Women's Division of Federation

Shalom Y'all Greets Newcomers

By Jody Pinion

Shalom Y'all held a social on the evening of Feb. 10 to welcome newcomers to Charlotte.

Marisa Rosenfeld moved to Charlotte three months ago from Rio De Janeiro, Brazil. She is divorced and works for Sandoz Chemical. Because of economic pressures within Brazil, she finds the U.S. "safer." She enjoys music, reading, swimming and the Yiddish Vinkl.

Pearl and Eli Hyman are here just four weeks from Johannesburg, South Africa. Their daughter, Cheryl Spanganthal and her family have been living here for five years. The Hymans have another child in South Africa. They are retired and plan to spend their time reading, sewing and taking care of their three grand-children.

Richard and Faunette Kohl have been in Charlotte since December. They moved most recently from Dallas but because they had lived 25 years in Greensboro, moving to Charlotte has been like "coming home." Richard works for Fligel Uniforms. They have two daughters, one in Raleigh and one in Norfolk.

Jim and Amy Bowen, our newest newcomers of the evening, have been here just three weeks from Winston-Salem. Jim is a chef at Myers Park Country Club; Amy works part time at Piedmont Airlines. They have two children, Erica and Andrew. They brought Amy's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Katz, who were

visiting from New Jersey.

Suzanne Portnoy Upton grew up in Charlotte, moved to Rhode Island, and came back one month ago with her two-year-old daughter, Jessica. Being a full time mother to Jessica is time consuming enough, but she tries to find time for reading books with words larger than four letters and no pictures!

Renee Spatz also grew up in Charlotte and after moves to Chicago and Florida, she is back to stay. She has been here about a year. She is a management consultant and is single. She commented that the growth in the area is incredible.

Dr. Barry Schneider and Sue Alman came back for a second time. It was good to see them again. They are expecting their first baby in May and Barry announced he is setting up a private practice in gastroenterology.

Tipper Gore Speaks at Luncheon

Tipper Gore, activist for Soviet Jewry, child advocacy and the homeless, spoke on these issues at the Women's Division luncheon on Feb. 4. Mrs. Gore, wife of Tennessee Senator Albert Gore, Jr., is a member of the Congressional Wives for Soviet Jewry. She explained her family's commitment to freedom for Soviet Jews stemming from their meeting with refuseniks in the Soviet Union.

Mrs. Gore was the keynote speaker at the luncheon for those women whose commitment to the 1988 Women's Division Campaign is \$125 or above. Meg Goldstein, 1988 Campaign chair, highlighted that our campaign dollars will immediately begin to benefit our fellow Jews locally, worldwide and in Israel. Ms. Goldstein enthusiastically announced that the Women's Division is very close to reaching their goal of raising \$157,500.



(L to R) Meg Goldstein, Tipper Gore, Emily Zimmern.

Emily Zimmern, president of Women's Division, spoke of the importance of being politically aware and active as Jews. She emphasized the necessity to lend support to politicians who both support our causes enthusiastically and to those who do not. She announced that twenty-nine

members of the Charlotte Jewish Federation Young Leadership group will be traveling to Washington to meet with members of our Congressional delegation.

Eighty women attended the luncheon held at the Royce Hotel. Jeanie Katz and Lynn Sheffer cochaired the luncheon.

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