

JEWISH FEDERATION NEWS

Federation Welcomes Sarah Kaplan

The Jewish Federation of Greater Charlotte is pleased to welcome Sarah Kaplan as the newest member of the Federation team. Sarah joins us as the new Community Relations and Israel Affairs Coordinator.

Sarah grew up in Cleveland, OH. She graduated with honors from Indiana University with a B.A. in Jewish Studies, a minor in Hebrew, and an honors area certificate from the Liberal Arts and Management Program. She spent a year in Israel on the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism's Nativ: College Leadership Training Program. There she spent time studying at Hebrew University in Jerusalem and living on Kibbutz Sa'ad.

Sarah has been actively involved in volunteer efforts through the Cleveland Jewish Community Federation. She has experience as an intern in the overseas department where she assisted in Partnership 2000 pro-

gramming as well as mission planning to Cleveland and to Israel. She has spent the past two summers as a staff member on United Synagogue Youth (USY) Eastern Europe/Israel Pilgrimage where she led six week heritage and culture tours for high school students through Budapest, Poland, Prague, and Israel. Sarah was also active in AIPAC's CORE College Israel Advocacy Training program through Indiana University.

Sarah has traveled and lived extensively in Israel and has experience in Jewish leadership through multiple Jewish organizations on campus as well as through Camp Ramah D'orom, United Synagogue Youth, and the Jewish Community Federation.

Sarah's responsibilities as Community Relations and Israel Affairs Coordinator include mobilizing the Jewish Community Relations Council and initiatives relating to Israel. These include



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organizing missions, our Partnership 2000 relationship with Hadera, and overseeing the Community Shlichah. Sarah is thrilled to be able to exhibit her love of Israel and passion for local causes and is looking forward to making the Charlotte community her home. ☆



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BLG Summer Get-Together

Through monthly sessions, speakers, retreats and group projects, the Bernstein Leadership Group (BLG) enhances participants' understanding of their Jewish identity and its effect on their leadership roles in the Jewish community and beyond. Six months into the sixth class of the BLG, Adina and Josh Loewensteiner hosted a sum-

mer cookout in their backyard. Next up, the group heads to the American Hebrew Academy (AHA) for a week-end retreat to experience Shabbat together, engage in trust-building exercises and meet for dinner and Havdalah with the Greensboro Federation's Young Leadership group.

Sponsored by Don and Bobbi Bernstein, the BLG is the Jewish Federation of Greater Charlotte's 18-month leadership program seeking to prepare the next generation of leaders (45 and under) to address the needs of our rapidly changing Jewish community. For more information, please contact Outreach Director Jodi Greenwald at jodi.greenwald@jewishcharlotte.org or 704-944-6759. ☆



Future BLG leaders: Deborah Hitt with daughters Talia and Lanie.



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Newcomers Events Set for Fall

Whether you've just moved here, returned to the area or have just experienced a change in your life, "Newcomer Schmoozes" are a great way to get involved in your Jewish community and to meet new friends.

Please join us at 10 AM in the Weinberg Center at the Levine JCC on the following dates:

- Sunday, August 5
- Sunday, September 9
- Sunday, October 7



For more information, please call Jodi Greenwald at 704-944-6759. "Newcomer Schmoozes" are sponsored by the Jewish Federation of Greater Charlotte and the Levine JCC Member Services Department. ☆

Women's Trip to Poland and Israel

The Jewish Federation of Greater Charlotte is offering a once in a lifetime opportunity to bond and travel with a group of women from our partnership community in Hadera, Israel.

Fifteen women from Charlotte will join fifteen women from Hadera for a five-day trip to Poland and a week-end of home hospitality in Hadera. A short sightseeing tour around Jerusalem will follow before heading home.

During the trip preparation activities, the two groups of women will bond through shared learning experiences and discussions.

If you are interested in learning more about this trip, please contact Sue Littauer at the Federation Office - 704-944-6758 or sue.littauer@jewishcharlotte.org. ☆



Josh Loewensteiner takes a break from the grill to pose with his wife and fellow BLG participant Adina and Bobbi and Don Bernstein.

Thank you to all of our wonderful campaign workers who volunteered their time on behalf of the 2007 Annual Campaign.

The following is a list of 159 volunteers who served in a variety of capacities: Members of our 2007 Campaign Cabinet, Campaign Steering Committee Members, Division Chairs, Quadrant Leaders, Callers and Special Event Chairs, Campaign Solicitors, Super Sunday Volunteers, Main Event Steering Committee Members and Spring Lecture Committee Members. Each played a significant role and contributed to the overall success of this year's campaign.

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