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Campaign Update: Financial Support for Israel Critical

Currently, the 1991 Regular Campaign is at \$914,000. The 1991 Federation goal of \$1,366,200 is based on a 10% increase over last year's campaign pledges. As the crisis in the Gulf War continues, our role in supporting Israel becomes more critical. The costs for social programs in Israel are threatened because of the war. It is our responsibility to pay for the ongoing costs of rural development, Youth Aliyah, and the absorption of Soviet and Ethiopian immigrants in Israel.

In conjunction with the Regular Campaign, the Charlotte Jewish community is responding favorably with a commitment to the resettlement of Soviet Jews. It is expected that we will surpass the Operation Exodus goal of one million dollars. During January, 12,730 Soviet Jews made Aliyah. At present, approximately 60,000 Soviet Jews hold invitations which will allow them to apply for exit visas for Israel. Special support groups are being developed to assist immigrants with security procedures during Scud missile attacks.

The Charlotte Jewish Federation has planned cash mobilization efforts to expedite payments to Israel. United Jewish Appeal is asking all Federations to accelerate cash payments as the current cash needs are overwhelming. The Charlotte Jewish community's allotment is \$630,000, which represents unpaid pledges to the Regular



This picture transmitted by CNN underscores the tragic and poignant plight of Israelis who were injured and traumatized by Iraqi Scud missile attacks.

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An infant member of a Soviet family of newcomers to Israel in the special crib for protection against chemical warfare looks to his mother for assurance in their Jerusalem apartment.

Photo/Joe Malcolm, JAFI Communication/UJA Press Service

Campaign and Operation Exodus.

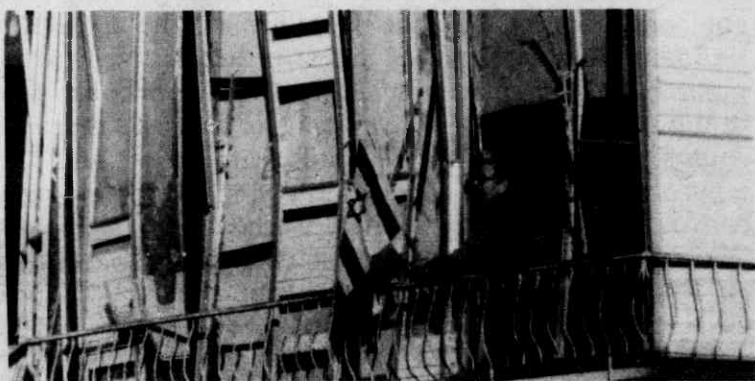
Super Sunday, Feb. 3, was a resounding success in Charlotte. In total, \$40,000 was raised that day for the 1991 Federation Regular Campaign and Operation Exodus. Most noteworthy were the number of new gifts attained. Alongside the fundraising component of Super

Sunday, volunteers had a lot of fun. Prizes were distributed to volunteers who secured increased pledges and new gifts. The prizes included such items as All Star tickets, gift certificates and jewelry. In addition, training was available to all phone solicitors, highlighted by slides of the constituent Jewish agencies and Israel.



A neighborhood woman stands outside the wreckage of homes in Ramat Gan, a Tel Aviv suburb hit by an Iraqi Scud missile. Project Renewal neighborhoods in Ramat Gan and Tel Aviv have been hard-hit by the attacks. The UJA/Federation emergency cash effort is providing humanitarian aid to Israel while helping settle thousands of Soviet immigrants arriving in the midst of war.

Photo/Robert A. Cumins.



An elderly man flies the Israeli flag from the remains of his apartment following the Scud missile attack that hit the Tel Aviv suburb of Ramat Gan.

Photo/Robert A. Cumins.

JCC/Golden Circle Theatre Have Successful Fundraiser Thanks to Help of Volunteers

By Ethel Gordon

The Jewish Community Center and Golden Circle Theatre's major fundraising event of 1991 has successfully ended its first phase of its theatre season with the production of Neil Simon's play, "The Good Doctor." The Gala Dessert Reception held for benefactors, patrons and advertisers was also a huge success due to the many volunteers who spent many productive hours achieving their goal.

Thanks go to Ethel Gordon, chair of the Gala Reception, and committee members Nancy Blacker, Jill Newman, Evelyn Berger, Paula Musler and Patti Scher.

The following volunteers assisted the committee by transforming the gymnasium into a New York City nightscape: Leonard Berger, Linda Goldsmith, Vicki Hopkins, Arlene Karp, John Levin, Miles Levine, Emily Montag, Vera Mendel,

Randi DeFillip, Elaine Scheflin, Bridgett Thompson and Michael Van Glish.

The ticket sellers and the boards of both the JCC and the Golden Circle Theatre did an outstanding job of raising funds. The youth and senior programs at the "J" are the beneficiaries of this fundraiser along with the Golden Circle Theatre which will be able to continue to bring good theatre to Charlotte at a modest cost.

Several support staff members of the JCC are to be commended for their help: Paul Jacobs, Debby Rosenberger and Beth Keiffer. Barry Hantman, JCC executive director, was always there with encouragement.

Many thanks to you all for your caring, sharing and enthusiastic support. There are three more plays in this series: "The Lion In Winter," "Rashomon" and "Private Lives." For more information on these, call the "J," 366-5007.

Come Experience Israel—Show Our Solidarity

The Regional Mission to Israel

NOW is the time to demonstrate our solidarity and unity as "One People" with Israel. Plans are underway to prepare for a United Jewish Appeal / Charlotte Jewish Federation Regional Mission to Israel, April 21-May 1.

The Regional Mission will provide a unique and rewarding opportunity to experience Israel:

- Meet with members of the Israel Defense Force at an army base
- Celebrate a festive Oneg Shabbat at the Wall
- Visit Masada
- Tour the northern security borders, Israel's first line of military defense
- Experience the greening of the desert in the Negev
- Hear first-hand about Israel's concerns from Israeli experts
- Greet newly arrived Soviet Olim

- Visit Israel's famous archaeological sites
- Plan 1 day of optional programming

The Regional Mission will allow participants the opportunity to network with others from the Southeastern region. Already, there is a contingent of 80 mission participants from the Jewish communities in Charleston and Memphis.

The subsidized mission cost is \$1200. The cost includes hotel (five star), airfare, meals, tips, taxes, entrance fees and guided

tours. Eligibility to participate in this mission is dependent upon a \$1000 minimum pledge to UJA. Missions to Israel are the primary source of support for humanitarian programs and social services for Jews at home and abroad. Let's rise to the challenge and partake in this historic opportunity in Israel.

For further information, please call Nicki Levine, Missions Chair, 847-1149; Richard Klein, Regional Missions Chair, 846-4133; Pam Appelbaum at the Federation Office, 366-5007.

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