United States and Israel: Through the Eyes of the Ambassador


Co-chairs Risa Miller and Jeff Turk, invite you to join them at the Federation’s 2018 Main Event on Sunday, December 3 at 7:30 PM at Temple Israel featuring Ambassador Daniel Shapiro. The Main Event is the Jewish Federation’s most widely attended event of the campaign season and part of our Israel @ 70 festivities. (See page 4.)

Serving in the Obama Administration for eight years, Ambassador Daniel Shapiro — heralded as “a pioneer of public diplomacy” and highly sought-after for his shrewd insights into regional affairs — won praise from leaders of both the U.S. and Israel for his deft management of bilateral relations during a period marked by challenges.

As Ambassador to Israel from July 2011 until the end of the Obama Administration, Shapiro skilfully navigated U.S.-Israel relations during Israel-Palestinian peace negotiations, the Iran nuclear agreement, regional instability, and periods of significant bilateral tension and disagreement. A fluent Hebrew speaker, his time as Ambassador was marked by seamlessly combining his tremendous knowledge and experience with unprecedented levels of engagement with Israel’s diverse communities. The Tablet Magazine once wrote, Shapiro “won over Israelis across the political spectrum through determined outreach and his demonstrable concern and care for the Jewish state.” Among Ambassador Shapiro’s other accomplishments were negotiating the $38 billion Memorandum of Understanding for U.S. military aid to Israel and 40% growth in U.S.-Israel trade.

Shapiro’s time as Ambassador followed a diverse career involving over 20 years in senior foreign policy and national security positions in the United States government, including as the Senior Director for the Middle East and North Africa at the National Security Council.

Currently, Shapiro is the Distinguished Visiting Fellow at Tel Aviv University’s Institute of National Security Studies, where he remains in demand by both Israeli and U.S. media outlets for his remarkable breadth of insights. From his current vantage point in Israel, Shapiro is uniquely qualified to give a behind-the-scenes account of U.S.-Israel relations under the current Administration, Israeli-Palestinian talks, and negotiations surrounding the Iran nuclear deal.

Main Event tickets are $36 each and are available online at www.jewishcharlotte.org or by phone at 704-944-6757. Goodness is not a single act. It’s the sum of many parts. Which is why Federation is always at work, providing the Jewish community in ways it not think of, in places you’d never suspect. We’re there in times of crisis, reworking the seeds of hope. We’re there in quiet moments that transform lives and strengthen our legacy. Right now, thousands of people need us in a multitude of ways. This is your moment to help. Join us at the Main Event, and be the start of something powerful. You will also have the opportunity to make your pledge to the 2018 Annual Campaign. For more information about the Main Event, please contact the Federation office at 704-944-6757 or info@jewishcharlotte.org.

The mission of the Jewish Federation of Greater Charlotte is to raise and distribute funds to support and enrich the lives of Jews locally, nationally, in Israel, and worldwide. Through education, planning, and community-building, the Federation’s mission ensures that Jewish values, goals, traditions, and connections are preserved for current and future generations.

Women’s Philanthropy Kickoff Event
Israel Fashion and Jewelry

Thursday, November 16, Sam Lerner Center for Cultural Arts

Join the Jewish Federation’s Women’s Philanthropy for an extraordinary evening celebrating fashion, women, and Israel.

We will be joined by Sharon Tal, Head Designer of luxury Israeli fashion house, Maskit, and Daniel Sahalo, Marketing and Sales Manager for Megemeria Jewelry.

Megemeria Megemeria means genesis in Amharic, the traditional language of Ethiopia. The Megemeria School of Jewelry and Art provides its students – Ethiopian immigrants to Israel – with a bright, new beginning in life, through professional training and advancement, as well as employment opportunities. Sahalo will share the incredible Megemeria story through moving photographs and the unique jewelry line, which shares the journey of longing, renewal and yearning.

Daniel Sahalo of Megemeria

Maskit Once described as “Israel as falafel,” Maskit was launched in 1954 by Ruth Dayan, the first wife of the late Israeli Defense Force General and politician Moshe Dayan. A strong proponent of women’s empowerment, Dayan initially established Maskit as a means to create jobs for more than 2,000 new immigrants while preserving the skills, ethnic crafts and culture of the diverse communities living in the modern State of Israel.

At its zenith in the 1960s, Maskit became a fashion phenomenon. Recognized for its signature desert cloaks, flowing Bedouin-styled tunics and rich embroidered embellishments, Maskit became one of the country’s first popular imports, its products created for highbrow worldly tastes and officially gifted by presidents and prime ministers to global leaders and diplomats visiting Israel.

After many years of success and international recognition, (Continued on page 2)
Dear Readers,

It seems like our Jewish community in the Charlotte area continues to grow with more Jewish organizations and more people moving here daily. As The Charlotte Jewish News expands to include all the new agencies and increases print production to include new subscribers, cost increases inevitably follow.

To offset some costs, we’ve enlarged our online presence. Every edition can be accessed at our website, charlottejewishnews.org or issuu.com. Upcoming events are announced on our Facebook page (please follow us on Facebook!). But our core remains the readers of the hard copy, mailed monthly (except July) to any local Jewish person who wants it.

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Women’s Philanthropy Event
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Maskit closed its doors in 1994, after it had become privatized. Nearly a decade later the iconic brand was revived by the gifted Sharon Tal who sought out in 2010 to reimagine and reinvigorate Maskit with 99 year old Ruth’s blessing and mentorship. Prior to Maskit, Israeli-born Sharon Tal has worked with some of the most visionary and creative fashion couture houses in the world, including the likes of Alexander McQueen and Lanvin, adorning the fashions worn by megastars including Lady Gaga and Scarlett Johansson. After working at McQueen, where she led embroidery, Tal returned to Israel for a new challenge: Breathing new life to the only Israeli fashion house, Maskit.

Enjoy this remarkable opportunity to celebrate entrepreneurial women and Israeli fashion, and honor the profound impact you are making on the Jewish community.

An opening reception is planned for 6:15 PM with a talk by Daniel Sahalo and Sharon Tal at 7 PM. Mix, mingle, and network with women of our community who are raising their voices, giving back, and repairing the world together.

Bonus: After the presentation, there will be a trunk show featuring Maskit clothing and Megemeria Jewelry available for purchase. This event is free and open to all women, however space is limited and registration is required. RSVP by Friday, November 10 at www.jewishcharlotte.org to secure your spot.

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Federation Names New Chief Development Officer

The Jewish Federation of Greater Charlotte is pleased to announce Jason Pressberg as its new Chief Development Officer.

In his role as Chief Development Officer, Jason will be responsible for implementing a clear and compelling vision to advance the Jewish Federation’s philanthropic goals and strategic objectives. In his capacity as CDO, Jason will also play a key role in identifying, cultivating and soliciting donors.

Jason brings years of fundraising experience, having joined the Federation from AIPAC, where he served as the Young Leadership Director in New York City. A graduate of Elon University, Jason began his Jewish communal career working for Hillel on college campuses, splitting time between Tulane, Harvard, and Northeastern Universities. He earned an MBA with a concentration in Non-profit Management and an MA in Jewish Professional Leadership from Brandeis University.

Pressberg says, “I am extremely excited to join Sue Worrel and the Federation team in early October. As an Elon graduate, I am thrilled to be returning to North Carolina. My wife Casey and I are looking forward to raising our sons in what is clearly a warm and close-knit Jewish community. I am a dedicated professional in the Jewish non-profit space and I am grateful to have the opportunity to work with - and help grow - the greater Charlotte Jewish community through the important work of the Federation and its affiliates.”

As part of a comprehensive organizational redesign, Jason’s hire as Federation’s first-ever Chief Development Officer characterizes the Federation’s aggressive commitment to accelerate the growth of our Annual Campaign to meet the critical needs facing our community and world Jewry in the 21st century.

In keeping with Federation’s focus on organizational leadership, Sue Worrel’s title has been changed to Chief Executive Officer, recognizing her role in the strategic management of the organization. Together with Sue, Jason, and the rest of the management team, Federation is poised to tackle the multi-dimensional challenges facing Jews today and create the kind of Jewish life we want for ourselves, our children, and our grandchildren.

Jason and his wife Casey Topol have two sons, Logan (age two and a half) and Ethan (two months). In his free time, Jason enjoys chasing after his kids, playing tennis (he’s looking for a partner), skiing, hiking, and reading. He is obsessed with all topics related to Jewish collective memory and peoplehood.

We look forward to introducing you to Jason over the days and weeks ahead, and appreciate everyone’s help in welcoming Jason and his family to Charlotte.

Jew Year’s Eve on September 16 was a big hit with more than 60 young adults ringing in the Jewish New Year at Good Road Ciderworks in South End. Thank you to co-sponsors: Levine JCC, Moishe House, NextGen, Temple Beth El, and Temple Israel. For more information about the Jewish Federation’s NextGen events, please contact Kendall Nicholson, Engagement Coordinator, at 704-944-5868, kendall.nicholson@jewishcharlotte.org

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As a part of our One Book, One Jewish Community initiative, the CJE is also hosting a Lunch & Learn to provide a casual, educational opportunity to enhance our understanding of the selected novel *Home in the Morning* by exploring the uniqueness of the South.

**Lunch & Learn: “The South for New (and Long-standing) Southerners”; Thursday, November 2, 12 noon in Shalom Park**

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Who would have thought that my retirement dream job would turn out to be so “stressful”? Stressful in a much different way from other jobs I’ve had. You see, reading is my passion and in the past, in order to read for pleasure, I had to stay up half the night.

Now, as the Book Club Coordinator for the Center for Jewish Education, I feel I need to read every book I recommend, every book that I might want to suggest for our newly formed Book Club, and every new book recommended by a national publication/organization so our library will be up to date with the newest titles.

I had to stay up half the night. All I ever wanted to do is just “read” – but now I actually perceive it as my job. And I can barely keep up.

So, here are my recommendations of the books I’ve read this month. They can all be found in the Center for Jewish Education:

**The Bridge Ladies by Betsy Lerner**

“A fifty-year-old bridge game and the secrets it held provides an unexpected way to cross the generational divide between the author and her mother. Betsy Lerner takes us on an intimate and poignantly personal literary journey where we learn a little about bridge and a lot about life.” (Amazon)

This book is more about relationships than it is about bridge and could just as easily have been written about a mah jong or canasta game. I loved the snapshot into the lives of each of the bridge ladies and the new bond that emerges between mother and daughter.

**The Lost Letter by Jillian Cantor**

“A heart-breaking, heart-warming historical novel of love and survival inspired by real resistance workers during World War II Austria, and the mysterious love letter that connects generations of Jewish families.” (Goodreads)

When I started reading *The Lost Letter*, I felt that I was re-reading *And After the Fire* by Lauren Belfer because the story lines are so similar. But I decided to keep going and I’m glad I did. The characters past and present are equally well drawn and compelling. I highly recommend this book.

**The Dinner Party by Brenda Janowitz**

“This hilarious story of a family Seder where anything can happen - and does - will have you laughing out loud at the drama and comedy of a family get-together (we can all relate)! So much fun!” (Pam Jenoff, author of *The Orphan Train*)

If you’re in the mood for a quick, light read, Pam Jenoff’s perfect description of *The Dinner Party* says it all. This deceptively simple story written by Long Island author Brenda Janowitz is a quick read … a big-hearted, universal story which takes place in the suburban home of Alan and Sylvia Gold, who are hosting Passover Seder for the Rothschilds of Manhattan.

**Hangman by Faye Kellerman**

I’m definitely a fan of Faye Kellerman’s best-selling and long-running series featuring LAPD Detective Peter Decker and his wife, Rina Lazarus, which mix police procedural and family drama simultaneously interspersed with Jewish observance, ritual and tradition. Hangman is not the place to start reading this series – but it filled in a gap in the continuing story line for me. The series starts with *Ritual Bath* and there are 23 books in the series, many of which can be found in the Center for Jewish Education.

What’s next on my list?

* *Home in the Morning*, Mary Glickman
* Nine Facts That Can Change Your Life, Ronna Weinberg
* From Sand and Ash, Amy Harmon

Stay tuned for reviews.

Next CJE Book Club: Wednesday, November 15
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Havurat Tikvah Welcomes New Student Rabbinical Intern for Shabbaton

Havurat Tikvah will welcome Student Rabbi Stephanie Crawley for her first visit to the congregation for a Shabbaton on November 18, where she will lead a warm and enlightening Shabbat service and adult education program that evening. Student Rabbi Crawley will lead services at 10 AM at Avondale Presbyterian Church, MacLean Fellowship Hall, 2821 Park Rd., followed by a Kosher potluck veggie/dairy/parve/nut-free luncheon.

That evening at 7:30 PM, she will lead an adult education session at a member’s home. Check the website for the exact location. Attendees are welcome to bring Kosher desserts and snacks to share.

Originally from St. Louis, MO, Student Rabbi Crawley is a rabbinical student at Hebrew Union College - Jewish Institute of Religion. The Bonnie and Daniel Tisch Rabbinic Fellowship, Rodei Tzedek Social Justice Fellowship, Kevah Teaching Fellowship, and Encounter Davar Acher Leadership Program are among her leadership development awards.

Student Rabbi Crawley has spent time expanding her rabbinical skills at Congregation B’nai Israel in Bridgeport, CT, as a summer rabbinic resident and intern; Center for Worship and Synagogue Renewal, New York, NY, as a research assistant to Rabbi Larry Hoffman; Congregation Emanu-El of the City of New York, New York, NY, as a rabbinic intern, conversion coordinator; Washington and Lee University, Lexington, VA, as a High Holiday student rabbi; Brandeis Collegiate Institute, Los Angeles, CA, as a rabbinic education fellow; NFTY in Israel, Jerusalem, Israel, as a mechina/tefillah/your educator and master of arts in Hebrew literature in May 2017 from Hebrew Union College - Jewish Institute of Religion.

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Temple Kol Ami Moving to a New Home

By Madison Levine

Since opening in July 2015, Levine Hearing has experienced a warm welcome from South Charlotte. Across the street from the Arboretum Shopping Center, Levine Hearing is owned and operated by Madison Levine, a second generation Hearing Instrument Specialist. Her mother started her clinic nearly 30 years ago in Macon, Georgia, and Madison has modeled her own practice after her mother’s, as an independent operation, with the focus on patient care first.

Being independent means that Levine Hearing is not owned by any hearing aid manufacturer, allowing Madison to choose the best treatment plan and hearing devices to fit each patient’s individual needs and budget. She has accounts with all major manufacturers, including Starkey, Resound, Phonak, Widex, Oticon, Unitron, Rexton, Siemens and others. This makes it very simple for patients to transition their care to her practice if they are moving to Charlotte from out of town or if they are just looking to switch providers locally. With the newest technology available, any of these brands can be sold through Levine Hearing, but Madison makes selections based on her patient’s needs and budget.

Madison says that her goal is to be the most trusted hearing care practice in Charlotte and she believes that starts with straightforward advertising. Madison says, “I am building my practice on transparent advice so that a patient doesn’t choose the budget range of treatment options. She says that it is essential to get that patient’s test results and also on the whole range of treatment options. She says that it is essential to get that transparent advice so that a patient doesn’t choose the budget option, only to realize it was a waste, or vice-versa, to overpay when a more affordable solution was within reach. Levine Hearing keeps the focus on good customer service, excellent clinical care, and reasonable pricing, to ensure that they will be around to serve Charlotte for a very long time!"
The Sabbath I Will Always Remember

Wendy Weinberger Shares Memories with Congregation

Temple Solel’s High Holy day services led by Lay Leader, Russ Cobe, were very special and included quite a few new members, as well as many guests. Our Youth Group Leader, Julia Fox, sounded the shofar; new President, Shelley Pawlyk delivered a motivating Rosh Hashanah address; and traditional music on Kol Nidre was beautifully played by cellist, Liz Burns. Memories shared by Wendy Wembenber on Erev Rosh Hashanah 5778 brought the past and present together.

Wendy read, “Growing up, our family always ate dinners together. My mother was a professor at McGill University, and in the 50s and 60s, it was most unusual, in Montreal, to have a Mom who worked outside the home. In our home, because Mom worked, it was understood that whoever came home first would make dinner. I always tried to beat my father home so that I could make dinner. Really, I should say, that it wasn’t so much that I wanted to make dinner. Rather it was because I didn’t want my father to make dinner, for I knew the one and only meal he would prepare. He meant well, but to him dinner was spoil, and only meal he would prepare.

He would say to me, ‘If you’re going to close the blinds beeline for dinner, and he told us not to take for granted. From the day my father welcomed that virtual stranger to our home, some 50 years enjoyed our family’s Friday night dinners and mini-service together. My mother was a professor and to us, and said he had invited Professor Rubinski to join us for dinner. Without skipping a beat, my mother welcomed him into our home. I set another place for him.

“His stories were fascinating, though his English was not very clear. Several times when he was talking, and it was obvious none of us understood what he was saying, my father suddenly began speaking to him in Yiddish. It was the first time I had ever heard my father speak Yiddish. I knew Dad spoke English and French, but Yiddish! Other than the Professor’s broken English, it turned out to be the one language both these Jewish men, from two vastly different worlds, had in common. After my father clarified what Professor Rubinski was saying in Yiddish, Dad translated it into English for us.

“In our home before we ate on Friday night, the men covered their heads with yarmulkes, we lit the Shabbat candles and my prayers my father read. As he wiped away his tears with his handkerchief, he shared with us that he had studied for his Bar Mitzvah some 40 years earlier, but had not practiced Judaism since then.

“We all enjoyed a delicious dinner, and when it was time for him to leave he thanked us profusely for dinner, and he told us this was truly a Sabbath he would never forget.”

―What he did not know was the great impact he had made on all of us, and that this was truly a Sabbath we too would never forget. He had reminded us how fortunate we were to be able to practice religion, any religion, freely and openly, something we so easily take for granted. From the day my father welcomed that virtual stranger to our home, some 50 years through the window blinds remained open all evening. Over the years I had always enjoyed our family’s Friday night dinners and mini-service welcoming in Shabbat and though I had always loved and looked forward to our Friday night family get-together, I had taken the freedom to practice religion for

This was in the early sixties, and the Soviet Union wanted some assurance of his return. Keeping his wife and daughter as ‘collateral’ certainly assured them of this. Vladimir Rubinski was Jewish and my father said: ‘If you have no plans, why not join my family and me for Shabbat dinner?’ And he did.

“A bald man about 5’7” and weighing approximately 350 pounds walked through our front door on the heels of my father. My father introduced him to my mother and to us, and said he had invited Professor Rubinski to join us for dinner. Without skipping a beat, my mother welcomed him into our home. I set another place for him.

“His stories were fascinating, though his English was not very clear. Several times when he was talking, and it was obvious none of us understood what he was saying, my father suddenly began speaking to him in Yiddish. It was the first time I had ever heard my father speak Yiddish. I knew Dad spoke English and French, but Yiddish! Other than the Professor’s broken English, it turned out to be the one language both these Jewish men, from two vastly different worlds, had in common. After my father clarified what Professor Rubinski was saying in Yiddish, Dad translated it into English for us.

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“We all enjoyed a delicious dinner, and when it was time for him to leave he thanked us profusely for dinner, and he told us this was truly a Sabbath he would never forget.”

―What he did not know was the great impact he had made on all of us, and that this was truly a Sabbath we too would never forget. He had reminded us how fortunate we were to be able to practice religion, any religion, freely and openly, something we so easily take for granted. From the day my father welcomed that virtual stranger to our home, some 50 years through

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Giving Thanks

“Offer thanks to You, ever-living Sovereign, that You have restored my soul to me in mercy. How great is Your trust.”

This translation of the Modeh Ani prayer begins each of the morning services in Mishkan T'filah, the Reform Movement’s 2007 prayer book. The very first words on our lips each day are meant to be words of gratitude. Later in the service, the penultimate blessing of the Amida is also an expression of deep gratitude to God. Mishkan T'filah offers this creative reading for the Hoda'ah:

“God of goodness, we give thanks for the gift of life, wonder beyond words; for the awareness of soul, our light within; for the world around us, so filled with beauty; for the richness of the earth, which day by day sustains us; for all these and more, we offer thanks. Blessed are You, Adonai, Your Name is Goodness, and You are worthy of thanksgiving.”

If we are paying attention when we pray, gratitude is always on our lips. These prayers of gratitude are meant to inspire us to set aside the distractions of our busy lives and see the beauty of the world around us. When we truly see what is at hand, our hearts burst forth with gratitude.

We engage in prayer for many different reasons. Some of us pray in search of solace, healing, or a sense of wholeness; others pray in search of divine communion and others still in search of connection to those who sit in the sanctuary at the same time. Whatever the myriad reasons that bring us to prayer, prayer serves a great purpose when it enables the one who prays to emerge from worship with renewed insight for meaningful ways to engage in the daily art of living. Prayer can do wonders for how we face the world.

A great example of this is that we are clearly instructed that the prayers of the Yomim Nora'im, the High Holy Days, only atone for our shortcomings as individuals with God, not between us and other people. We are told plainly that we must do the hard work of atoning for any mistreatment of other human beings. We have to work to repair our wrongdoings through our words and our actions, not simply through our best intentions. Prayer can help us find the fortitude to bravely ask for forgiveness. Prayer can be practiced between the individual and loving God and it can help us learn how to treat one another.

What then do we learn from these prayers of gratitude to God? We thank God every time we come to prayer as practice for expressing gratitude to our loved ones, our coworkers, and our neighbors. In the intimacy of our spiritual connection to the Divine, we say thank you. In the light of day amidst deadlines and travel and siblings and bosses and conflict, we say thank you to one another.

When we lie down and when we rise up, we must teach gratitude to our children and our children’s children, as we teach gratitude to ourselves.

At this season of Thanksgiving, we say: thank you. We say: I see you. We say: my life is better because of you. We say: I appreciate you. We say: you are a blessing to our family. We say: you are an inspiration to me. We say: these things; we do not only think them. We say them each and every day.

Let us know that gratitude is infectious. Gratitude to God, gratitude to others, and gratitude to those wonderful souls you encounter day after day are intertwined, each helping the other to grow and shine more brightly. From prayer to practice and practice to proficiency, from proficiency to a life meaningfully led.

Modeh Ani L’fanicha – I am thankful before You.
Pre-winter Shabbaton at Congregation Ohr HaTorah November 3

As we pull away from fall and into winter, which is most noted with the clock reverting to Eastern Standard time on November 5, Ohr HaTorah (OHT) will be celebrating the change of season with a warm and exciting Shabbaton on Friday, November 3.

The OHT Shabbaton is a time where one can find refuge, peace and tranquility from everyday challenges and a place where one can enjoy good food, camaraderie and spiritual delight. The Shabbatons at OHT are warm, friendly and quite enjoyable.

The Talmud teaches that Shabbat is a precious gift given to us by God each and every week. It is like an island in time where we leave the worries and everyday affairs behind and enter into a 25 hour period of spiritual nirvana. The OHT Shabbaton helps us get into the peaceful rhythm of Shabbat and helps us reflect on the preciousness of this day.

The Shabbaton will start with a Shabbat candle lighting ceremony at 6 PM, followed by Mincha and a lively Shabbat service at 6:15. A delectable Shabbat dinner will be served at 7 which will include Shabbat songs and stories, plus special programming for children.

To register for the Shabbaton, you can go online and visit chabadnc.net or call our office at 704­366­3984. The cost for the Shabbaton is $54 per family or $20 per single.

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Charlotte Jewish Day School Students Visit Waltonwood Cotswold

Lately, intergenerational activities are garnering more and more of the spotlight, and there are many reasons why. Studies show that active seniors who engage with members of younger generations experience less depression and better physical health. Waltonwood Cotswold believes in enhancing the lives of residents in every way possible, which is why the senior living community recently started a partnership with Charlotte Jewish Day School and hosted a heartwarming intergenerational activity. Third-graders visited Waltonwood Cotswold residents, enjoyed treats and sang songs in Hebrew and in English. In addition, the children made cards with the residents for them to keep as a memory of this gathering. This newly formed partnership between the school and Waltonwood Cotswold demonstrates how the senior living community continues to enhance the lives of residents through community involvement and fun educational activities.

“This was such an inspiring and meaningful activity. The children and our residents had so much fun during this visit,” said Leah Nash, executive director at Waltonwood Cotswold. “We are very excited about this partnership and we are already looking forward to another wonderful intergenerational event. We know good things will come from the relationship with the school and we believe this will help enrich our residents’ lives.”

Waltonwood Cotswold always looks for ways to remain active in the community and connect with people of all ages. The goal of this partnership is to regularly bring seniors and children together to create meaningful friendships. Benefits of intergenerational activities apply to both age groups. Studies show that by engaging with younger generations, seniors experience better physical health and improve their overall well-being. Some of the many assets of such activities for children include gaining a positive attitude towards aging and learning empathy. It can also be a fun and exciting change in their daily school schedules.

“There is a variety of possible activities that children and seniors can participate in together, and we look forward to discussing the different options with the senior living community and planning for the future,” said Channie Weiss, third grade Judaica teacher at Charlotte Jewish Day School. “Interactions between younger and older generations are extremely important as both can gain so much from the companionship. We believe visits to the community or to our school can surely become the highlight of the day for the children or the residents. We are proud of this partnership that will help bridge the generation gap.”

Singh currently owns and operates 10 other Waltonwood Senior Living Communities in Michigan and North Carolina and has several other communities in development and under construction in North Carolina and the Washington, D.C. metro area market. For information on Waltonwood Cotswold, see our ad on page 11.

Volunteer Drivers Needed!

Do you regularly visit Shalom Park?
For Shabbat Services? To work out at the J?
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Jewish Family Services is recruiting volunteers to transport seniors in our community who also like to engage in Shalom Park activities but have no transportation.

Shalom Park is partnering with Centralina Connection to implement the Volunteer Transportation Services Program.

To learn more about volunteering, please contact:
Roberta Rodgers at 704.364.6594 or roberta.rodgers@jfscharlotte.org.

Insurance and mileage reimbursement provided.
Brunch in the Sukkah at the Jewish Preschool on Sardis

Jewish Preschool on Sardis hosted our first community Brunch in the Sukkah on October 8. The rain held off, the humidity was high, and the energy matched that. Children and families ate, drank, shook the lulav, and watched an amazing bubble show, celebrating Sukkot together. Babies, preschoolers, school age children, parents, and grandparents made the morning special with laughter and ritual. JPS is grateful to the volunteers who helped us get a wonderful morning together, creating new traditions with one another. We thank the families for braving the threatening weather to join us for what we hope will be an annual tradition.

I wish everyone a Happy and Healthy New Year!

Let’s Walk in our Pajamas and Make Dreams Come True

Ever been to a Pajama Party? How about a Walk-A-Thon? Well, this Pajama Walk is going to be the best of both! Come dressed in your favorite pajamas (or any comfy clothes) and join hundreds of fellow dreamers at Freedom Park to help make dreams come true.

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* Where? Freedom Park ~ 1900 East Blvd.
* When? Sunday, November 19 at 1 PM
* Who? Everyone … and we mean it. This is the perfect outing for families and friends of all ages and stages.

* Why? You’ll be making dreams come true. Your support helps create friendships at Friendship Circle, employment opportunities at ZABS Place, and will inspire you to make your own dreams a reality.

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Let’s Walk in our Pajamas and Make Dreams Come True
Eight Tiny Humans

By Ericka Rahman

My favorite hour of my workday is three o’clock. My babies are all waking up from their naps and although we have spent the past six hours together, eight tiny humans greet me as if they haven’t seen me all day. Sleepy-eyed, they come bounding up to me and wrap themselves around my legs, pajdy arms out, squeezing me with all the might their little bodies can muster like I’m their favorite person in the world. At this point in time, we’ve only been separated for an hour, but it is clear my presence has been missed. This is the time of day that I feel the most thankful.

I started working at Charlotte Jewish Preschool four years ago, and last year I was given my own classroom in the one-year-old program. My new nine-year voyage into the field of early childhood has not always been a smooth one. I spent much of my time teaching at corporate daycares, which viewed children largely as dollar signs, and wanting a more meaningful experience than what I was seeing. Charlotte Jewish Preschool came like a professional life raft. CIP is a school that understands and appreciates children for who they are and how they learn. Our school encourages me to be an advocate for the children in my care, while simultaneously advocating for my colleagues and myself. Simply put, I get to do what I love every day, and with the resources and support to do it well. I’m grateful to Charlotte Jewish Preschool for helping me to provide eight sweet babies with the love and support they need to grow and learn.

People less familiar with babies are so often surprised to hear me describe how much personal- ity they have. I use an astounding amount of adjectives in my line of work: sassy, silly, weird, funny, sweet, happy, serious, brilliant are just a few of the many. Learning about each of them, understanding them, loving them for who they are is my favorite part of teaching. Finding the best way to help them learn, based on their personality and what makes them happy is the most fun for me. I’m so glad that I teach toddlers, and I’m thankful that I get to experience of teaching them through a Jewish lens. It’s through experiences here at CIP that I discovered Judaism for myself. It’s my job to help this community raise Jewish children.

Charlotte Jewish Preschool is a place where Jewish values come to life in a concrete tangible way. When I started here four years ago as a non-Jew, I never expected those values to come to life within my own home. And at first, they didn’t. My interest in Judaism started as pure appreciation for the love and sense of community that I felt every day at school. The atmosphere of CIP is truly unique among any other workplace I have ever experienced. It branched out to a secular appreciation of Jewish holidays, an appreciation of a culture that was different than my own. As the years passed, the questions I had, and the more I discovered that I really like the answers I was finding. I’m now embarking on my own Jewish journey, with my own family, and hopefully one day raising my own Jewish children.

Around this time of year, it is always easy to recount the personal blessings in my life for which I am thankful; a supportive family, a beautiful home with my loving fiancé, two naughty but loveable dogs. But unlike many people, I have so much to be thankful for professionally as well. I’m thankful for a career doing something meaningful and fun. I’m thankful for a school that’s supportive and understands the value of what I do every day. I’m thankful to be surrounded by strong Jewish educators and mentors. But mostly, I am thankful for Charlotte Jewish Preschool and the journey that has had me on, and four the eight tiny humans who I love and who love me back through pugdy after-nap hugs. Thank you for allowing me to share my Charlotte Jewish Preschool story, and I wish you all a happy Thanksgiving.

JIE Features NYT Bestselling Author Madeline Levine

Mark your calendar for another provocative parenting symposium from Join In Education on February 13 and 14, 2018. The keynote address this year will be delivered by Madeline Levine Ph. D., author of New York Times bestsellers Teach Your Children Well and The Price of Privilege. Relevant to parents of toddlers as well as teens, JIE is a rallying cry for those who wish to ensure that every generation can problem solve, think critically, and are productive, kind citizens of the world.

In its sixth year, this two-day educational symposium is an event that parents and child care professionals look to as a valuable and well respected resource for quality programming. Between parents and professionals that attend this annual event, we believe that we affect 40-50,000 children and their families in the community each year. Levine brings together cutting-edge research and thirty years of clinical experience to explode the myth that good grades, high test scores and college acceptances should define the parenting endgame. Parents and educators are all too familiar with the escalating rates of anxiety among today’s children. Levine shifts our focus from the excesses of hyper parenting and the unhealthy reliance on academic success and developing a sense of purpose, well-being, and connection.

Complementing Levine will be workshops focused on the benefits of a “Makers Space” Curriculum and allowing kids to have more unstructured time. There will be two workshop tracks: one for parents and one for educators and professionals. Sylvia Martinez and Gary Stager, inventor of Invent to Learn, Engineering in the Classroom will be conducting the full day professional program. The Keynote address and reception will be at Providence Day School, February 13. The workshops will be held at Shalom Park on February 14.

For more information and tickets go to www.joinedineducation.org or on Facebook www.facebook.com/joinedineducation. Contact Gale Osborne for more information at 704-366-4558 or gosborne@cjdschool.org.

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Meet Alexis Strouse, Our Newest Team Member

By Bonnie Bonomo

Jewish Family Services is pleased to welcome the newest member of their clinical team, Alexis Strouse, a child and adolescent therapist. Alexis, is a Columbia University graduate and has been the voice of many privileged, under-privileged, and at-risk children, both here and in some of the toughest neighborhoods of New York City. Working with scholars, more commonly known as students, she considers herself a social-justice activist for our youth.

Upon her arrival at JFS we interviewed Alexis to learn more about her.

Bonnie: I’m so glad we are having an opportunity to talk today. Just being in your presence, I feel more enthusiastic than when the day started. You have such a cheerful aura. Are you always this upbeat?

Alexis: That is my usual way of being. I do my best to keep things in perspective and know I have a choice as to how I conduct myself. In every moment of the day, we have a choice to make as to how we want to approach that moment, each new person, each new experience. I have found when I remain optimistic and open, that it keeps my spirits lifted and has a positive effect on the lives I touch. I think we all have that opportunity.

Bonnie: We do. I know you did your graduate work at Columbia University. Tell me a little bit more about that time and what motivated you?

Alexis: I worked in the Bronx and East Harlem, and just knowing sometimes that I was the last line of defense before a child may be removed from the home made me realize the gravity of what I was doing. I had to do my best work and be the very best version of myself in order to facilitate change. As a child and adolescent therapist, you’re working with not just the child but their whole family, their whole system. Addressing the entire system facilitates greater growth and presents a greater opportunity for positive change. Essentially, in order to aid in the process of effective change, strategies need to be carried over from therapy into a child’s home life, school life, and social life as well as in themselves. Consistency is key.

Bonnie: I can see that you are passionate. Let’s talk about when you first arrived here in Charlotte. You jumped right in to working with adolescents ages 12–17 in a multi-systemic system, which meant that the school, the family, the individual, and the justice system were all working together. That was followed by your work in the Charter School system. They all seem so different. Are they?

Alexis: Diverse environments can be representative of any client’s life. The commonality or consistent thread for me is that I have the same philosophy, and utilize the same approach when working with my clients. It’s all about providing a safe, supportive environment for my clients to share their feelings, to have opportunities to grow and thrive.

Bonnie: It seems like you are not only motivated by working with the individuals but by collaboration as well.

Alexis: Yes. Which is why I’m really excited to be a part of the Mental Health Initiative that we are doing with the other partners of Shalom Park. We get to develop awareness and educate the community about the resources that are out there to help. It’s a chance to remove the stigma around mental health, letting people know it’s ok to talk about their emotional challenges. And when you can ban together, like we are doing by offering all different kinds of educational programs and discussion groups for all different populations, like teenagers, professionals and everyone else in the community, we as a collective

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### CELEBRATING HANUKKAH IN CHARLOTTE

Support our community-wide gift drive to benefit families in need during Hanukkah. The gifts collected will ensure everyone in our community has the opportunity to celebrate the traditions and culture of Hanukkah. Gifts are provided for children, adults, seniors and families who would otherwise not have the resources to participate in the Hanukkah traditions of gift giving, Menorah lighting and traditional holiday foods. Look for stars and dreidels with requested gifts on Shalom Park at the UCC, Temple Beth El, Temple Israel and CJP. The gift drive starts November 6 and goes through December 1, 2017. All gifts should be delivered to JFS for proper distribution. For additional information please contact Jewish Family Services at 704-364-6594.

### Torah Tots Hanukkah Celebration
**5:45 pm**
Temple Israel
For more information, visit [templeisraelnc.org](http://templeisraelnc.org)

### Social Club Hanukkah Luncheon
**12:30 pm**
Temple Israel
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### JPottery Holiday Sale
**10:00 am - 2:00 pm**
Main Street at the Levine JCC
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### Grand SouthPark Menorah Lighting
**5:00 pm - Program**
5:30 pm - Menorah Lighting
SouthPark Mall
(circle near Neiman Marcus and Nordstrom)
For more information, go to [chabadnc.org](http://chabadnc.org) or call 704-366-3984

### Waxhaw Menorah lighting
**5:30 pm**
E North Street in Downtown Waxhaw
(by the Overhead Bridge)
For more information, visit [www.JewishBallantyne.com](http://www.JewishBallantyne.com)

### The Porch Southern Fried Hanukkah
**5:00 - 8:00 pm**
Temple Beth El
For more information, visit [www.templebethel.org](http://www.templebethel.org)

### Hanukkah Dance Celebration
**6:00 -10:00 pm**
(dinner @ 6:45pm)
Temple Israel
For more information, visit [templeisraelnc.org](http://templeisraelnc.org)

### Torah on Tap’s Vodkas & Latkes
**7:30 pm**
Camden Gallery, Southend
For more information, visit [templeisraelnc.org](http://templeisraelnc.org)

### Sun City Hanukkah Party and Dinner
**6:30 pm**
The Lodge (2955 Sun City Blvd)
For more information, visit [www.JewishBallantyne.com](http://www.JewishBallantyne.com)

### JQuest Menorah Making
**3:00 - 5:00 pm**
Camp Mindy (RSVP required)
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### Sun City Hanukkah Party and Dinner
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### W.O.W! Women of Wisdom Hanukkah Party
**7:00 pm**
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### StoneCrest Menorah lighting
**5:30 pm**
The StoneCrest Shopping Center
(at the Fountain Plaza)
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### Community Shabbat Service and Hanukkah Celebration Dinner
**6:00 pm Shabbat Service, 7:00 pm Dinner (RSVP Required)**
Temple Beth El
For more information, visit [www.templebethel.org](http://www.templebethel.org)

### 5th Day of Hanukkah with PJ Library
**11:00 am**
Cotswold Village
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For more information, visit [www.jewishfederation.org](http://www.jewishfederation.org)

### Jewish Council of Lake Norman Hanukkah Celebration
**12:00 - 3:00 pm**
Davidson College Presbyterian Church Congregation House
(208 Concord Road, Davidson, NC)
For more information, visit [www.jewishcounciloflakenorman.org](http://www.jewishcounciloflakenorman.org)

### Friendship Circle Family Hanukkah Party
**3:30 pm**
Friendship Circle (6619 Sardis Road)
For more information visit [friendshipcirclenc.org](http://friendshipcirclenc.org)

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Hanukkah 2017 begins at sunset on **Tuesday, December 12**, and ends at sundown on **Wednesday, December 20**.
Queens University Receives $1 Million to Establish Professorship of Jewish Studies

Thanks to the generosity of Lori and Eric Sklut, a $1 million endowed fund has been established for the Sklut Professorship in Jewish Studies at Queens University of Charlotte. Through this professorship, Queens will retain and attract distinguished faculty specializing in Jewish Studies. Rabbis Judy Schindler, associate professor of Jewish Studies at Queens, will be the inaugural holder of the professorship.

In 2007, Lori and Eric Sklut, with Lori’s parents Leon and Sandra Levine of the Leon Levine Foundation, established their first professorship, the Levine-Sklut Distinguished Professorship in Jewish Studies for the Carolina Center for Jewish Studies at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. In 2012, Lori and Eric Sklut established the Lori and Eric Sklut Emerging Scholar in Jewish Studies at Elon University.

“We are honored and grateful to be the beneficiary of Lori and Eric’s investment in our work,” said Queens President Dr. Pamela Davies. “This gift will help faculty, whose teaching of Jewish history and culture enriches our Jewish Studies program. We are a campus committed to interfaith understanding.”

The Jewish Studies program at Queens was established in 2013 to examine Jewish identity, culture, and beliefs through a broad range of courses covering history, political science, international affairs, religion and theology, ethics, philosophy, sociology, pop culture, and more. In its continued commitment to interfaith understanding, Queens has hired a director of Jewish Life, established a student Hillel group, and opened the Stan Greenspon Center for Peace and Social Justice.

“We admire Queens’ efforts of inclusion and cultural diversity, attracting students and faculty from different backgrounds, ethnicities and national origins,” said Lori and Eric Sklut. “We are excited to be in a position to endow this professorship for the university. Our trust in the leadership of Queens and their enthusiasm to embrace Jewish Studies is immeasurable. We know that embracing Jewish studies, traditions, culture, and history can be an enriching experience for anyone with an open mind. We look forward to seeing how this significant step will lift Queens as it seeks to broaden its offerings and expand its reach.”

About Queens University of Charlotte

Nestled in a historic neighborhood just minutes from Uptown Charlotte, Queens has been providing students with transformational experiences for more than 155 years. A private, masters-level university, Queens serves more than 2,300 students in academic programs across the liberal arts and sciences as well as the professional fields of business, communication, nursing, health, and education. With the city of Charlotte as an extended campus, students have the opportunity to launch into abundant internships, community service, and academic partnerships. The majority of undergraduates also study internationally during their time at Queens. Queens is a unique learning environment that doesn’t ask students to choose between ideals and interests. Students are invited to be both, be more – and in so doing, leave their own mark on history.

About the Levine-Sklut Family Foundation

The Levine-Sklut Family Foundation is guided by Lori and Eric Sklut of the Leon Levine Foundation, will be the inaugural professor of Jewish Studies at Queens University. Queens will retain a director of Jewish Life, establish a student Hillel group, and open the Stan Greenspon Center for Peace and Social Justice.

We are so excited to introduce our newest program to the Friendship Circle calendar.

We recognize that our friends are all different ages and at different stages and we’ve created Young Adult Circle to be the perfect place for teens and young adults to hang out with each other. Check out our schedule at FriendshipCircleNC.org and let us know when you/your teen will be joining.

Our next program is Thursday, November 16 at Urban Air in Mint Hill. Visit FriendshipCircleNC.org to RSVP. Friendship Circle and ZABS Place are beneficiary agencies of the Jewish Federation of Greater Charlotte.

Judy Schindler

Children of Eden

Jillian, Gabby, and Michael hanging together at Young Adult Circle.

PHOTO CREDIT: Friendship Circle
The Providence Road entrance to Shalom Park at the light will be closed from Monday, October 23 until approximately Sunday, November 19. The purpose of this temporary closure is to construct a turn lane on Shalom Park Drive at the light.

The timing of this work was determined by the City of Charlotte, which is implementing its own improvements on Providence Road, such as a cross-walk at the Shalom Park Drive light and additional sidewalks on Providence Road. Once the City gives the go ahead to open the turn lane (which will be after Providence Road sidewalks are completed), exiting the Park will be faster and more efficient.

The three other entrances to the Park will experience higher traffic volume during construction at the main entrance. Shalom Park visitors traveling North Bound on Providence Road will be able to use the Jefferson Drive entrance. The Foundation of Shalom Park has contracted police officers to assist with left turns at Jefferson Drive and Providence Road during high volume times on the Park, for instance, during school carpools, employee end of day and special events. Please see the table for times when a CMPD officer will be present to assist with left turns at Jefferson Drive and Providence Road.

Do you drop-off a child at Religious School, the Charlotte Jewish Preschool, or the Charlotte Jewish Day School? Then keep reading. What You Need to Know: Carpool Directions During the Shalom Park Drive Temporary Closure

1) All traffic for carpools (pick-up/drop-off) should enter the Park from the Temple Beth El entrance (if you are traveling towards uptown), or the Jefferson Drive entrance (if you are traveling south towards the Arboretum).

2) All carpool (pick-up/drop-off) traffic leaving the Park should exit from Temple Israel (if you are traveling north towards uptown), or the Jefferson Drive exit (if you are traveling south towards the Arboretum).

3) Please Note: If you exit using Temple Beth El drive, you may impede incoming carpool traffic while also making your exit more difficult.

The Foundation of Shalom Park staff will make every effort to ensure that this temporary closing creates minimal disruption for Shalom Park members and visitors. We will do our best to keep you apprised of progress or changes related to this project.

Thank you for your patience and support during construction.

CMPD OFFICERS WILL ASSIST LEFT-HAND TURNS AT JEFFERSON DRIVE ONTO PROVIDENCE ROAD AT THE FOLLOWING TIMES

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The Sabbath I Will Always Remember

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years ago, not a single Friday night has passed when I have not thought of the Professor, the joy he felt celebrating Shabbat and I have never taken our freedom to openly celebrate Judaism for granted.

“Professor Rubinski remained in Montreal for another month before he returned to his family in Moscow. My father, always an excellent correspondent, tried to keep in touch with him. In those days speaking on the phone long distance to Russia was not even a consideration. Telegrams were never used for traditional correspondence. So snail mail from the rest of the world was the more powerful and important they probably felt.

“From what we could make out, it appeared that Vladimir Rubinski had written a thank you letter. It mentioned a wife and daughter, and also referenced the time he had spent teaching in Montreal. Notably missing was any reference to what he was doing in Russia. We never knew if he had even received my father’s letter. If he had, any mention of it had been blacked out. My father answered that letter, but that was the last we ever heard from Professor Rubinski.”

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adults experience a Mental Health Disorder in any given year.

Do you or anyone you know suffer from:
- Excessive worrying or fear?
- Feeling excessively sad or low?
- Extreme mood changes, feelings of irritability or anger?
- Changes in sleeping habits or feeling tired and low energy?
- Thoughts of suicide?
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NOVEMBER HOLIDAY HOURS
Thu, Nov 23 – Thanksgiving
7am–1pm
Fri, Nov 24 – Day after Thanksgiving
5:30am–5pm

Early Childhood
Preschool Squash
4-5 years
Learn the sport of squash. The classes will include learning forehand and backhand swings and a variety of shots such as lob, drop, rail and serve. Fitness and strategy will also be taught. Equipment provided.
Thursdays 1:15-2:00pm
January 4 – February 22 (8 weeks)
Racquetball Courts
Instructor Connie Barnes, Owner of Charlotte Squash Club
M/$120 B/$80 NM/$160
704-944-6743 or stephanie.gamer@charlottejcc.org

K-5th
Kids Squash
Learn the sport of squash. The classes will include learning forehand and backhand swings and a variety of shots such as lob, drop, rail and serve. Fitness and strategy will also be taught. Equipment provided.
A) Thursdays, 4–5pm
January 4 – February 22 (8 weeks)
B) Saturdays 12–1pm
January 7 – February 25
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Children will enjoy a nurturing environment to explore and have fun with crafts and activities, while parents workout.
Mon-Fri AM.............. 8am-1pm
Mon-Thurs PM...........4pm-7:30pm
Saturday .................12pm-3pm
Sunday ...................8:30am-2pm
Per Hour: M/$4.50 NM/$5.50

Grades K-5th
A great, supervised space for your elementary age child to have fun and hang out with friends, while you workout!
Sundays, 8:30am–1pm
Location: Check with LJCC Customer Service
M/$2/hour
NM/$5.50 per hour
Reservations Required! 704-366-5007, or visit LJCC Customer Service.

LEARN
CREATE
REFLECT

We invite the Greater Charlotte Community
(middle scholars through adults)
to experience a Butterfly Project Workshop!
Sunday, December 3
1:30-3:30pm
Sam Lerner Center at Shalom Park
FREE to LJCC Members • Non-members $5
Registration Required: Please call 704-366-5007, or visit the LJCC Front Desk

Family-Friendly Event
Preschool & Up
Family Movie & Dinner in the park!
Gather your friends and join us for a pizza dinner and family-friendly movie in the park JCC style! Bring a blanket or chairs and we will do the rest!
Sunday, November 5 • 5:30pm
LJCC Soccer Field
$7.50 per person • $25 family of 4

www.charlottejcc.org 704-366-5007

Pricing Codes:  M = Member  B = Benefactor  NM = Non-Member
Teens

The J After Dark
6th–8th Grade
Enjoy the JCC after closing hours, have the gym to yourself for basketball and volleyball, we will have ping pong, Xbox games, giant Jenga and Connect Four! There will be soda, pizza and snacks for purchase. We will use the Portico Entrance for drop off and pick up.
Saturday, November 18 • 7–9:30pm
M/$10 (members can bring one guest for free) B/$5 Free NM/$15

Schools Out Trip
Join other teens as we take a trip to a local TV studio to see all the behind the scenes action. Drop-off and Pick-up in the Teen Lounge. Register at the LJCC Customer Service Desk, 704-366-5007.
Friday, November 10 • 9–12pm
M/$15 B/$5 NM/$25 (lunch included)

Bright Blessings
Join us for a service project to bring joy, care and hope to more than 8000 homeless and impoverished children this year. To register, contact the LJCC Customer Service Desk, 704-366-5007.
Sunday, November 5 • 1:30–3pm
$5 per person (minimum age 5 years old)
1150-C Crews Road, Matthews

Adults

Judaism for the Curious
Are you curious about Judaism? Throughout the year the Oasis Senior Enrichment Program will be offering monthly classes on Judaism designed to educate, motivate, and inspire you to live with the use of timeless Jewish wisdom. Rabbi Oppenheim will explore a different topic each month.
November topic: What Judaism says about Friendship
Monday, November 6 • 1–2pm
FSP Board Room • Free
704-944-6753 or sharni.benjamin@charlottejcc.org

Tom Hanchett, Charlotte’s Dr. History, presents “Food from Home”
What foods remind you of your childhood, your family traditions? Join us as Tom explores Charlotte’s evolving traditions as he does through his monthly Charlotte Observer column “Food from Home.” He’ll talk with us about some of his discoveries, from Carolina apple cider to Salvadoran pupusas - all now part of our city’s culinary landscape.
Friday, November 10 • 1–2pm
Weinberg Senior Center • Free
704-944-6753 or sharni.benjamin@charlottejcc.org

The Baha’i Faith
Nabil Elias, PhD, and member of the Baha’i Faith Community of Charlotte will introduce this worldwide community of some five million Baha’is in 236 countries and territories, whose core principles center around humanity being a single race and unification in one global society.
Monday, November 13 • 1pm
Weinberg Senior Center • Free
704-944-6753 or sharni.benjamin@charlottejcc.org

Charlotte Symphony Orchestra 101
Enjoy this special series designed to be light, engaging insights into the world of orchestras and classical music of upcoming performances of the Charlotte Symphony Orchestra this season.
November’s topic: Praise & Protest: Meeting the Demands of 19th Century Audiences: What audiences were like during the lives of Beethoven and Brahms.
Friday November 17 • 1pm • Gorelick Hall • Free
704-944-6753 or sharni.benjamin@charlottejcc.org

ARThritis SUMMIT 2017
This seminar will bring you updates in arthritis care and self-management from some of the top experts in the field.
November 9 • 6–8pm
At the Levine JCC - RSVP to www.eventbrite.com

Medicare Part D Counseling
Prescription Drug Plan Open Enrollment
Oct 15 through Dec 7
To make an appointment with a Volunteer SHIP Counselor: 704-944-6792 or jill.lipson@charlottejcc.org

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TORAH TOTS THANKSGIVING DINNER & SERVICE
Friday, November 10
Shabbat Dinner, 5:30pm
Torah Tots Shabbat Service, 6:15pm
All are invited to gather for a special Torah Tots
Thanksgiving Shabbat. After a delicious dinner, we
will welcome in Shabbat, with songs, prayers, and
movement led by Rabbi Klirs and Miss Nancy.

YOUTH
MAHAR LASERS & LUNCH
(All 3rd-5th Graders)
Sunday, November 19, 12:00 – 3:00pm
Join your friends for an awesome afternoon of laser tag and pizza! The afternoon
includes two rounds of laser tag at Laser Quest, and a pizza lunch! Drop-Off and
Pick-Up @ TIRS Building. $20/Mahar Members; $30/Non-Members. RSVP by
Wednesday, November 15 to Ariel at Adidonato@templeisraelnc.org.

YOUNG ADULTS
JEWS & BREWS
Thursday, November 30, 7:30pm
Join Torah on Tap and your friends at Sycamore Brewery for a drink, light
appetizers and some good laughs! For more information or to RSVP, email
torahontapclt@gmail.com.

SOCIAL ACTION
MEN’S SHELTER OF CHARLOTTE THANKSGIVING MEAL
Sunday, November 26
We will be cooking and serving dinner for 140 men, and providing needed basic
essentials to help these men stay warm and clean. Would you and your family
like to get involved? If so, here are a number of ways you can help:
• Help cook a healthy meal at Shalom Park between Noon and 4:30pm
• Transport the food from Shalom Park to the Men’s Shelter (Stateville Rd)
  from 4:30-5:30pm
• Serve the food and distribute basic essentials from 5:30pm-7:30pm
  (Adults only)
• Make a donation of NEW warm Gloves, Hats, Underwear (XL),
  Sweatshirts (XL), and/or Winter Coats (XL)
• Make a donation of toothbrushes, large tubes of toothpaste, deodorant,
  and/or large bottles of shampoo
• Make a donation of tzedakah to help purchase the food for dinner
  (food cost = $70/person)
To volunteer for this meaningful and fulfilling event, or if you have questions,
please contact: Jonathan Berger, 704-995-1732 or jberger78a@gmail.com.

LIFELONG LEARNING
FREE for members, $36 for non-members. To register, contact the clergy office
at clergyoffice@templeisraelnc.org or call 980-360-2379.

TORAH CHAI: THE LIVING TORAH
Wednesdays, October 25, November 1 & 15 and December 6, 7:00 – 9:00pm
Give justice to the weak and the fatherless; maintain the right of the afflicted and the destitute. - Psalm 82
In reaching out to other faiths in our community in order to
respectfully learn from them, we have invited ministers of four
churches in Charlotte to engage with Rabbi Eiring and Temple
Israel in exploring how the teachings of the Torah continue
to provide inspiration. The Program will address how the Hebrew
Bible and Prophets guide and provide a common bond of values,
ethics and community responsibility.

SEVENTY YEARS OF ISRAELI POPULAR MUSIC
Wednesday, November 8 , 7:00 – 9:00pm  (with break for Minyan)
Join Cantor Roochwarg to listen to and sing some of the
most representative and beloved popular songs of Israel.
We will put the songs into chronological order and historical
context (i.e. what was going on in Israel and the rest of
the world at that time). The session will include some familiar
and some unfamiliar songs.

EVENTS
A CONVERSATION WITH DR. CHRISTOPH RUECKEL:
Convicting Yesterday’s Nazis in Today’s German Courts
Sunday, November 19, 2:30pm
Dr. Rueckel will discuss how he and a team of German
prosecutors have won convictions and prison sentences
in German courts against Nazi criminals in their 90’s as
accessories to the murder of hundreds of thousands of
Hungarian Jews in Auschwitz. This event is free, however

TEMPLE ISRAEL BOOK CLUB
Wednesday, November 29, 7:30pm
Author Mary Glickman will speak at the Levine ICC on
Thursday, December 7 and the Temple Israel Book Club will
read her much-acclaimed novel Home in the Morning on
Wednesday, November 29. Discussing the novel with other
readers and then with the author will add to the enjoyment
of Home in the Morning, which one reviewer says “provides
a history lesson in black-white relationships, Southern Jewish
culture, and the Civil Rights Movement.”
Everyone is welcome to attend Temple Israel Book Club meetings even if
you haven’t read the book. For additional information, contact Linda Levy,
704-366-6362, levylvie@aol.com.

SAVE THE DATES
Social Club: Annual Hanukkah Luncheon & Program
Sunday, December 10
Temple Israel Hanukkah Celebration & Dance
Saturday, December 16
Temple Israel Rededication
Sunday, December 17

SISTERHOOD: GRAND REOPENING
OF ROSE ROOM JUDAICA GIFT SHOP
Sunday, November 5, 2:00 – 5:00pm
Sisterhood celebrates the Grand Reopening of The Rose Room Gift Shop just in time
for Hanukkah! Sample delicious Kosher chocolates, meet Jewish Author J.J. Gesher
who will introduce her new novel, see the latest hand-painted Israeli eyelash frames,
and much more! We hope to see you there.
Proceeds support Temple Israel, Sisterhood,
Temple Israel Youth Programs, and Social
Action Initiatives.
A Jewish Funeral Today

By Mike Littauer, president, Hebrew Cemetery Association

If you’ve ever wondered about our Jewish traditions regarding funerals and burial, I hope this answers some of your questions. Jewish tradition teaches that we are created in the image of God. This is the underpinning of all the rituals and customs that construct a Jewish funeral. This concept extends both to the deceased and the mourners. Each community has its own customs in regard to funeral practices. Some customs are dictated by tradition. Others are the result of local laws and regulations, especially when it comes to cemetery rules. Nonetheless, certain key concepts are universally practiced by all of Judaism.

Jewish funerals can take place in a variety of locations. Some funerals are exclusively graveside; others occur in multiple locations—starting at the synagogue, or a funeral home, and then proceeding to the cemetery. Traditionally, burial takes place as soon as possible within 24 hours. This is not always possible because as many modern Jewish communities have had the responsibility of taking care of all of the details of the funeral and now their responsibility shifts to allowing the community to take care of them. Rabbis and cantors are usually from the book of Psalms. It is followed by a hespeid (eulogy) is delivered. The congregation stands during the chanting of this prayer. Rabbis and cantors are specially trained to take this information and weave it together to paint a picture of the deceased. It should be written and delivered in such a way that it reflects the essence of the person who has died and brings comfort to the mourners. Sometimes family members and close friends will want to speak about their loved one at the service. This can be a very important part of their mourning/grieving process. At the same time, no one should ever feel compelled to speak at the funeral of a loved one. Remarks should be brief and written down. The reason for this is if the family member is unable to deliver their remarks, the clergy can do it for them.

El Malei Rachamim - This is a prayer that mentions the deceased by their Hebrew name and states that they are “sheltered beneath the wings of God’s presence.” The congregation stands during the chanting of this prayer.

Removal of casket - After the family leaves, those individuals who have been honored as pall bearers will proceed from the chapel to the funeral carriage. The family exits the chapel and enters the separate family room in preparation for the funeral procession.

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Psalms during this procession. [A note about pall bearers: Tradition­ally, pall bearers cannot be mour­ners. Both men and women can serve as pall bearers in a Reform service. Those people who are not able to physically lift the casket can also be designated as “hon­orary” pall bearers.]

* Procession to Cemetery - A funeral procession from the chapel is formed by the vehicles of those in attendance who will be going to the cemetery. Again, it is considered to be an important mitzvah to accompany a person to their final resting place.

The cemetery service is very brief. Again, traditions vary by their final resting place. Paul D. Blank is recited. Again, it is recited every day for 11 months following burial.

* Procession from hearse to the grave - There is a short series of prayers dealing with mortality and love. In some communities, the El Malei Rachamim is again recited.

* Mourners Kaddish - The mourners Kaddish is a prayer ex­tolling God. It does not specifi­cally mention death. The Kaddish is recited by the mourners for the first time at graveside. Tradition­ally, it is recited every day for 11 months following burial and then on the yahrzeit (yearly anniver­sary) of the deceased.

* Placing earth in the grave - Since the mizvah of “accompany­ing the dead for burial” is so im­portant, the act of placing earth into the grave takes on a very im­portant role in the service. In some communities, the entire casket is covered with earth. In other com­munities, earth is symbolically placed in the grave. Often earth from the Land of Israel is also sprinkled on the casket. Some people use the back side of the shovel to show that this is not an easy task to perform. Each cem­tery has its own rules as to how shoveling can take place. After the service is concluded, the mourners return to the place where shiva will be observed.

Moishe House Events for November

Moishe House is a nonprofit organization dedicated to promot­ing community among Jewish young adults in their twenties and early thirties. Moishe House looks to fill the void that often exists after graduating college and prior to settling down. The organization brings together groups of three to five Jewish adults who live to­gether and plan local programs, both home-based and external, for other young Jewish adults. There are currently 93 Moishe Houses in 22 countries around the world.

Moishe House Charlotte began in August 2013 and since then has hosted 130+ events ranging from service projects to social events to Jewish learning and more. We are always happy to see new and returning faces, so be sure to join us.

We are currently looking for a new roommate (see the email below). We are pleased to share this November:

**Event 1**: Hornets Game with MoHo - Wednesday, November 1 at 7 PM, at The Spectrum Center, East Trade Street, Charlotte, NC, United States.

Join Moishe House as we cheer on Charlotte’s own Hornets at the Spectrum Center. Please respond with your interest by Wednesday, October 18. Be sure to arrive by 6:30 PM so we can hand out ticket­s and go in as a group. Email simon.hirschhorn02@gmail.com to confirm you’re going or with any questions or concerns.

**Event 2**: Friendsgiving - Friday, November 3 at 7 PM at The Charlotte Jewish News – November 2017 – Page 24

It’s all on the table at Abari Game Bar, 1721 N David­son St, Charlotte, NC 28206. It’s all on the table at Abari Game Bar. So come with us for games galore starting at 7 PM. You’ll have to buy your own drinks and tokens, but the good company will be provided.

**Event 3**: Matt’s Moishe Send-Off - Saturday, November 11 at 8 PM

Matt is moving out of the Moishe House so we are going to throw him a proper Moishe send-off. A Lenny Boy kombucha keg will be provided. Hummus Among Us is the official sponsor of this event, so you know there’s about to be mad amounts of delicious hummus as well. BYOB. Please email moishehousecharlotte@gmail.com for the address.

**Event 4**: Yoga in the Park - Thursday, November 16 at 7 PM at Freedom Park, 1900 East Boulevard

Daniela Becker has been nice enough to share her love of yoga with us again and what better way to do downward dog than with a bunch of Jews. Yoga at 7 followed by food and drinks at Lebowskis in Dilworth.

**Event 5**: Abari Game Bar - Tuesday, November 28 at 7 PM at Abari Game Bar, 1721 N David­son St, Charlotte, NC 28206

Video games and great drinks? It’s all on the table at Abari Game Bar. So come with us for games galore starting at 7 PM. You’ll have to buy your own drinks and tokens, but the good company will be provided.

To learn more about Moishe House Charlotte, visit us at www.moishehousecharlotte.org/houses/charlotte or check us out on facebook: www.facebook.com/MoisheHouseCharlotte. To contact us, please email moishehousecharlotte@gmail.com.

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**Over flowing with Gratitude!**

TODAH RABAH - Thankful for our wonderful students, parents, and staff at CJP!
For the 4th year the Levine JCC was proud to host Charlotte’s only community-wide Kosher BBQ contest and festival. Over 1,000 community members of all faiths came together to enjoy a fun-filled day with many great activities for all ages.

The Kosher BBQ’s mission is to promote unity and create a deeper understanding of the Jewish culture while sharing food and fun.

At this year’s Kosher BBQ we collected Tzedakah for those who were impacted by Hurricane Harvey. Through selling T-shirts, we were able to donate over $1,400 to the Jewish Federation of North America’s Hurricane Harvey Relief Fund.

We are excited to announce Publix Super Markets Charities has been officially named the Presenting Sponsor for the 2018 Charlotte Kosher BBQ on Monday, September 3, 2018.

With Publix’s support, the 2018 Kosher BBQ proceeds will go directly to fund food insecurity programs for children at Title I Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools and to educate our community about childhood hunger.

A Very Special Thank You to Our Generous Sponsors:

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To learn more about the Kosher BBQ please visit www.charlottekosherbbq.com
Internationally Renowned Human Rights Activist and Holocaust Scholar Speaks at One Year Anniversary of the Stan Greenspon Center for Peace and Social Justice at Queens University of Charlotte

On Thursday, September 14, French Catholic priest, Father Patrick Desbois came to Charlotte to mark the one year anniversary of the Stan Greenspon Center for Peace and Social Justice at Queens University of Charlotte. Speaking to a packed audience of 400 in the newly renovated Belk Chapel, Father Desbois reflected on his work interviewing 5,300 witnesses and uncovering 2,100 unmarked mass graves in Eastern Europe that contain remains of hundreds of thousands of Jews and Gypsies murdered by the Nazis.

Father Desbois, President of Yahad-In Unum, a global humanitarian organization he founded in 2004, is the author of *Holocaust by Bullets* and has a new book coming out *In Broad Daylight*. Based on Desbois’ research in seven countries that were formerly part of the Soviet Union, his newer work identifies the procedures followed in village after village that enabled these mass killings to occur. Sadly, Desbois’ notes, ISIS has used Nazi strategies to facilitate mass killings of the Yazidis, a persecuted minority in Iraq.

Last month’s event was in celebration of the first anniversary of the Stan Greenspon Center for Peace and Social Justice. The Greenspon Center uses the Holocaust as the central case study to teach school students, local educators, and the general community about the dangers of intolerance and indifference. The Greenspon Center also has become known for their advocacy networks, which during the first year focused on refugee advocacy and this year is adding racial justice to their scope of work. (Visit StanGreensponCenter.org for more information on our educational and advocacy programs.)

The Greenspon Center’s anniversary celebration and its first year of success would not have been possible without the generosity of Stan Greenspon. In 2013, Stan Greenspon saw the need to expand Holocaust and human rights education in Charlotte. He commissioned a study on the work of existing programs in the nation and in 2015, generously endowed a center at Queens University as a “culmination of a lifelong dream.” Under the direction and leadership of Rabbi Judy Schindler and Talli Dippold, the Stan Greenspon Center has thrived. Its first year was marked with over ten educator workshops and programming reaching over 1,780 students statewide.

Mr. Greenspon’s endowment aligned well with Queens University Jewish Life initiative that began in 2014 as a result of the generosity of the founding donors: Don and Bobbi Bernstein, Bill and Patty (of blessed memory) Gorelick, Harvey and Adrienne Gossett, Larry and Dale Polsky, Marc and Mattye Silverman, and Lori and Eric Sklut. Their gifts are enabling Queens University to build a dynamic Jewish Life program where celebrations from High Holidays to Sukkot and from Shabbat to Havdalah are held and Jewish Studies are embraced.
Upcoming service times:

1st Fridays
5:30 pm  Shabbat SongFest
6:00 pm  Family Shabbat Service
8:00 pm  Community Shabbat Service

All other Fridays
6:00 pm  Community Shabbat Service

Saturdays
11:00 am  Shabbat Morning Service

Join us on November 18 for Congregational Shabbat—a lively celebration with active participation from Temple Beth El Congregants.

Global Day of Jewish Learning
Sunday, Nov. 12
Temple Beth El joins our Shalom Park Partners and other Jewish agencies across Charlotte in providing an experience with educational, cultural and tikkun olam opportunities for participants of all ages.

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8:30am . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Kick Off Welcome Breakfast
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10am. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . PJ Library Activity
10:45am . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Adult Learning (multiple options), Cultural Arts & Youth Activity
11:45am . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Adult Learning (multiple options), Cultural Arts & Youth Activity
11:45am–1pm . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Lunch & Tikkun Olam Projects

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Women’s News

Hadassah “Celebrate The Tatas” Paint Days

If you weren’t at the McDowell Arts Center on September 17 or 18, you missed two fun-filled girls only days. This year’s Celebrate the TaTas Painting Days were a great success.

As usual, the main focus was on the art. We were lucky enough to have most of our amazing artists return for encore performances, as well as having some new, amazing artists join in the festivities. Thank you so much to all our artists for sharing your time and talent. Wait until you see all the artwork. Emily Mattos from ArtShots Photography took awe-inspiring pictures of it all.

The days would not have been complete without some pampering. Hadassah was joined by Dillard’s expert bra-fitters (did you know you are probably wearing the wrong size bra?) and make-up artists, for makeovers of one type or another, or both. Massage Heights helped everyone relax with amazing chair massages as well. Everyone was also treated to lunch by our friends at Harris Teeter, with coffee from Caribou at Foxcroft.

So now aren’t you sorry you missed it? See you next year.

From top to bottom: the paint supplies; make-up application; Marci Wilonsz, Dana Kapustin, Talia Goldman, Sharon Goretsky, Marci Goldberg.

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Slam Dunk - BBYO Goes to the Hornets Game

Join Charlotte BBYO for an exclusive night of basketball as the Charlotte Hornets battle the Minnesota Timberwolves on Monday, November 20. This special event is open to all 8th graders and any older teens that have yet to join BBYO. This event is specially priced at $15 which includes transportation to and from the game, a Hornets t-shirt, and an up-close look at the Hornets pre-game warm up. Reserve your spot today, a limited number of tickets are available. To register please go to www.bbyo.org/ecltfallfest. Questions, please email treverson@bbyo.org.

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