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## "Main Event" to Feature Adventurous Speaker

By Sandra Hirsch

The Women's Division of the Charlotte Jewish Federation is extremely excited to present the 2nd Annual "Main Event." Last year's event was so well received that the committee worked extra diligently to exceed the previous festivities.

"Main Event" will be Wednesday, Dec. 5, 7 p.m. at the brand new Omni Charlotte Hotel. Guest speaker is Howard Stone. There will be a pre-reception for Pacesetters and Lion of Judah members.

Chairwomen for the evening, Margie Goldstein and Peggy Gartner, have promised that between the elegance of the hotel, the fabulous menu, the informative speaker, and the heart-warming causes we are supporting, that this event will be truly unforgettable.

Mr. Stone has a very exciting background. He has spent most of his adult life in what he calls the "historic adventure" of saving Jewish lives and rebuilding the Jewish homeland. While traveling through Europe more than 20 years ago, he became involved in a clandestine operation smuggling Jews out of North Africa and into Israel.

Arriving in Haifa with the first



Howard Stone

group of refugees, he chose to stay in Israel and became a member of a young Kibbutz. He was soon recruited into government service and for several years was part of many sensitive projects that are still classified today.

Returning to the United States, he joined the United Jewish Appeal. He first served as Director of the Young Leadership Cabinet where he was instrumental in helping to create a new generation of leadership for our communities, then as Director of Overseas Programs

with responsibility for all UJA activities abroad. Today he is Senior Vice President to Operation Independence, a private enterprise aimed at strengthening Israel's economy at the request of Prime Minister Peres.

When the Government of Israel initiated its economic recovery program in the mid-'80s, Howard was asked to play a role in that effort and helped to create an international coalition of businessmen committed to advancing private sector growth.

He now serves as Executive Director of the Zionist Organization of America.

Howard holds advanced degrees in both Literature and International Relations and is a gifted writer whose work has appeared in leading publications here and abroad.

Charlotte is very fortunate to have the opportunity to hear Mr. Stone speak.

## Southern Spring Show Gala To Benefit Soviet Jews

Recently Joan Zimmerman, president of Southern Shows, Inc., announced that the 1991 Southern Spring Show Gala Celebration will benefit the resettlement of Soviet Jewish families in Charlotte. The Celebration is scheduled for Sunday, Feb. 24, 1991 from 7 until 10 p.m. at the Charlotte Merchandise Mart. Previous beneficiaries include the North Carolina Performing Arts Center and the North Carolina Zoo.

Chairing the 1991 Gala Benefit will be Herman Blumenthal and Jane McColl. "We're thrilled with this marvelous opportunity. The Celebration promises to garner much positive publicity for our community's work for Soviet Jewry, as well as raise significant dollars. On behalf of the whole community, I want to thank Joan and Robert Zimmerman for their tremendous support of our hu-

man rights endeavor," commented Mr. Blumenthal.

Entertainment and exhibits of Israeli art and jewelry will highlight the evening. Selections from the largest collection of contemporary Israeli art in the U.S. will be showcased including pieces by such internationally acclaimed artists as David Sharir and Yaacov Agam. The Collector's Corner Art Gallery from St. Louis will have for sale works of more than 40 Israeli artists. Oils, signed lithographs, serigraphs, sculpture, tapestries, wearable art, and jewelry will be featured. Owner Ruth Fredman will also contribute to the local resettlement effort from sales proceeds.

Invitations and additional information will be forthcoming, but please mark your calendars now for what will no doubt be a memorable evening.

## Federation B&P Women to Meet

The Charlotte Jewish Federation is sponsoring a Business and Professional event for all women. This will be the first of three programs planned for this year. The program will be held at Providence Country Club on Tuesday, Nov. 27, at 6 p.m.

The Business and Professional Cochairs, Phyllis Schiffman and Susan Gordon, are busy recruiting women who are interested in networking, learning about Jewish women's issues and having a lot of fun. The goal of Business and Professionals is to reach a

whole new vital segment of the Jewish population. Women who work outside or in addition to their homes have entirely different time frames and very divergent lifestyles and concerns. Each has a great deal to offer the other in terms of talent and expertise, and, more important, each is invaluable to the community it ultimately serves.

For more information and to be on the B&P mailing list, please call Pam Appelbaum at the Federation office, 366-5007.

## Celebrating Succoth at the JCC



Barry Klemons (L), received a plaque from Mike Van Glish, president of the JCC, thanking the Klemons family for their generosity towards building the permanent Community Succah at the 'J.' More photos on page 9.

## Jewish Book Month "Book & Author" Night Coming in Dec.

By Nancy Blacker & Lorrie Klemons

One woman's remarkable story of survival and achievement comes to the Charlotte Jewish community. Judith Magyar Isaacson, survivor of Auschwitz-Birkenau and HESSISCH-LICHTE-NAU, brings her remarkable saga of poetic courage and basic instinctive will to survive to the Fourth Annual Book & Author Evening.

The author will recount her experiences at Shalom Park on Sunday evening, Dec. 9, at 7 p.m. This event, the highlight of

Jewish Book Month and the Book Fair at Shalom Park, is cosponsored by the Charlotte Chapter of Hadassah, the JCC and the Speizman Jewish Library. The evening will feature the author and will be followed by a Patron's Reception.

**SEED OF SARAH: Memoir of a Survivor** presents "Jutka" Magyar, a spirited schoolgirl in Hungary, eagerly looking forward to studying comparative literature at the university when Hitler and his storm troopers began their deadly assault on most of Europe. She was sent to Auschwitz at the age of 19.

The idyllic world of the author's childhood died forever in the nightmare of the Holocaust, but courage, love and humanity managed to survive, as evidenced in the harrowing and heroic moments that stand out in the memoir. The book is illustrated with photographs hidden in her Hungarian ghetto home just days before the family was transported. The story is remarkable in its absence of bitterness and simple writing style and evokes clear images of joys of life before Nazi occupation, the relentless brutality of concentration camp existence



Judith Magyar Isaacson

and the miracle of rescue. She includes a joyous description of See JEWISH page 5

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