

Celebrating a Year in Charlotte

By Mor Green, Community Shlichah

"I am very excited to be part of the wonderful community in Charlotte for a year of Shlichut. I arrived in Charlotte a few weeks ago and right from the start I felt the community's warm southern hospitality..." (CJN- August 2010)

We have experienced so much together this past year. As my year came to a close, I thought about saying goodbye to y'all and it brought tears to my eyes. So instead of being sad, I decided to stay- not for good, but at least for a second year.

The community was so welcoming and that made my job of bringing Israel to each and every one of you so much more enjoyable. From working with the religious school, educating the kids about the five Aliyot and Israeli politics, to working with the Spice and Sage older adult groups discussing Israel's achievements, we have made a wonderful connection with

Israel. Creating a stronger connection with Israel is our Shlichut (mission).

We have such a strong community here in Charlotte but it is important we not forget the rest of our community in Israel. Israel is now facing difficult times. The recent upheaval began with coordinated terror attacks near Eilat, then nonstop bombings in the South and most recently, the attack in Tel Aviv outside of a club hosting a teen party. Israel needs your support now more than ever.

Don't close your eyes and your mouth. We must all be advocates for Israel. I do not know how we turned to be the Goliath of this story, but it is important to remember that this is our country and we have the responsibility for protecting it.

I have enjoyed bringing Israel to this community and can't wait to start the second year.

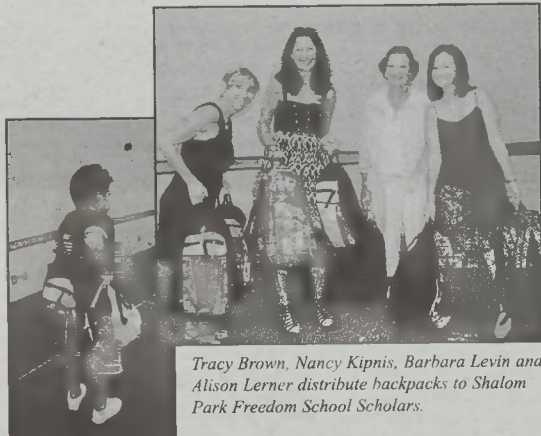
And remember- "Ein lanu erez acheret. We have no other land!" ☆

Lions of Judah Participate in Freedom School Project

Federation's Lions of Judah adopted the Freedom School scholars by donating swim bags and backpacks. The swim bags themselves, donated by Charlotte Aquatics, were packed with bathing suits, towels and suntan lotion. The backpacks were filled with school supplies and distributed at the Freedom School finale. According to Freedom School Committee Member Tracy Brown, "The scholars were absolutely thrilled with the backpacks. As soon as we handed them out, the scholars promptly put them on their backs and would not part with them. One mother told me that the backpacks were a blessing to her since she is a single parent getting five children ready for school."

Lions also participated in the Freedom School "harambee" program by greeting the scholars and the community readers each morning. The Freedom School project is one of three adopted by the Lions of Judah. They will also be cooking throughout the year for Jewish Family Services, and volunteering for Bright Blessings, an agency which provides birthday parties for homeless children. Joining Tracy Brown in making these wonderful projects a reality are Dana Ditesheim, Nancy Kipnis, Alison Lerner and Liz Winer.

If you'd like to learn more about becoming a Lion of Judah, please contact Sue Littauer at the Jewish Federation office at 704-944-6757. ☆



Tracy Brown, Nancy Kipnis, Barbara Levin and Alison Lerner distribute backpacks to Shalom Park Freedom School Scholars.

Jewish Federation Welcomes New Director of Community Relations and Israel Affairs

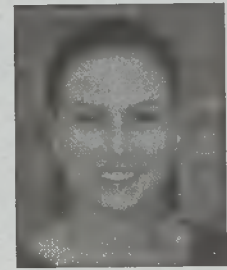
The Jewish Federation of Greater Charlotte is pleased to welcome Rachael Levine as the new Director of Community Relations and Israel Affairs.

Originally from Elkin, NC, Rachael attended Washington and Lee University and The University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, graduating with a B.A. in Political Science and Religious Studies. After graduation, Rachael moved to Los Angeles and began working with various non-profit organizations in community outreach and development. In 2008, Rachael participated in a Taglit-Birthright Israel trip and fell in love with Israel and her Jewish heritage.

Prior to moving to Charlotte, Rachael served as the Director of

Young Leadership at The Jewish Federation of Greater Los Angeles. There she was responsible for outreach, engagement, programming and development of the Young Leadership Division and Ben-Gurion Society. Rachael is deeply committed to the mission of the Jewish Federation and very proud of the critical impact Federation is making here at home, in Israel and throughout the Jewish world.

Rachael's responsibilities at Federation will include managing the Jewish Community Relations Council, which includes the Annual Fall Lecture, Lunch at the Park series, as well as numerous other community initiatives. She will also be responsible for issues



Rachael Levine

relating to Israel such as organizing missions, Charlotte's partnership with Hadera- Eiron and overseeing the community shlichah.

Rachael is thrilled to call Charlotte her new home and very excited to continue building bridges between our local Jewish community and Israel. ☆

Women's Professional Network Shows Off Fall Fashions

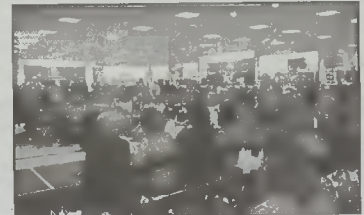
"Fall Fashion Preview" was the Jewish Federation's Women's Professional Network opening event on Tuesday, August 30 at Belk SouthPark. Nearly 100 women attended the event which was hosted by Arlene Goldstein, Vice-President Trend Merchandizing and Fashion Direction Belk, Inc. Early in the evening, three lucky winners were selected at random for "Ambush Makeovers" and made their entrance at the end of the program sporting new hair-do's, make-up and fall ensembles. At the end of the evening, the winners Lauren Abeles, Malka Me-Zahav, and Roz Snyder walked the runway in their beautiful new outfits.

We thank Arlene Goldstein for her savvy fashion tips, and Belk's for the lovely evening which included wine, hors d'oeuvres, desserts, goody bags and shopping.

WPN will meet next on November 3 at the Hampton Inn at Phillips Place. The program will introduce WPN's social

action project - Shalom Bayit, an organization dedicated to ending domestic abuse.

For more information, please contact the Federation office at 704-944-6757. ☆



There was a full house at the Women's Professional Network event on August 30.

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