

Local Heroes to Lead UJC "Israel Now" Solidarity Missions in December

Rabbi Ezring and Alan Feldman Ready to Lead Group; Subsidy Available from JFGC

United Jewish Communities, the umbrella organization for local federations, will continue to sponsor "Israel Now" Solidarity Missions. The next of these will be in November. The mission departs November 13 and returns November 18, 2001 (Journey II - Capital to Capital). This mission leaves immediately after the UJC General Assembly in Washington, DC. Exclusive rate of \$999 based on double occupancy (single supplement \$189). Cost includes UJC subsidy roundtrip air with El Al Israel Airlines coach class,

Washington/Tel Aviv/Washington (no deviations and no exceptions), three nights deluxe accommodations in Jerusalem, breakfast, one lunch, two dinner events, programming on Sunday and tips. Land only cost is \$497.

A second mission departs December 2 and returns December 7, 2001. Exclusive rate of \$999 based on double occupancy (single supplement \$189). Cost includes UJC subsidy, roundtrip air with El Al Israel Airlines coach class, New York/Tel Aviv/New York, three nights deluxe accom-

modations in Jerusalem, breakfast, one lunch, one dinner event, programming as above and tips. Flights departing from El Al gateways other than New York require additional overnight costs in Israel. Additional air costs for these flights on El Al only, based upon flight availability are as follows: Chicago and Miami add \$87, and LA add \$163. Land only cost is \$430.

The Jewish Federation of Greater Charlotte is offering a \$500 subsidy to any member of our community who participates in a UJC Solidarity Mission. For details, call the Federation office at 704-944-6760.

This December mission will be led by Temple Israel's Rabbi Murray Ezring and the Executive Director of the Jewish Community Center of Charlotte, Alan Feldman.

"I'm excited about returning to Israel," Rabbi Ezring says. "Every visit gives me the feeling of keeping the vow our people made so long ago to uphold our *brit* (covenant) with God and support the land that God gave us."



* Flight extensions are available after the mission for returns from Monday through Thursday only.

* Domestic flights are an additional cost to the participant.

* Business and first class upgrades are available for additional costs.

* Tickets will either be given out at the airport or Fed-Exed to the Federations Campaign

"These are very difficult times and many Americans seek the comfort of their religious and ethnic communities in an effort to find consolation and courage-ment," says Alan Feldman. "My experiences have taught me that inspiration and hope emanate eternally from the city of Jerusalem. So...for our people and us, I can't think of a better time to visit the Land of Israel!"

UJC will be asking participants for a voluntary suggested minimum gift of \$500 to the annual UJA/Federation campaign.

Deadline

Applications are due 30 days prior to departure. Space is limited.

For additional information, please contact: Lorna Brown - 212-284-6519 email: Lorna.brown@ujc.org, or the Jewish Federation of Greater Charlotte, 704-944-6757. ☆

Program Highlights

* Top-level briefings and analysis of the current situation in the Middle East

* Meet with Israelis

* Interactive JAFI/JDC site visits

Itinerary

The missions include the following:

Group arrival on day one and transfer to hotel

Full day program with lunch on day two including site visits

Free day on day three - a perfect opportunity to plan your P2K visit

Free day with programmed farewell dinner and transfer to airport for departure on day four

The above allows each community two options as follows:

1. Free time for participants to visit with friends and relatives
2. Program the free time on day three and/or day four at an additional cost of \$65 per person per day, based on a minimum of 20 participants per bus (includes guide, transportation, entrance fees, lunch and tips only).

Important Flight Information

* Participants must depart with the mission.

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Hebrew Cemetery Association Seeks New Members

By Paula Musler and Margi Goldstein

The Hebrew Cemetery is a vital part of the Jewish tradition of remembrance. As we have just finished the High Holiday season, our thoughts turn toward our loved ones and friends who are no longer with us. Whether they are here or in other cities, it is important to support the Charlotte Hebrew Cemetery.

The cemetery was founded in 1867 and serves Charlotte, Concord, Gastonia, and Rock Hill. The dues are \$50 per year for a family and the benefits of membership are:

* The annual membership fee is tax deductible.

* You receive a substantial reduction in the cost of a funeral and a plot.

* Last but not least, by giving this small amount you can honor the generations of yesterday and at



The gate to the Hebrew Cemetery.

the same time prepare for the generations of tomorrow.

A master plan for cemetery improvements is almost completed. We urge you to visit and see the remarkable changes that have been made. Without your support the Hebrew cemetery might do without the vital security, maintenance and care that it demands. The cemetery is open during the week, Monday to Friday from

8:00 AM to 4:30 PM and on Sundays from 10:00AM to 4:00 PM.

Please send your annual dues to Carol Robinson, 4229 Peggy Lane, Charlotte, NC 28227. If you require any further information, please call Hilbert Fuerstman, Cemetery Director, at 704-366-7538.


We look forward to hearing from you. ☆

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