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Women's Division Hosts Annual Reception

Melissa Raphael and Phyllis Schiffman
Chair Federation Dessert Reception

The Women's Division of the Jewish Federation of Greater Charlotte is sponsoring the Annual \$365 Event on Wednesday, February 8, 8:00 p.m. at Temple Israel. Guest speaker Elizabeth Schraye will discuss *The Jewish Agenda and the New Capitol Hill*. This special thank you dessert reception is held for women who contribute a minimum of one dollar a day (\$365) to the 1995 Federation Community campaign.

A special dinner will be held at the home of Berta Kaplan for Women Pacesetters (minimum 1995 Federation gift \$1,250) and Lions of Judah (minimum 1995 Federation gift \$5,000) at 5:30 p.m. During the dinner, Women's Division leadership will have the unique opportunity to infor-



Elizabeth Schraye

mally meet and discuss various issues with Ms. Schraye. There is a cover charge of \$20 for dinner.

Elizabeth Schraye is President of Schraye and Associates, Inc., a national political consulting firm based in Washington, DC. For the previous eleven years, she worked at the American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC), a pro-Israel lobby organization. Liz has participated in every Democratic and Republican convention since 1984 and has organized activists in all 435 congressional districts. She has been a member of UJA's national Women's Young Leadership Cabinet since 1988. Liz is a dynamic and highly respected speaker.

Melissa Raphael and Phyllis Schiffman, Dessert Reception Chairs, anticipate an exciting and educational evening. Reservations for the Dessert Reception will be accepted through February 1st at the Federation office, 366-5007. There will be a five dollar cover charge for the evening.

Women's Division 1995 Campaign Cabinet includes: Jill Newman, Co-President, Phyllis Schiffman, Campaign Chair, Ruth Goldberg and Diane Schwartz, Pacesetter Chairs, Stacy Miller Gorelick, Donna Lerner and Lynne Sheffer, \$365 Chairs, Cindy Fox and Amy Marx, Telepledge Chairs.

As women, we can assure the continuity of Jewish life by setting the example of Tzedakah for our families by our actions as individuals. Join us as we celebrate our commitment to the Jewish community.

Aid To Jewish Refugees From Chechnya

A special freedom flight made possible by the UJA/Federation Annual Campaign and campaigns in independent communities across the United States has brought 32 Jewish refugees to Israel from Chechnya. Another group is expected to follow as soon as the necessary emigration procedures have been completed.

The new olim were among 130 Jews who recently fled from the embattled region in southern Russia to the North Caucasus city of Nalchik. They travelled much of the way on foot in harsh weather, leaving behind most of their belongings in what many described as an atmosphere of terror.

In Nalchik, Jewish Agency emissaries in the region arranged for medical care, housing, food, clothing and assistance with documentation. The agency also organized the special flight for those refugees whose aliyah requests had been processed. Twelve Jewish families remain in Chechnya. When the aliyah began in 1989, the community consisted of 1,500 people. Most are now in Israel.



UJA Photo by Avi Hirschfeld

Valodia Nisimov of Chechnya gathers his belongings at Ben-Gurion Airport after arriving on a special freedom flight made possible by UJA campaigns in federated and independent communities across the United States. Nisimov was among 32 Chechen Jews who reached Israel after fleeing to Nalchik in the North Caucasus, where Jewish Agency emissaries arranged for housing, food and clothing, as well as their aliyah.



Area Youth On Their Way To Maccabi Youth Games

The JCC hosted an Open House January 15th for athletes interested in participating in the Maccabi Youth Games to be held in Orlando, Florida on August 13 - 17. Harry Swimmer, Peter Levinson and David Van Glish provided information to the prospective athletes about the plans being made by the JCC to send a delegation of basketball teams, swimmers and tennis players. The goal of the JCC Maccabi Youth Games experiences is to provide a structure for Jewish youth to participate in athletic, Jewish cultural, educational and social activities.

If you are between the ages of 12 and 16 and would like more information, please call the JCC at 365-5007.

The Jewish Center of Charlotte
Presenting
A trip to B. Gorelick Harry Swimmer
Saturday, 10th of February
7:00pm - 9:00pm and ninety-five
Adam's Mark Hotel
Charlotte, North Carolina
Seven-thirty in the evening

Please respond by January 1

Black tie optional

Your tax deductible donation is
\$50 less than the price of your ticket

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