

Jewish Federation of Greater Charlotte

Women's Division Presents Annual Education Series

Alice Buxbaum, Ann Langman and Dorothy Ashendorf, Women's Education co-chairs of the Jewish Federation of Greater Charlotte, are proud to announce the finalization of the Annual Educational Series, "Jewish Women's Awareness ... Exploring our Options." The series will be presented in an exciting format of three separate Sunday programs scheduled for November, January, March and a one-day Mission to Washington, DC in May.

The first program will take place on Sunday, Nov. 8 at the Hyatt Hotel at SouthPark at 7:30 p.m. with an elegant dessert reception. Guest speaker is Tzvee Zahavy, who is the newly appointed recipient of the Distinguished Professor of Judaic Studies Seat at UNC-Charlotte. With a Ph.D. specializing in History of Judaism at Brown University and as a recipient of several prestigious honors and grants, we are honored to introduce Zahavy at this educational kick-off event open to all Jewish women in the community. Zahavy will present, "What are the Rights and Responsibilities of Modern Jewish Women? Jewish Tradition Speaks to the Modern Woman."

The second program, "A Meaningful Alternative to Sunday Night Football - Jewish Women's Film Festival," is scheduled for Sunday, January 17 at 7:30 p.m. in Gorelick Hall, Shalom Park. The selected film is "Chasing Shadows," by the British Director Naomi Gryn. The film was made in 1990 and in it, Naomi accompanies her father, now a Rabbi in London, on his return to his childhood home in a small village in the Carpathian mountains and evokes the world of his childhood. His memories are augmented by rare footage, which provides a unique glimpse of a world that has all but vanished, leaving only ghosts and shadows. This award winning film is gently poignant, humorous and moving.

Uptown Workers Form B & P "Uptowners" Group

Business and Professional Uptowners, sponsored by the Jewish Federation of Greater Charlotte, is actively programming and open to those who work in the uptown area and are interested in hearing quality speakers address a variety of Jewish contemporary issues. Lunch meetings allow for social networking, as well as participating in interesting and informal dialogues. In October, David Akov, Israeli Consul of the Southeast Region, spoke on "Recent Changes in Israel." His



Tzvee Zahavy

The third program will take place on Sunday, March 14 at 7:30 p.m. with Dr. Deborah Lipstadt, incoming Professor of Religious Studies at Emory University, as the guest speaker.

The culminating event will be a "Woman's One Day Mission to Washington, DC" scheduled for Tuesday, May 4. Highlights of the trip will include a private tour of the National Holocaust Museum, a visit to Capitol Hill and the Israeli Embassy.

According to committee member Susan Lepow, the educational series "represents an effort by the Women's Division to incorporate the interests and concerns of Jewish women in our community into a pertinent and entertaining format. Modern Jewish women have so many options for activism in today's world, both in the home and in the outside world. The series has been designed to address these options and we hope that there is something to appeal to everyone. Even the Washington Mission has been set up to accommodate a cross section of women by minimizing time away from the workplace and family concerns." Other committee members include Judy Kaufmann, Rose Luski, Stacy Miller and Ada Shapiro.

To reserve space for one, some, or all of these events, please contact Pam Appelbaum, Staff Associate, at the Federation office at 366-5007.

report gave updated insight into the Peace Process. On November 18, Mark Powers, director, Jews for Judaism, will present a dialogue on "Combatting Missionary Cults." With increased rates of assimilation and Jewish apathy, the Jewish community is confronted by the increased efforts of cults and evangelical Christian missionaries.

Steve Garfinkel, Peter Levinson and Judie Van Glish will succeed Rich Osborne and Sara

Jews For Judaism — It's About Time

By Sue Brodsky

The Charlotte Jewish community is fortunate to have Mark Powers, director Jews for Judaism, who will offer a variety of lectures and workshops on Nov. 17 and 18. Jews for Judaism, with offices in Baltimore, Los Angeles, New York, Harrisburg, Detroit, Toronto and Washington, DC, is the only full-time counter-missionary resource and outreach center which works to monitor and combat deceptive Christian missionary efforts. Its program has two goals: preventive education and winning back those Jews who have become influenced by missionaries. Its activities, which include counseling, lectures, support groups, campus programs and information dissemination, have received the endorsement of a wide spectrum of Jewish community agencies and rabbis of all branches of Judaism. Jews for Judaism is also the largest clearing house for information on missionary groups in the world.

Mr. Powers has a full schedule planned for his two day visit. On Tuesday, Nov. 17, there will be a "Lunch and Learn" session for rabbis, teachers and other Jewish professionals. The program, sponsored by the Consolidated High School of Jewish Studies and by The Jewish Federation of Greater Charlotte, will be held in the Luski Youth Center at Shalom Park, noon-2 p.m. Reservations may be made by calling Pam Applebaum or Sue Brodsky at Shalom Park. On Tuesday, Mr. Powers will also speak during religious school to the sixth and seventh graders of both Temple Beth El and Temple Israel. Following a 6:30 p.m. dinner with Hillel students from



Mark Powers

UNCC, sponsored by HaLailah Chapter of B'nai B'rith Women and Federation, there will be a Community Forum in Gorelick Hall. The Forum, "Missionary Impossible or Why Jews Can't Believe in Jesus," sponsored by the Jewish Federation of Greater Charlotte, will be held at 7:45 p.m.

On Wednesday, Nov. 18, Mr. Powers will be the guest speaker at the Business and Professionals Uptowners Group which is sponsored by the Jewish Federation of Greater Charlotte. On Wednesday evening all students and parents of the Consolidated High School of Jewish Studies will participate in a two hour program with Mr. Powers. The program, "Hey, That's Not

Basketball or Why Jews Can't Believe in Jesus," is cosponsored by HaLailah Chapter BBW and the Consolidated High School. All HaLailah members are invited to attend the program, 7-9 p.m., in Gorelick Hall at Shalom Park.

As assimilation and Jewish apathy continue to rise at an alarming rate, the Jewish community is confronted by the increased efforts of cults and evangelical Christian missionaries. There are approximately 400 Christian missionary groups located throughout the country, which are targeting the Jewish people with the objective of converting them to Christianity. Calling themselves "Messianic Jews," "Hebrew-Christians" or "Jews for Jesus," these groups maintain that Judaism in any form is incomplete and that the acceptance of Jesus as Messiah is the "Jewish" thing to do. These groups utilize Jewish symbols and rituals in order to convince uneducated Jews that they are fulfilling their Judaism by accepting Jesus. It is estimated that there are currently 140,000 Jews involved with these "Hebrew-Christian" groups. These and other issues will be addressed in the sessions given by Mark Powers. For more information contact Pam Applebaum or Sue Brodsky, 366-5007.

Federation News and Notes

The Shalom Y'all Committee under the leadership of Jill Newman and Stacy Miller has begun preparing to reach out to all newcomers. With support from the JCC and participation from both Temples the committee has started the development of an attractive brochure to be distributed to realtors and other locations to reach all new Jewish residents. If you know of a new person in town who you know or think is Jewish, please call the Federation office and pass the name along. In turn, members of the committee can prepare a welcome basket, go to meet them and let them know about our community.

The Community Relations Council has been in touch with the Charlotte School System to be sure that they are sensitive to the needs of its Jewish students and faculty. Although Superintendent Murphy was sympathetic and issued clear guidelines to the schools, there have been reports of some problems. Alan Kronovet at a meeting with Jewish students indicated the need to be proactive in addressing this issue. The students will be joining a community wide effort to help educate our local

educators. If you are aware of a problem in the schools please contact the Federation office.

The Management Committee continues to quietly make sure that Shalom Park continues to operate smoothly and is kept in good repair. Butch Rosen, Management Committee chairman, expressed his pleasure at how well parking went during the Holidays. New sidewalks and speed bumps have been installed for the safety of those who will be walking between the JCC and the Temples. Drivers are urged to be even more careful as there will be more people walking across the parking lots. Additional lights are scheduled to be installed.

The Community Services Board will be meeting again on Nov. 5. All the community organizations have been asked to list plans for upcoming programs and begin looking at those areas where joint efforts would be more effective. A subcommittee of Adam Bernstein and Roz Taranto has begun looking into the feasibility of a demographic study to help the community with its future program planning.

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Schreibman as co-chairs in 1993. They will outreach to those who not only work in the uptown area, but who may also be peripherally involved in the Jewish community. The Uptowners offers an extension of Shalom Park, conveniently reaching out to members of the Jewish community in the uptown area.

If you are interested in more details, please call Pam Appelbaum at the Federation Office, 366-5007, ext. 209.

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