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JCC Cohosts 30th Anniversary Season of Golden Circle Theatre

Golden Circle Theatre, in cooperation with the Jewish Community Center, has an exciting lineup of plays. According to new Artistic Director Frank Dominguez, "the season reflects a renewed mission to present high quality community theater productions of plays traditionally regarded as having lasting value and significance." The 1989-1990 season, which marks the group's 30th consecutive year of existence, is being presented in cooperation with the JCC, which last year hosted Golden Circle's benefit production of *A Scroll from Bar Kohkba*. On the basis of that successful collaboration, the two groups have decided to join forces on a continuing basis. The JCC sees this project as "an extension of its educational, recreational and cultural activities in the community," according to the Center's Executive Director, Barry Hantman.

The 1989-1990 season opens with a gala benefit production of the successful Broadway comedy, *Social Security*. The smash hit of the 1986 season, the play focuses on the comic changes in a trendy New York couple's life when they are suddenly called upon to care for the wife's octogenarian mother. It's a hilarious yet poignant look at the role reversal which often occurs when children have to care for aging parents. *Social Security* will be performed for the patrons and benefactors of Golden Circle Theatre and the Jewish Community Center on Saturday, November 18, at 6:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m., with a reception at 8:00 p.m. Proceeds from the gala will benefit both organizations. A matinee open to the general public will be performed on Sunday, November 19, at 2:00 p.m.

Following in January, Golden Circle Theatre embarks in earnest on its mission to produce community theater revivals of plays traditionally regarded as being of lasting value and significance with a production of Tennessee Williams' chilling drama, *Suddenly Last Summer*. Set in the posh Garden District of New Orleans, the play chronicles the struggle of a young woman to prove her sanity and save her very life. Opposing her are greedy relatives and the proud, vain matriarch of the family. *Suddenly Last Summer* will be presented at 8:15 p.m. on



Frank Dominguez, Theatre Director

January 20, 25 and 27, 1990, with a 2:00 p.m. matinee on January 21, 1990.

In March, the group presents a production of *Separate Tables* by Terence Rattigan, one of Britain's leading playwrights during the period immediately following World War II. Populated by the eclectic, eccentric and hilarious residents of an English seaside boarding house, *Separate Tables* tells their various stories with sympathy, insight and humor. It will be presented at 8:15 p.m. on March 17, 22 and 24, 1990, with a matinee at 2:00 p.m. on March 18, 1990.

The season ends with a drama from Pulitzer Prize winner, Arthur Miller. *All My Sons* is a play which, though written over 40 years ago, is strangely topical in this era of Defense Department procurement scandals. In it, a father finds himself in conflict with his family and his own conscience when he must compromise his ideals in the interests of his business. *All My Sons* will be presented at 8:15 p.m. on May 26, 31 and June 2, 1990 with a matinee at 2:00 p.m. on May 27, 1990.

All performances will take place in Gorelick Hall at Shalom Park. Season tickets are \$30.00 each, or \$28.00 for students, seniors and JCC members. Single tickets are \$8.50 each, or \$7.50 for students, seniors or JCC members. Benefactors' tickets are \$500 per couple; patrons' tickets are \$125 per couple.

This is the JCC major fund raising program for the year. Your support is appreciated and in return, you have the opportunity to see four excellent and professionally performed shows. Proceeds will benefit the Golden Circle Theatre and the JCC's youth and senior adult departments. For more information, please call the JCC at 366-5007.

"Uniting the Generations": Leadership Circle Holds Goal Setting Dinner

Due to Hurricane Hugo, the Charlotte Jewish Federation's 1990 Campaign Goal Setting Dinner was rescheduled for October 10 at the City Club. Guest speaker for the evening was Dr. Arieh L. Plotkin, who recently arrived from Israel to do further research and writing in political science.

Bill and Shelton Gorelick are the co-chairs of the Leadership Circle which is comprised of leaders and major contributors to the Federation Campaign. Bill stated: "As leaders, we are able to make a Leadership Pace-setting Gift...it is my hope that we are able to answer the call and allow this year's Campaign to set a goal which will allow us to fund all requests."

It was stipulated by Shelton that after coming off of several agonizing days of allocations hearings where he had heard requests from our local, national and overseas agencies, that "The needs are awesome — the needs are great this year. Bottom line — in order for us to meet obligations that are being asked, we have to raise close to a million four hundred thousand dollars or in excess of 15-26% over last year's accomplishments."

In attendance at the dinner

were Sandy Berlin, Don Bernstein, Alan Blumenthal, Herman Blumenthal, Barry Brodsky, Paul Edelstein, Meg Goldstein, Michael Gold, Shelton Gorelick, William Gorelick, Stan Kaplan, Ralph Kier, Harry Lerner, Alvin Levine, Abe Luski, Isaac Luski, Matt Luftglass, Mike Minkin, Joel Ostrow, John Pransky, Paul Putterman, Mort Schlossman, Sol Shapiro, Harry Swimmer, Alvin Witten and Emily Zimmern.

The speaker, Dr. Arieh Plotkin, is keenly attuned to the changing moods and currents of his country's public opinion. He is briefed by Israeli Government officials, yet independent in his analysis. He brings to American and Canadian audiences a fresh and first-hand knowledge of the current Mid-Eastern scene and combines an incisive insight into Israeli and Arab problems with an acute and compassionate awareness of Jewish affairs.

Dr. Plotkin is a Haganah veteran and citizen of Israel and a former officer in the Intelligence Corps of Israel's Defense Forces. He was educated at the universities of Jerusalem and London and did his graduate work at Princeton University, where he was the first Israeli to



Dr. Arieh Plotkin

be admitted to the prestigious Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs. He gained both his M.A. and Ph.D. degrees at Princeton, where he also taught in the Department of Politics.

Dr. Plotkin has traveled extensively in the U.S. and Canada. He has appeared on TV and radio, on lecture tours for the University of Wisconsin and the University of Minnesota and has taught advanced courses, such as an Honors Seminar on Modern Israel at the City University of N.Y. In 1980 and 1983, he addressed senior seminars in Political Science at the University of Frankfurt, West Germany.

'Knubies' Has Variety of Activities

By Darren Mond

Hurricane Hugo failed to cancel our September 24 event as a few brave Knubies, a group of singles 21-35, braved the hazardous roads to spend a quiet Sunday at Lake Norman. Thanks go to Craig Gordon for being a most gracious host at his condominium and on his sailboat.

The holidays were soon upon us and many Knubies headed to their families' homes to spend the new year with relatives. However, those of us still in Charlotte decided to celebrate the new year with a Knubies break-the-fast. We thank Daniel Levine, who played host to approximately 100 people for the covered dish celebration, for offering the use of his house and for providing everyone with a special start for the year.

The next Knubies presentation was a masquerade party at



At the Break-the-Fast.

Photo/Daniel Levine

the home of Emily Montag on October 29. A full report on this event will appear in next month's CJN.

The November calendar includes a singles Friday night service, Nov. 10, at Temple Israel (open to all Knubies) with an Oneg Shabbat at Robert and Jeffrey Gleiberman's house; and

a return engagement to the Comedy Zone. We are also planning details for our New Year's gala. All particulars are included in our periodic mailings. If you have any questions or need to be added to the mailing list please contact Darren Mond at 847-3959.

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