

# JEWISH FEDERATION NEWS

## Federation Campaign Testimonial

### Julia Greenfield – Creating a Safe Haven Here and Across the Ocean

My involvement in the Jewish community came with the birth of my children. Not being Jewish, everything was new to me. As I learned more, I fell in love with the Jewish traditions and faith. It was important to my husband Russ and me that we give our children a Jewish education, so we sent our kids to the Jewish Preschool on Sardis, then to the Charlotte Jewish Day School. What was important to us was instilling in our children pride in their religion.

From our experiences at CJDS, we learned about the Jewish Federation of Greater Charlotte. I met Sue Littauer, who was immediately warm and welcoming. She helped connect us to programs that were of interest to us in the larger Jewish community but particularly within the Federation system. I participated in programs locally that educated me about what the Federation does in our community.

During the summer of 2008, I learned about the Federation's global impact when I participated in Federation's Partnership 2000 Women's Mission to



Julia Greenfield

Poland and Israel. I saw in person the impact of our Federation dollars overseas. I experienced firsthand the relationships created across oceans and how the Partnership between Charlotte and Hadera builds bridges between our two communities. Now I understand the importance of giving our dollars both locally and globally.

From all of my experience with the Jewish Federation, what strikes a chord for me is that I understand that above everything else, the Jewish Federation is a safe haven. It is a place where my children can always go and feel at home, where they or I would be wel-

comed with open arms if there was ever a problem. It is the kind of place that knows what is involved in keeping the entire community whole and healthy. The Jewish Federation will always be the place to provide a sense of security and a close knit community for me and for my children. ☆



### State and Local Leadership Welcomed at JCRC Lunch at the Park

The Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC) welcomed our state and local leadership to our March Lunch at the Park. In attendance were Mr. James Ross from the School Board, Senator Bob Rucho and Representative Ric Killian. The group received a tour of the Park, then sat together over lunch to discuss issues of importance to all of us, including security and the school systems.

Lunch at the Park is a program run through the Jewish Federation of Greater

Charlotte's JCRC to promote greater awareness and collaboration with active community representatives. Past lunches have included guests from our city council, county commissioners, school board, arts and sciences communities, and community builders, as well as guests from our state leadership. For more information about Lunch at the Park or about the Jewish Community Relations Council, please contact Sarah Kaplan at sarah.kaplan@jewishcharlotte.org. ☆

### Young Adult Division: Party on the Rooftop

**Thursday, May 14 – Rooftop Party and Private Exhibit Tour at the Mint Museum of Craft and Design**

Join us for a YAD-only rooftop party and exhibit tour. 6-9 PM; \$15/advance, \$18/door includes appetizers, a drink and private exhibit tour.

"From the Melting Pot into the Fire: Contemporary Ceramics in Israel" includes the work of some of the most acclaimed ceramic artists working in Israel today. Ranging from the satirical to the sublime, 38 examples of ceramic sculpture address issues of identity within an immigrant society.

To register, log on to www.jewishcharlotte.org. For more information, contact jodi.greenwald@jewishcharlotte.org or 704-944-6759.

YAD, the Young Adult Division of the Jewish Federation of Greater Charlotte, offers young Jewish singles, couples and new area residents (ages 21-45) a broad range of social, educational and philanthropic opportunities as a means to enhance commitment and connection to the Federation and its mission.

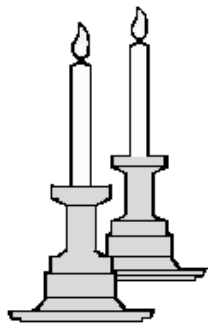
Our events provide an opportunity to expand your

social or professional network with other young Jews in the Charlotte area and encourage involvement in the Charlotte Jewish community. ☆



### SHABBAT CANDLE LIGHTING FOR MAY 2009

- Friday, May 1, 7:50 PM
- Friday, May 8, 7:56 PM
- Friday, May 15, 8:01 PM
- Friday, May 22, 8:07 PM
- Thursday, May 28, Shavuot Eve, 8:11 PM
- Friday, May 29, 8:12 PM



#### Campaign 2009 at a Glance

|                                  |             |
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| Campaign Total to Date           | \$2,372,346 |
| Number of Contributions Received | 1,325       |
| Percentage of Campaign Complete  | 68%         |

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