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## “Jewish Continuity” — Around the Corner and Around the World — Federation Campaign '93

Don Bernstein '93 Campaign chairman, announced that the '93 Campaign will officially kick off on November 22 with a special event for Campaign workers. Focusing on the need to increase the number of people willing to reach out to ask others to make a commitment, it is hoped that all who want to help will attend an enjoyable evening. Specifics are now being finalized and details will be announced.

The annual Leadership Circle event is scheduled for December 8 at the home of Sandra and Leon Levine. In addition to the Major Gifts Event, this year's campaign will introduce two other minimum gift events. Kristin and David Swimmer have agreed to chair a \$3,000 minimum gift affair along with Cary Bernstein and Alan Kron-

ovet who will be heading an event for those who give at least \$1,000.

Rich Osborne, Campaign vice chairman, expressed optimism about the upcoming campaign. Especially positive are the community leaders who have agreed to take leadership positions in the '93 Campaign. Among others included are Emily Zimmern, Harry Lerner, Paul Edelstein, Bill Gorelick, Alan Oxman, Mark Lerner, Jack Levinson, along with Gene and Amy Marx who will be chairing Super Sunday.

The Campaign Calendar announced at the last Cabinet meeting aims to complete worker training by early December so that worker assignments can be made as soon as possible.

The \$3,000 event is planned for January as is the Women's Division Pacesetter event. The \$1,000 function along with Women's Division \$365 event are tentatively planned for early February. Super Sunday is now scheduled for February 28.

“Jewish Continuity” is more than just a nice phrase. The importance for a community to be able to provide its agencies with the resources to continue

to meet Jewish needs is essential. Assistance to those who teach our children, provide youth programming to help give them the Jewish values they will carry forever, and resources to those who help families in crisis are all key elements to a healthy future. Funds for these reasons as well as enabling Israel to meet its social and educational requirements for its future all come from the annual campaign.

### Temple Beth El To Host Annual Thanksgiving Interfaith Service



Rabbi Krantzler  
photo/Roger Meyers

Temple Beth El will host the annual Interfaith Service sponsored by the National Conference of Christians and Jews, Wednesday evening, November 25 at 7:30 p.m. in the Blumenthal Sanctuary.

The entire service will be dedicated to Dr. Harold Krantzler, Rabbi Emeritus, deceased, of Temple Beth El, who more than 15 years ago helped to organize this yearly service. At the time, the idea of an interfaith service was innovative and unique. The religious groups who participated in the beginning services were Methodists, Presbyterians, Baptists, Catholics, Quakers, Unitarians, Bahai and Jews. It has in recent years expanded to include members of the Hindu, Buddhist, Muslim and Native American faiths. The AME Zion Men's Choir will provide the liturgical music accompaniment.

Sidney Freeman, Minister, retired of the Unitarian Church of Charlotte, will deliver the keynote address. He will speak about how the service began, how far we've come and his vision of the future.

The service is warm and spiritually rewarding. The fellowship of those present leaves one with feelings of exhilaration as well as peace and contentment. We urge you to attend.

## Major Gift Event

Marvin Lender will be the guest speaker at the Annual Federation Leadership Circle event, scheduled for Tuesday, December 8 at the home of Sandra and Leon Levine.

The former president of Lender's Bagels, he currently serves as President of the United Jewish Appeal having completed a successful term as National Campaign Chairman. During his tenure, UJA has set new records in raising over \$1.5 billion for the Annual Campaigns and Operations Exodus.

Marvin has also served as UJA National Chairman for Major Gifts, The Passage to Freedom special campaign for Soviet Jewry, and Operation Exodus. The current success of Soviet Jewry's settlement in Israel in freedom and dignity is due to his extraordinary efforts on their behalf.

Don Bernstein, Campaign



Marvin Lender  
photo/Bechrach

chairman, expressed his gratitude that the UJA President had agreed to be our guest at this important affair. With the needs of the Continuing Exodus Campaign high on the Jewish agenda and the importance of the Annual Federation Campaign, there is no better person to articulate the “Case for Giving.”

## Operation Exodus To Continue

The Jewish Federation leadership has announced the continuation of **Operation Exodus**. The original Exodus campaign, raising \$1 million payable over three years, was considered a huge success. The community focused on the need to rescue Soviet Jews and responded as well as anyone could hope. Almost 400,000 new Olim have arrived in Israel within the past few years and their numbers continue to grow.

While the world watched the Soviet Union crumble, the condition of the Jewish community inside Russia and the many new Republics worsened. The rise of nationalism has created tensions for the Jewish communities and the lack of a strong central power has allowed the anti-Semitic organizations such as Pamyat to flourish. Reports reaching the west are not good and many of those from the former Soviet Union who have settled here in Charlotte are expressing their concerns based on letters and phone calls from

relatives.

Although the TV cameras no longer show the planeloads arriving every night at Ben Gurion Airport in Israel, the situation is no less serious. **The flow continues** although at a slower pace. Much of the reason is that Israel is having difficulty absorbing the initial flood of refugees. **The money raised for Operation Exodus I was for an absorption of only 210,000.** The economy of Israel has not been

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## Future Leaders Program Helps Community's Future

The Future Leader's orientation will take place on Saturday, November 21 at 7:30 p.m. This exciting kick-off event will mark the beginning of what promises to be an active “hands-on” and educational program geared towards the development of future leadership in the Charlotte Jewish community. The orientation will allow participants to meet with their peers

and learn more about the program. The 18-month program requires a commitment of attendance at monthly sessions, volunteering on committees of agencies, participation in Super Sunday and opportunities for involvement at the national level on a UJA Mission to Washington, DC or a UJA Mission to Israel.

The fourth Leadership Pro-

gram, “Young Leaders,” will draw from the strengths of past programs and develop new concepts and ideas for the future. Paul Hirschmann, Future Leader's chair, promises to reach out to as many young members and give them an opportunity to get involved. With the help of Leadership Planning Committee members, Dan Dubin, Gary See **FUTURE** page 8

## Jewish Book Month: Stephen Birmingham to Speak at Book and Author Event

The Sixth Annual Book and Author Evening will take place Sunday, December 6 at 7:30 p.m. in Gorelick Hall at Shalom Park. The event is cosponsored by the Jewish Community Center, the Charlotte Chapter of Hadassah and the Speizman Jewish Library.

This year's speaker is author and lecturer Stephen Birmingham, the first author to have two books on *The New York Times* best seller list simultaneously. Mr. Birmingham has written twenty-five books and will discuss several of them. In the

Jewish community, he is most noted for a trilogy: *Our Crowd* focuses on the social history of American Jews and was on *The New York Times* best seller list for 52 weeks; *The Grandees* examines the American Sephardic community; and *The Rest of Us* depicts the rise of American Jews from Eastern Europe. Mr. Birmingham will also discuss his most recent novel, *The Rothman Scandal*.

Mr. Birmingham's books include both fiction and non-fiction. He has lectured widely throughout the United States,

Britain, Israel and South Africa. It is interesting to note that Mr. Birmingham, a non-Jew, has written several books on American Jewry. We invite you to come and find out why.

Tickets for the lecture will be available for \$5 at the door; seniors and students, \$3. For those who wish to purchase *The Rothman Scandal* at a discounted rate, please call Helen Friedman at 375-5877 for details. Mr. Birmingham will be available to autograph copies after his presentation.

Hadassah, the Jewish Com-

munity Center and the Speizman Jewish Library are seeking patrons to underwrite this event. Grand Patrons are \$250, Sustaining Patrons are \$100, and Benefactors are \$36. There will be a reception immediately following the program for all Patrons and Benefactors.

Chairpersons of the event are Amalia Warshenbrot, librarian for the Speizman Jewish Library; Stacy L. Miller, Hadassah representative; and Debby Rosenberger, JCC Director of Adult Services.



Stephen Birmingham  
photo/Jerry Bauer