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"Beyond the Galaxy" Takes Federation 1999 Annual Campaign into the Next Millennium

All of the stars were shining for the opening event of the Federation's 1999 Annual Campaign. The Marriott City Center sparkled the night of January 30 with 480 guests of the Jewish Federation in attendance for "Beyond the Galaxy," a gala evening of dinner, dancing and the heartfelt words of Leonard Nimoy.

Mr. Nimoy's remarks about the importance of his Jewish heritage in both his personal and professional life were followed by brief accounts of how monies raised in the Annual Campaign directly effect the lives of Jews here in Charlotte and around the world by Campaign Chair, Meg D. Goldstein.

"I was personally touched by the stories of many of these individuals who benefit from the money that we raise here in Charlotte and my goal was to make it personal, to help people understand how much difference their contribution makes in the lives of Jews in need," said Ms. Goldstein, who in addition to chairing the Annual Campaign was also integrally involved in making the evening such a huge success.

\$288,700 was raised during the evening, putting the 1999 Annual Campaign well within reach of its goal. "It is clear from the results of the pledge cards that were signed



Meg Goldstein, Leonard Nimoy and Bill Gorelick

during the evening that we were able to accomplish our goals to not only raise money for the Campaign but also to educate our donors about the Federation in a way that we have not been able to in the past," said Marvin Goldberg, Executive Director of the Jewish Federation. "Almost 90% of those who attended increased their giving. Ninety-three individuals were new givers. Overall, we are very pleased and feel that the event was hugely successful."

The Gala was also an opportunity to showcase the outstanding work of the Federation's constituent organizations. A program booklet provided to each guest

highlighted the past, present and future accomplishments of each organization and described how the monies received were used directly in each organization's programming.

"Beyond the Galaxy" would not have been possible without the underwriting of the First Union Foundation and the hard work of a group of Federation volunteers. Patty Gorelick and Jill Newman chaired the event, assembled a committee comprised of members of the 1999 Annual Campaign Cabinet, and worked directly with the Marriott to make the arrangements for the cocktail reception, three-course dinner and dessert



Leonard Nimoy spoke at the Federation's Gala

buffet and with Elizabeth House of Flowers to arrange the magnificent table and room decorations. Sara Schreiber supervised the production of the program brochure.

Special thanks are in order to the Table Captains listed below who went "Beyond the Galaxy" to recruit for the event.

Mami & Kenny Abramowitz
Bobbi & Don Bernstein
Cary Bernstein & Alan Kronovet
Tracy & Larry Brown
Andy Dinkin
Aleen & David Epstein
Roni & Glenn Fishkin
Ellen & David Framm
Renee & Marvin Goldberg
Ruth & Alan Goldberg
Evelyn & Leonard Berger
Michelle & Barry Goodman
Stacy & Todd Gorelick
Susan & Donald Jacobs
Florence & Ben Jaffa
Nancy & Bob Kipnis
Allie & Eric Lerner

Donna & Gary Lerner
Miles Levine
Stacy & Dan Levinson
Penny & David Lipsitz
Jill & Ed Newman
Wendy & Frank Rosen
Sara & Mike Schreiber
Jodi & Bryan Speizman
Debra & David Van Glish
Lee & Alan Blumenthal
Ellen & Shel Goldstein
Margi & Julius Goldstein
Patty & Bill Gorelick
Meg Goldstein & Matt Luftglass
Annette & Richard Gross
Carol & Shelton Gorelick
Gloria & Harry Lerner
Judie & Michael Van Glish
Emily & Sam Zimmern
Sherri McGirt & Larry Farber
Kirstin & David Swimmer
Marilyn & Harry Swimmer
Gale Osborne & Ken Bergmann
Alison & Mark Lerner
Phyllis Schiffman
Tammy & Scott Menaker
Steve & Polly Menaker
Tammy & Brian Goldstein
Julie Lerner & Howard Levine
Rich Osborne
Gail & John Baron
Lee & Jeff Bierer
Steve Garfinkel
Alan Oxman
Sheila & Lee Kritzer
Deborah & Ken Rivkin

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Rabbi David Saperstein to serve as Scholar-in-Residence

March 12-14, 1999 Temple Beth El

Rabbi David Saperstein is the Director and Counsel of the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism in Washington, D. C., and one of the most influential religious leaders of the Jewish community in the United States

Rabbi Saperstein will speak at three events during the weekend of March 12, 13 and 14:

Friday, March 12

8:00 PM Shabbat Evening Worship. Rabbi Saperstein will speak on: *American Jews and the 106th Congress: A Jewish Insider's View of Washington*. In this introductory talk, Rabbi Saperstein will offer his unique perspective as a Jewish insider in Washington, D.C. on the current issues facing the American political system and how they affect the American Jewish Community. He will give special attention to the

legislative agenda of the 106th Congress, as well as responding to the political climate in Washington during the past year.

Saturday, March 13

9:00 AM Continental Breakfast. No charge, but please R.S.V.P. to 366-1948.

9:30 AM *Tough Choices: Jewish Perspectives on Social Justice*. In this talk, Rabbi Saperstein will grapple with actual social action dilemmas the Reform Movement has been forced to confront recently in areas of Israel, civil rights, civil and religious liberties, the environment and more.

Sunday, March 14

10:00 AM *Israel's Three Most Vital Challenges: Peace, Equality and Religious Freedom*. Rabbi Saperstein, who has recently returned from a Sabbatical in Israel, will address the timely and



Rabbi David Saperstein

critical issues facing the State of Israel today. His insights will illuminate these difficult challenges and offer his perspectives on directions and solutions for the future.

About Rabbi Saperstein

Rabbi David Saperstein is the Director of the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism. Described in a recent Washington

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Old Wine, New Flasks: Reflections on Science and Jewish Traditions

1999 Alice Tate Lecture Series Featuring
Professor Roald Hoffmann

Professor Roald Hoffmann, the Frank H.T. Rhodes Professor of Humane Letters, Professor of chemistry at Cornell University, and 1981 Nobel Laureate will speak about the relationship between science and religion as a part of the 1999 Alice Tate Lecture Series. This lecture will take place in Gorelick Hall at the Jewish Community Center on Tuesday, March 23rd, at 7:00 PM. This lecture is free and open to the community. A native of Poland who survived the Nazi occupation, Hoffmann was later educated in the US. He shares the 1981 Nobel Prize in chemistry and has received numerous major awards. In addition to his noted work in chemistry, Hoffmann is a poet and



Professor Roald Hoffmann

writer. He is the author of the book *Old Wine, New Flasks - Reflections On Science and Jewish Traditions*. Hoffmann is a wonderful speaker and brings a unifying view of science, technology, human letters and the fine arts coupled with uncommon accessibility and a warm and human nature to his audience. See you there!

UNCC Lecture

March 24, 1999, 4:00 PM, Cameron Applied Research Center; "One Culture, or the Commonalties and Differences between the Arts & the Sciences." Co-sponsored by the Jewish Community Center of Charlotte and UNCC.

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