

JEWISH FEDERATION NEWS

Stacy Gorelick Receives 2010 Kipnis-Wilson Friedland Award

The Kipnis-Wilson Friedland Award honors extraordinary Lions from the Federation who embody the values of the Lion of Judah - great philanthropists and activists who have made an invaluable positive and lasting impact on the Jewish community. Recipients from various Jewish Federations of North America are honored at the International Lion of Judah Conference. In November, Stacy Gorelick, Charlotte's 2010 Kipnis-Wilson Friedland Award winner, was honored at the International Lion of Judah Conference in New Orleans. Previous award recipients from our community include Bobbi Bernstein (2004) and Jill Newman (2006).

In Charlotte, North Carolina, the name Stacy Gorelick is synonymous with tzedakah.

As a mother and member of the Jewish community, Stacy is always challenging us to do more - to lead by example, to inspire others, to make our community a better place for our children and grandchildren.

From the time she was a young teen, Stacy learned just how important it was to give back to the community. On a mission to Israel with her parents, she sat in on a caucus and made a first-time gift of \$50 when she was just twelve years old. "I first visited Israel as a teenager with my family. Seeing every aspect of Jewish life all around me, I felt what it really meant to be a member of the Jewish People," said Stacy.

Stacy's parents made federa-

tion giving a priority. According to Stacy, "They always did more than they could afford, thereby setting the example for my brother and me."

After marrying into a philanthropic family and moving to Charlotte, Stacy began a life of volunteerism. She recognized right away that Charlotte lacked a leadership program to train and expose young adults to the best Jewish thinkers in the field. She even inspired Don and Bobbi Bernstein to provide the funding for what was to become The Bernstein Leadership Group, currently graduating its seventh class of young leaders from the 18 month program.

Stacy has held many important volunteer jobs throughout the Jewish community. She served as President of the Federation's Women's Division and co-chaired The Main Event. She served on the Charlotte Jewish Day School board for ten years, chaired the Day School Annual Fund, served on the Temple board and the JCC Executive Board. To encourage young women to become Lions of Judah, she co-chaired the Lions for two years and met with great success. The first year six new Lions joined and eleven women became Lions of Judah the second year.

Today, Stacy is filled with a sense of pride as her children have followed her example. Two of Stacy's four children have celebrated their b'nei mitzvah. In lieu of gifts they each requested donations for projects of their



Stacy Gorelick

own choosing. Her son selected the Agahozo Shalom Youth Village, a non-sectarian JDC program in Rwanda, while her daughter chose a Youth Center run by the Ethiopian National Project.

Currently serving as Major Gifts chair for the Federation, Stacy often speaks passionately about leaving a legacy. When asked about creating an endowment for the Jewish Federation, Stacy said, "As Todd and I constantly tell our children, the measure of goodness is how we treat other people. This is the essence of Jewish values. Our schools and synagogues, Jewish Community Center and social service agencies enable us to treat people with kindness and dignity; they perpetuate our values through education, strengthened families, and foster relationships that tie our people together in Charlotte and around the world. Endowing my Jewish Federation gift is how I will transmit my Jewish values for many generations to come." ☆

January and February Events at the Jewish Federation

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12

Center City Jewish Professionals (formerly Uptowners: Nosh and Network) Breakfast; 8 AM-9:15 AM, Dunhill Hotel
Guest Speaker: Professor John Kunich
Topic: Cubs Fans' Leadership Secrets: Learning to Win from a "Cursed Team's Errors" (see page 6)

Center City Jewish Professionals is the Federation's outreach initiative for the Charlotte business and professional community. Register online at www.jewishcharlotte.org by January 7 if purchasing breakfast. The event is free if no breakfast is purchased.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 27

Women's Professional Network ...forging relationships, building community
 6-7:30 PM, \$10/person
Cooking with Chef Ron Ahlert, Executive Director, Community Culinary School of Charlotte
Piedmont Natural Gas Test Kitchen, 4301 Yancey Road
Online RSVP Required by January 20. Space is limited.

The Women's Professional Network offers women the opportunity to engage socially and connect with a cause. The Network meets five times each year and is open to all professional women whether or not they are actively engaged in careers outside the home.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 30

Newcomer Schmooze
 11 AM- 12 noon, Weinberg Center
Learn about the Charlotte Jewish Community while meeting new friends.

Newcomer Schmoozes are co-sponsored by the Jewish Federation and the Levine JCC. Complimentary bagels, coffee and juice are served. All ages are welcome. For information, contact the Federation office at 704-944-6757.

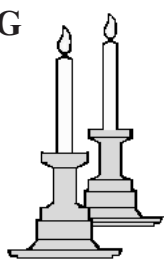
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24

The Main Event of the 2011 Annual Campaign
 7:30 PM, Temple Israel
Special Guest Speaker: Dennis Prager, distinguished speaker, radio talk show host, columnist and author. Dennis Prager is one of America's most respected thinkers and called "One of America's five best speakers" by Toastmasters.

Tickets are \$36 per person and can be purchased at the Federation, online at www.jewishcharlotte.org or by mail (5007 Providence Rd, Ste 101, Charlotte, NC 28226)
 Event chairs: Gale Osborne and Rich Osborne ☆

SHABBAT CANDLE LIGHTING FOR JANUARY 2011

Friday, January 7, 5:09 PM
 Friday, January 14, 5:15 PM
 Friday, January 21, 5:22 PM
 Friday, January 28, 5:29 PM



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