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1990 Campaign Update: Gala Kickoff to be November 4

The 1990 campaign is off to an extremely productive start. Energy is high and enthusiasm is great. The Men's and Women's Campaign Cabinets have both held caucuses which were extremely successful. Caucus experience allows leadership to talk in small and intimate groups about their volunteer work and motivation.

The campaign workforce is

coming together in preparation for workers' training on Sunday, October 29. At that time, the entire cadre will learn about local, overseas and Israel needs. A special emphasis will be placed on the new developments in the USSR and the restructuring of the exit system. As word has it, processing will take place in the USSR itself and Soviet Jews will leave directly to the state of Israel or the United States and

bypassing Rome.

Also, the community is gearing up for the Gala Campaign Kick-off. Watch for information in the mail to tell you about this extravaganza planned for Saturday evening, November 4 at the Adams Mark Hotel. Jerry Farber, a unique, funny and sensitive comic-humanist, will perform.

The Leadership Circle has and

is listening to our needs and helping to set the goal for the 1990 campaign. The needs have been coming in at a record pace with requests from the Charlotte Jewish Federation's constituent agencies and Israel running approximately 15% over last year. Our goal for the 1990 Campaign will be announced in the November issue of *The CJN*.



Jerry Farber

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JCC Announces Second Annual Cultural Arts Concert Series

Thanks to the enthusiastic response and resounding success last year, the "J" Cultural Arts Series is back. We are excited and very proud to offer another series of outstanding artists for the 1989-90 concert season.

The Oratorio Chamber Singers of Charlotte, led by Dr. Mary Nell Saunders, and the Rhodora Players will appear at the first concert on Sunday evening, October 29 at 7:30 p.m. in Gorelick Hall at Shalom Park.

The Oratorio Chambers Singers is a group of 34 singers chosen by audition from among the 160-voice Oratorio Singers of Charlotte. Called the Chamber Chorus, this group formed in 1982 and has performed works by such composers as Dave Brubeck and Gilbert & Sullivan. After conducting the Chamber Chorus in concert in 1983, the renowned Zubin Mehta said, "Never did I expect to come here and find a group



The Rhodora Players.

equal to any I have performed with in New York."

The Rhodora Players is one of the outstanding chamber ensembles in the Piedmont. It offers a varied repertoire, including all styles of music from the Renaissance to the Modern. Members of the ensemble are all key players with the Charlotte

Symphony.

We are most certainly guaranteed an evening of music-making with these two fine ensembles sharing the first concert of the "J" Cultural Arts Concert Series program 1989-90. For ticket prices and/or more information, please contact Scott Snyder, JCC Program Director, 366-5007.

JDC Sends High Holiday Food, Supplies, Good Wishes

The American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC) has completed an operation to supply remote Jewish communities throughout the world with food and supplies to help them celebrate the High Holidays in true Jewish tradition.

Shipments of Etrogim and Lulavim were sent to Jewish communities in Vienna, Italy, Poland, Romania, Hungary, Czechoslovakia, as well as the Soviet Union, where, for the first time, JDC has the opportunity to reach all of the 114 existing synagogues in the USSR. In addition, shipments of food were distributed to the Jewish community in Egypt.

Sylvia Hassenfeld, President of JDC, said, "As JDC commemorates its 75th Anniversary, we continue our commitment to serve Jews in need, wherever they may be. Our ongoing and constantly evolving social welfare, rehabilitation and Jewish education programs respond to a multitude of global Jewish needs. We have overcome many challenges in the past 75 years

and I know we will continue to do so as we enter a new and exciting chapter in Jewish history. New doors are opening in Eastern Europe and JDC will be there to help each Jewish community take full advantage of every opportunity to harness its communal energies and strengthen its sense of Jewish identity and continuity.

This year, in addition to its worldwide distribution of goods, JDC will be disseminating jars of pure Ethiopian honey to several Jewish Federations in the United States. JDC's New York Headquarters received a 400-pound shipment of honey harvested by farmers in Teda District, which is the hub of JDC's project area in the Gondar Region of Ethiopia.

JDC operates non-sectarian agricultural, health and development projects in Ethiopia.

"This is a special treat for us," said Michael Schneider, Executive Vice President of JDC. "The production of this honey is indicative of the types of programs we seek to operate in

Ethiopia — small-scale development projects designed to generate income to aid poor villagers. We are delighted to share this honey with the American Jewish community — those people who make it possible for JDC to conduct activities in Ethiopia and throughout the world."

The American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee is the overseas relief arm of the American Jewish community. Its services are supported by contributions to UJA-Federation campaigns throughout the United States.

Singles Weekend Hailed A Tremendous Success



Gail Prince (center) with fun-loving singles.

Approximately 135 Jewish singles, ages 20 plus, convened in Charlotte for an eventful Labor Day weekend. It brought people together from N.Y., N.J., PA, OH, KY, GA, S.C., VA and N.C. The events were held at the Park Hotel and the Jewish Community Center. The weekend was sponsored by the JCC and planned by Fran Rosenberg, director of Adult Services.

Gail Prince, named "The Dr. Ruth of the Singles World" by talk show host Oprah Winfrey, conducted the workshops. Gail is an articulate speaker, prolific writer and "dating coach" to thousands of never married, divorced and widowed adults. She has appeared in *Newsweek*, *People Magazine* and numerous television shows. The workshops were outstanding and set the tone for a harmonious, fun-filled weekend.

Friday evening began with a mixer followed by Shabbat services, led by Robert Gleiberman, and a workshop. Saturday morning a continental breakfast was enjoyed before the morning workshop, "Loving Partner," followed by a buffet luncheon

and an afternoon workshop on "Self Esteem." Saturday evening the participants enjoyed a sumptuous buffet dinner in Gorelick Hall, which was festively bedecked with sparkles and balloons. The dinner was followed by a workshop on "Flirting Techniques" and concluded with dancing and music by "The Power Station."

Sunday morning, following a continental breakfast at the Park Hotel, Gail Prince conducted a wrap-up session. All in all, everyone had a great time; according to some who have attended many singles weekends in other cities, the Charlotte weekend was rated "first class and tops." Participants expressed a strong desire for more of the same, more often and definitely having the weekend become an annual event. Ronnie Kullis from Miami commented that "she never had such a wonderful experience...from the accommodations to the people. The balance of social and learning was excellent."

For further information about upcoming events for singles call Fran Rosenberg at the JCC.

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