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## Children Adopt a Soviet Family



(Top going clockwise) Mikhail Kutsenko, teacher Shirley Levine, Micah Monosoff and Erin Goldstein.  
photos/V. Berger

By Virginia Berger

On December 10, Mrs. Shirley Levine's Daled class of Temple Israel's Religious School, had a pizza party for their adopted Soviet family at Shalom Park. The Kutsenkos came from Moscow to Charlotte this past July. They have one son, Maxsim, who is in the second grade at Lansdowne Elementary School.

It was a wonderful opportunity for the children to meet the Kutsenkos. Mr. Kutsenko has a doctorate in chemical engineering and is happy to be living in Charlotte with his family.

Please help the Daled class in welcoming the Kutsenkos by calling them, bringing them to temple and inviting them into



Maxsim Kutsenko (L) and his mother Marina Kutsenko.

their home. There are several new Soviet families who need to socialize in our community. Won't you help?

## Prime Minister of Israel Attended CJF's 60th General Assembly



Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir and Israeli Ambassador to the United States Zalman Shoval share a brief moment of conversation with CJF Executive Vice President Martin S. Kraar and CJF President Charles H. Goodman prior to Prime Minister Shamir's major policy address to the Council of Jewish Federation's 60th General Assembly.

Attending the GA from Charlotte were Emily Zimmern, Bobbi Bernstein and Pam Appelbaum. Also present was Dan Lepow, Charlotte Jewish Federation's new executive director.

## "Come to the Cabaret"

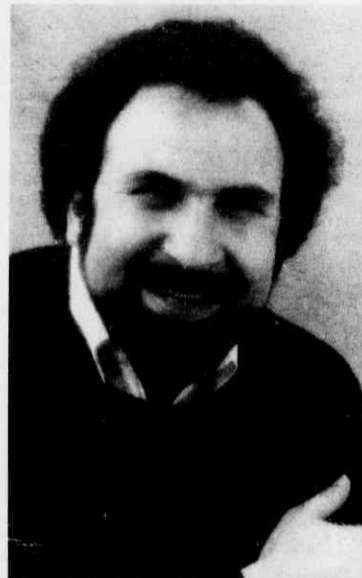
The Charlotte Jewish Federation is kicking off the 1992 Annual Federation Campaign with a cabaret-styled evening of Jewish humor with Moshe Waldoks on Saturday, January 18 at 8 p.m. at the Atrium, Two First Union Center. "Come to the Cabaret," the theme for the campaign kick-off, will celebrate our accomplishments and mark our beginnings for 1992.

In keeping with a true cabaret style, the evening will begin with lively music, followed by guest entertainer Moshe Waldoks. Refreshments will feature delectable desserts. Moshe Waldoks is coeditor (with William Novak) of the "Big Book of Jewish Humor" and the "Big Book of New American Humor." He is a nationally renowned stand-up

comedian who provides a sumptuous and delightful feast of Jewish jokes, anecdotes and dramatized excerpts from leading Jewish writers for audiences of all ages and backgrounds. His enthusiasm and largeness of spirit will create an unforgettable evening of entertainment.

The officers of the new organization resulting from the merger of the Federation and Foundation will be introduced as will the new Executive Director, Dan Lepow.

Campaign kick-off cochairs, Lisa Placock and Jack Levinson, said, "This will undoubtedly be an exciting community-wide event — an event to celebrate our success as a spirited Charlotte Jewish community." Campaign Kick-Off Committee



Moshe Waldoks

members, Adam Bernstein, Cary Bernstein, Peggy Gartner, Margi Goldstein, Susan Hennes, Hal Levinson, Amy Marx, Gene Marx and Sara Schreiber are all rolling up their sleeves to make this a creative and enjoyable evening.

Please R.S.V.P. to the Federation office, 366-5007. Cover charge is \$10 per person. Tickets are available at the Federation office. Complimentary parking will be available at Two First Union Center (entrance to the garage is on Second Street between College and Tryon Streets). We gratefully acknowledge the generosity and support of our sponsor, First Union National Bank.

## Major Gifts Dinner Launches Federation Campaign 1992

On Dec. 12, at the home of Mickey Gold, 40 people attended the Major Gifts Dinner. According to Don Bernstein, 1992 Chair of Major Gifts, \$562,000 was pledged that evening for the 1992 Federation Campaign. This is a 14% increase over their last year's pledge of \$492,000.

Also important to note, is that there are six new Leadership Circle members and two new Links of Judah.

Guest speaker for the evening was Ernest Michel. He was born in Germany and is a Holocaust survivor. He spent over five years in a number of concentration camps including Auschwitz, Birkenau and Buchenwald. He was brought to the U.S. in 1946 with funds provided by UJA. Until his retirement in 1989, he served as one of two Executive Vice Presidents of New York UJA-Federation, the largest Jewish philanthropic organization in the world. In that capacity, he has been intimately involved in most of the major events in Jewish history since the end of the war.

In addition to his professional responsibilities, Michel is a spokesman for the survivors of the Holocaust and has been an outspoken and prominent public figure, constantly reminding the world about what happened during those years. He organized and served as Chairman of the highly publicized World Gathering of Jewish Holocaust Survivors in Jerusalem in 1981. He is also Co-Chairman of the New York Holocaust Museum, and



Ernest Michel

has often appeared on television. His articles have been printed in newspapers throughout the United States.

## Temple Israel Leaves Dilworth

By Florence Jaffa

The sale of Temple Israel's property was finalized on Dec. 4, 1991. Though the closing was long awaited, the departure from the site was quickly enacted and the final services were held on Dec. 20 and 21. It was a nostalgic time for congregants as an era spanning over 40 years was drawn to a close. The Synagogue on Dilworth Rd. was the focal point of the most personal and memorable events in their lives: namings, weddings, Bar and Bat Mitzvahs, etc.

Temple Israel members face a challenging time for the next six months as they await the com-

pletion of their beautiful new facility at Shalom Park. In the interim, all Temple functions, both religious and programmatic, will continue uninterrupted at the JCC.

Many thanks go to Ben Jaffa who is interim chairman, to Barry Hantman, Debbie Rosenberger and the other JCC staff members, and to Ethel Gordon of Temple Beth El V'Shalom for making the necessary accommodations.

The Temple offices have temporarily been moved to 9303 Monroe Road, Suite B.

The new telephone number is 845-2088.

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