

Women's Division of Federation

Newcomers Receive Warm Welcome

By Jody Pinion

Another Shalom Y'all get-together, sponsored by the Women's Division of the Charlotte Jewish Federation on December 9, featured wine, cheese, crackers and soft drinks. I was fortunate to meet 18 newcomers as we mingled and talked further with:

Solomon and Elvira Bumshstein, who moved to Charlotte one and a half years ago, most recently from Birmingham, Alabama. Originally from Russia, they have been in the states 12 years. Solomon works for an engineering firm. Elvira is in accounting. They have two children: Irene, 21, and Marsha, 15. They like it here and feel "pretty settled."

Richard and Ruth Feldman have been here since October from Philadelphia. Richard is the Assistant Director for Psychiatry at Gaston Memorial Hospital. Ruth plans to begin part-time work as a pediatric occupational therapist. They were accompanied by their 10-month-old daughter, Sarah Rose. They like Charlotte very much and are impressed by the outgoing quality of the people.

Arthur and Sylvia Gordon moved to Charlotte in June from Pennsylvania. They have several relatives already here, including two children. They are retired now and "love it here."

Susan Blumberg is a violinist with the Charlotte Symphony. She moved here in mid-September from Washington, D.C. She is single and enjoys horseback riding. She has found people very friendly.

Abner and Ruth Firestone are here just two months from New York. They have three

sons, including one who moved to Charlotte with his family, so they came along! Abner is retired; Ruth came to be with her grandson Eric. They have found the people and the weather "lovely."

Marcia Hirshfield moved to Charlotte with her fiancé Mel Saltz from Israel two weeks ago. Mel works for Willard Industries. Marcia has two children: Daniella, 12, and Micha, 10.

Rosalind Taranto has been in Charlotte two and a half months. She sold her business in Columbus, Georgia, picked Charlotte as a progressive southern community, and now she is working as an executive placement director with Position, Inc. She has three daughters and two grandsons.

Barry and Lisa Wohl received the newest newcomer prize for the evening. They have been here just one week from Irvine, California, and came looking for a change in lifestyle. Barry is a writer and editor, looking for employment in publishing. Lisa is an RN. What's not to like about Charlotte? The traffic!

Linda and Sam Levy have been in Charlotte four months from Long Island, New York. Sam works for Royal Insurance as the Corporate Economist. Linda is the Federation secretary. They have two children: Simon, 22, and Sharon, 18. They "love it here and won't go back."

Barry Schneider and Sue Alman have been in Charlotte since May. Barry, a gastroenterologist, is originally from Winston-Salem. Sue is from New York. She has an MBA in Marketing and is presently job hunting. They enjoy travel

and are fixing up the old house where they are currently living. Their baby is expected in May.

Jeff and Laura Schwartz moved from Minneapolis in September. Jeff works for Honeywell. Laura is with First Union Brokerage. They have just bought a house and are anxious to move into it with their poodle Curly. They think Charlotte is pretty but they don't understand the roads.

Amy Schiff has been in Charlotte since August from Columbus, Ohio. She is an Armstrong Representative and enjoys basketball, racquetball and working out. Amy says Charlotte has given her a warm welcome and it feels like home. She is single.

Organizations and their representatives present were Steve Menaker and Jeff Turk, B'nai B'rith Men; Maddie Joffe, HaLailah Chapter BBW; Jill Newman, JCC; Jim Montag and Sally Schrader, Temple Beth El V'Shalom; Debbie Telem, Charlotte Jewish Day School; Emily Zimmern, Women's Division of Charlotte Jewish Federation; Linda Segal, Hadassah; and Jessica Kranz, JCC Youth Programming Director.

This successful evening couldn't have been possible without the Shalom Y'all committee: Jody Pinion, Chair; Sandra Weinstein, Betsy Lewis, Kim Schrader, Harriet Hurlich, Richard Roskind and Fran Rosenberg.

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ily histories relate their personal stories, their triumphs and tragedies, and celebrate their will to live.

This special trip is open to all members of the Charlotte Jewish community. Men, women and teen-aged youth are encouraged to attend. The entire cost of the trip, including lunch and a wine and cheese

snack (soft drinks for youth) is \$35 per person. Make every effort to join us on January 24.

For more information, call Dorothy Ashendorf, 541-7044; Rosalind Taranto, 541-5158; or Vicki Hopkins at the Charlotte Jewish Federation, 366-5007. Or use the form, below, for your reservation.

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