

Federation Campaign Testimonial Jeff Epstein: My Passion is JCRC. What's Yours?



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As a Jew in Charlotte, I am proud of the religious and cultural facilities we have built to

enrich our lives. I regularly hear from people who are amazed that a community of our size has been able to accomplish so

much. These institutions are also tools that allow us to interact with and influence the greater community. Among these are the Jewish Community Relations Council, a project of the Jewish Federation of Greater Charlotte.

I have long had a personal interest in bringing information from the Jewish community to others, and the JCRC is the perfect vehicle. With its members representing our major institutions, JCRC builds relationships with the greater Charlotte community. Funds from the Federation annual campaign help make this all possible.

For example, our Lunch at the Park program invites representatives of Charlotte's political, governmental, educational and cultural institutions to

Shalom Park for lunch and the opportunity to learn more about each other. These occasions for starting or enhancing relationships have paid tremendous dividends, such as the Superintendent of Union County Schools' personal involvement in making principals and teachers aware of Jewish holidays and scheduling issues; our mayoral debate last fall which was attended by 300 people and, in cooperation with WBTV, broadcast live across the region; the publication of multiple columns and extensive news coverage favorable to our community and Israel. Indeed, the *Charlotte Observer* now consults us for guidance on these subjects.

None of this would be possible without the resources of the Federation which makes our

support for the annual campaign so important. My passion is the JCRC; yours may be something entirely different. Regardless, the Federation is the vehicle that makes it all possible. Please support the Federation annual campaign. ☆

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JEWISH FEDERATION ENCOURAGES JEWISH EXPERIENCES FOR CHARLOTTE'S YOUTH

Jewish Experience Fund: Promotes Jewish identity building among our Jewish youth through Jewish camping, community building, leadership development, and informal educational opportunities.

Need based subsidies are available for families meeting at least one (1) of the following criteria:

- Household gross income not to exceed \$75,000
- Change in household circumstances within the last 6-months necessitating financial assistance (ie: medical concerns, job loss, change in family status, etc.)
- Multiple children attending camps and/or Jewish programs
- Extenuating chronic family circumstances (ie: special needs children; disability, etc.)

For an application or more information, please contact Lynda Woodburn, Jewish Family Services 704.364.6594.

Gorelick Teens to Israel Fund: Enables and encourages local Jewish teens to have positive and lasting Israel experiences creating Jewish teens who are passionate about Israel, committed to the Jewish community, and influential in encouraging other Jewish teens to share their passion.

Subsidies are available to local Jewish teens ages 13—19 traveling to Israel on a Federation approved program.

For more information, please contact Sarah Kaplan, Community Relations and Israel Affairs Coordinator at 704.944.6751.

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The JFS Food Pantry provides food, personal care items and other necessities to help individuals and families through difficult times until independence is re-established. Thank you for your support over the past few weeks. The food collection barrels have overflowed after requests were made for specific food items needed. The food pantry has been utilized nearly every day by someone in our community who might otherwise have gone hungry. Please continue to support this effort by placing your non-perishable food items in the collection receptacles, or bring them directly to JFS. For more information please contact reuven.green@jfscharlotte.org, 704-364-6594.

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SUNDAY, MARCH 14

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