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## Judge Miriam Waltzer is Guest Speaker for Women's Division

The Women's Division of the Jewish Federation of Greater Charlotte is sponsoring the 1994 \$365 Event on Monday, Feb. 21. Melissa Raphael is chair of this event which will honor our keynote speaker, Judge Miriam Waltzer. The program will be held at Temple Beth El at 8 p.m. for women who contribute a minimum 1994 Federation gift of a dollar a day.

A special dinner will be held at Adele Bedrick's home for Pacesetters (minimum 1994 Federation gift of \$1,250) and Lions

of Judah (minimum 1994 Federation gift of \$5,000) at 6 p.m. During the dinner, Women's Division leadership will have the unique opportunity to informally meet and discuss various issues with Judge Waltzer.

Judge Miriam Waltzer was born in Frankfurt, Germany. She is a graduate of Louisiana State U. of New Orleans and Loyola University School of Law. She has received honors from these schools and is listed in "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities."

Judge Waltzer's professional background includes positions such as law clerk and assistant district attorney (first woman to prosecute in court). She also was in private practice and a teacher. In addition, Waltzer has extensive experience in civil and criminal trials and was elected as judge to the Criminal District Court, Section A, New Orleans, in Feb. 1982. Currently, she is a judge for the 4th Circuit of the Court of Appeal, Section B, for the State of Louisiana.

Waltzer has delivered invigo-

rating presentations to Jewish women's groups in various communities. She appeared in Charlotte three years ago as guest speaker at the Business and Professional Women's group of Women's Division of Federation.

Among the multitude of civic involvements, she is a member of Business and Professional Women, Hadassah, National Organization for Women (NOW), National Council of Jewish Women, League of Women Voters, B'nai B'rith Women and International Women's Forum.

The Women's Division Campaign Cabinet includes: Sara

Schreibman, president, Phyllis Schiffman and Diane Schwartz, Women's Division Campaign co-chairs, Ruth Goldberg and Jill Newman, Face to Face co-chairs, Stacy Miller Gorelick and Amy Marx, Telepledge co-chairs.

As women, we can assure the continuity of Jewish life by setting the example of Tzedakah for our families by what we do as individuals.

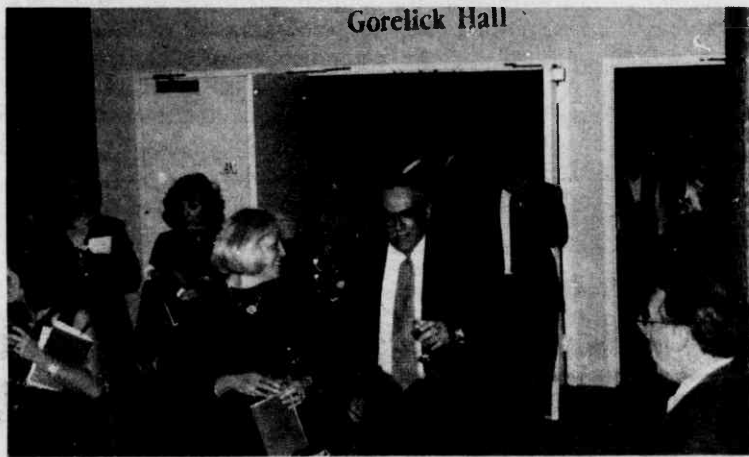
This event is an exciting component of the campaign. Judge Miriam Waltzer's remarks will be educational, insightful and motivational. For further information, please call Audrey Krakovitz, staff associate, 366-5007, ext. 209.

## JCC Gala is Tremendous Financial and Social Success

When is a gym not a gym? When it's been transformed into an elegant ballroom of an Italian villa for the Jewish Community Center's annual Gala Auction/Dinner Dance.

This exciting event, "An Evening in Venice," was held on Dec. 11 and was the most successful Gala to date. More than 350 people bid on everything from fine art to glamorous vacation packages. When the cocktails and bidding were over, everyone headed into the Alvin E. Levine Gymnasium for dinner and dancing "under the stars" to the music of Easy Street.

The evening, which raised more than \$25,000, would not have happened without the



Leaving the auction and off to dinner.

hundreds of hours of hard work by the Gala/Auction committee. We had the help and support

from so many volunteers there is not enough space to mention See GALA page 17

## Sis Kaplan to be Honored by NCCJ

Dr. Billy O. Wireman, president of Queens College and chair of the 1994 National Conference of Christians and Jews (NCCJ), has announced that Sis Kaplan will be honored with the NCCJ Silver Medallion Award at the 23rd Annual Awards Banquet to be held Tuesday, Apr. 19. Also receiving the award will be Bill Lee, chairman and president of Duke Power Co.

Sis has served the Charlotte community in an exemplary way since she and husband Stan Kaplan arrived here from Boston in 1964. In seeking to promote education, the arts and an equitable justice system for all, she has demonstrated distinguished leadership and responsibility. Sis currently chairs the



Sis Kaplan

Charlotte-Mecklenburg Criminal Justice Commission and the Governor's Crime Commission. She served on the committee responsible for recent revitalization of the Charlotte Symphony and has been a long standing and

active member of the Charlotte Community Relations Committee, having chaired it from 1977-1981. Sis has been an active member of Temple Beth El and until recently was a member of The Charlotte Jewish News Executive Board.

Bill Lee developed Duke Power Co. into a leader among electric power companies in this country. He has demonstrated his concern and commitment to this community, both personally and professionally, by establishing Duke Power Co. as a leader in corporate citizenship through its ongoing support of human endeavors such as United Way, Johnson C. Smith University, the arts, child care, and education.

The contributions of Sis Kaplan and Bill Lee toward creating a climate that values all people goes far beyond the usual call of citizenship and exemplifies NCCJ's ideals of concern and respect for their fellow man. The Awards Banquet provides an opportunity to honor these individuals for their services and commitment to the citizens of this community.

The banquet on Apr. 19 will be preceded by a reception at 6 p.m. with dinner at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$75; for reservations and further information call NCCJ, 332-4420.

## Interfaith Outreach Committee Reveals Results of Survey

By Ruth Goldberg and Resa Goldberg

In August 1993, the Interfaith Outreach Committee (IOC) of the Jewish Federation of Greater Charlotte distributed surveys to 2,500 Jewish families (using the Federation mailing list). The purpose was to determine attitudes about interfaith relationships and needs expressed by respondents.

There were 404 family units that returned completed surveys, which represents 16 percent of the known Jewish population in greater Charlotte. Since the survey allowed space for two respondents from each household, there was a total of 658 individual responses. All statistical percentages that will be presented in future articles are based on 658 responses.

"From information gathered in the survey and based on the large statistical sample we have, we extrapolate that the Jewish population of Charlotte in 1993 is between 6500 and 7000 adults and children," reported Ruth Goldberg and Resa Goldberg, co-chairs of IOC.

Other key findings about the respondents of this survey are as follows:

•80 percent were born Jewish; 9 percent are Jews-by-Choice (converts); and 11 percent are not Jewish.

•69 percent were or are members of a Jewish marriage (including widowed, divorced and Jews-by-Choice); 26 percent are members of an interfaith marriage (Jew married to a non-Jew); and 5 percent are singles who have never married.

•22 percent are between the ages of 21 and 35; 53 percent are between the ages of 36 and 55; and 25 percent are 56 years old and over.

•31 percent have lived in the Charlotte area for up to five years; 32 percent, between 6 and 15 years; and 37 percent, 16 or more years.

•52 percent are members of the Jewish Community Center; 33 percent are members of Temple Israel; 33 percent are members of Temple Beth El; and five percent marked "Other," which includes Lubavitch, Chavurat and other area temples. Fourteen percent of the respondents are not affiliated with any Jewish organization.

A large number of people expressed interest in ideas for new programs listed on the survey, such as Comparative Religion, classes for creating a Jewish home environment, and a group for members of interfaith marriages.

The Interfaith Outreach Committee is working with the JCC, both temples, CAJE and Jewish Family Services to develop popular programming for the coming year.

Thanks so much to the IOC members for all of their time and effort over the past year that they have been working on this project: Betty and Joel Cohen, Melissa and Scott Cooper, Cindy and David Crane, Jonathan Goldberg, Mandy and Larry Horowitz, Audrey Krakovitz, Adrienne Rosenberg, Chris Schuller and Rosalind Taranto. Thanks, also, to Dr. Richard Peper, consulting psychologist and statistician, for his valuable advice about analyzing the survey data.

The committee looks forward to seeing the fruits of its labor in the form of new and diverse programming and services for the growing Jewish community in Charlotte.

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