



JEWISH FAMILY SERVICES



Thank You from JFS

In November, the Social Action Committee of the Lake Norman Jewish Congregation hosted two Wine Dinners at Dressler's restaurant in Birkdale Village, to benefit Jewish Family Services. The participants enjoyed a delicious dinner paired with various wines as they bid for prizes raffled off to benefit JFS. The dinner featured a four-course meal with wine to compliment each dish, ending with Mom's Cheesecake for dessert. The benefit raised over \$2500 for JFS.



Left to right: Summer Hall, Lisa Alexander, John Kurti, Maya Kellman (back), Cathy Bentz, Ross Kellman

Ellen Engelhardt, JFS Board President and Stephanie Starr, Executive Director of JFS, attended the fundraisers and talked to the group about Jewish Family Services programs and services.

Ellen says, "The Lake Norman Jewish Congregation has elevated the notion of Celebrating the Good Times to an art form. An ever-expanding circle of Jewish friends who believe in the good things that come from being together, this is the congregation to watch. Think of your childhood Friday evening dinners at shul, weekday carpools with Jewish friends to and from Hebrew school, your childhood Sunday evenings at the local Chinese restaurant."

Maya Kellman, Chairperson of Lake Norman Jewish Congregation Social Action Committee, worked directly with Dressler's General Manager, John Glenn, in coordinating the event. Owners Jon and Kim Dressler donated the entire profit of the dinner to JFS. Lake Norman Social Action Committee member Ken Spatz worked with Betty and Joel Cohen, owners of Grapevine Distributors, who donated all of the wine for the event.

Maya Kellman, Chair of the



Left to right: Joan Weider, Paula Freivogal, John Weider, Rick Freivogal

Lake Norman Social Action Committee commented, "Of course the entire evening would not have been possible without the Lake Norman Jewish Congregation Social Action Committee. The committee members are Ken Spatz, David Koster, Rhonda Nicholson, and myself. I am very fortunate to be able to chair such an amazing committee. I would also like to thank JFS for giving us the opportunity to give back to them."

JFS is deeply grateful to Lake Norman Jewish Congregation participants, as well as the sponsors; Dressler's Restaurant, Grapevine Distributors, King Green Landscaping, the law firm of Bentz and Associates, and of course all of the guests who attended.

Many groups throughout our community came together to help JFS fulfill the needs of our clients

for Thanksgiving and Hanukkah. We would like to thank all of you for your generous support. Entire Thanksgiving meals, including whole turkeys, gravy, stuffing, green beans, rolls and pumpkin pie were donated to several Jewish families who are struggling to make ends meet. Numerous generous individuals in our community stopped by to donate Hanukkah gifts, cards, toys, menorahs, gift cards, wrapping paper and food to help clients of JFS. These struggling families were very appreciative to receive a gift that allows them a small luxury such as a movie, a haircut, or a toy. The



Rhonda and Andy Nicholson.

families who received the gifts and food told us that without the help of JFS and your generosity they would have had nothing special to eat on the holiday and no gifts or treats for their children.

We would like to thank the following groups and businesses for their assistance with all the gifts, toys and food: Jewish Federation, Charlotte Chapter of Hadassah, Lake Norman Hadassah, Shalom Club at Sun City, Sun City Chavurah, Charlotte Jewish Day School, Levine JCC, Temple Israel, Temple Beth El and Temple Beth El Religious School and Staff, Bat Mitzvah Club of Congregation Ohr Ha Torah, Charlotte Jewish Preschool, Phil's Deli/Phil, Denise, and Amy Levine, Austin Canvas & Awning/David Jacobson, Dr. Leonard and Barbara Feld, Alan Raznick and Robyn Benjamin, Tracy and Larry Brown and family, Stacy and Todd Gorelick and family, and Pamela Bernstein.

The generosity of our community makes it possible for Jewish Family Services to meet the growing numbers of those who seek our help. Every dollar donated translates to direct service to family, friends and neighbors who struggle with critical issues related to aging, parenting, illness, job loss, disability or poverty. Thank you for supporting us so that we can empower others.

For more information about JFS resources and programs, please contact us at 704-364-6594 or visit us online at www.jfscharlotte.org. ✨

Donations to Jewish Family Services in November 2010

WISHING A FULL AND SPEEDY RECOVERY TO

David Share from Marilyn and Michael Tuckman
Julie Lerner Levine from Maxine and Gary Silverstein
Linda Rothman from Carolyn and Stuart Hennes
Richard Chenkin from Marion and David Kronovet
Susan Bruck from Marion and David Kronovet, Marilyn and Michael Tuckman
Susan Jacobs from Maxine and Gary Silverstein
Vera Mendel from Carolyn and Stuart Hennes, Elise Menaker, Harriet and Mark Perlin, Judie and Michael Van Glish
Wendy Block from Elizabeth and Walter Klein, Emily and Jeffrey Vaughan, Helen Josephs

HAPPY HANUKKAH TO

Lori and Eric Sklut from Julie Lerner Levine and family
Mae and Julius Goldman from the Josephs family
Sandra and Leon Levine from Julie Lerner Levine and family

IN HONOR OF

Celia Mandel from Stacy and Dan Levinson
Karen Knoble from Adam Bernstein
Lisa Vogel from Cary Fishburne

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO

Sheila and Bob Peltzer from Jan and Alan Raznick, Carol and David Wahlberg

MAZEL TOV ON

The birth of Lucy Samantha to Sandy and Joel Hirschman from Janis and Richard Silverman

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO

Lisa Vogel from Jennifer and Sander Walker, Linda and Steve Lepow, Aleen and David Eptein, Susie Mackler
Judy Sutker from Maxine and Gary Silverstein
Lou Seitlin from Mae and Julius Goldman
Edwin Goodman from Fay Sinkoe and Family
Jim Montag from Emily and Jeffrey Vaughan
Sylvia Swartz from Carol and David Wahlberg

IN MEMORY OF

Frank Weiner to Donna and Joel Freedman from Marion and David Kronovet
Heather Fox to Susie and David Fox from Marilyn and Michael Tuckman

Martin Blumberg to Ellen Framm from Lori and Eric Sklut
Werner Moritz to Margo Moritz and Paul Moritz from Susan Tepper, Maxine and Gary Silverstein
The father of Ellen Framm from Emily and Jeffrey Vaughan ✨



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On November 30, Hadassah women prepared six dozen Hanukkah meals at Judy Kaufmann's house. Our volunteers were Barbara Abrams, Susan Aizenman, Ellen Bottner, Helene Cullen, Zelma Fink, Gail Green, Sandy Hoagland, Karen Kantrowitz, Judy Kaufmann, Penny Krieger, Malka Me-Zehav, Elise Orenstein, Carissa Schlesinger and Nancy Tarbis. Over the past two years, hundreds of meals have been provided to Jewish families by JFS that were made with love by Hadassah.



Levine-Sklut Judaic Library and Resource Center



Sheila Spitz is the winner of the Jewish Book Month Facebook campaign. She won a brand new Amazon Kindle by "liking" us on Facebook. Don't forget to "like" us to receive updated information on Library events.

Top Ten Reasons to Visit Your Library

- 10 Free WiFi
- 9 Amazing selection of movies
- 8 New selection of popular Jewish books
- 7 Friendly, helpful volunteers and staff
- 6 Heat, Heat, Heat (don't sit in your cold car)
- 5 Accommodating hours
- 4 Amazing used book selection for purchase
- 3 Knowledge
- 2 Free coffee
- 1 Our new and exciting "Eifo Ari?" Scavenger Hunt (visit us for more details)