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Community Campaign continues towards goal of \$1.7 million

Don Bernstein, co-chair of the Jewish Federation's annual community campaign announced the campaign total at \$1,240,000, 73% of the goal of \$1.7 million. "We are really excited at the results and feel confident we will reach our goal by the end of March. Our donors have been very generous this year. They recognize there

are many needs, here and abroad, and they want to do their part."

The recently held Kid's in Vogue Fashion Show, "was a great success," stated Jill Newman, the campaign co-chair. "We received more than 30 new women's gifts, and we look forward to more involvement and activity with the

women of our community." Tracy Brown chaired the fashion show that more than 150 women attended. Sixty children acted as "kids in vogue" . . . and stole the show.

Super Sunday will be held on March 15, and will be the concluding fundraising activity for this year's campaign. ✧

50th Anniversary Commemoration Lecture Series Features Dr. Kenneth Stein

"Israel's Quest for Acceptance" will be the topic for the third part of the Jewish Community Relation's Committee's three part lecture series commemorating Israel's 50th Birthday.

The lecture, featuring Dr. Kenneth Stein, Professor of Middle Eastern History and Political Science at Emory University will be held on Sunday, March 8 at 7:30 in Gorelick Hall at Shalom Park.

Dr. Stein's presentation will trace the successes and failures of Arab-Israeli negotiations from 1967 until '98. He will also share his perspectives on the way in which the United States has chore-

ographed Arab - Israeli diplomacy.

Dr. Stein is Director of the Middle East Research Program at Emory and is also the Middle East Fellow at the Carter Center. He is a frequent contributor to the Charlotte Jewish News. (see article on page 3.) His academic and scholarly publications focus on the social and political composition of the Palestinian community in the 20th century, contemporary Arab politics, modern Israel and the Arab-Israeli peace process. Since 1982, Professor Stein has been President Jimmy Carter's advisor on Middle Eastern matters. ✧

Jewish Community Center of Charlotte and UNCC to sponsor 1998 Alice Tate Lectures

You are cordially invited to attend the 1998 Alice Tate Lectures. This is an annual event co-sponsored by The Jewish Community Center of Charlotte and UNCC. Last year's series with speaker David Biel, was very well attended and this year's speaker promises to be as interesting.

The 1998 Alice Tate lecturer will be Professor Michael Berger.

Professor Berger is currently Professor of Religious Authority and Ethics in Judaism at Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia. He received his undergraduate degree Cum Laude with Honors from Princeton University, and his masters and Doctorate from Columbia University in New York. All of his degrees are in Judaic Studies.

Prior to taking his position at Emory, he taught at Columbia University and the Union Theological Seminary. In addition to several publications on medieval and modern Judaism, he is the author of a volume entitled *Rabbinic Authority*, forthcoming from Oxford University Press. In addition Professor Berger has been an active teacher of adult education in the Atlanta Jewish Community.

Alice Lindsay Tate was born in Charlotte, North Carolina. She came from a prominent textile

family. Alice Tate instituted several trust funds in support of UNCC. In 1968, she established the John Austin Tate-Lindsay Tate Culbertson

1998 Alice Tate Lectures

Speaker:
Professor Michael Berger

Sunday, March 29, 1998
7:00 PM Gorelick Hall

Topic: "Who is a Jew and
Israel Today"

Monday, March 30, 1998
3:00 PM
UNCC, Fretwell 113

Topic: "The State of Israel
and Jewish Messiah"

Admission is free and open
to the public.

scholarships for African American students. In 1969, she endowed the Frank Porter Graham Professorship in Black Studies. In



Professor Michael Berger

1972, Alice Tate made a substantial endowment to support a Judaica and Hebraica Library Fund at UNCC. In the same year she also established the Judaic Studies Endowment to support the Isaac Swift Distinguished Professorship in Judaic Studies (whose current holder is Professor Richard A. Cohen), named after Rabbi Isaac Swift of Englewood New Jersey, whom Tate came to greatly admire. Alice Tate spent most of her life in New York City. She died on May 2, 1987, and was buried in Elmwood Cemetery of Charlotte. ✧

The North Carolina - Israel Partnership:

The ancient meets the modern through distance learning in archeology

By Jodi Keyserling

Did you ever think that you would be able to sit in a classroom in North Carolina and see the wonders of Israel's archeological history? New technology and creative ideas are making this concept a reality. Tele-Archeology for the Generations, sponsored by the North Carolina-Israel Partnership (NCIP), will use state-of-the-art communication-technology in order to introduce North Carolinians to the archeology of Israel from Biblical times through to the Second Temple and Byzantine Periods. This unique university-level course will be taught simultaneously at Duke University and Bar Ilan University in Israel.

For 13 weeks students will have the opportunity to interactively "visit" Israel's archeological sites. The focus of the course will be on the Galilee region, an area of the world that is the cradle of two of the world's major religions, Judaism and Christianity both

trace its roots to this region of Israel. At least one third of the lectures will focus on ancient technology in relation to discovering new ways of analyzing contacts between and among the various cultures of ancient Palestine. Additional information will be taught through two live teleconferences allowing for an interactive cultural exchange to take place between students and faculty across the world. Duke University professor of Religion Eric Meyers, a leading scholar in Biblical archeology and the principal instructor for the course, feels that the "tele-archeology program provides a unique opportunity for bringing together Americans and Israelis for studying their common past."

Some interesting challenges have arisen during the planning stages of this project regarding the cultural differences between Israelis and Americans. Americans and Israelis start out with differing levels of knowledge concerning the subject matter. Due to their backgrounds, American students need more time getting acquainted with the geography of the land of Israel and its biblical-historical roots. Israelis, on the other hand, come into the program with a more in-depth understanding of the concepts being researched. Language was also an additional obstacle. American students are not familiar with the Hebrew lan-

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