More Women's Division Federation

Education Meeting Stresses Leadership

By Mildred Lyons

Marva Perrin, national board member of Women's Division of the Jewish Federation, discussed "The Jewish Woman As Leader" at our Sept. 12 meeting.

Displaying an enthusiastic and informative approach to a subject dear to her heart. Ms. Perrin described the qualities of a leader as a role model who takes on responsibilities, sets goals, coordinates, facilitates, moderates, informs, inspires, trains, educates and creates a sense of tradition. In addition to these essential qualities, she emphasized that the leader must learn to delegate authority, guard against overzealousness on the job, have complete emotional control, and be patient and diplomatic.

These leadership qualities were very much in evidence by the Charlotte education committee participants. President Gail Bienstock welcomed the guests at the home of Anita Blumenthal. She explained that the last three years have been spent bringing together the leaders of the Jewish community to work in concert, to coordinate the fund raising campaigns for worthy causes within the community and for long range planning for community needs. She reported that the Community Relations Council responds to the media, publicity concerns, and the total image in the community. The Shalom Y'All is a welcoming group for newcomers.

Baila Pransky spoke about the right time and place for women's leadership in Charlotte and the necessity for an exchange of ideas and ideologies.

Emily Zimmern, chairwoman of the education committee, reported that her committee was creating programs of great interest. Besides the "University Experience," smaller interest groups on



L. to r.: Lina Levine, Bobbi Bernstein and Marva Perrin, guest speaker. Even the "CJN" got into the picture.



In rapt attention, l. to r.: G.G. Kosch, Mildred "Mickey" Lyons, Bobbie Polland, Ruth Goldberg.



More of the group perusing Campaign flyers.

political action, Soviet Jewry, civil rights, church and state, etc. are being planned.

All those in attendance were given the 1985 Federa-

tion/UJA Campaign printed flyers explaining the work of the Federation and the 1985 allocations committee recommendations.

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Women's Presidents Council Formed

At Women's Division's Education meeting Sept. 12, at the home of Anita Blumenthal, Gail Bienstock, president, announced the formation of a "Women's Presidents Council.

Introduced as coordinator of this newly formed leadership group, Baila Pransky made the following remarks as she explained and explored the vast potential for growth and development within the Charlotte Jewish community and the vital role the "Women's Presidents Council" can play in implementing these goals.

All of us, I am sure, are aware of the dynamic pattern of growth and expansion taking place within our city. Happily, it is most evident that the Jewish community is keeping pace with this surge of progress in Charlotte's ever changing landscape.

The present and future plans for the development of an expanded Jewish environment are enormously exciting. From Women's Division's perspective, we are standing on the threshold of great advancement...and from this vantage point, we clearly see that this is indeed the right time, and certainly the right place, to focus on women's leadership, and its vast potential for achievement. We perceive that the need for open communication, on the leadership level, is vital in maintaining a healthy exchange of idiologies in our ever expandand progressive community.

Having given careful consideration and thought to the needs of the present and the future, Women's Division proposes the following: To bring together the presiding women presidents and key women leaders of all the Jewish organizations in Charlotte, to form a Women's Presidents Council. This Council will function as a forum for brainstorming new ideas, solving problems and voicing complaints, exploring joint ventures on major projects and collectively benefit from the Jewish community's resources.

Because Women's Division is linked with every Jewish organization in Charlotte and works toward supporting their programs, we find the role of convener for this Women's Presidents Council to be a natural outgrowth of our mutual interests and concerns.

I feel privileged to have been appointed by Women's Division as coordinator of this Council. I eagerly look forward to exploring with this group the many interesting avenues of challenge and progress that lie before us. At our inaugural meeting on Wednesday evening, Nov. 28, at the Armstrong House, we will hopefully begin the process.

Our belief is that through this leadership group we will create an environment where thoughts, needs and ideas will flow in an atmosphere of friendship and cooperation.

- Baila Pransky



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