

# Charlotte Jewish Federation

## B & P Women Meet To Eat, Socialize and Learn

On Feb. 12, the Women's Business and Professional group (B&P) met for dinner and to hear Judge Miriam Waltzer speak on "Jewish Women's Roles in the '90s" at Providence Country Club. The ambience of the club made for an intimate and informative place to gather. Business and professional women had an opportunity to socialize, network and learn more about Jewish women's roles.

Judge Waltzer was born in Frankfurt, Germany, where she spent her childhood before and during WWII, and is a graduate of Louisiana State University at New Orleans. She is a member of a multitude of civic organizations in the Jewish and non-Jewish community. Judge Waltzer provided a provocative and inspiring speech on how career women can offer their expertise and commitment to Judaism in a meaningful way. She highlighted the advantages to working with members of the Jewish community as well as the non-Jewish community in order to improve social and economic conditions for all ethnic groups.

Sara Schreiberman, president of Women's Division, spoke about the need, as well as the interest, in a business and professional group. Phyllis Schiffman, B&P cochair, concluded the program with a plea to continue to support Israel during these difficult times. Schiffman suggested that women consider becoming members of the American Israel Political Advisory Council (AIPAC) and help fund raise through the 1991 Federation Campaign and Operation Exodus. The B&P Committee worked assiduously to coordinate the event.

Other members of the committee are Susan Gordon, co-chair; Donna Ades, Ann Langman, Gail Leventhal and Tina Usdin Wolozin.

Among those in attendance were Emily Zimmern, president of CJF; Meg Goldstein, CJF



Judge Waltzer speaks to group.

vice president; Lynne Sheffer, Women's Division Campaign chair; Michael Minkin, executive director CJF.

For further information about the Women's Business and Professional group, contact Pam Appelbaum, 366-5007.

## UJA's Young Leadership Cabinets Move Retreats to Israel

The United Jewish Appeal Young Leadership Cabinets will hold their 1991 Annual Retreats August 7-11 in Jerusalem, instead of the previously announced location of Snowbird, Utah. The decision to change the meeting place was officially announced by Cabinet Chair-Designates Susie Stern of Westchester, N.Y., and Stuart Rossman of Boston. "As members of the Women's Young Leadership Cabinet, our response to most situations comes in the form of philanthropy and political activism," said Stern. "In the midst of this Persian Gulf crisis, I was extremely moved by Cabinet members' show of overwhelming support. We are making an important statement of solidarity by changing our plans because we are not needed in Utah — we are needed in Israel, and we will rejoice in being there."

The Cabinet Retreats bring members together to kick-off the 1992 UJA Campaign and to set the agenda for the coming year. While in Israel, they will have the chance to see the Soviet aliyah firsthand, in addition to visiting many UJA-funded projects — living examples of the Campaign Case. Participants return to their communities informed and invigorated, equipped with the knowledge and abilities to solicit potential donors and to speak on behalf of the Case. In

addition, members have an opportunity to make their own personal commitment to the campaign.

"Feelings about moving the Retreats to Israel were solidified on our Morasha Mission in October, when we became acutely aware of the importance of our presence there," said Rossman. "Certainly there are logistical and scheduling problems that we would not face in the U.S., but we know that the benefits of being in Israel and letting our Israeli brothers and sisters know that we support them will make any inconveniences appear minute. We want to show the American Jewish community that we are willing to take the lead and be the first to make plans, because we do not expect to be the only visitors to Israel in August — we expect to be among thousands."

The Young Leadership Cabinets are comprised of national Jewish leaders trained on behalf of UJA as solicitors, speakers and advocates for Israel and Jewish needs worldwide. Cabinet members serve as role models in their local communities by virtue of their commitment, leadership and giving level. The Young Leadership Cabinet currently has a membership of more than 500, and a constituency of over 10,000.

## Leadership Development Has Varied Programs

By Ken Stern, Program Chair

The 16-month Leadership Development program is now in its fourth month. Attendance at our monthly meetings has averaged about thirty-five people, a very good turnout. Our February speaker was Dr. Peter Relic, past superintendent of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg school district and a current scholar-in-residence at Belmont Abbey College. Dr. Relic spoke about "Education in the '90s and its impetus on leadership."

He discussed areas that need to be addressed in improving our school systems and spoke of the relationship between society, family life and education. Dr. Relic spoke of the positive effects of Jewish values on education and of the need to provide an environment for active, participatory learning, instead of one in which the teacher talks — and we listen.

Dr. Relic provided the forum for two hours of active group discussion that was thought-provoking and enlightening. In groups, we discussed what is right and wrong with our educational system and discussed the influence that we as parents, role-models and leaders can have. Each group acted as lawmakers and "introduced" legislation that could improve our educational system and some of the social problems in our society. The program was enjoyed by all, including Dr. Relic.

On January 20, Nancy Silverboard from Mobile, Alabama, spoke to the group on the concept of Tzedakah. Nancy is the current cochair of Women's Young Leadership Cabinet (region III), the president of the Mobile Jewish Welfare Fund, and the vice chair of United Way. Nancy spoke of the myths and realities surrounding Tzedakah and why the concept has been so important over the centuries. Participants were divided into groups, with each group asked to select words from a list that best described Tzedakah as it applies to them. This list was compared to a list of words that each group believed to be other people's perceptions of the



Peter Relic

Campaign. Group discussion followed on the similarities and differences of these lists.

The January meeting was held just a few days after the start of the Gulf War. Adrienne Rosenberg, director of Jewish Family Services, spent a few minutes at the start of the meeting to review the services provided by JFS. Adrienne discussed some of the concerns and feelings that are normal in times of crisis and told us that JFS is there for us.

Over the next few months, participants will be observing the meetings of a variety of local Jewish boards. The dynamics of board meetings, including decision-making, conflict resolution, and issue management will be observed. This will be followed by a discussion with the group.



Photo by Robert Cumins

"WE STAND UNITED WITH ISRAEL," Shoshana S. Cardin, chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, declared at Kennedy Airport prior to the departure of a "solidarity mission" to Israel organized by the Presidents Conference. More than 40 top leaders of the American Jewish community, including eight past chairmen of the Conference and the presidents and directors of 31 national Jewish organizations, took part in the three-day mission. Sharing the podium with Mrs. Cardin are three former Conference chairmen (left to right): Theodore R. Mann, Kenneth J. Bialkin and Seymour D. Reich. During their stay in Israel, the Presidents Conference delegation conferred with Prime Minister Shamir, Foreign Minister Levy, Defense Minister Arens and other Israeli officials, and visited the Tel Aviv neighborhoods that were damaged by Iraqi Scud missiles.



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