



# CAJE



## NC ECHO — The Future of the Past

From possum to papyrus, it's on the Internet and "North Carolina ECHO (Exploring Cultural Heritage Online)" makes finding it just a bit easier. North Carolina ECHO is a new service that brings information about the state's historical and cultural treasures within a mouse click to anyone, whether that treasure is in Duke University's collection of Egyptian papyri or the Bellhaven Museum's depression-era canning exhibit, prominently featuring a jar of possum. A visit to [www.ncecho.org](http://www.ncecho.org) will put over 600 of the state's museums, libraries, histori-

cal societies, and archives at your fingertips. It is one of the most comprehensive guides to a state's cultural institutions, and the Carolina Agency for Jewish Education is an integral part of the website.

As institutions scan and mount portions of their holding on the Internet, ECHO brings these online resources together and presents them to the public in an organized fashion. Click on the subject "slavery" and find nearly 1,000 slave narratives that have been digitized by UNC-Chapel Hill's "Documenting the

American South" website. Choose the subject term "poetry" and discover 250 Confederate poetry broadsides owned by Wake Forest University. Browse "artists-North Carolina" to locate a registry of western North Carolina artists maintained by the Asheville Art Museum. Once fully developed, anyone from school children to scholarly researchers - from across the state and around the world - will be able to use North Carolina ECHO to search for that elusive document or fascinating artifact.

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ported with federal Library Services and Technology Act funds made possible through a grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services, administered by the State Library of North Carolina, a division of the N.C. Department of Cultural Resources.

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## הַאֵם זֹכְרִים מְתִי?

### Do You Remember When?



"Summertime, and the livin' is easy..." August 14-20, 1950, a Jewish community group from Charlotte, NC, poses for a traditional group picture on the steps at Wildacres Retreat in Little Switzerland, NC. Wildacres Retreat is a conference center offering its facilities to non-profit groups that conduct educational or culture programs and seminars. Founded by I.D. and Madolyn Blumenthal in 1946, Wildacres is dedicated to the betterment of human relations and interfaith dialogue. It is situated on 1600 acres at an elevation of 3300 feet atop a mountain called Pompey's Knob near the Blue Ridge Parkway. Jewish groups such as B'nai Brith, the Yiddish Institute of the Charlotte, JCC, and Temple Beth El maintain the tradition of annual retreat programs that convene at Wildacres (and groups still pose on the steps for the traditional photo op). To learn more about Wildacres, check out the website at: [www.main.nc.us/wildacres/](http://www.main.nc.us/wildacres/).

Do You Remember When? photos are provided to the CJN from the digital image archives of the Charlotte Jewish Historical Society, a project of the Carolina Agency for Jewish Education at Shalom Park.

## Jewish Heritage Video Collection Continues to Grow

The Carolina Agency for Jewish Education (CAJE) is pleased to announce that 30 brand new video titles will be added soon to the Jewish Heritage Video Collection, which is displayed in the JCC lobby. Thanks to a very generous gift from community member Richard Osborne, CAJE was able to acquire this very valuable, up-to-date set of videotapes. Some of the new collection of featured titles includes:

*The Producers* (Mel Brooks' ground-breaking comedy, now a Broadway sensation)

*Life Is Beautiful* (Academy Award winning Holocaust film)

*The Last Days* (Academy Award winning documentary from Steven Spielberg and the Shoah Foundation)

*Delta Jews* (award winning documentary about the Southern Jewish experience)

*Cooking with Joan Nathan* (classic recipes for Jewish cooking, celebrating the Jewish soul and the Jewish spirit)

*Liberty Heights* (director Barry Levinson's coming of age film, homage to the 1950s)

*Summer of Aviya* (award winning Israeli classic starring Gila Almagor)

*Aaron's Magic Village*: based on the stories of Isaac Bashevis Singer (animated feature that brings the stories of Chelm to life for children)

*The Simpsons* (two classic episodes of the TV show that have Judaic themes)

Want to borrow one of these new videos? Or any other video title in the Jewish Heritage Video Collection of 230 additional Jewish-themed movies for kids and adults? Or a video from the other 425 videos also in the CAJE

collection? Add all that up and it means that CAJE is home to the largest Judaic video collection in the entire southeast region, almost 700 titles from which to choose for your family's enjoyment. You can be part of the excitement, by joining CAJE. Family memberships begin at only \$18/year and include borrowing privileges in the video library, as well as in the Jewish music library, the compact disk collection and a whole lot more. For more information, stop by the CAJE Resource Center at Shalom Park, or call 704-944-6780 or email [lstein@vnet.net](mailto:lstein@vnet.net). Or pick up a CAJE brochure and membership application on the Jewish Heritage Video Collection display kiosk in the J lobby, mail it in along with your check, and you are "ready, set, go" for the best bargain in Jewish movie watching around town. ☆

## Local Educators to be Featured Authors in "Venture Into Cultures," Just Published by the American Library Association

*Venture Into Cultures: A Resource Book of Multicultural Materials and Programs - 2nd edition*, edited by Olga R. Kuharets for the Ethnic and Multicultural Information Exchange Roundtable (EMIERT) of the American Library Association, Chicago, copyright 2001, ALA Editions, \$38.

Knowledgeable and culturally diverse educators and librarians come together to offer this new book filled with fresh, innovative multicultural program ideas, just published by the Ethnic & Multicultural Information Exchange Roundtable (EMIERT) of the American Library Association. This new edition, which updates the original issue in 1992, has all new content and is packed with resources for inspiring children with the rich textures, traditions, stories, pictures and music from around the world. Featuring African, Caribbean, Indian, Jewish-American, Korean, Latin American, Middle Eastern, Native American and Russian craft and program ideas, each chapter features a short essay and recommended children's books (grade levels included), websites, videos, audiotapes and directions for programming materials.

Dr. Jay Jacoby, professor of English at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte (UNCC), and Lenora Stein, executive direc-

tor of the Carolina Agency for Jewish Education (CAJE) at Shalom Park are co-authors of the chapter essay and resource guide entitled Jewish-American.

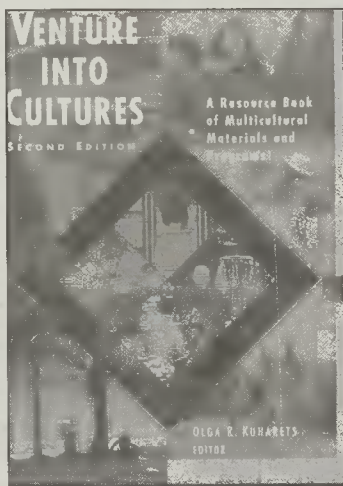
Included in the chapter is an extensive bibliography of almost 100 recent works that may assist individuals launching children's programming related to Judaism and Jewish Americans, all annotated by appropriate grade level.

There are hands-on program ideas which convey the Jewish festivals of Sukkot and Tu B'Shevat, and embrace the concept of tzedakah (justice or righteousness). This new edition has a short list of websites, a bibliography of related publications and resources and a guide to publishers of quality educational Judaica materials for additional reference.

Dr. Jacoby commented in the essay from the book, "We hope that this book will expand significantly young people's knowledge and understanding of Jewish culture. In particular, we hope that rather than perceiving Jews almost exclusively as victims, our audiences will recognize the distinctive nature of Jewish history and culture and contribu-

tions to civilization over the past 6,000 years."

To order a copy of the book from ALA Editions, a division of the American Library Association,



call 1-800-545-2433 or on the web at: [www.ala.org/editions/](http://www.ala.org/editions/). Copies are \$38, and there is a professional discount for ALA members. A circulating copy is available on loan from the CAJE Resource Center at Shalom Park. For more information, call 704-944-6780 or email [lstein@vnet.net](mailto:lstein@vnet.net). ☆

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