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Federation Campaign Allocations for 1999 Released Allocations Committee Satisfies Needs of Local and International Communities

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They are your friends, your neighbors, your fellow Jews in Charlotte...and they have spent the last several months deciding where contributions to the Jewish Federation of Greater Charlotte will go.

"This was a big responsibility that everyone on the committee took seriously," says Nancy Kipnis, 1999 Allocations Committee co-chair. "Most of the committee members are involved in one way or another in some



facet of the Jewish community." "It was a true cross-section of people," echoes co-chair Jill Newman. "We tried to have representation from every corner of Jewish life in Charlotte."

With the daunting task of allocating more than \$1.6 million to dozens of applicants, the committee needed an efficient and fair way to make their decisions. In the past, representatives from the committee were selected as liaisons to one particular applicant agency. The applicant would present its request to the small group of committee members who would then make a presentation to the full board.

"We changed that this year," Kipnis explains. "We went back to a process whereby each agency

made a presentation to all committee members rather than splitting into groups."

Although a little more time-consuming, this process was more

beneficial, according to committee member Hal Levinson. "Each of us on the committee had the same base to draw on when we

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Temple Israel Declared Synagogue of Excellence

Governor Jim Hunt is One of Many to Congratulate Temple Israel on its Outstanding Achievement

Jewish leaders from the United Synagogue of America's Southeast Region gathered at Hilton Head, South Carolina, on November 12-15, 1998, for their Biennial Convention of Conservative Judaism. "The Southeast region is comprised of seven states and the U. S. Territory of Puerto Rico," said Robert Gleiberman, Executive Director of Temple Israel, and a representative at the Biennial Convention. "We were proud to be recognized as a Synagogue of Excellence, the highest regional award given, as well as receiving a broad spectrum of awards in the areas of Worship and Ritual; Religious School; Adult Jewish Education; Social Action; Israel Programming; Publications and Endowment." Accepting the awards was Jerry Levin, Honorary Life President of Temple Israel and a member of the United Synagogue Southeast Regional Board.

"Our prayer services involve people," said Rabbi Murray Ezring, spiritual leader of Temple Israel. "Temple Israel has been Charlotte's home for traditional Judaism for over 100 years. New approaches to prayer and ritual have created an award winning quality. Worship involving song, dance, guided meditation, puppetry and illusion, invite the congregation to participate."

"There are two reasons our school is winning awards," said Rabbi Robert Kasman, Director of Temple Israel's Religious School. "We are providing a flexible program starting with three- and four-year old children, and our curriculum is providing what is needed for the new millennium."

"We must be where the people



Jerry and Barbara Levin and Robert Gleiberman at the Biennial Convention accepting the Synagogue of Excellence Award.

are," declared Rabbi Ezring. "That is why our adult education program includes popular Bible classes in the uptown and north county areas. Our ongoing series of lectures draws hundreds of people. The adult education program includes courses in Hebrew reading, liturgy, how to participate in services, as well as adult Bar and Bat Mitzvah training." Cantor Elias Roohvarg stated, "Adult experiences such as these help to strengthen one's spirituality."

"Temple Israel's Social Action Committee serves the greater community," said Eric Platock, Committee Chairman. "The synagogue takes the statement of the great sage Hillel to heart: 'If I am only for myself, what am I?' Our people helped with the resettlement of Jews from the former Soviet Union, worked in several area shelters and half-way programs and provided shelter for the homeless during cold winter months through the Room In The Inn."

"Our synagogue also participates in dialogues with local churches and other interfaith activities," said

Rabbi Ezring. "The Social Action Committee continues to be successful at rallying the support of the congregation's members in times of crisis such as the recent hurricane Mitch."

Room In The Inn is a ministry by which congregations of every faith open their facilities to welcome persons who are homeless as guests. "Temple Israel has been a participant in Room In The Inn since its inception in 1996," said Dale Mullinax, Executive Director for Urban Ministries.

"Through the vision and generosity of Rose and Abe Luski, the Israel Experience for Teens program began this year," said Jason Cathcart, Temple Israel's Youth Director. "This experience in Israel is vital to ensure a commitment to our way of life."

"We received an award for publications based on the Yearbooks produced during the past two years," said Robert Gleiberman. "Ours is a large, growing congregation of over 2000 individuals. The

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JEWISH FEDERATION OF GREATER CHARLOTTE 1999 Beneficiary Agencies

United Jewish Appeal.....	\$520,000
<i>meeting the needs of Jews in Israel and world-wide</i>	
Jewish Community Center.....	280,000
<i>enriching Jewish Lives through cultural, educational, and athletic programs</i>	
Jewish Federation — Programs.....	172,000
<i>Federation's local non-campaign expenses including the community paper, library, and missions</i>	
Shalom Park Education Subsidies.....	165,750
<i>a subsidy for educational and programmatic expenses</i>	
JCC.....	116,025
Temple Beth El.....	20,745
Charlotte Jewish Preschool.....	15,150
Temple Israel.....	13,830
Jewish Family Services.....	110,000
<i>professional counseling and family education programs</i>	
Blumenthal Jewish Home.....	65,000
<i>nursing care services in a dignified setting</i>	
Jewish Community Day School.....	50,000
<i>a quality K-5 day school</i>	
Community Tzedakah Fund.....	15,000
<i>emergency loans to needy, local families</i>	
Teen Israel.....	13,000
<i>subsidies for summer programs to Israel</i>	
Carolina Agency for Jewish Education.....	11,000
<i>provides a variety of Jewish educational services throughout the Carolinas</i>	
Charlotte Jewish Preschool.....	10,000
<i>a quality preschool educational program</i>	
Preschool on Sardis.....	8,052
<i>a quality preschool educational program</i>	
B'nai B'rith Youth Organization.....	8,000
<i>a youth-led, worldwide organization promoting Jewish identity and personal growth</i>	
North Carolina Hillel.....	7,000
<i>cultural, religious, and social programs for college students throughout the state</i>	
Hebrew Cemetery.....	2,921
<i>provides a dignified service for indigent community members</i>	
Foundation for the Charlotte Jewish Community.....	2,500
<i>the community endowment fund</i>	
Charlotte Community Agencies.....	2,100
<i>Charlotte Clergy Association; Charlotte Emergency Housing; Community Link Crisis Assistance; Mecklenburg Ministries</i>	
North Carolina- Israeli Partnership.....	2,000
<i>an educational, cultural, and business alliance between North Carolina and Israel</i>	
Jewish Educational Loan Fund.....	1,950
<i>provides scholarships to Charlotte college-bound students</i>	
Consolidated Hebrew High School.....	1,727
<i>an enriched academic program for Charlotte-area youth</i>	
Anti-Defamation League.....	1,000
<i>a historic organization stressing human rights issues</i>	
Jewish Federation - Operating and Campaign Expenses.....	221,000
TOTAL 1999 ALLOCATIONS.....	\$1,670,000



Funds available for Israel Teen Travel

If you are a teen and want to spend the summer in Israel, funds are available to subsidize expenses. The Jewish Federation of Greater Charlotte is committed to assisting area teens and is offering \$500 per person to attend an Israel summer program. For more information call the Federation at 366-5007. ☼

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