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overview of the urgent needs for Federation funding throughout the Jewish world. She stated that the Charlotte Women's Division's 1987 goal of \$125,000 was earmarked to support the growing demands of the Charlotte Jewish community as well as to improve the quality of life for Jews wherever they reside. Emily outlined the Lion of Judah program which actively began in Charlotte last year. She recognized the outstanding commitment to strengthen all aspects of Women's Division's goals made by Lion of Judah donors: Anita Blumenthal, Bobbie Bernstein, Pearl Kier, Gloria Lerner and the newest Lion of Judah recipient, Renee Gorelick.

[Editor's note: At "deadline" time, we were informed that Sandra (Mrs. Leon) Levine is the latest Lion of Judah recipient.]

Pearl Kier introduced the evening's guest speaker and cited an impressive list of the former Miss America's accomplishments. Ms. Myerson



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Pacesetters and guests enjoyed the speakers, food and lively conversation.

was chosen by three American Presidents to serve on major commissions: Mental Health, World Hunger and Productivity/Quality of Working Life; she served for five years as Chair of Women's Division Israel Bonds for Greater New York. She is currently Commissioner of Cultural Affairs for New York City. The charming and statuesque Bess Myerson opened her address with a delightful Yiddish anecdote (in Yiddish) which she said was one of her father's favorites. She proceeded to alert her audience to the fallacy of complacency in the face of overt and covert anti-Semitism. Ms. Myerson related several well documented anti-Semitic episodes, bringing it into personal focus with the experience of seeing her father's tombstone overturned and defaced.

Turning her thoughts to Israel, she acknowledged that her mentor and close personal friend Golda Meir (nee Myerson) imbued her with the courage and fortitude vital to her constant striving for a strong, independent Israel, inpiring her to work unceasingly to assure that Israel remain the haven it was meant to be for displaced Jewry.

Injecting a Yiddish word here and there, sharing personal family anecdotes and elaborating eloquently on her earnest and dedicated work for world Jewry, Bess Myerson left her audience with an indelible impression — the mark of a great lady.



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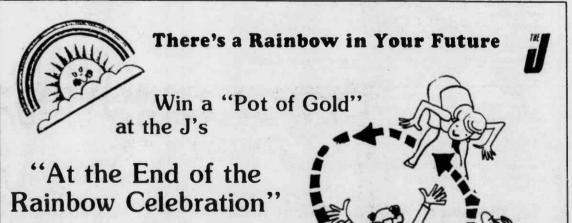
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