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JCC and Museum of the New South Present "An Evening with Eli Evans"

Abba Eban has said of Eli Evans: "The Jews of the South have found their poet laureate." With that in mind, the Jewish Community Center and the Museum of the New South are proud to present an evening with this renowned scholar and North Carolina native son. Join us at the Center on Sunday, Feb. 13, 7:30 p.m. to hear his unique insights into presidential politics, civil rights, the Jewish world, and Southern life.

The evening will also give you the opportunity to learn about Mr. Evans' newest book, *The Lonely Days Were Sundays: Reflections of a Jewish Southerner*. The title is based on a comment that was made in his mother's diary about how different his family felt on Sundays in Durham, as they watched



Eli Evans Photo/Ann Marie Rousseau

their Christian friends and neighbors going to church.

Mr. Evans' previous books, *The Provincials: A Personal History of Jews in the South* and

Judah P. Benjamin: The Jewish Confederate have been very well received by both scholars and the general public. You will have the chance to discuss these books, as well as his newest one, at a reception and book signing immediately following his lecture.

Since graduating from the University of North Carolina and Yale Law School, Mr. Evans has led an exciting and varied life. He was a speech writer for President Lyndon Johnson, was involved in civil rights working for the Carnegie Corporation helping to increase the number of black lawyers in the South, and is now president of the Charles H. Revson Foundation in New York City.

We are very fortunate that Mr. Evans is taking time from his busy schedule to speak in Charlotte and hope everyone will take the opportunity to attend this exciting event and possibly share some personal memories.

Temple Israel to Hold Annual "People Power Weekend"

By George L. Shelden

Temple Israel announces that the I.D. Blumenthal People Power Weekend for 1994 is scheduled for Feb. 4-6. The guest speaker is Ari Goldman, the long time religion reporter for the *New York Times*.

Mr. Goldman spent 20 years as a reporter for the *New York Times* before joining the faculty of the Columbia School of Journalism in 1993. As the religion correspondent for the *New York Times*, he was given a year's paid sabbatical to attend the Harvard Divinity School. In addition to being faced with the state of contemporary religion while at Harvard, Mr. Goldman was compelled to probe the meaning behind the lessons of his own orthodox yeshiva education and to reflect upon his struggle to balance his career with his religious tenets. The result of this experience is his best selling book *The Search for God at Harvard*, published in 1991.

Schedule of Events

•Friday night, Feb. 4, Mr. Goldman will speak about "Living in Two Worlds" at a Shabbat dinner at Temple Israel.

•Saturday morning, Feb. 5,



Ari Goldman

Mr. Goldman will speak during Temple Israel's regular services on "The Search for God at Harvard."

•Saturday afternoon there will be an informal discussion (topic to be decided) at Temple Israel followed by Havdallah services.

•Sunday morning, Feb. 6, Mr. Goldman will speak at breakfast at Temple Israel on "Israel and the Media" which will be followed by a question and answer session.

For more information about the People Power Weekend, which is sponsored by the Blumenthal family, call the Temple Israel office at 362-2796.

Community Services Board Helps the Jewish Organizations Share Efforts and Resources

For the past year and a half, representatives from various Jewish agencies and organizations have met to talk about how to meet effectively the varied needs of the people they serve. These representatives form the Community Services Board of the Jewish Federation of Greater Charlotte.

Simply stated, the Community Services Board was established:

- To create a forum for community program planning
- To foster communication among all Jewish organizations
- To link the Federation with the entire Jewish community.

The key words here are "community," "all," and "entire." It is hoped that this committee will serve to reduce conflicts which often result in competition for limited resources and audiences, and to enhance cooperative and better integrated programming. Such programming might include concerts, exhibits and lectures; adult education classes and discussion groups; and various service projects and

outreach activities. The Community Services board hopes to help various organizations network more effectively, share resources and collaborate more in program planning.

Last year the Community Services Board was cochaired by Bobbi Bernstein and Evelyn Berger. Under the direction of Ruth, Resa and Jonathan Goldberg, the CSB conducted a survey designed to help interfaith couples and their families become an integral part of the Jewish community. Thanks to Paul Hirschmann, Pam Appelbaum, Audrey Krakovitz, and others, the CSB initiated outreach activities to Jewish university students in the area. And, under the auspices of the CSB, a calendar database was installed into the Federation computer system. The calendar centralizes all activities in the Charlotte Jewish community and is linked with the general community calendar. Monthly reports are available to everyone at Shalom Park.

This year the Community Services Board is cochaired by

Evelyn Berger and Jay Jacoby. Constituencies represented include: Temple Beth El, Temple Israel, Lubavitch, CAJE, JFS, JCC, CJN, JFGC, ORT, B'nai B'rith Women, HaLailah B'nai B'rith Women, Hadassah, and B'nai B'rith Men. Among the CSB's goals for the year are the production of a user-friendly handbook that will help to demystify the roles and functions of various organizations in the Jewish community. Such a handbook should enhance communication between groups and enlighten us all about community planning, protocol, etc. The CSB also hopes to find better avenues for informing the community about upcoming programming through *The Charlotte Jewish News*, a community bulletin board, telephone information lines, etc.

The opportunities for community cohesiveness are exciting, challenging, and necessary as we work for the continued growth and vitality of the Charlotte Jewish community. If you have any questions or suggestions to share, please contact either Evelyn Berger or Jay Jacoby.

The Jewish Federation of Greater Charlotte Temple Beth El and Temple Israel

cordially invite you to attend the

1994 Federation/United Jewish Appeal Shabbat

featuring

DR. REUVEN HAZAN

Friday, January 21, 1994 at Temple Beth El
or
Saturday, January 22, 1994 at Temple Israel
Oneg to follow both

RSVP Federation Office at 366-5007 by Jan. 18
This is a non-solicitation event

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