

# Jewish Federation Annual Meeting and Yom Ha'Atzmaut Concert

The Annual Meeting of the Jewish Federation of Greater Charlotte took place on Tuesday, April 28th in the Sam Lerner Center for Cultural Arts at the Sandra & Leon Levine

Jewish Community Center. The Jewish Federation enables more people to affiliate Jewishly than ever before. While working hard to sustain the Jewish agencies in our area, we have also pushed to enhance our impact – locally and abroad. We are proud of the many accomplishments that establish the Federation as the center of our community's philanthropy. We are enormously grateful to our leaders, volunteers, staff, agencies and synagogues. Without them, we could not succeed. We are most thankful to our donors, whose vision, philanthropy and commitment drive all that we do to build a strong and vibrant Jewish community.

Preceding the meeting was a moving ceremony in observance of Yom Hazikaron followed by a special Community Yom Ha'atzmaut (Independence Day) Concert, featuring Israeli Musical Group, Kolot. This year in addition to celebrating Israel's 61st, we also commemorated the centennial anniversary of the founding of Tel Aviv, the Middle East's highest-ranking world city. Over 200 people were clapping and dancing in the aisles as KOLOT entertained them with traditional Jewish and contemporary Israeli music. ✪



Annie Engelhardt - whose family hosted some of the singers - joins Kolot as they sing at the Yom Ha'Atzmaut celebration.



Linda Levy (center) accepts a gift certificate for closing the most cards on Super Sunday from Super Sunday co chairs Elaine Moody (right) and Stephanie Brodsky.

## Dr. Michael Marsicano To Be Featured As First BGS "Legend"

The Ben Gurion Society (BGS) is Federation's new campaign initiative for donors 25-45 contributing a minimum of \$1,000 per household to the Federation's Annual Campaign. The BGS joins young Jews who share a commitment to bettering Jewish lives.

BGS members are invited to attend several professional and networking events throughout the year. Events include a reception with Federation's Major Donors, a members-only social outing, a recruitment social open to the entire Young Adult Division, and a members-only appreciation event called Lunch with a Legend.

This year's Lunch with a Legend will be held Thursday, June 11 at Zebra Restaurant and features Dr. Michael Marsicano sharing his personal philanthropy story. Listed #2 on *Charlotte Magazine's* 2008 List of Most Powerful People in Charlotte, Dr. Marsicano truly is a Charlotte legend.

President and Chief Executive Officer of Foundation For The Carolinas, Dr. Marsicano joined the Foundation For The Carolinas in 1999 after serving as President and CEO of the Arts & Science Council for ten years. Prior to that, Dr. Marsicano was the Executive Director of the Durham Arts Council and Royal Arts Center.

Dr. Marsicano currently serves on the Governing



Dr. Michael Marsicano

Boards of both Duke University and Queens University as well as the Boards of Charlotte Center City Partners, the Charlotte Symphony Orchestra, the Nasher Museum of Art and the United Way Legacy Foundation.

If you would like to become a BGS member and attend Lunch with a Legend on June 11, please contact Jodi Greenwald at 704-944-6759 or [jodi.greenwald@jewishcharlotte.org](mailto:jodi.greenwald@jewishcharlotte.org).

The Ben Gurion Society is presented by the Jewish Federation of Greater Charlotte and sponsored by Sun Trust. Jen Algire is the BGS Chair. ✪

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