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## BBW Personal Giving Campaign: International President is Guest Speaker

Both chapters of B'nai B'rith Women, Charlotte Chapter and HaLailah, will be holding their annual Personal Giving Campaign in early September. The outstanding and dynamic guest speaker at both events will be International B'nai B'rith Women President Irma Gertler. The theme of this year's campaign is "L'Dor V'Dor - From Generation to Generation".

### HaLailah

HaLailah's personal giving campaign will be on Sept. 1 with a dinner at 7:30 p.m. at Shalom Park. This will be a very special evening; both members and guests are invited. For further information and to RSVP call Wendy Rosen, 364-9765 or Maddie Joffe, 554-6705. This annual fundraising supports national and international BBW programs, such as ADL, BBYO, Hillel, Children's Home in Israel, etc.

### Charlotte Chapter

Charlotte Chapter BBW will hold their campaign on Sept. 2 beginning with a reception at 11 a.m. with seating for the luncheon at 11:30 p.m. at Shalom Park. Cost for the luncheon is \$5; your check is your reservation. Guests are welcome. RSVP to: BBW, 2425 Quail Lake Dr., Charlotte, NC 28210 by Aug. 26. Babysitting and transportation are available upon request. Call Bussie Goldberg, 553-7180 or Iris Spil, 365-3041.



Irma Gertler

If a BBW volunteer calls you requesting your reservation for personal giving, please make a pledge at this time if unable to attend the luncheon. This direct solicitation is the chapter's biggest annual fundraising to support BBW's many projects.

## Michael Minton Welcomed As Charlotte Jewish Federation Director

By Joel Goldman

Ushering in a new administration era for the Charlotte Jewish Federation, Michael L. Minkin will assume the role of Federation Executive Director beginning August 1.

Michael brings with him an impressive background in professional organizational experience. His most recent position was that of Executive Director for the Los Angeles, California office of the Development Corporation of Israel. In that capacity, Michael assumed overall responsibility for a \$32 million annual community fund raising campaign.

Prior to his being Director of the Israeli Development Corporation, he served as Executive Director for the Develop-

ment Corporation for Israel in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. His responsibilities covered a multitude of planning and implementing of community-wide fund raising efforts. He held the post from 1983 to 1986. From 1980 to 1983, he was Associate Campaign Director for the Milwaukee Jewish Federation, and prior to that, he was in private clinical individual and family counseling practice.

Michael is closely affiliated with the National Association of Social Workers, Association of Jewish Community Organizational Personnel and other Jewish professional organizations.

He received both his BS in Sociology and his MSC from the University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, WI, and is a veteran of Vietnam. Michael will be joined in Charlotte by



Michael Minkin

his wife, Janet, and two sons—Benjamin, 15, and Josh, 12.

It is with a great deal of anticipation and pleasure that the Charlotte Jewish community welcomes Mike and his family to our city.

## After Fifty Years — A Trip Back Home

By Milly Goldstein

Last December I received an invitation from the Senate and the Lord Mayor of the city of Fulda, Germany, my birthplace, to take part in the dedication of my former Jewish school. All travel and accommodations were handled and paid for by the city.

This school, which I attended as a child, had been completely rebuilt and renovated by the city. They planned to use it as a Jewish Cultural Center and a memorial of the Holocaust. It will also serve as a place of prayer for the small community of Jewish people now living in Fulda and surrounding cities. There is a District Rabbi, who travels around among them.

I thought for quite a while and at first did not want to go, since it would bring back too many bad memories. But since my two brothers were going (one brother from Long Branch, NJ and the other from Manchester, England), I finally decided to accept the invitation and join them. My daughter came along with me.

We arrived at the Frankfurt airport and were greeted by the Mayor and members of the city government, as well as television cameras and reporters from the local newspaper. Then we boarded a bus for the 1½ hour trip to Fulda and to our hotel. There were approximately 330 people from five different continents arriving for this occasion, and the buses were run-



Milly Goldstein on her trip to Fulda, Germany.

ning back and forth all day to pick up all the guests arriving on various flights. Each of the

visit to the Jewish cemetery, a symphony concert at the "Schloss" (a former castle) and

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chartered buses had a nurse on hand, as well as travel guides. They finally got the group settled in eleven different hotels.

Since most of the people were strictly kosher, all the meals were catered and brought in to the various hotels daily.

The committee had a busy agenda planned for us. We had programs every day and night, including a city tour, a bus trip to the Rhone mountains, a

banquets every evening. All of these functions were attended by the Mayor and the City Council. At the first night's get-together the Mayor greeted us with a beautiful speech. I met many of my former classmates and best friends, whom I had not seen for almost 50 years. There were tears, hugging and joy, and a lot of talking.

The highlight was the dedication of the school. Rabbi Levy from Israel, a Cantor from New York and the Dis-



trict Rabbi over Fulda, led the outside service. It was a very moving service especially as the mezuza was nailed to the doorway and the kaddish recited. At the conclusion of the dedication we went inside the school. I visited my former classroom and found my first grade class picture in a photo album.

Security was very tight at all the functions and they also had Red Cross nurses on hand.

On Friday night, we attended a service at the new cultural center, followed by a beautiful Shabbat dinner. The dinner took place at a hotel which was within walking distance, since many of the people would not ride a bus on Shabbat. For this dinner, the candles were lit.

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