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- And a multitude of social and economic problems that confront Jews every day in our Charlotte community

The 1994-95 JFS ANNUAL FRIENDS CAMPAIGN is underway. We need your support if we are to continue providing the programs and services at levels that meet the needs of the Charlotte Jewish community. In 1993 our organization had 1784 direct contacts with individuals through office and home visits as well as a large number of information and referral requests. The needs will be even greater this year.

On behalf of the people who benefit from these services JFS provides, I appeal to you for your generous contribution, so our excellent work can continue. Please mail your tax deductible contribution in the envelope provided as soon as you receive your letter from JFS.

Thank you,

Milt Tager
Friends Campaign Chair

Marlene Jacoby
Jewish Family Services Chair

Job Network Launched

A networking group for job sources has been started by Jewish Family Services (JFS). The purpose of the group entitled "Making a Business Out of Finding a Job," will be to help those in our community who are seeking employment. The facilitator of the group, which will meet each Monday morning at 9:00 a.m. in the JFS office at Shalom Park, is Sandra A. Lewis. She is a JFS Clinical Counselor and has extensive vocational experience. Sandra has recently been the guest speaker at Women's Reach Job Support Group, The Job Support Group at St. John's Episcopal Church and the Professional Job Support Group at the Employment Securities Com-

mission.

Purpose of the group is to give definite job leads and suggestions to all who attend the open-ended group meetings. Without restriction, people are welcome to enter the network at any time and attend any number of meetings. To arrange either an individual appointment with Sandra or to register for the network group, please call her at JFS, 364-6594. Individual fees are on a sliding fee scale; the group fee is \$5.00 per session. All services of JFS are confidential and no one is refused service for their inability to pay. The fee for the network group, or a suggested donation, can be discussed with Sandra and paid after work is found.

Just Say 'Charge It!'

Now, when you contribute to Jewish Family Services, you can tell us to put it on your Visa or Mastercard. Paying for your Friend's Campaign donation or having us send out a donation card in honor or in memory of someone, couldn't be easier-just say "Charge it!" Donation cards have a

\$5.00 minimum if you pay by check or a \$10.00 minimum if you pay by credit card. Call Dori at the JFS office, 364-6594, give her your request and within one or two days, your card will be sent. Your tax deductible gift will help JFS continue its work of helping Jews in need in Charlotte.

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Thoughts from Adrienne

By Adrienne Rosenberg, JFS Director



In May of 1990, Jewish Family Services (JFS) became the local agency in charge of the resettlement of Soviet Jews. We helped these families by setting up apartments, arranging for English and driving lessons, helping people find jobs, arranging for medical and dental appointments and generally helping them to become self-sufficient at the end of four months. Little did I know what an enormous and demanding job this would be for JFS and all its staff. At the same time, never could I have imagined the satisfaction to be derived from helping people go from one point to another. I saw people go from dependency and confusion about our very different American ways and culture. I saw people who realized what it meant to be Jewish and watched them find success in employment and becoming a contributing part of the Jewish and broader community. I truly have been humbled (and yes, sometimes overwhelmed) by the people we helped to resettle!

During a four year period, 1990-1994, JFS resettled 43 families for a total of 167 persons. The resettlement program is now closed, but JFS will continue to offer outreach to any Russian Jew in Charlotte who needs our help. It's no secret that the U.S. State Department and HUAS were upset that we had to close the program. While Charlotte achieved 100% of the mandated goals, the average around the country was 65% self-sufficiency and integration. Although we no longer have funds for direct assistance, we are committed to provide help in upgrading jobs by improving English skills, and to help people become part of the Jewish community or resolve other problems that arise.

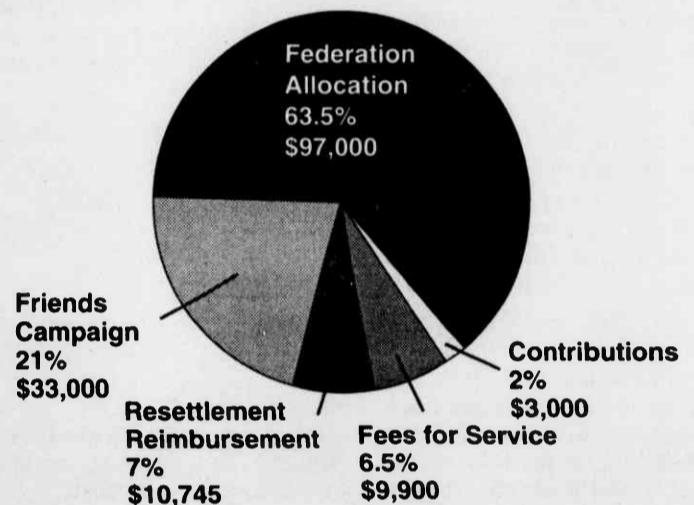
Other communities will resettle new Russian Jews as they continue to join family members here. Those coming to Charlotte will be sponsored by Catholic Social Services. The organization is willing, as are we, to accept anyone and receive reim-

bursement from the Federal government.

I would be remiss if I did not thank all of the people who helped JFS and the Jewish Federation of Greater Charlotte make this a highly successful program. The JFS staff could not have done this program alone! It took many people to provide needed rides and who visited and extended their personal assistance or professional expertise as translators. Others prepared resumes, hosted fam-

ilies, or gave furniture and other household goods. Still others picked up or moved furniture, tutored, went grocery shopping and gave of themselves and their time. We are also deeply grateful to the doctors, dentists and hospitals who donated their services. Thanks also go to Jewish educators, rabbis and presenters who informed people about jobs and insurance. Finally, I want to thank the JCC and both temples for free memberships and camp and religious schools for the first year.

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Preschool Seeks New Director

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For applications and information, please write to Charlotte Jewish Preschool, c/o Scott Messner, 6153 Page Court, Charlotte, NC, 28270, by May 15, 1994.



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