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JFGC 2001 Campaign Goal and Cabinet Announced

Eric Sklut, 2001 Annual Campaign Chair for the Jewish Federation of Greater Charlotte, has appointed the 2001 Campaign Cabinet and has determined this year's goal. "I am very excited about the 2001 Campaign Cabinet, with both veteran and new members. This group represents the many facets of our community, who have made the Federation Campaign a success, and will lead the way in reaching our goals for 2001," explained Sklut.

"I have established a goal of \$2.3 million for the 2001 campaign, and feel certain we will reach that, and quite possibly exceed it. There are many donors in the community who have endorsed the changes we are making within Federation as an agency, and our evolving roles in Charlotte," he continued.

Sklut went on to say, "One of the key points to this year's success will be our solicitors, many of whom have been part of this effort for years. In addition, new faces have stepped in to play this pivotal role in the campaign. Our efforts will be focused on 'listening.' We want to hear what the community thinks, how donors feel about their

role in the community and Jewry around the world, and how we, as a Federation, can be better at what we do. This is a highly-charged Campaign Cabinet. I promise we will deliver!"



Eric Sklut, Campaign Chair

The members of the Men's Division 2001 Campaign Cabinet are as follows: Major Gifts — Larry Polsky, Scott Gorelick and Todd Gorelick; \$5,000-\$9,999 — Rael Gorelick and Ben Jaffa, Jr.; \$3,600-\$4,999 — David Miller; \$1,800-\$3,599 — Daniel Levine and Jack Levinson; \$1,000-\$1,799 — Adrian Mesoznik and Mark Rabinovitz; \$365-\$999 — Larry Farber and Donald Jacobs;

Community Fee and New Gifts — Jeff Epstein, Michael Littauer and Dan Peck.

Alison Lerner, President of Women's Division, has appointed Marni Abramowitz and Stacy Miller-Gorelick Co-Chairs of the 2001 Women's Campaign. The following women will be serving on the Women's Campaign Committee: Gail Baron, Roni Fishkin, Ruth Goldberg, Lynne Sheffer and Mary Wojnowich.

Jeff and Emily Vaughan have agreed to serve as co-chairs of the Family Gifts Division; and Ruth Goldberg has accepted an additional role as chair of Solicitor Training.

The division heads will be asking others to serve as solicitors and it is hoped that the community members will agree to serve when asked. ☆

Rabbi Leonid Feldman to Speak at Federation's Major Gifts Reception

The Major Gifts Reception for the Jewish Federation of Greater Charlotte will be held at the home of Sandra and Leon Levine on the evening of Tuesday, December 12, 2000. Rabbi Leonid Feldman, a living example of the drama of modern Jewish history, will address the approximately eighty invited guests. Rabbi Feldman has experienced total assimilation, Jewish rebirth, violent anti-Semitism, imprisonment in Russia, and freedom in the West.



Rabbi Leonid Feldman

Leonid Feldman, the spiritual leader of Temple Emanu-El in Palm Beach, Florida, is the first and only Soviet-born Conservative Rabbi. He is also the President of the Ami-Da Institute for training Russian Jewish leaders in America. Rabbi Feldman's emotional return to his hometown of Kishinev was featured on the NBC Today Show, and on Israeli National television. In

1996, he was a visiting Professor at the Jewish University of Moscow.

Rabbi Feldman has served as a scholar for the Brandeis-Bardin Institute in California and the Wexner Heritage Foundation, and as the Director of Education for Soviet Emigres in Italy. He currently holds grad-

uate degrees in Rabbinics from the University of Judaism in Los Angeles, in Education from the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, and in Physics and Theater Arts from Kishinev State Pedagogical Institute in the U.S.S.R. He is also a Ph.D. candidate in International Relations at the University of Miami. His varied and unusual life and background in a Marxist society enable him to teach and lecture on Judaism with a passion and perspective that is unique and exhilarating. ☆

Special Community Chanukah Program Stories and Songs from the Jewish Tradition

Temple Beth El, Temple Israel, the Jewish Federation of Greater Charlotte, the Jewish Community Center of Charlotte, and the Carolina Agency for Jewish Education have joined together to bring you two days of music, magic and fun. And it's all free!

Mark Novak and Renee Brachfeld will be bringing their unique brand of Jewish music and entertainment to Charlotte on December 16 and 17.

First on Saturday evening, December 16, they will present "This Ain't Your Bubbe's Yiddish Theater," a concert for adults. Rollicking, touching, soulful, thought-provoking and funny, this performance celebrates the warmth and richness of Jewish culture. Drawing from the heart of old time Yiddish theater, Mark and Renee present a vibrant and joyful performance brimming with folktales, music, and contemporary stories. Your Bubbe will like it and so will you. The show begins at 7:30 PM in the Temple Beth El



Renee Brachfeld and Mark Novak

sanctuary.

Then, on Sunday, December 17, at 11:00 AM at Temple Beth El, Mark and Renee will give a concert for families with talking roosters, flying objects and even disappearing challahs. You and your family will rejoice in the magic of Jewish storytelling and song as Renee and Mark delight young and old alike with a blend of traditional tales, music, and juggling feats. An exciting and entertaining program sure to tickle your funny

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Charlotte Rallies in Support of Israel Crowd of More Than 250 People Gathered to Sing, Cheer, and Show Solidarity

By Amy Krakovitz

"This is the time to be united and strong so that the State of Israel will continue to flourish and thrive. This is the time to let our neighbors know that we are here for peace and that we are here to stay forever." The words of Ilan Segev, consulate general of Israel in Atlanta, rang out across the Ostrow Soccer Field. Segev was one of several speakers who addressed the crowd of nearly 300 at the Charlotte Jewish community's rally in support of Israel.



Nearly 300 people came to show support for Israel.

Good fortune reigned as the day was crisp and sunny. At 10:30 AM,

Sara Schreiberman, president of the Jewish Federation of Greater Charlotte, introduced the day. The participants, waving Israeli flags and holding signs, joined with Cantors Roochvarg and Bernard in a rendition of "The Star Spangled Banner."

Rabbi Murray Ezring of Temple Israel spoke the inspiring words of Elie Wiesel from 1988, at the start of the Intifada: "Since the current disturbance in the West Bank and Gaza, [journalists] have tried to get me to denounce Israel's policies. This is what I answer: 'Of course I follow the events with anxiety, but I have faith in Israel because I have faith in her humanity.' Compared to other countries, Israel need not be ashamed, and she is not in need of lessons



Ilan Segev, Consulate General of Israel to the southeastern US, spoke at the rally.

from anyone. After all, who is judging her? France, with her Algerian past? Britain, with her colonial policy? The USA, whom we all remember in Vietnam?

"I refuse to blame Israel. I have always refused. As a man living in the Diaspora, I believe I owe something to Israel: to stand at her side and identify with her. Always.

"There are those who do not like this. Let it be. Every man has a right to his quirk. My quirk is loyalty to Israel."

More singing followed, and then Ilan Segev spoke. "Over a month ago, the people of the State of Israel awoke to a new reality. Our partner for peace... had turned their back to us. We have witnessed escalation in the level of violent acts conducted by the Palestinian Authority Police, its

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