

# Take a Jewish Tour of the Carolinas

A new one-of-a-kind travel brochure and guidebook is available. *A Jewish Tour of the Carolinas* features a four-color cover with over 50 numbered pictures of locations in the Carolinas that are related to Judaism. The text of the brochure gives the name, description and location of each of the featured places, indexed by location.

Visiting the Raleigh-Winston-Salem corridor? See the Judaic Art Collection of the North Carolina Museum of Art (picture number 34). Will you be going to the Charleston region? Check out number 22,

Henrietta Szold in a stained glass window.

In addition to the 54 locations in six different regions in the Carolinas, *A Jewish Tour of the Carolinas* contains the only known listing of every Jewish house of worship in North and South Carolina, categorized by Reform, Conservative, Orthodox, Lubavitch, and Reconstructionist. All the locations are within dri-



*A Jewish Tour of the Carolinas*

ving distance of Charlotte. From the mountains to the seashore, you won't want to miss visiting these distinguished places of interest in our local Jewish history and tradition.

A copy of *A Jewish Tour of the Carolinas* is available for the asking by contacting Elizabeth and Walter Klein, 5009 Gamton Court, Charlotte, 28226, or call them at 544-9575. ☆

# The Jewish Traveler

By Maxine Silverstein

## BOSTON

I have been very fortunate that my family has always lived in great cities with strong Jewish identities and I love writing about those cities. This past August my daughter Kara moved to Boston to attend law school and I discovered what a fabulous city it is. I am beginning to learn my way around and have found a number of interesting links to our Jewish heritage.

Boston is a city on a hill, a harbor city and one of America's historical treasures. Few Jews settled in the Massachusetts Bay Colony, Boston or even New England until the mid-nineteenth century. This was not due entirely to religious intolerance, since the work that drew Jews to other regions - trading in particular - was adequately performed by Yankees. A New England labor shortage changed that in the 1800s. The demand for immigrant labor was met by German Jews who founded Boston's first synagogue in the 1840's.

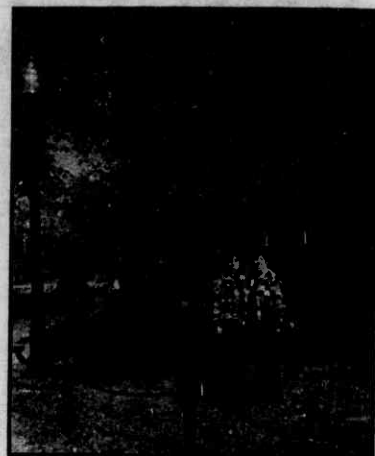
Boston's importance to the national Jewish psyche is greater than its population would suggest. The town has the 6th largest Jewish community in the United States and many, many Jews have been educated at one of the area's 54 colleges and universities. Of the 228,000 Jews living in greater Boston, more than 30,000 are college students like Kara. Brandeis University, founded in 1948, has a first rank reputation for academic excellence. The campus in suburban Waltham and its many art programs is a point of pride among Boston Jews.

Jews have lived in many of the ethnic neighborhoods that Boston is famous for, starting in the South End, moving to the North End, Chelsea, Beacon Hill and the West

End. While Jews live in all sections of the city, nearly one quarter of the area's Jewish population is concentrated in the towns of Brookline and Newton. Newton is home to the huge Leventhal Sidman Jewish Community Center. Brookline remains the commercial heart of the city, where Jews from all over New England come to buy challah, kosher goods and Jewish books on Harvard Street.

A recent "The Best of Boston" issue of Boston Magazine rated Rubin's at 500 Harvard as the best kosher deli. The prices are a little steep, but the knishes are to die for and the brisket melts in your mouth. Cheryl Ann's of Brookline at 1010 West Roxbury Parkway has challahs that are so good you won't want to wait for a special occasion. These challahs are reputed to be better than those available in the rival "Big Apple." A good way to walk off your Harvard Street indulgences is to take a stroll to 1187 Beacon Street for a look at Congregation Ohabei Shalom, Boston's oldest synagogue. Originated in the 1840s by ten Bostonian families, it has a striking copper dome.

Boston has something for everyone. During the summer, pleasure boats cruising the harbor offer the best views of the city. Boston is also a very walkable city, allowing residents and visi-



Maxine Silverstein and sister, Harriet Kader at Boston Common.

tors to walk from the fashionable shops on Newbury Street through the blooming Boston Garden with its "swan boat" pond, down to the harbor and Faneuil Hall marketplace in an hour. Tourists from all over come to walk in the footsteps of America's early patriots and bask in the historic atmosphere.

For the ultimate shopping experience, a trip to Filene's Basement is a must. The store's founder was a member of one of the city's most prominent early Jewish families.

There is so much to do and see in this exciting city. Thank goodness law school is for three years. I'll need at least that long to explore this city and all that it has to offer. ☆



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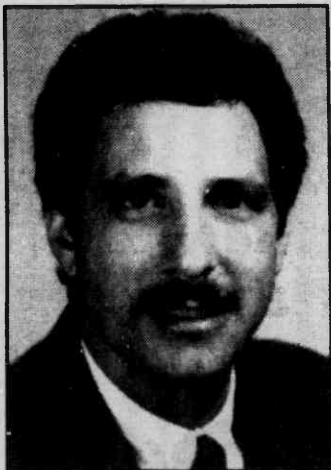
## Blumenthal Jewish Home to hold 33rd annual meeting

Community Invited To Attend

The 33rd Annual Meeting of the Blumenthal Jewish Home will be held at the Home on Sunday December 13th. The community is invited to attend this meeting and to visit the Home. The meeting begins with a Gourmet Brunch Buffet at 11:00 AM followed by the Business Meeting at noon and the election of officers and members to the Board of Trustees. There is no fee for brunch however reservations are suggested.

The Blumenthal Jewish Home is the only Jewish Home in the Carolinas offering both assisted living and long term nursing care.

If you have not had an occasion to visit the Blumenthal Jewish Home recently, this would be a fine opportunity to see this outstanding facility. The Blumenthal Jewish Home welcomes all who are interested in providing care for our Jewish elderly to attend this meeting. Take this opportunity to learn more about the Jewish Home and prospective plans for the future. Plan now to attend the Annual Meeting at the Home on Sunday December 13 at 11:00 AM. For information about the Home or the Annual Meeting call 336-766-6401. ☆



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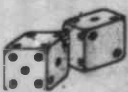
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