



# Mazel Tov & Congratualtions



## Viva Klezmer! Founders Receive Award

Gene and Ali Kavadlo have been awarded the first annual Classical 89.9 Samuel R. Spencer Artist Award by radio station WDAV 89.9. The Kavadlo's were given this award in recognition of their work with the musical ensemble Viva Klezmer!, which specializes in the performance of Klezmer music.

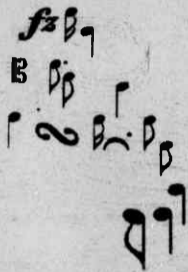
Gene and Ali have held the positions of Principal Viola and Principal Clarinet, respectively, with the Charlotte Symphony since 1975. Prior to their arrival in Charlotte, they held the same positions with the Jacksonville Symphony in Florida. Gene formed the Viva Klezmer! ensemble in 1984, and since its inception, the group has received critical acclaim for its concerts throughout the southeast, performing on three occasions for the

Spoletto Festival in Charleston, as well as appearing in many cities throughout the Carolinas and Florida.

For many years, Viva Klezmer! has received support from the Blumenthal Foundation and the Luski Family for the presentation of educational programs in the Charlotte-Mecklenburg schools. These programs, which teach various aspects of Jewish culture through Klezmer music, have been warmly received by both educators and students. The ensemble is also a favorite of seniors' groups throughout Charlotte and surrounding areas.

The Kavadlo's were nominated for this award by Ruth Hannes of Charlotte. In addition to receiving an award certificate and a glass sculpture by award-winning artist Richard Ritter, the Kavadlo's also

received a gift of \$1,000.00 from WDAV. The award states that it was given to the Kavadlo's "for their dedicated work to enhance the community of the arts that Classical 89.9 WDAV has worked to create over the last 20 years. Charlotte and the surrounding region is fortunate to have individuals such as the Kavadlo's who have given of themselves for the enjoyment and enrichment of others." ✪



## Chad Levy Dances in Professional Company

Charlotte's Chad William Levy, 22, danced throughout South Carolina in October with the Paul Taylor 2 Company. It's part of a national and world tour that began in August.

Levy was tapped by Taylor, considered among the world's great living choreographers, from his fourth year at North Carolina School of the Arts. He is one of six professionals in the Taylor 2 Company, which meets demands for increased teaching and community outreach in U. S. and European cities.

The group performed October 2nd at Winthrop University in Rock Hill to kick off the annual

jubilee festival weekend.

More performances took place October 10 in Beaufort, October 16 at the Newberry Opera house, October 23 at Peace Center in Greenville and October 25 at Presbyterian College in Clinton. Between performances, the Company taught and directed dance at public schools throughout the state.

Levy will return to the Carolinas next May after his tour for graduation ceremonies at NC School of the Arts. He is the son of Betsy Klein and grandson of Elizabeth and Walter Klein, all of Charlotte. ✪

## Netanyahu presents Mezuzah to damaged reform synagogue

By Julia Goldman

NEW YORK (JTA) - When the Central Synagogue reopens the doors of its historic building two years from now, its congregation can expect Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu to attend the rededication ceremony.

Together with his wife, Sara, Netanyahu presented the Reform synagogue's spiritual leader, Rabbi Peter Rubinstein, with a 14-karat gold, limited edition mezuzah by Israel artist Moshe Castel.

"We'd like to be here at the time you affix it," the Israeli premier said. "If not, we will come and worship" at another time.

Netanyahu came to the synagogue in September to pay his respects and to inspect the damage the 120-year-old building sustained in an August fire, which destroyed most of the roof. The interior of the

Spanish Moorish Revival building also suffered extensive water damage.

During a visit to a Conservative synagogue in New York last spring, Netanyahu had vowed to attend a Reform service here some time this year.

But representatives from the Reform movement hesitated to draw a connection between that promise and Sunday's visit to Central Synagogue.

Rabbi Ammiel Hirsch, the executive director of the Association of Reform Zionists of America, said, "This was an appropriate gesture for the New Year, wishing this congregation in pain a better year."

Rabbi Eric Yoffie, the president of the Reform movement's Union of American Hebrew Congregations, said Netanyahu's appearance "was not expected, but appreciated" and offered an open

invitation for Netanyahu to attend Shabbat or holiday worship at any Reform congregation.

There are currently about 850 such congregations in the United States and 30 in Israel.

Netanyahu, who visited Central Synagogue several times during his tenure as Israeli ambassador to the United Nations from 1984 to 1988, called it "one of the greatest in the world."

"Here and in Israel, the synagogue is the fabric, the living tissue and life force of the Jewish people," Netanyahu told a gathering of about 50 synagogue members, many of whom were visibly sweating from heat under white hard hats, as they looked down into the ravaged sanctuary, currently under construction.

Rubinstein presented Netanyahu with one of the square, handmade nails that had secured the roof, which is now open to a blue sky above massive scaffolding.

The nail is symbolic of the congregation, which he has led for eight years, and their will "to rise up and rebuild," explained Rubinstein, who led the group in the *Shehecheyanu* prayer. ✪

### ENGAGEMENT

#### Josephson-Cummins

Tracy Lynn Josephson of Chicago, IL, and John David Cummins of Chicago, IL, announce their engagement. Tracy is the daughter of Lila Josephson of Charlotte and the late Harold Josephson. John is the son of Judy and John Cummins of Annapolis, MD. An October 1999 wedding is planned.



Tracy and John Cummins



Laurel and Jonathan Long

The groom, son of Dr. Charles and Rebecca Cohen Long of Tampa, FL, is the grandson of Rabbi and Mrs. Armond E. Cohen of Cleveland. An honor graduate of the University of Miami, he is a jet pilot, president of Long Aviation, Inc. at Goose Creek Airport in Mint Hill and operates mousepadshop.com on the Internet.

The bride, daughter of Edna and Frederick Moretti of Charlotte, earned an Associate degree at Central Piedmont Community College and works in the aviation industry.

Following a honeymoon in Arizona, the couple resides in Charlotte.

### UNDER THE CHUPPAH

#### Long-Moretti

Jonathan Charles Long and Laurel L. Moretti were married on September 6th in Charlotte at the Hyatt SouthPark Hotel. Rabbi David Zielonka officiated. Rabbi Armond E. Cohen of Cleveland blessed the couple.

### BIRTH

#### Pransky

Natalie Beth Pransky was born September 25, 1998 to Sandy and Daniel Pransky of Atlanta, GA. Grandparents are Baila and John Pransky of Charlotte and Pearl Rosenberg of Everett, MA.

### TOV M'OD

Leadership Charlotte has announced its 1998-99 Executive Committee and Board of Directors. Among the many prestigious Charlotteans selected are Daniel Levine, appointed to the position of Treasurer, and David S. Miller, appointed as a member of the Board.

The Board of Directors of Carolinas Concert Association will host a pre-concert dinner for members of the Crown Society and invited guests on November 4, 1998. Members of the Crown Society to be in attendance at the dinner include Mara and Steven R. Huber. The Crown Society is the Carolinas Concert Association's most distinguished group of contributors.

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