

The Bernstein Leadership Group Learns about the Federation and Several of Our Local Agencies

On Sunday, September 9, Sara Schreiberman, President of the Jewish Federation of Greater Charlotte, spoke to the Bernstein Leadership Group about the ABC's of Federation. She informed them that the Federation is the one place that belongs to every Jew, the place where philanthropy, volunteerism and shared commitment come



Federation President Sara Schreiberman.

together to make a difference, to repair the world. As part of a continent-wide system, federation has the capacity to reach every Jew in need with a social-service network unparalleled in the world. These



Penny Wagner-Schuster and Jeff Turk, of Jewish Family Services.

resources and the experience and reach of its two preeminent overseas partners - the Jewish Agency for Israel and American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee - enable federation to bring life-saving and life-sustaining caring to all Jews in need. And it brings North American Jews into direct, personal, meaningful partnerships with the people of Israel through many innovative programs. Among them: Partnership 2000 community-to-community programs; birthright israel, providing free first-time trips to Israel for Jewish youth; OTZMA volunteer opportunities in Israel for recent college graduates, and much more.

Each year the Federation Annual Campaign is the primary means of meeting the ongoing needs of the Jewish community local and worldwide. Your gift to our annual campaign is the best way to assist in the rescue of the

imperiled, to care for the vulnerable, to preserve Jewish identity through Jewish education and to strengthen our entire Jewish community.

That same evening, the Bernstein Group was privileged to have three agencies give an overview of their organization and their role in the community as well as how Federation dollars benefit their organization. Penny Wagner-Schuster and Jeff Turk of Jewish

Family Services (JFS) informed the group about the importance that JFS has in our community. JFS is committed to preserving, strengthening, and enhancing the quality of life for Jewish individuals and families. In response to those in need, Jewish Family Services provides a continuum of professional services in a supportive and confidential environment. Members of the community in crises or struggling under the pressure of normal life transitions receive private, professional and caring attention.

Mariashi Groner, Director and Gale Osborne, President of the Charlotte Jewish Day School (CJDS) enlightened us with information about the special ways of learning at the CJDS that makes them a step above the rest. The facility may be less than attractive, but the learning and caring of our children is their number one priority. The school is dedicated to providing a school experience that is both enjoyable and challenging.

Alan Feldman, Executive Director and Lane Ostrow, President of the Jewish Community Center (JCC) spoke about cultural diversity and how



JCC President Lane Ostrow, JCC Executive Director Alan Feldman

important it is for us to promote Jewish cultures, perpetuate our Jewish heritage, foster Jewish values, nurture positive Jewish identity and help everyone to develop themselves as people, as Jews and as Americans. At the JCC, we are all given the opportunity to accomplish these goals.



Gale Osborne, Charlotte Jewish Day School President; Mariashi Groner, Day School Director.

The group left this particular session feeling good about our Jewish community and how the Jewish Federation helps all of these agencies with their funding every year.

Next month, the Bernstein Leadership groups welcomes Rabbi David Woznica to speak. His topic will be on how the "Ten Commandments Confront Contemporary Values." For further information, please call Marnie Moskowitz, Director of Program Development, in the Federation office at 704-944-6764. ☆

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1 + 1 = 3 Danny Siegel's Latest Formula for Living the Good Life

Please join the Jewish Federation of Greater Charlotte and the Bernstein Leadership Group as they welcome Danny Siegel to Charlotte on November 4 at 7:30 PM at the JCC. Danny is a well-known author, lecturer, and poet who has spoken in more than 200 North American Jewish communities, synagogues, Jewish Community Centers, Federations, and other communal organizations on tzedakah and Jewish values, besides reading from his own poetry. He is the author of 25-1/2 books on such topics as mitzvah heroes and practical and personalized tzedakah, and has produced an anthology of 500 selections of Talmudic quotes about living the



Danny Siegel

Jewish life well called *Where Heaven and Earth Touch*.

Siegel is sometimes referred to as "The Most Famous Unknown Jewish Poet in America" - among his not-well-enough-known poetry books are *A Hearing Heart* and *Unlocked Doors* - as well as, "The World's Greatest Expert on Microphilanthropy," "The Feeling Person's Thinker," and "The Pied Piper of Tzedakah." His volume *Healing: Readings and Meditations* combines poetry and prose and classical Jewish texts for those in need of healing words.

His most recent books in prose include *1 + 1 = 3* and *37 Other Mitzvah Principles For a Meaningful Life, Heroes and Miracle Workers*, and *Good People*, collections of essays about everyday people who are Mitzvah heroes and great Menschen, *Tell Me a Mitzvah*,

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