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The Story of Jewish Life in North Carolina to be Told in Multi-Media **Project**

The campaign for Down Home, project of the Jewish Heritage Foundation of North Carolina, continues to attract leadership and support within in the Charlotte Jewish community

For more than 300 years, North Carolina Jews have contributed to the state, while creating a multicultural character that blends Jewish values and traditions with Southern customs and manners. The Jewish contribution to North Carolina has been extensive and has helped to create one of the South's most prosperous and progressive states.

Down Home: Jewish Life in North Carolina will tell this compelling story in

- a national broadcast-quality documentary film;
 - an educational video and



Host and Charlotte steering committee chair Stan Greenspon welcomes guests to the reception for Down Home. The image on the easel depicts Gertrude Weil as a child. Born in Goldsboro, she was a pioneer for women's suffrage and civil rights

Henry Greene kibbitzes with Jerry and Barbara Levin The JHFNC film crew recently taped Jerry at Lebo's for the Down Home documentary.





Henry Greene, JHFNC president, explains the con cept for one of the exhibit's environmental modules "Keeping the Faith," which will display an ark, a Sefer Torah, and other artifacts from early North Carolina congregations. For most of the exhibit's non-Jewish visitors, this will be a unique opportunity for first-hand experience with Jewish religious traditions

teaching guide for the state's 1.5 million public school students;

· a museum exhibition that will travel to all of the state's major metropolitan areas — it is slated to debut at the Levine Museum of the New South in mid-2008;

· and an engaging, wellresearched book with full-color illustration.

At a recent reception hosted by Stan Greenspon, chair of the Charlotte campaign steering committee, guests were the first to see the newest concept drawings for the exhibit and to preview a film 'trailer" featuring interviews with Down Home supporters such as Eli Evans and William Friday. Speakers included campaign cochairs Harry Lerner and Audrey Madans, as well as Jerry Levin, a member of the JHFNC Board of Directors.

Jewish The Foundation of North Carolina is a non-profit organization dedicated to celebrating and preserving Jewish culture and history. Further information is available at www.jhfnc.org. \$

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Harry Lerner, one of Down Home's first Charlotte supporters, explains why the project is so important for creating a sense of shared history among North Carolina's Jews. He is lending the cash register from his father's store in Lincolnton for the exhibit module "Minding the Store," which will focus on the impact of Jewish merchants to the economy of the state.

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