

"CJN" To Feature Federation Supplement

The September edition of the Charlotte Jewish News will feature a special supplement by the Charlotte Jewish Federation.

Featuring the faces and names of the leaders for the Federation for the coming 1985 Campaign, the supplement will also clarify their goals and objectives as well as the way in which Federation works to benefit the Jewish community here in Charlotte, in the state, the nation and around the world.

"This is the first time such a supplement is being published," said Stan Greenspon, Federation President, "And we feel it is vital. We want you to know who the volunteer leaders are in Men's and Women's Division who are at

work for you.

"We also want you to understand why and for whom we are working so hard. Don't be surprised if you find that it is YOU who are the real beneficiary of our efforts.

"Finally, we hope this supplement will inspire you to find a way to involve yourself. To do our job correctly for you will require hundreds of volunteers doing a wide variety of jobs. There is a place and a task to suit everyone willing to give of their time and their abilities."

Individuals wanting to learn more about becoming involved in the Federation can contact the Executive Director, Marvin Bienstock, at 366-5007.

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FAITH IN HUMANKIND

Rescuers' actions during Holocaust reaffirm faith in humankind and offer legacy for future generations.

From September 17-19, 1984, the US Holocaust Memorial Council will conduct an international conference in Washington, D.C., entitled: FAITH IN HUMANKIND: RESCUERS OF JEWS DURING THE HOLOCAUST. This conference will bring together scholars of various disciplines, rescuers and survivors from around the world to remember and assess the role of the non-Jews who acted courageously and righteously during the Holocaust.

According to Dr. Carol Rittner, R.S.M., conference co-coordinator, "The goodness and courage of the few brave rescuers enables us to face the terrible Holocaust of that period without complete despair. The goals of this conference are to bring together rescuers and the people they helped so that they may bear witness to what was done and what could have been done to help Jews during the Holocaust if more people had tried."

As part of that goal, many of the discussions, meetings and oral histories will be recorded and collected for future use by scholars and students. These records will be kept in the Archives of the US Holocaust Memorial Museum. The Museum, which is being planned by the US HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL COUNCIL, will be located in Washington, D.C.

The conference, which will take place over a three-day period, will open Monday evening, September 17. At this time, Elie Wiesel, noted author, human rights activist and Chairman of the US Holocaust Memorial Council, will provide the official conference welcome. Through the use of music, readings, video appearances and short speeches by well-known dignitaries, rescuers and their

actions will be remembered and the tone for the entire conference will be set.

On Tuesday, September 18, Professor Harry James Cargas, conference co-coordinator, author, and member of the US Holocaust Memorial Council, will moderate the opening session of the conference at the US Department of State. The rest of the day will consist of plenary sessions and workshops focusing on the conditions in occupied Europe (social, environmental, geographical, psychological, theological, etc.) that either inhibited or enabled non-Jews to help Jews. Professor Robert McAfee Brown and Rabbi Harold Schulweis will be presenters.

In the afternoon, scholars, rescuers, survivors who were helped, and other participants will meet in small discussion groups to share personal experiences. These groups will highlight rescue activities in various countries. One session will be completely devoted to the French community, Le Chambon-sur-Lignon, which during the war collectively sheltered, hid and saved more than 2000 Jews. Featured on

the panel: Magda Trocme, wife of Pastor Andre Trocme, Le Chambon's leader; Professor Phillip Hallie, author of LEST INNOCENT BLOOD BE SHED, a book about Le Chambon; Pierre Sauvage, Jewish survivor born in Le Chambon and producer of an upcoming documentary on the subject, as well as others who were helped by the community of Le Chambon.

On Wednesday, the conference program will address the role of public figures in encouraging or impeding rescue efforts. For insight on this topic, the conference will hear from Professor Richard Breitman, discoverer of the identity of Edward Schulte, the German industrialist who in 1942 confirmed to Gerhart Riegner, representative of the World Jewish Congress, the existence of the so-called Final Solution.

Participants will consider the testimonials, scholarly insight, and discussions presented in the preceding sessions and put this information into the larger context: What is the legacy of the rescuers? What should be the place of

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