

Kick-Off of '89 Campaign — cont'd from page 6 —

Blanche Jaffa (Ben Jaffa Sr.), Hilda Kirsner (Hattie Malever), Sidney Levin, Gladys Lavitan, Adolph "Sonny" Melasky, Hannah Nabow (David Nabow), Judy Neiman (Maurice Neiman), E.E. Packard, Minnie Sutker (Nathan Sutker), Ida Smith (A.E. Smith), Paul Fligel, Wilson Lewith.

Keynote speaker of the evening was Marty F. Stein, of Milwaukee. Stein is a businessman active in numerous philanthropic endeavors. He is Chairman of the Board of the United Jewish Appeal, member of the Executive Committee of the Milwaukee Jewish Federation, and an active participant in AIPAC.

Stein told how UJA was also founded in '38. Before Kristallnacht, said Stein, the Jews of America were alone. Nobody cared about us and we were fearful of making waves. Even if the Nazis were to have let the Jews leave Germany, they had no place to go.

After the terrible years of 1938-45, he emphasized, it was seen how Jews must never again be without a homeland. There must always be a place for Jews, stressed Stein, be it in Israel or a caring community such as Charlotte. It is for this very reason that the Federation must continue to grow.

In the past, such actions as the exodus of Ethiopian Jews to Israel, the Israeli destruction of the Iraqi atomic reactor and the successful waging of the 1973, 1967 and 1948 wars would have been difficult to sustain without help from Federations throughout the U.S.

Emily Zimmern, president of Women's Division and vice president of the Charlotte Jewish Federation, spoke on "The Call to Action," the case for the 1989 Charlotte Jewish Federation Campaign. She emphasized the importance of active participation and giving in this Campaign.

The evening closed with a social gathering and partaking of sumptuous desserts catered by Peggy Gartner and Janet Lefkowitz.



Richard Klein presents certificate to Blanche Jaffa, his aunt.



Herman Blumenthal makes presentation to Annie Gorelick (ctr).



Jerry Levin accepted for his father, Sidney Levin.



Paul Fligel, another of the "founders."



Adolph "Sonny" Melasky



Marty F. Stein, keynote speaker



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Dr. Albright Addresses Jewish Community on Israel Trip

Dr. Robert Albright, president of Johnson C. Smith University, recently spoke about his observations on his June trip to Israel. Dr. Albright was part of a delegation of leaders of Black universities. The tour was sponsored by the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith.

Dr. Albright first noted that he and other delegation members were impressed with the agricultural and scientific advances pioneered by the Israelis. Although these advances are well-known, seeing them first hand makes one appreciate the hardships of the land and the effort that has made such successes possible.

The delegation was also struck by Israel's endeavors to instruct children in Jewish history. Museums such as the Museum of the Diaspora especially attracted their attention.

Four participants met with Israeli and Arab leaders and gained a deeper understanding of the roots and feelings underlying the conflict. For anyone who is planning to travel to Israel, or for anyone who wants a better appreciation of how ordinary Israelis, Palestinians and Israeli Arabs feel, Dr. Albright recommended a book by New York Times correspondent David K. Shipley called "Arab & Jew: Wounded Spirits in the Promised Land." The book is available at the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Public Library.

The Community Relations Committee of the Charlotte Jewish Federation sponsored Dr. Albright's talk, which was held during a Friday evening Shabbat service at Temple Israel.

— Laura Knight

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