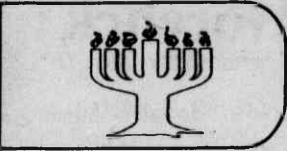




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Local Jewish Educators Learn Together at National CAJE Conference

Jewish educators from the Charlotte area joined with 1500 teacher colleagues from across North America and around the world at Trinity University in San Antonio, Texas, during August, for the Twenty-Third Annual Conference on Alternatives in Jewish Education (CAJE), a week-long celebration of Jewish teaching. Roz Cooper, representing Temple Beth El Religious School, Rabbi Robert Kasman & Mary Jean Kushner, representing Temple Israel Religious School, Lenora Stein, representing the Carolina Agency for Jewish Education (CAJE), along with Peri Flohr & her daughter Rachel (who participated in the CAJE Teen Experience) and Rabbi Celso Cukierkorn representing Temple Emanuel Religious School in Gastonia, spent the days and nights of the conference (and two days of Shabbat experience pre-conference) choosing from among over 500 workshop sessions.

A wide variety of teacher/sources were available to conference participants throughout the week. A new setting, the *Beit Midrash*, modeled a small group learning experience, *hevruta* (study partnerships), using a new sourcebook entitled *Dorot* (Generations) as the basis of the study program. (A copy of this book is now available on loan from the CAJE Resource Center at Shalom Park). Other session formats included hands-on, experiential learning, day-long intensives, and modules (such as the Hebrew *Ulpan*), and *Torah Lishmah* (Torah for its own sake). Practical material resources were available in the national CAJE Curriculum Bank onsite; in the Educational Resource Center featuring teacher created learning materials; in the Media Center (which offered more than 70 films and videos in four theater settings running all day and evening throughout the conference); at the Computer Center



Charlotte area Jewish educators (and friends from other NC Jewish communities) at the CAJE Conference in San Antonio, TX during August.

(with opportunities to surf the Jewish 'net every night till midnight!); and in the CAJE EXPO, a marketplace of 85 vendors and organizations offering the latest in textbooks, teacher guides, Judaica, music, crafts, jewelry, art, games and teaching materials.

Evenings at CAJE were a showcase of the best in Jewish cultural programming. The Opening Night gala featured Peter Yarrow, of Peter, Paul & Mary fame, in concert with Debbie Friedman, the beloved songstress of contemporary Jewish folk rock music. Dennis Prager, controversial radio talk show host and author addressed the crowd on Tuesday evening in a thought provoking dialogue titled "From Gay Liberation to the Death Penalty: Applying Judaism to America's Toughest Issues." The closing program featured the world premiere of Steven Spielberg/Dreamworks latest animated film production, the Bible-based "Prince of Egypt" which will open world-wide this December. Several impromptu chorales and choirs joined with musical stars Sam Glaser, Doug Cotler, Julie Silver, Kol B'seder, Steve Dropkin, Linda Hirschhorn and Conference Chair Judy Caplan Ginsburgh to perform. In addition, there was family-friendly early evening programming, early morning minyanim of every Jewish stripe imaginable, a scholar-in-residence component, teen and college age student programming, and something for every

Jewish teacher who attended.

Opportunities to meet and study with "everybody who is anybody" in the field of Jewish education are an integral part of the CAJE Conference. From the authors of the textbooks used in our community's classrooms, to the scholars who are leading the American Jewish community into the new millennium, conference participants could engage in reflective study or challenge ideas throughout the week. Energized and renewed, the Jewish educators from the Charlotte area return to face the 5759 school year with spirited excitement as a result of their CAJE Conference experiences.

The Jewish Federation of Greater Charlotte, through its annual allocation to the Carolina Agency for Jewish Education (CAJE), funds the professional development scholarship program which enables local Jewish teachers to attend the CAJE Conference. This year marks the tenth anniversary of this program which has enabled, over the years, so many of our community's teachers to learn and benefit at the national CAJE Conferences. In addition, our local religious schools provide the matching subsidy to enable their respective teachers' conference attendance.

L'shana haba'ah b' (next year at) Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio, in August, 1999 for the 24th Annual CAJE Conference. Join us! ☆

Upcoming teacher workshops offered this fall

The Carolina Agency for Jewish Education (CAJE) is presenting two teacher workshops this fall at Shalom Park for the teachers of our community's religious schools:

Sunday, October 18, 1998, 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM at Temple Beth El, in the Social Hall:

101 Ways to Make A Jewish Difference in Your Classroom While Waiting For the Messiah in Charlotte, NC led by Roz Cooper & Lenora Stein — a workshop that is guaranteed (or your money back!) to teach you at least 101 new fast & easy teaching strategies that you can immediately take back and implement in your classroom to create a whole new & invigorated learning environment. For teachers, Kindergarten through high school.

Sunday, November 1, 1998, 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM at Temple Israel, in the Board Room:

Get in the Game: A Hands-On Make It & Take It Games

Workshop led by Lenora Stein — a workshop on the who, what, where, when & why of using & creating your own games and teacher-created learning materials in the Jewish classroom. For teachers of all ages, (one size will fit most! because you will custom tailor your own approach to fit your classroom, once you know the techniques) preschool to high school. Free laminating for all materials created during the workshop and gamemaker starter kits for all teachers who preregister.

Both workshops are free to teachers of CAJE-member schools. If you are not sure if your school is a CAJE member, ask your principal. A kosher dairy box lunch, at a nominal charge, will be available with pre-registration and prepayment. To register for either or both workshops (with or without lunch), or for more information, call CAJE at 366-5007, ext. 272. ☆

Israel Bonds to Honor Peter W. May and Mikhail Gorbachev at October 25 Dinner in New York

Celebration of 10th Anniversary of Free Soviet Emigration to Israel

NEW YORK - Peter W. May, prominent New York business and communal leader, and Mikhail Gorbachev, former president of the Soviet Union, will be honored by State of Israel Bonds at an October 25 dinner in New York celebrating the 10th anniversary of free Soviet emigration to Israel. Former Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir is guest speaker at the event, which will recognize other leaders of the Soviet Jewry movement from throughout North America. Mr. May, president and COO of Triarc Companies, Inc., served as chairman of UJA-Federation's "Operation Exodus."

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