Cinema, Archadeck, Art Aspects, Arthur's of Charlotte, Amber Grains Bakery, Baskin Robbins, Ben & Jerrys, Blossom Shop, Blue Marlin, Body By Design, BP Procare, Brownlee Jewelers, Butterfield's, Carolina Lanes, Cafe Milan, Cafe Soleil, Campania Restaurant, Carmen Carmen, Carowinds, Carriage Cleaners, Carolina Backyard, Charlotte Reperatory Orchestra, Childrens Theatre, Chuck E Cheese, Cino Grill, Cotswold Florist, Crown Athletic Club, Design 41 Ltd, Dillard's, Eastway



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# **Temple Beth El Social Action Committee Wins National Award**

Temple Beth El is pleased to announce that the Social Action Committee's program Building Bridges has been awarded the Irving Jay Fain Award for Social Action. The Temple's Social Action Committe has been involved in a neighborhood partnership with the residents of Grier Heights for the last year and a half. Projects have included the renovation of the Billingsville School which was built in 1927 with funds provided by noted Jewish philanthropist, Julius Rosenwald. Today, it is being revived as a community center for the Grier Heights neighborhood. The Social Action Committee also has set up a tutoring program and participated in activities marking the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. with the Grier Heights residents.

The Irving Jay Fain Award for Social Action was established in 1983 to recognize congregations that had undertaken significant programs of community service during the previous two years. Thirtyfour congregations were honored at that Biennial. In the intervening years, another 100 congregations were selected to receive the award. The criteria for being selected has evolved since time, reflecting the that tremendous number of creative social action programs throughout the Reform movement that have had an impact on the community



Members of the TBE Social Action Committee are helping Grier Height residents Renovate the Billingsville School.

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Mr. Fain was chairman of the Commission on Social Action of Reform Judaism from 1961-1968. A prominent businessman in Providence, RI he worked very hard to end discrimination in housing and employment. He was a leader in the civil rights movement and a deeply committed Reform Jew. Fain served as a member of the UAHC

years, and as president of his congregation in Providence. Irving J. Fain will always be remembered as a passionate champion of Jewish social justice and a man of true righteousness.

On Monday, April 7th representatives from eight of the eighteen winners received the award, presented by Rabbi Eric H. Yoffie, president of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations. This year's award (Continued on page 24)

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### **1997** Teen Israel **Travel Participants** Announced

Davis, Dr. Betty Ostrow. \$

The Federation is pleased to announce that the following teens will be participating in the 1997 Teen Israel Travel Experience: Brett Golembe, Alicia Cohen, Zach Yeskel, Shari Flash, Joshua

Klemmons, Brett Elko, Robert Sachs, Lauren Jacobs, Darren Katz, Corey Goldfarb, Ben Levine, Philip Schreibman and Austin Karp.

This program is sponsored by the Jewish Federation of Greater Charlotte and provides funds to aid teens who will be travelling to Israel this summer. \$









