

jewish community center



1987—5748

new year book



For a good year may you be *inscribed and sealed,*
immediately, for a good life and for peace.

— TRADITIONAL NEW YEAR GREETING

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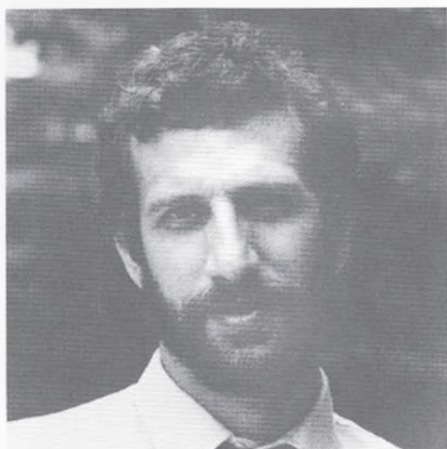


DR. JEFFREY FINEGOLD

President, Jewish Community Center

As the new President of the Jewish Community Center, I have been greatly anticipating the New Year. The Center has seen substantial growth over the last several years in both the amount of programs offered and the number of new members. I hope to see this growth continue as we strive to meet the needs of our community.

Brett, Kara, and Paula join me in wishing everyone a healthy and happy New Year.



MARVIN STARK

Executive Director, Jewish Community Center

The beginning of a new year always brings with it the promise of excitement, anticipation and a renewed spirit. My first year as Center Director has shown me the vitality and commitment of our leaders, our members and our community. During this past year we have continued many JCC traditions and even instituted a few new ones. Our membership is growing, our programs are expanding, and we are reaching more and more individuals and families. I feel confident that the Center will continue to establish higher goals and meet them. At the same time we plan to maintain personal service and a caring attitude.

Miriam and I wish everyone a healthy New Year filled with good deeds and peace.



LARRY PLOTKIN

President, Jewish Federation of Southern Maine

The New Year is an excellent time for reflection upon the wonderful, vibrant, growing community in which we live, and upon the challenges before us.

The past year has been one of great progress toward a better quality of life for all of us due in part to the working together of the Jewish Federation and the Jewish Community Center. Together, we can continue to meet the challenge.

Lisa, Rachael, Gabriel and Rebecca join me in wishing you a New Year of health, happiness and peace.

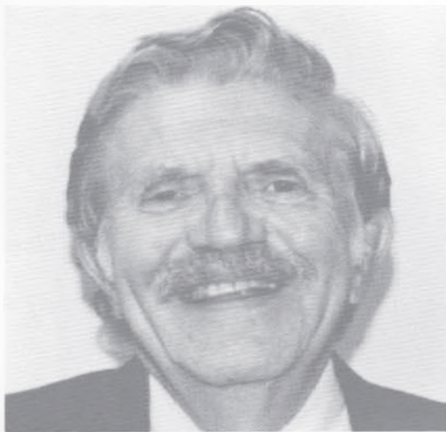
**RABBI DAVID SANDMEL**

The Portland Reform Congregation - Bet Ha'am

According to the Jewish calendar, the year which we are beginning is 5748. In Hebrew letters, it is written *tav, shin* or *sin, mem, chet*. This can be read as *t'samach* or "Be Happy!"

We hope that each year will be a year of rejoicing. This year we will celebrate the fortieth anniversary of the founding of the state of Israel, which, while recognizing its troubles, remains one of the miracles of this generation.

Here in Portland we can rejoice in the increased activity and vitality of our Jewish community, and the new ways we are finding to work together for our common good. I pray that each of us will find many reasons for rejoicing in our own lives, and that we, along with all of the people of Israel and human beings everywhere, will enjoy a year of peace, of health and of happiness. *L'shanah tovah, metukah, us'mechah*. May you have a good, sweet and happy year.

**RABBI HARRY Z. SKY**

Temple Beth El

Years come and go, and it seems at times as if our wishes and dreams are but puffs of smoke. Behind these wishes and dreams is a universal yearning for peace, for health and for the well-being of whomever we know.

But there is an additional agenda, one that distinguishes us from the rest of mankind: the Jewish agenda which urges us to be *rachmanim b'nai rachmanim*, compassionate people, descendants of compassionate ancestors. This element of compassion is our contribution to the human agenda. When we affirm it, we are living the Jewish life. When we deny it, we have lost our Jewish identity.

You can apply the *rachmanut* agenda to every aspect of life, from personal relations to our concern for the least among us. It is my fervent prayer that in the year 5748 we reaffirm our devotion to *rachmanut* and become the people we were intended to be. My wife Ruth and our children join me in wishing you a *Shana Tova*.

**RABBI LAWRENCE ZIERLER**

Shaarey Tphiloh Synagogue

It is customary on Rosh Hashanah to wish one another a Happy New Year. With this and the celebration of cyclical time does Judaism emphasize that the new and the changing are primary ingredients of life. In our liturgy we say, "In His goodness God renews daily the words of creation." This prayer reminds us that creation is not a static process but an ongoing and dynamic state of constant renewal. The holiday season calls upon us to make changes not only in the superficial aspects of our lives but in the very essence of our being. It asks us to improve our characters and habits, and to renew ourselves in our spiritual quest to become new and more creative human beings.

The past few months have afforded me the opportunity of becoming acquainted with our community. The warm reception that I've received has been especially gratifying. May the coming year, 5748, be marked by a spirit of collective growth and constructive change. My wife, Berni, joins me in wishing you a year replete with the blessings of health, happiness and peace.

The JCC staff is comprised of friendly, educated, and professional people. Whenever you call the Center, you'll always be greeted with a pleasant "shalom!"



Marvin Stark
Executive Director



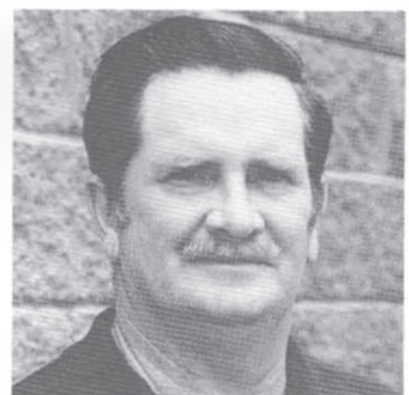
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pre-school

The Center's Pre-School Program is designed to help young children learn to grow and function as individuals within a group setting. Physical development and social relationships are encouraged through stimulating activities that are prepared by well qualified staff.



"So that's what belly buttons are used for . . ."



Sunday Child Care



The pause that refreshes . . . Mothers' Morning Out.



Peek-a-boo Sports



Jane Zimmerman & "Cooks"



"Graduates" of Nell Wing's gymnastics class



Pottery class with Toby Rosenberg



"Most of what I really need to know about how to live, and what to do, and how to be, I learned in kindergarten. Wisdom was not at the top of the graduate school mountain, but there in the sandbox at nursery school."

Robert Fulghum

free to be

Free To Be is a cooperative nursery school separate from the JCC, but located in the Center. Under the direction of Mrs. Id Goscinski, Free To Be's curriculum challenges students to grow and participate in learning about their world through fun projects and creative activities. Artists, storytellers and performers often make guest appearances to enrich the already fine program.

Free To Be is recognized and respected as an important part of early childhood education for Center members and non-members alike.





“Madge says this stuff is better than Palmolive.”



Graduation Day

youth

The JCC's Youth Programs have long been known to offer wholesome recreation for elementary school age children. Center girls and boys can choose from an increasingly wide array of special and regular programs: art classes, vacation camps, sports events, gymnastics, performances, and holiday happenings, to name but a few. Several new programs were introduced this past year to the acclaim of our toughest critics, the kids themselves. With a growing youth enrollment, the JCC's commitment to this age group reveals itself through expanded programs that feature new and traditional favorites alike.



Storytelling with Patti Hughes



Marvin Stark wows the kids with tales of his high school basketball glory days.

Here is my song for the asking / Ask me and I will play / So sweetly, I'll make you smile . . .

—Paul Simon



Betsy Webber teaches music for February Vacation Camp.



Creative Movement Class



Senate Select Committee



"Me? Have a Swiss bank account?"



All eyes are glued to the set while Ollie North testifies.

teen programs

The Center strives to provide exciting programs for teenagers, plans its own events, and works in conjunction with other youth groups.

Last year a teen Drama Group was established and performed "Portland Potpourri," a very well received musical revue of Broadway hits. The JCC hosted an Inter-City Teen Weekend, which brought together young people from Lewiston, Auburn, Augusta, Waterville, and Portland. This program was so successful that another weekend is planned later this year.



"Portland Potpourri"



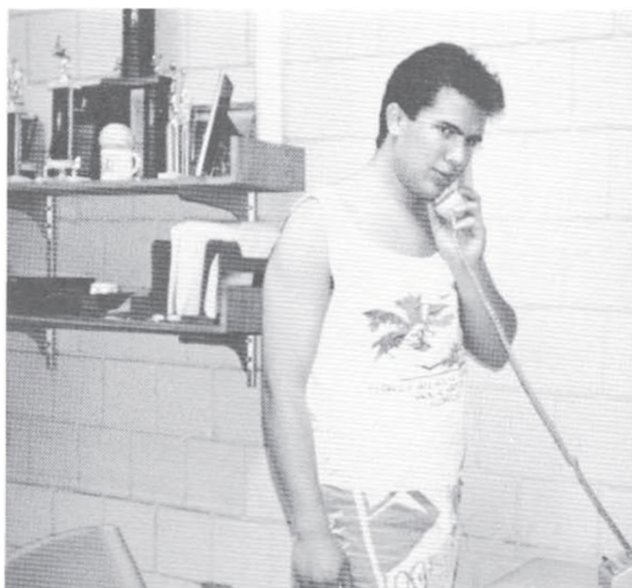
A large audience enjoys the performance.



Post-performance cast party at the JCC



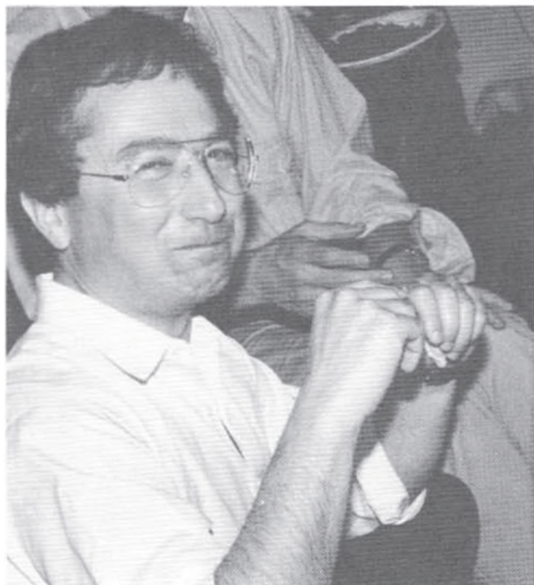
Inter-City Teen Weekend



single adults

For 1987, the JCC addressed the needs of its growing single adult community more aggressively with contemporary program events. Highlights included: brunches, cocktail parties, dinner and movie nights, and the annual summer barbeque cookout at Center Day Camp (on Sebago Lake). More single adults are attending Center functions and 1988 will mark further expansion of the singles' program.

Established this past year, the Single Parent Support Group meets on an occasional basis to discuss concerns pertinent to single adult parents. Participants have expressed their appreciation in sharing their thoughts with others going through similar situations.



A program for men and women age 55 and over who want greater personal enrichment in their lives. Co-sponsored by the JCC and the National Council of Jewish Women, Social Seniors meet twice monthly for delicious luncheons, exercise classes, discussion groups, Torah study, a book club, chess, guest speakers, special outings and much more.





Children from Levey Hebrew Day School perform Chanukah songs.



Beth Wasserzug sings.



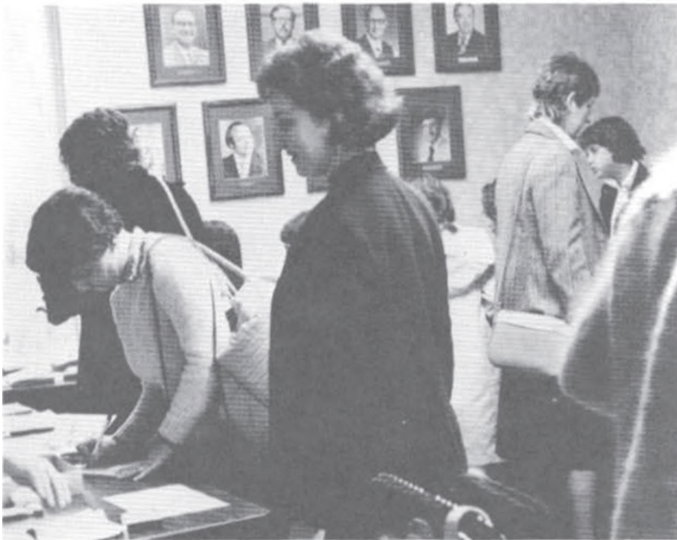
Haute cuisine



Chef Marcy Rathbun



- Jewish Book Fair
- Israeli Chassidic Festival
- Sunday Mornings at JCC
- Community-Wide Chanukah Celebration
- Family Suppers
- Center Women's Club
- Monte Carlo Night
- Purim Carnival
- Matzah Bakery



Jewish Book Fair



Musician-storyteller Doug Lipman entertains . . .



. . . a captive audience.



Israeli Chassidic Festival



Sunday mornings at JCC



Chanukah singers



"Watch me pull a rabbit out of my hat!"



Chanukah Marathon



... and they're off!



Moe Mehlsak and Barry Freedman:
Family Supper Chefs Extraordinaire.





MISHPOCHEH - family, including relatives far, near, remote and numerous; ancestors, lineage. The closest thing in English to mishpocheh is "clan." Nothing is more flattering than to say someone comes from a fine "mishpocheh."



The Chase Manhattan Bank's memorable advertising campaign was built around the slogan "You have a friend at Chase Manhattan." The sign that a sign in the window of the Bank of Israel reads: "- But here you have MISPOCHEH!"

- Leo Rosten, THE JOYS OF YIDDISH





CWC President Roberta Zimmerman speaks on the past year's activities.



Center Women's Club Donor Dinner



Donor Dinner Co-Chairwomen Judi Slotsky and Karen Lerman



CWC New Officers: (l to r) Heidi Litman, Paula Finegold, Geri Hirsch, Judy Johnson, Roberta Zimmerman, Anita Romanow.



Geri Hirsch presents Alan Hirsch with a check that enabled Center Day Camp to buy new picnic tables.



Bette Novick - CWC Woman of the Year. Her family says "Nobody does it better."



Monte Carlo Night.



"When does the fun start?"



Purim Carnival packs 'em in.



*Behold, how good and how pleasant it is —
When brethren dwell together in unity.*

— Psalms 133:1



"What's in this stuff anyway, Betsy?"



Matzah Bakery



Quality Control Team



Howard Reben entertains enthusiastic bidders with his auctioneering talent at the successful Service Auction.

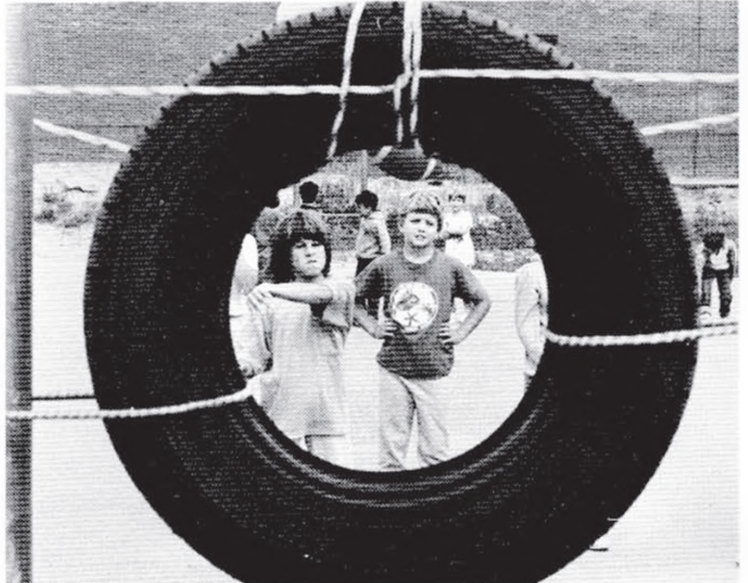
As always, the Center had an active calendar of athletic events. Beginning with the Maccabiah Games and continuing with our Winter Basketball Programs, Swimming, Vacation Camps, Softball and the Awards Banquet, it was a good year. One highlight was the High School Basketball Team's Championship and a new addition to our program was a Summer Basketball League at the Center.



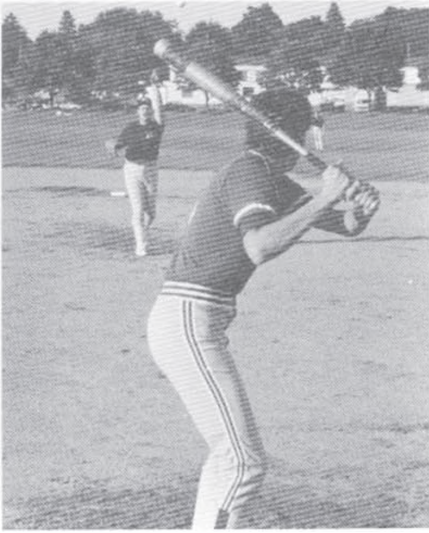
1987 League Champs: JCC High School Basketball Team.



JCC Board of Directors vs. High School Team.



Maccabiah Games: Football Throw



Brenerman strikes out the opponent.



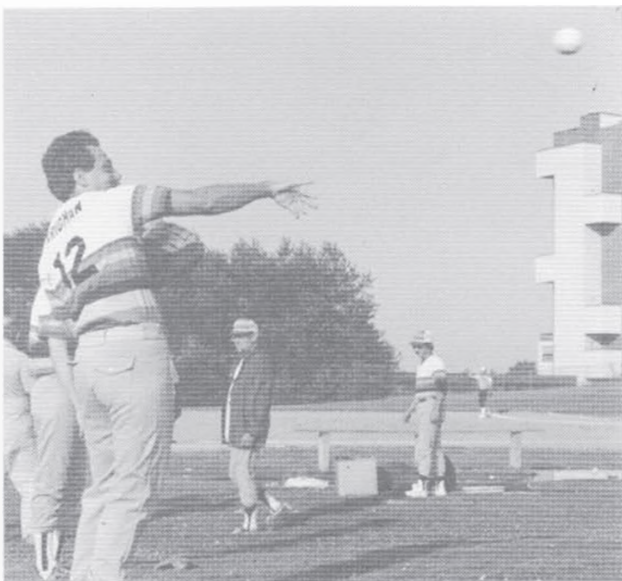
The JCC Green Team.



Home is where the heart is.



The A.K.'s



"Strong Arm" Krigman warms up.



Women's Bowling



37th Annual Sports Awards Banquet hosts a large crowd.



Ray Messier makes awards presentations.



High School Basketball Team win the League Championship Awards.



Marc Jacobson (r) presents the Stephen Brent Jacobson Scholarship Award to Eric Schatz.



Andy Willis (center), winner of the President's Cup, with parents Stephen and Joan.

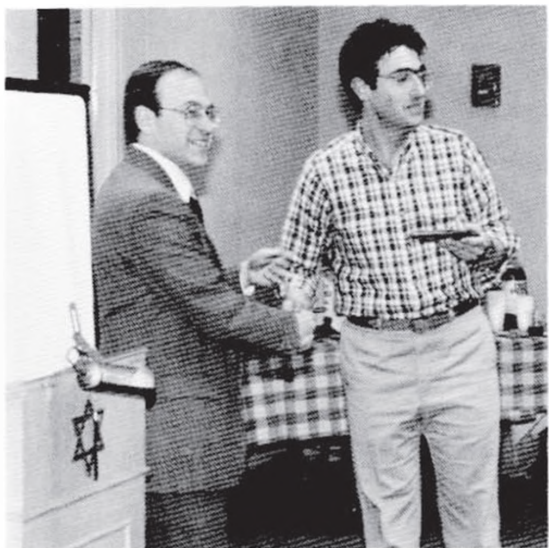
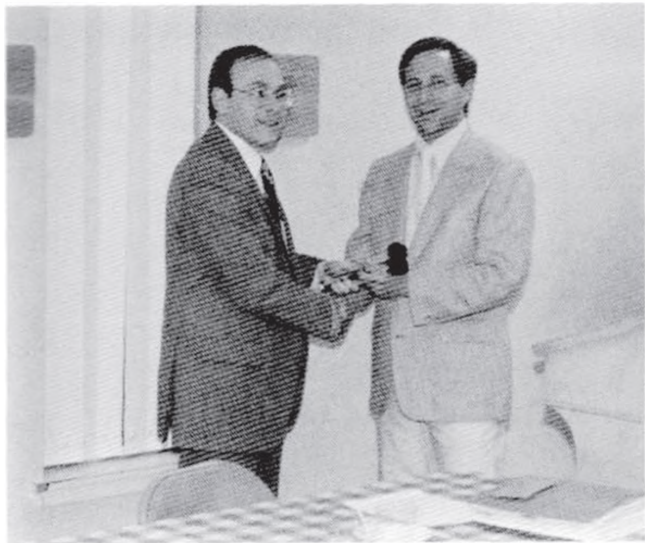


Winners take all.

annual meeting

*"Who is wise? He who learns from everyone.
Who is honored? He who honors others."*

— The Talmud, ETHICS OF THE FATHERS



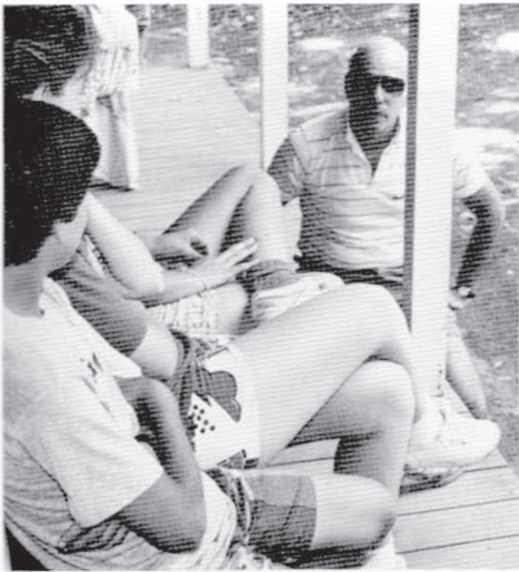
center day camp

Located in the Sebago Lake region, Center Day Camp has an excellent reputation for providing great outdoor summer fun for youngsters age 3½ to 13, and 1987 was no exception.

Led by Camp Director Alan Hirsch and New Horizons Director Geri Hirsch, children swim, sail, go canoeing, create arts and crafts, and enjoy nature programs.

Let your children explore and appreciate the natural beauty of Maine in a memorable experience by enrolling them in CDC '88.





*Sounds of laughter here comes sunshine smiling faces all around
they possess you bless you sunshine you can never let them down
I say Sunshine . . .*

— James Taylor





Center Men's Club

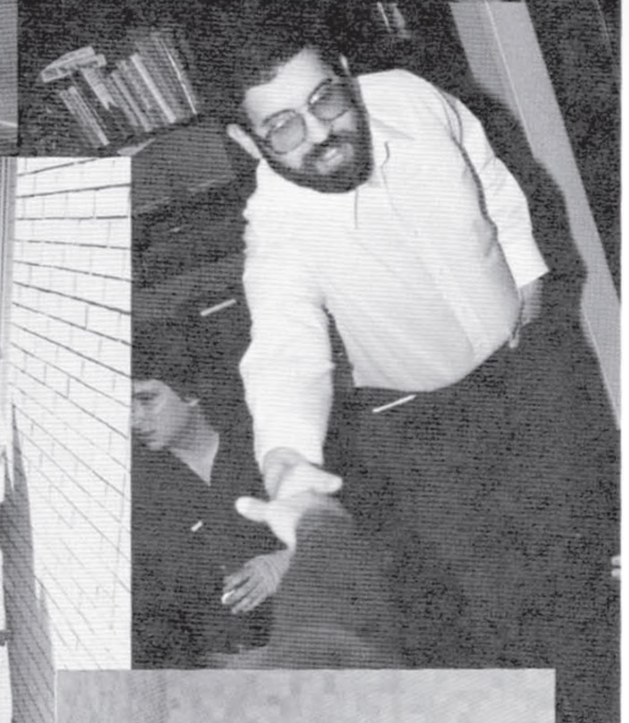
would like to wish everyone

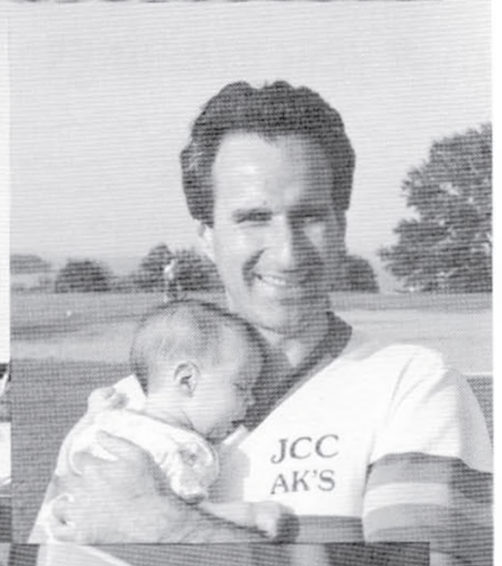
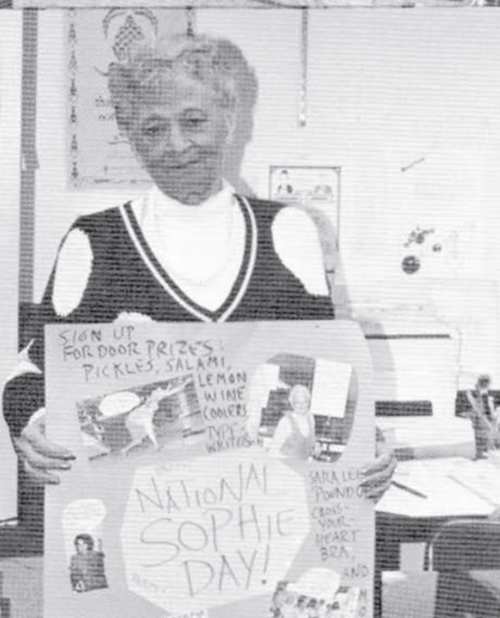
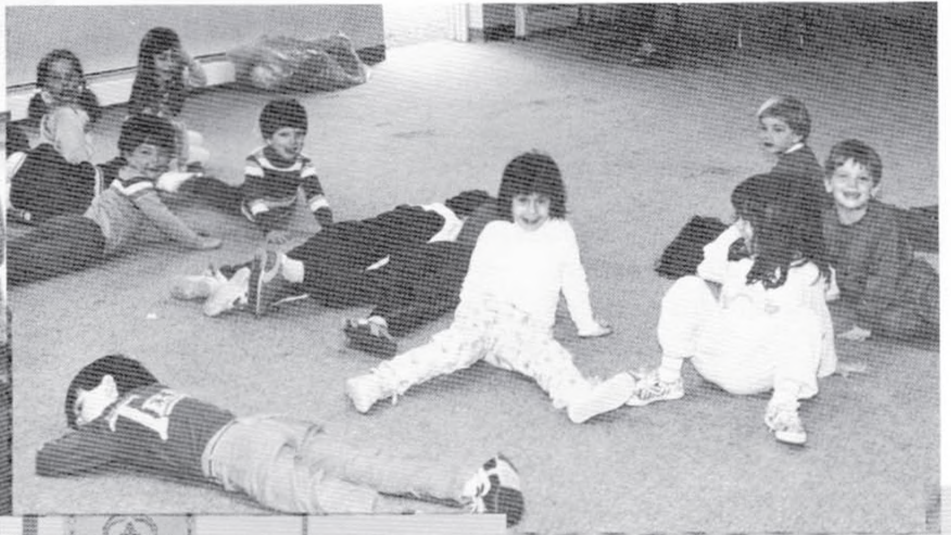
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NEW YEAR!

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