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Morris Speizman's Estate Presents Gift to Charlotte Jewish Community Fund

The Charlotte Jewish Community Fund recently received a \$91,025 gift from the estate of Morris Speizman. This generous gift to the unrestricted fund serves as a reminder to the community of the late Mr. Speizman's concern for and interest in the Charlotte Jewish community.

Morris Speizman epitomized the Jewish tradition of combining values of family and philanthropy. Through his generosity with his time, talent and money, our community was enriched by his presence. And now we recognize his interest in Dor L'Dor



Morris Speizman

(generation to generation), providing needed help through the Endowment Fund for genera-

tions to come.

The Endowment Fund is professionally managed by First Union Capital Management and has its own Board of Directors, whose chairman is Donald Bernstein. The Fund provides the donor several methods to effect

gifting to the community while providing important tax planning to the individual as well.

In future issues of *The Charlotte Jewish News*, there will be specific articles outlining various giving vehicles that are available. In addition, general information

sessions are planned to educate our community so that everyone interested will be able to provide support to the Charlotte Jewish Community Fund.

For further information, call Don Bernstein, Endowment Chairman, 366-5007.

GA Program Taking Shape

The Council of Jewish Federations will hold its 60th General Assembly in Baltimore, Nov. 19-24. It is being organized around five major areas of significance for the Jewish community. They include:

- Strengthening North American Federations to meet the challenges ahead;
- Implications of the CJF National Jewish Population Survey;
- Israel/Diaspora relations;
- The Sephardic/Quincennial experience;
- Resettlement in Israel and North America.

In addition, Rabbi David Hartman, director of the Shalom Hartman Institute in Jerusalem, will serve as the Pearlstone Institute Scholar-in-Residence; U.S. Senator Barbara Mikulski (D-Md) will speak at the Women's Division opening plenary, and Rabbi Irving Greenberg will join Bishop Krister Stendahl, former dean of the Harvard Divinity School, in a discussion of interfaith relations. Keynote speakers are top American and Israeli government officials; last year's speakers included Israeli President Chaim Herzog, Jewish Agency leaders Mendel Kaplan and Simcha Dinitz, and former Secretary of State George Schultz.

During the five days of the GA, delegates can attend over 400 meetings, including plenaries, forums, workshops and business sessions, the purpose of which is to engage in joint planning and action on common issues dealing with local and

international concern.

The Host Committee, under the leadership of Barbara L. Himmelfrich, has planned a substantial program of activities for delegates including Jewish Heritage and "Art Lovers" bus tours, a Monet exhibit tour, the host community reception, as well as a Shabbat kiddush and a Young Leadership dance.

Delegates will be staying at the Harbor Court, Holiday Inn, Hyatt, Lord Baltimore, Marriott, Omni, Sheraton and Stouffer's hotels. Registration and other information may be obtained from the Charlotte Federation Office, 366-5007. We hope that Charlotte will have a large delegation this year.

The GA is the largest gathering of both lay and professional Jewish communal leaders in North America as well as representatives from other nations around the world. Over 2,500 delegates are expected.

The Council of Jewish Federations is the North American association of 200 Jewish federations. It serves 800 localities encompassing a Jewish population of more than 6.1 million.

Twenty-six executives from Small City Federations recently spent 12 days in Israel learning firsthand how the country is responding to the immigration of Soviet and Ethiopian Jews, as well as to other major challenges.

The executives were partici-

pants in the Council of Jewish Federations' Dorothy N. and Louis J. Fox Small City Executives Institute in Israel. Made possible by a grant from the Jill Fox Memorial Fund of Baltimore, the Institute is held every four years.

The program was organized

around a series of CJF Continuing Professional Education courses, focusing on absorption, religious pluralism and electoral reform in Israel and the issue of the settlements and territories. In addition, participants took part in the Jewish Agency Assembly, a first-time experience

for most of them.

In their course on absorption, the executives heard from leading officials of JDC and the Jewish Agency, visited Soviet and Ethiopian emigres who are living in communities rather than absorption centers and

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ROSH HASHANAH 5752 HOME CEREMONIAL READING

During the course of the festive meal on Rosh Hashanah evening, pieces of apple that have been dipped in honey are distributed to the participants and the following is read either in unison or responsively.

For centuries, Jews have celebrated Rosh Hashanah by eating apples and honey. We express our hopes and prayers that this new year ahead may be especially sweet for ourselves, our loved ones and all the Jewish people around the world.

Seated at the festive table, we remember our precious heritage. We understand that the new year is a sacred time for reflection and hope, as we pray for guidance to meet the challenges of the coming year.

The beginning of the year 5752 is marked by extraordinary events.

We are witnessing the redemption of Ethiopian Jews in the land of Israel. May their memories of famine and danger fade, as they experience the joy of reunification with their families.

We are witnessing the emigration of more than 250,000 Soviet Jews who have been isolated from the mainstream of the Jewish world for decades. May they find empathy and caring as they establish new homes among the people of Israel.

We are witnessing — where there had been repression — the resurgence of Jewish vitality in Eastern Europe. May these communities gain new strength and success in their endeavors.

We are witnessing, through Operation Exodus, an outpouring of compassion and generosity for all Jews in need. May we be thankful for our religious freedom and the ability and opportunity to extend help to others.

Now, on this Rosh Hashanah, as we once again dip our apples into honey, we recite the age-old words of our tradition. May we enlarge our horizons, pledging to ourselves that this year we will do even more to reach out to Jews in distress, wherever they may be.

Kol Yis-ra-el ah-ray-vim zeh ba-zeh. כל ישראל ערבים זה בזה.

All Israel is responsible for one another.

This year may all Jews know a new measure of sweetness.

May each of us continue to grow in our commitment to our people and our faith.

Ye-hi ra-tzon mil-fa-ne-ha, יהי רצון מלפניך, ה' אלקינו ואלקי אבותינו,
Ah-do-noy Eh-lo-hay-nu vay-lo-hay ah-vo-tay-nu, שתחדש עלינו שנה טובה ומתוקה.
she-te-ha-desh ah-lay-nu sha-nah to-vah u-me-tu-kah.

May it be Your will, O Lord our God and God of our ancestors, to renew for us a good and a sweet year.

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