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Beyond the Galaxy: A Gala Evening with Leonard Nimoy

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Thanks to a generous contribution from First Union National Bank, The Jewish Federation of Greater Charlotte will celebrate the "stars" of the 1999 Annual Community Campaign at a gala black tie dinner dance on Saturday, January 30th at the Marriott City Center. The evening will highlight the outstanding efforts of the Federation's recipient agencies here in Charlotte and abroad and will raise money for the 1999 community campaign.

Keynote speaker for the evening will be Leonard Nimoy, whose portrayal of the intense, rational, and emotionally suppressed Vulcan, Mr. Spock has left an indelible imprint on popular culture. However, there is more to Mr. Nimoy's resume than Mr. Spock. Mr. Nimoy's Jewish accolades include appearing in the television movie "A Woman Called Golda" in which he co-starred opposite Ingrid Bergman and for which he received an Emmy Nomination for Best Actor. In 1991, he was seen in "Never Forget" in which he portrayed a survivor who fought a successful court battle against Holocaust deniers. The show, which he also

co-produced, was nominated for a prestigious Cable TV award.

On a personal level, Mr. Nimoy has been an outspoken advocate for the education and support of Jewish immigrants as his own family was brought to this county from Russia by a nationally prominent Jewish organization. Mr. Nimoy will recount the story of his family's migration to Boston, Massachusetts and will share his feelings on the effect that this experience has had on his life. He will also talk about how his life has been enriched by being Jewish and how it influenced his work on Star Trek.

Meg Goldstein, who chairs this year's annual fundraising effort sees the event as a celebration of the work of the Federation's constituent agencies and as a way to further spread the word about the community campaign. "We are so pleased to be partners with First Union in bringing such an incredible speaker as Leonard Nimoy to Charlotte. This evening gives us the opportunity to spotlight our local successes and to hear firsthand how the campaign benefits those who live outside our community."

Ms. Goldstein is working closely with the 1999 Campaign Cabinet on the gala. The Cabinet is made up of the 30 men and women who chair each of the campaign divisions for the 1999 Annual Community Campaign. Cabinet members will also serve as table captains to spearhead the recruitment effort for the evening.

Event chairs, Jill Newman and Patty Gorelick, are working with the Marriott City Center to put together the details for the dinner dance. The cost for the evening will be \$150 per couple (\$75 per person) and will include a cocktail reception with open bar, followed by a three-course meal and lavish dessert table. Fat Ammon's Band from Virginia Beach will provide musical entertainment. Sara Schreiber will chair publicity and will be working on the development of a special program booklet which will highlight the Federation's constituent organizations and donors.

This extraordinary event provides a unique opportunity for the community to show support for the Federation's constituent agencies and to hear how the monies raised in Charlotte have a lasting



Leonard Nimoy

impact on the lives of Jews here and around the world.

For reservation information contact Cary Bernstein 366-5007, ext. 209. ✪



Lubavitch to Celebrate 18th Anniversary with Grand Chanukah Dinner in Uptown Charlotte

Lubavitch of North Carolina will celebrate its 18th anniversary in Charlotte with a festive gala on the first night of Chanukah, Sunday, December 13, 1998. The theme of the gala will be a salute to the children of the Jewish Day School and Preschool on Sardis - "For they are our vision and our legacy."

The dinner event will be held at the Uptown Charlotte Hilton at 6:30 PM beginning with a silent auction during the cocktail hour. An elegant display of the school children will be featured in the cocktail area. A grand Menorah lighting ceremony will usher in the festivities followed by a full course kosher dinner.

Guest speaker at the gala will be the well-known syndicated talk show host and writer, Dennis Prager. Mr. Prager, a strong advocate of Jewish education, is a gifted speaker who captivates audiences with his brilliant style of



Dennis Prager

speaking. Toastmaster has named Prager as "one of America's five best speakers." Dennis Prager's most recent book, *Happiness Is a Serious Problem*, appeared on the

Los Angeles Times best seller list the week of publication.

The evening event will feature music by the famed Avreimi G musical group from New York. This dynamic band's repertoire includes traditional Chasidic and contemporary Jewish music.

Lubavitch of North Carolina established its first Carolina Center in Charlotte in 1980 with the arrival of Rabbi Yossi and Mariashi Groner. The organization has grown with a full Day School and Preschool and a host of educational activities for young and old. Since its Carolina inception, Lubavitch has succeeded in the establishment of additional centers in Raleigh, Columbia, and Myrtle Beach. Recently, a Chabad House has been established in Chapel Hill, to serve students at UNC and Duke.

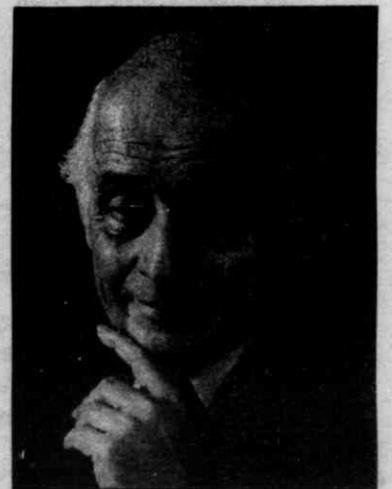
For more information about the upcoming dinner please call the Chabad House, 704/366-3984. ✪

The First Sadie Levin Scholar-in-Residence

Rabbi Alexander Schindler to Appear at Temple Beth El November 20-22, 1998 for a Weekend of Jewish Inspiration

"The Role of the Rabbi Reform Innovations and Jewish Unity Thunder From the Right: A Response to Religious Extremism ..."

Rabbi Alexander Schindler is one of the most influential leaders in all of American Judaism. President Emeritus and Immediate Past President of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, he presently serves as President of the Memorial Foundation for Jewish Culture and Vice President of the World Jewish Congress. As President from 1973 to 1996 of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations (UAHC), Rabbi Schindler built Reform Judaism into one of the most vigorous forces in American religious life. He became renowned for his unrelenting commitment to issues of peace, social justice and equality. Rabbi Schindler's achievements in



Rabbi Alexander Schindler

the political arena are also impressive. He became a confidant of Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin and was awarded the coveted Bublik Prize of Hebrew University. His religious, spiritual and political leadership earned him great honors throughout his career. Rabbi Schindler and his wife Rhea have five children and reside in Westport, Connecticut.

We are pleased to announce the Temple Beth El Sadie Levin Scholar-in-Residence Programs 5759.

Sadie Levin, the mother of Norman Levin, past president of Temple Beth El, was a woman

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