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## '89 Federation Campaign Launched: \$1.4 Million to be Raised

The Federation's 1989 Campaign received prompt endorsement and higher levels of giving among major contributors in its first few weeks of activity. Both campaign workers and those solicited early attributed the enthusiasm and increases to a convincing case for giving this year.

Federation's Campaign committee attributes Harry Swimmer as being instrumental in early solicitation successes. Swimmer recently spoke with other major contributors explaining that he had personally attended all the allocation meetings. "I'm here to tell you, the numbers are right," Swimmer said.

The Campaign will have to

raise at least \$1,405,520, based on the allocations committee recommendation. This figure represents an increase of \$200,000 over that of last year's campaign.

Shelton Gorelick, a Federation vice president, noted that the allocations procedure this year was unusually thorough. "We wanted to be absolutely certain where every dime was going. We owe that to the community, and I'm convinced we did it." Gorelick said that 38 people were involved in the allocations evaluations.

The allocations committee and its sub-committees interviewed representatives from most major, intermediate and small agencies. After careful

scrutiny, the decision was to target \$1,075,983 to the large recipient agencies (UJA, Family Services and others), \$33,000 to the intermediate agencies and \$15,600 to the small agencies.

Two meetings with members of the Federation's Leadership Circle, givers of \$10,000 or more, gave every indication that there would be a positive response to the allocations report. "We're off to an unusually fast start," Bobbi Bernstein told individual Federation board members. Bernstein, Federation president, predicted the goal would be reached by late December with the help of over 65 volunteer workers.

## Kristallnacht's 50th Anniversary to be Observed



KRISTALLNACHT: Stores and synagogues were vandalized in Nazi Germany and Austria. Photo from UJA.

Fifty years ago this month marks the beginning of the most horrifying chapter in Jewish history: Kristallnacht — the night of broken glass — which signaled the beginning of the Holocaust.

The entire community is invited to join together to observe the 50th anniversary of Kristallnacht on Wednesday, November 9 at 7:45 p.m. at Temple Israel.

Beginning with the Nuremberg Laws of 1935, the systematic legal, economic and social disenfranchisement of German Jews had become part of the social and political fiber of Nazi Germany. Kristallnacht, November 9-10, 1938, was the newest phase of the

solution to the "Jewish Question."

On October 27, 1938, already stripped of citizenship, Polish Jews were deported to Poland. However, anticipating this move by the Nazis, the Polish government had moved to close their borders to all Jewish immigration. This left nearly 18,000 Jews living in refugee camps at the border. Hershah Grynszpan, a 17-year-old student studying in Paris, was so outraged by the treatment of his family, that he shot a low-level German embassy official, Ernst Von Rath. This tragic event gave the Nazi regime all the excuse

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## Jewish Book Fair Features Eli Evans

Southern Jewry can stand tall and proud when Eli N. Evans, noted Jewish North Carolinian, comes to Charlotte on Sunday, November 20. He will be the guest speaker in a program co-sponsored by the Charlotte Chapter of Hadasah, the Jewish Community Center and the Foundation of the Charlotte Jewish Community, as part of the celebration of Jewish Book Month.

Mr. Evans will reveal his knowledge of another noted Southern Jew, Judah P. Benjamin, who came to be known as the "Brains of the Confederacy." The public is invited to attend this event, being held at 8 p.m. at Shalom Park in Gorelick Hall. It is the highlight of the Jewish Book Fair that will run from Nov. 16 through Nov. 22.

Mr. Evans currently serves as president of the Charles H. Revson Foundation, an international organization headquartered in New York City, which makes grants for programs in urban affairs, education and Jewish philanthropy. He was formerly an executive of the Carnegie Corporation of NY and has in the past served on the White House staff as a speech writer for President Lyndon B. Johnson and for political candidates in NC. Additionally, he was staff direc-



Eli Evans

tor at Duke U. of a nationwide study of the future of the states that was headed by former Governor Terry Sanford.

Eli Evans was born and raised in Durham, NC. He graduated from UNC-CH in 1958, spent two years in the U.S. Navy, and graduated from Yale Law School in 1963.

Evans writes from experience, coming from a Jewish, as well as political southern family. While it is well known that his father, Emanuel J. "Mutt" Evans, served as Mayor of Durham, 1951-1963, it is equally revealing to note that his grandmother, Jennie Bloom, organized the first NC chapter of Hadasah in Kinston. His mother, Sara Nachamson Evans, helped form the chapter in Durham and served as the President of

the Eastern Seaboard Region as well as on the National Board.

This past September Mr. Evans was guest of honor at a reception, hosted by Senator Terry Sanford, in the Senate Office Building in Washington, D.C. It was called "Judah P. Benjamin Returns to the Senate," since it commemorated Senator Benjamin's pivotal role in the national political scene prior to the Civil War. Judah P. Benjamin has been termed "the Confederate Kissinger."

Sanford stated in a letter dated Sept. 2, 1988, "I have known Eli for more than 25 years and we have worked together on numerous projects over that period...I admire deeply the research and writing accomplishments and take special pride in the fact that the heart of the research was done over the past nine years in the Southern Collection at Duke University."

In *Judah P. Benjamin, The Jewish Confederate*, Evans probes the life of this major Jewish figure in American history. A Sephardic Jew, raised in Charleston, SC, Judah P. Benjamin moved to New Orleans, carved a law practice that turned into a political career, and as an elected Senator of Louisiana was the first acknowledged Jew in the U.S. Senate. After Secession, Benjamin became Jefferson Davis's right-hand man, serving as Attorney General, Secretary of War and Secretary of State to the Confederacy from 1861-1865. Offered a seat on the U.S. Supreme Court in 1852, sixty years before Louis Brandeis, he achieved greater

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### DESTRUCTION AND RE-DEDICATION...

The Community Joins Together to Observe

### THE 50th ANNIVERSARY OF KRISTALLNACHT

the infamous "NIGHT OF BROKEN GLASS" when frenzied mobs throughout Germany destroyed synagogues, Jewish businesses, institutions and homes, and desecrated holy scrolls, books and sacred objects.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9  
AT TEMPLE ISRAEL — 7:45 p.m.

The event will be commemorated by the dedication of a

### HOLOCAUST SEFER TORAH

in honor of

CELIA SCHER

for her singular commitment to perpetuate the memory of the Holocaust

- Candlelight Torah Procession from Holocaust Square
- Charlotteans offer their personal witness to Kristallnacht
- Prayers of Memorial and Re-Dedication

SHOW YOUR SOLIDARITY WITH THIS  
UNIQUE MEANINGFUL COMMEMORATION!