

Charlotte Jewish Federation

Young Men/Young Women's Division Organized

On Sunday night, December 3, the Charlotte Jewish Federation hosted one of the most exciting events of the year, the initiation of the Young Men/Young Women's Division.

Over sixty people gathered at the home of Daniel Levine for supper and an innovative program on the Federation. The event was chaired by Scott Gorelick. Steve Menaker and Phyllis Schiffman.

Paul Rousso put together an offbeat educational video covering different aspects of where our Federation dollars go and

who benefits from them. Following the video, Scott, Steve, Phyllis and Lisa Platock spoke briefly about Federation and what it does.

Participants were given the opportunity to sign up for different Federation committees. Their response was extremely enthusiastic and we are looking forward to seeing them as active and vibrant members of the Federation.

If you would like further information on the Young Men/Young Women's Division, please call the Federation office, 366-5007.

Teen Israel Scholarship Grants Available

A summer in Israel makes for unforgettable experiences for any Jewish teenager. Young people who go return with much more than just a tan:

"...my experience in Israel with thirty-nine other teenagers from across the nation on BBYO's Israel Summer Institute was absolutely amazing! I hiked, swam, listened to lectures, rode camels through the Negev, slept in a Bedouin tent, took part in an archaeological excavation, climbed Masada to see the sun rise, and bargained on Ben Yehuda Street. I was truly a part of the unique Israeli culture for six weeks..."

— Amy Saperstein

Hundreds of teens will be converging on Israel again this summer as they do each and every year. Is there anyone in your family who'd like to join them? The Charlotte Jewish Federation has a program to help.

The following is a reprint (almost in its entirety) of the Teen Israel Scholarship Program Guidelines and Qualifications:

The Charlotte Jewish Federation makes scholarship grants available to deserving Jewish youth. The purpose of the grants is to provide supplemental financial aid to be applied toward Educational and Jewish Identity enhancing programs in Israel. Through this partial subsidy program the Charlotte Jewish Federation encourages Jewish high school students to visit the State of Israel.

The grants are in amounts up



Summer '89—Teenagers at Israeli-Lebanese border. photo/Jodi Wittlin

to \$1,000 per applicant. Scholarship grants will be awarded primarily on merit by a committee which considers the applicant's motivations, achievements and response to the application questions, both written and expressed verbally during a personal interview with the committee.

In order to be eligible for a Teen Israel Scholarship grant from the Federation, the applicant must:

A. Be a rising Junior or rising Senior in a secondary school located within the geographic area served by the Charlotte Jewish Federation and

B. Have resided in the geographic area served by the Charlotte Jewish Federation for the school year immediately preceding departure for Israel and

C. Belong to a family whose head(s)

1. Have contributed to the Charlotte Jewish Federation during the twelve months immediately preceding submission of the scholarship request and

2. Are in financially current standing with the Charlotte Jewish Federation.

D. Use the grant in the calendar year in which it is awarded for a program in Israel sponsored by an Educational, Fraternal or Religious organization which is approved by the Teen Israel Scholarship Committee.

E. Scholarship recipients

agree to:

1. Read at least one of the following books before departure for Israel:

- a. EXODUS by Leon Uris
- b. THE HAJ by Leon Uris
- c. THE SOURCE by James Michener

2. Maintain a daily journal while in Israel.

3. Write an article about their Israel experience for inclusion in **The Charlotte Jewish News**.

4. Report on the trip to the Federation Board of Directors.

5. Complete an approved community service project upon return from Israel. Acceptable projects include presentations to various local Jewish youth groups such as BBYO, Temple Religious School, Hebrew High School.

T.I.S. Program Guidelines and Qualifications and Application forms are available at the Charlotte Jewish Federation office at Shalom Park, 366-5007. Information and brochures describing Teen Israel Programs are also available in the Federation office. Applications must be submitted by March 1.

Overall costs will vary, depending upon the selected program; however, participants have found them to be very reasonable and offering high value for the dollar.

— Phil Joffe

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Keshar Tishim

"Keshar Tishim—Connection to the '90s," our community mission to Israel, will take place June 24-July 4, 1990. Step on board El Al with Margie and Julius Goldstein, Meg Goldstein and Matt Luftglass, Nicki and Miles Levine, Janet and Michael Minkin, Lynne and Morey Sheffer, Emily and Sam Zimmern, Bobby Damsky, Alan Kronovet, Richard Osborne, Barbara and Gerald Schapiro, Beverly and William Zimmern.

Won't you join them on this fabulous journey? There's still time to hop aboard, but don't procrastinate, call the Federation office, 366-5007, for further details. You'll be glad you did!



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