

# Lion of Judah: Hear Us Roar

The Women's Division of the Jewish Federation of Greater Charlotte honored its Lion of Judah donors at a luncheon on Tuesday, January 22, 2002 at the Duke Mansion. Author Gloria Goldreich enlightened us with her talk on "A Novel Approach: Jewish Fiction and Jewish History." We were educated by her quick wit and humor.

This year we are proud to announce that we have three new Lions in our den: Jody Molinari, Donna Levin and Nicki Fisher. These three women and the other Lions are dedicated to the survival and strength of Israel and the Jewish people. Signifying the increasing important role women are playing in the world of philanthropy, the National Women's

Constituency has added a new recognition level for women givers of \$75,000 called the Sabra Lion. We are proud to have two new Sabra lions in our community, Sandra Levine and Anita



2002 Campaign Chair Jill Newman with Randall Czarlinsky, Federation Executive Director.

Blumenthal. We are also very excited to welcome Cindy Crane and Florence Jaffa, who became Lions of Judah after our luncheon.

Ruth Goldberg and Mary Wojnowich were this year's Lion of Judah Co-Chairs. The Lion of Judah Division, with a membership of 34 highly committed women, is open to those women who have pledged a minimum of \$5,000 to the 2002 Campaign. For additional



Mary Wojnowich and Ruth Goldberg, Lion of Judah co-chairs, surround this year's speaker, Gloria Goldreich.



The Duke Mansion setting was exquisite.



Campaign Director Sue Littauer, speaker Gloria Goldreich, and Campaign Chair Jill Newman.

information on the Lion of Judah Division or Women's Division, contact the Federation office at 704-944-6757.

Many thanks to our Lions for their commitment and support of the Jewish Federation of Greater Charlotte. ☆



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# A Mother's Journey to the Past

Book Review of *Motherland: Beyond the Holocaust: A Mother-Daughter Journey to Reclaim the Past*. By Fern Schumer Chapman. Penguin Books, 187 pages

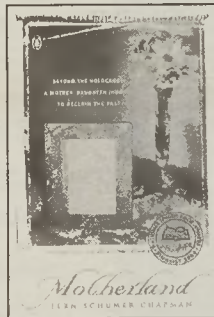
Reviewed by Sharon Gruby, San Diego Jewish Press Heritage

This finalist in the 2000 National Jewish Book Awards should have been a winner. It is beautifully written and is so gripping that it is hard to put down. I found the book so compelling that I read it in one sitting, because I felt desperate to know -what was going to happen next.

In 1938, when Edith Westerfeld's family recognized the danger to their family, they sent their 12-year-old daughter to America to escape from the Nazis. More than 50 years later, she returned with her daughter, journalist Fern Schumer Chapman, to the German town of her birth.

The author's narrative not only details the visit, it introduces the reader to a woman who could never give her "whole" to her children until she had reconciled with her past. Although she had been able to intellectualize the reason her parents had sent her away, Edith felt abandonment throughout her life. For this reason, she could never discuss her homeland and the life and family she had left behind.

When she revisited Stockstadt, Edith found a town that seemed very different. Many welcomed her with open arms, but there were others who denied what had



occurred in their country and what roles they had played.

Learning what had happened to her family and reuniting with some of her friends gave her the motivation to face the past and to look forward to the future. As she realized how strong her parents' love was, she was able to deal with her loss and to forgive herself and others. This allowed her to strengthen her own bond with her

daughter. It is a story of love and of healing.

This exquisitely written book has been featured on the Oprah Winfrey Show and has been optioned by Hallmark Entertainment for a feature film. It is a book that can be discussed and appreciated for its literary elements, its historical significance and for its depiction of a mother-daughter relationship.

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You can meet the author and hear more about her experiences and the writing of this book on Thursday, May 2, when the Women's Division of the Jewish Federation of Greater Charlotte hosts Fern Schumer Chapman at Temple Beth El at 7:30 PM. Whether you have read the book or not, this should be a captivating discussion as Fern reveals her insights into the events that shaped her mother's life. ☆

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## Judaic Road Show Hits Silverbell Drive

Bring us your bargains and family heirlooms and have them appraised right before your very eyes. Share your antiquing adventures with other Jewish women of Charlotte.

Please join the Jewish Federation of Greater Charlotte Women's Division at

**Charlotte's First Judaic Antiques Roadshow**

Guest Speaker/Appraiser: Arthur Feldman



Thursday, March 14, 2002,  
7:30 PM at the home of Patty  
Gorelick.

RSVP by March 7 to Susan in the Federation office at 704-944-6761.

Couvert: \$18

Minimum Gift: \$100 to the 2002 Women's Campaign.

Event co-chairs: Gail Baron and Dana Ditesheim.



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