

## Jewish Federation Announces Schedule for the 7th Class of the Bernstein Leadership Group

Applications available now and are due by November 17.

On Sunday, October 26, the schedule for the Bernstein Leadership group (BLG) seventh class was released. Slated to begin in January of 2009, participants will meet to engage in discussions and partake in high quality programs presented by local and national authorities and Jewish leaders of our time. Co-chairs, Herb Greenman and Adina Loewensteiner are energized about this year's theme: Make It Matter!

More than 200 young people have graduated from the leadership program and are continuing to invigorate our community with their passion, intelligence and commitment.

This year's program will not only create assets for our Jewish community by cultivating new leaders, but will also give participants a foundation that will make them more effective leaders in whatever their passion.

Applications and schedules are available in the Federation office or online at [www.jewishcharlotte.org](http://www.jewishcharlotte.org).

Applications must be received by November 17 in order to be considered. For more information about the BLG VII, please contact Jodi Greenwald, Outreach Director and Bernstein Leadership Staff Person, at [jodi.greenwald@jewishcharlotte.org](mailto:jodi.greenwald@jewishcharlotte.org) or 704-944-6759. ☆



## Women's Professional Network Inaugural Event Features Fashion, Food and Fun

The Jewish Federation launched its new initiative, The Women's Professional Network, at an inaugural event on September 24. Nearly 100 women gathered in the St. John Department at Belk SouthPark at 6 PM for networking, wine and hors d'oeuvres.

Women's Professional Network Chair Fern Ingber Epley welcomed everyone and introduced guest speaker Arlene Goldstein, Vice-President Trend Merchandising, Fashion Director, Belk, Inc., who offered her insight into the "Most Wanted Looks for Fall." Following Ms. Goldstein's remarks, the group moved to the Suit Department where the names of two lucky women were drawn to win a free suit - congratulations to Suzie Desarno and Amy

with a cause. The Network will meet five times each year and is open to all professional women whether or not they are actively engaged in careers outside the home.

All communication for subsequent programs will be by email. To sign up or to find out more about the Women's Professional Network and how you can get involved, please contact Sue Littauer, Development Director, at [sue.littauer@jewishcharlotte.org](mailto:sue.littauer@jewishcharlotte.org).

The Women's Professional Network is a function of the campaign and women are asked to pledge a minimum of \$180 per household to the Jewish Federation's 2009 Annual Campaign. All women are invited to attend one meeting without obligation.

The mission of the Jewish Federation of Greater Charlotte is to raise and distribute funds

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Linda Seigel, WPN Steering Committee Member, distributes goody bags provided by Belk Southpark

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WPN Chair Fern Ingber Epley and guest speaker Arlene Goldstein, Vice-President Trend Merchandising, Fashion Director, Belk, Inc.

Jacobson. Belk's also provided goody bags and giveaways for this fantastic evening. The Federation thanks Belk SouthPark for their generous sponsorship of this wonderful inaugural event.

The Women's Professional Network is designed to give women the opportunity to engage socially and connect

to support and enrich the lives of Jews locally, nationally, in Israel and worldwide. Through education, planning and community building, the Federation's mission ensures that Jewish values, goals, traditions and connections are preserved for current and future generations. ☆



WPN Attendees: (from left to right) Sharon Katz, Ellen Martin, Susan Stiefel, Barbara Katz & Judi Strause



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