

Maccabi Club Save the Date!

The Maccabi Club first social will be held on Saturday night, April 24. Maccabi teams from Columbia, Charleston and Raleigh have been invited to join us for a fun evening of sports, fun and an overnight. Open to all 13- and 14-year-olds who are interested in being a part of Maccabi 365.



JCC Dedicates New Van and Launches Transport 2000

A festive crowd of senior adults, accompanied by their adult children (and even some grandchildren), gathered at the JCC on Sunday, January 10, 1999. The occasion was to welcome the latest addition to the Jewish Community Center's expanding senior adult program — a purpose-built passenger van. The van, air-conditioned, spacious and adorned with the JCC logo, is the result of several significant donations by community members. Evelyn Berger, event Chairperson was on hand to offer thanks to those who gave so generously and to offer her thoughts regarding the important role transportation plays in combating isolation among seniors.

The dedication of the vehicle was led by Susan Jacobs, Director of the JCC's Programs for Jewish Living. Following this everyone enjoyed music provided by Martin Travis & Friends with their "Big Band" sound. Scott Menaker, JCC Board President, was also on hand to launch Transport 2000 - the goal of which is to raise funds for an additional vehicle. To jumpstart the fundraising effort Leonard and Evelyn Berger presented a check for one thousand dollars. "We are extremely grateful to all those individuals who helped purchase this wonderful vehicle and both Leonard and I want to make sure Transport 2000 gets off to a great start which is



Susan Jacobs dedicating bus

why we have chosen to make this gift," said Evelyn Berger.

In his remarks Scott Menaker said "the JCC looks forward to a similar event next year when we dedicate another new vehicle that will help bring seniors to our doorstep." He continued "this dedication represents a milestone for the Jewish Community Center of Charlotte. It reinforces that senior adult programming is a priority, which, along with the launch of Transport 2000 and our recent grant from the United Way of Central Carolinas, Inc., moves us one step closer to offering the programs and services our older adults deserve."

If you are interested in contributing to Transport 2000, or would like to participate in JCC Senior Adult programs, please contact David Phillips, JCC Program Director, at 944-6732.



Scott Menaker with Evelyn and Leonard Berger.

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Multi-Million Dollar Effort Launched to Increase Jewish Continuity through Camping

NEW YORK - Responding to the Jewish communal effort to ensure continuity, a new foundation will boldly serve as a catalyst for resources to expand and improve Jewish overnight camps in North America.

"The new Foundation for Jewish Camping (FFJC) seeks to invigorate camping both in the United States and Canada and across every denomination," says Rabbi Ramie Arian, executive director of the New York City-based organization.

Philanthropists Robert Bildner and Elisa Spungen Bildner of Montclair, New Jersey and the Bildner family have made an extraordinary commitment of \$2 million to endow FFJC and to fund the organization's expenses in its inau-

gural years. The Bildner gift will serve as the keystone for more substantial fundraising: The Foundation seeks an additional \$20 million from other funding sources.

This spring, FFJC will announce its first grants, making available more than \$225,000 for programs to improve Jewish camps across North America. Grants will be used to increase camp capacity, strengthen the recruitment and training of camp staff, improve camp programs, encourage community lay leaders to promote Jewish camping and provide scholarships for Jewish campers.

"Jewish camping works," says Elisa Spungen Bildner. "Our children return from their summers at

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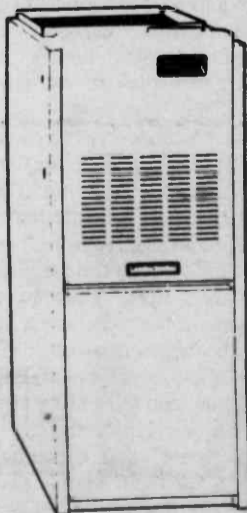
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