

Charlotte Jewish Federation

UJA Held 110 Missions in '87 UJA Young Leadership Conference (cont'd from page 1)

In 1987 the United Jewish Appeal Missions Program took more than 4,800 Jewish community leaders to Israel on 110 customized national and community missions. National UJA mission participants raised \$65 million to support humanitarian programs and social services for Jews at home, in Israel and in 33 countries around the world. This represents a substantial fund-raising increase over 1986. The announcement was made by UJA National Missions Chairman Bennett L. Aaron of Philadelphia.

Over 80 federations have had community and special group missions to Israel last year. While the itineraries varied depending on the nature of the constituency, mission participants have taken part in a wide variety of activities. They include: welcoming the Sabbath in Jerusalem, visiting the homes of Israelis from all walks of life, spending an afternoon with kibbutz families, greeting recent Ethiopian immigrants at a Jewish Agency absorption center supported by the UJA/Federation Campaign, chatting with soldiers at an army base, picking tomatoes on a southern moshav and meeting Project Renewal residents who explained how Renewal improved their lives. UJA missions allow contributors who have been personally involved in the Campaign to see with their own eyes what their support has accomplished.

In addition to federation and community missions, there were also UJA National Missions geared to specialized constituencies where par-

ticipants came from all the regions of the U.S. These included Allocations, Geshet, Rabbinic Cabinet, Singles, Women's Division, Young Leadership, Family, Study and Student Missions. Moreover, the past year's Major Gifts Missions included the Prime Minister's Mission and the three Israel 40th Anniversary Missions.

Mr. Aaron said that the UJA should be proud of the role it plays in promoting tourism to Israel. "However, our trips go beyond the usual tourist map," said Aaron, "so that donors can see what their gifts have achieved. Meeting the people who have shaped Israel's history and meeting the Israeli family create exciting experiences that will always be treasured."

The UJA plans to take over 6,000 people to Israel in 1988 as part of the continuing 40th Anniversary celebrations and UJA's upcoming 50th Anniversary events. Some of these missions offer optional pre-missions, designed to set an historic and cultural context for the visit to Israel. Czechoslovakia, Romania, Hungary and Morocco are among the destinations available on the pre-mission programs.

In addition to being an unmatched educational and enjoyable travel experience, a UJA Mission has proven to be the most effective campaign and leadership development instrument available to communities.

Additional information on UJA Missions to Israel may be obtained by calling Alan Isaacs at (212) 818-9100, ext. 336.

address by Nobel Peace Laureate, Elie Wiesel. Wiesel was followed over the next six meals by UN Ambassador Benyamin Netanyahu, Senators Frank Lautenberg, Bob Packwood, George Mitchell, Howard Metzenbaum, Daniel Inouye, Alfonse D'Amato and Edward Kennedy; refuseniks Natan Scharansky and Maria and Vladimir Slepak; the Honorable Abba Eban. However, the most important and compelling keynote address was made by Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir.

In his address, Shamir spoke directly to the question of peace. He recognized the difficulties of current unrest places not only on Israel but on all world Jewry and other friends of Israel. Shamir left no doubt of his willingness for peace and clearly outlined his position on the peace process. As internal Israeli debate increases over how to best resolve the current situation it is clear that the desire for peace is alive and well in the State of Israel.

On our last morning in Washington, all 3000 attendees met with their Congressmen and Senators to express our desire for their support of Israel during important votes in Congress and to show our unwavering and unified support for Israel as a Jewish community during these difficult times. The North Carolina delegation, approximately 70 people from all over the state, broke up into small groups to meet with all the N.C. Congressional Representatives, after which we all gathered to meet with both Sen. Terry Sanford and Sen. Jesse Helms. The meetings were candid, informative and extremely positive.

For all in our delegation, the conference renewed our pride in Israel and in our own community and our determination to continue our efforts for a secure Israel.

Editor's note: Those who attended were Alan & Lee Blumenthal, Richard Bober, Robert Damsky, William & Gloria Grifenhagen, Phil & Maddie Joffe, Phillip & Dee Kridel, Alan Kronovet, Steve Menaker, Mike Minkin, Paul & Claire Putterman, Frank & Wendy Rosen, Mike & Shari Simon, Morris & Linda Spil, Vicki Hopkins, Emily & Sam Zimmern, Sandy Berlin, Leslie Kooyman and Danny Levine.



Three thousand delegates welcomed Israeli Prime Minister Shamir (center).



Senators Terry Sanford (L) and Jesse Helms (R) spoke to NC delegates.




Time out to eat: (L to R) Sandy Berlin, Les Kooyman, Gloria & Bill Grifenhagen, Alan & Lee Blumenthal, Claire Putterman.



Leadership Development Chairman Paul Putterman with wife Claire.



Part of our delegation: (1st row) Shari & Mike Simon; (2nd row) Wendy & Frank Rosen.



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