

## Upcoming Young Adult Division (YAD) Events

The goal of the Young Adult Division (YAD) of the Jewish Federation is to connect young Jews to the community. YAD embraces the Jewish values of Tikkun Olam that we all have a responsibility to act together to improve our world; Tzedakah that we are obligated to pursue righteousness and justice through acts of loving kindness and philanthropy; and K'lal Yisrael that we are one people with a shared destiny and future.

Please join us in April for two special events:

Thursday, April 18 - "It's In The Genes" - A program to learn about Jewish genetic diseases, 7:30 PM at Temple Israel.



Thursday, April 25 - "Hamburgers and Heaven: The Role of Physical Pleasures in a Spiritual Life," featuring Rabbi Yosef Edelman of the Charlotte Torah Center, 7:30 PM in the Family Place at the Jewish Community Center.

For more information, please call Marnie Moskowitz, Director of Program Development, in the Federation office at 704-944-6764. ☆



## Join the Jewish Community of Charlotte as We Commemorate Yom Hashoah with "Let Your Children Tell"

*A Dramatic Presentation about the Holocaust as Told by Young People*

Wednesday, April 10, 2002, 7:00 PM in Gorelick Hall at the Sandra & Leon Levine Jewish Community Center Building

History has many stories to tell. Some of the most important are those of the oppressed and oppressor — the Israelites in Egypt, the Africans in America, the Blacks in South Africa. But throughout the history of human kind only one story is the story of an oppressor who attempted to wipe out an entire population of those it oppressed. This is that story.

So begins the new theatre documentary, *Let Your Children Tell*, produced and performed by the Touring Theatre Ensemble of North Carolina. It is the story of

what we now refer to as the Holocaust told in the words of five young people who experienced it.

Taken from diaries, interviews and testimonials, these five young people, each from German, Czechoslovakia, Austria, The Netherlands and Hungary, respond to the deeds and decrees of Hitler and his Nazis by providing intimate glimpses of their lives in hiding, in exile, in ghettos, and in labor and concentration camps.

Portrayed by six actors, we meet these young people as they watched and listened and recorded the dark deeds visited upon them. The hope is that the story of this darkest hour of history can be kept alive through their telling and

thereby remind the world what can happen when racism goes unchecked.

For more information, contact the Jewish Federation at 704-944-6757.

Sponsored by Temple Beth El, Temple Israel, the Jewish Community Center of Charlotte and the Jewish Federation of Greater Charlotte. ☆



## Journalist Allison Sommer Speaks on the Current Israel Situation

On March 4 and 5, the Bernstein Leadership Group, the staff of Shalom Park and the Uptowners (an arm of the Jewish Federation of Greater Charlotte designed to involve members of the business and professional community) had the opportunity to meet and hear Allison Sommer of *The Jerusalem Post* speak.

Allison Kaplan Sommer, a senior journalist at *The Jerusalem Post*, has been writing about Israel and the Jewish world for more than a decade. A graduate of the Columbia School of Journalism,

she began her journalism career covering the United Nations and national Jewish organizations in New York for the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, writing for



Donna Foster, Linda Joy Weinstein, and Linda Siegel.



Jewish newspapers across the country. During the Persian Gulf Crisis in 1990, she took the job of Washington, DC correspondent for *The Jerusalem Post*, replacing veteran correspondent Wolf Blitzer when he moved on to work for CNN. She has been with the newspaper ever since, writing about Israel-U.S. relations throughout the Bush and Clinton administrations and the Shamir, Rabin, Peres, Netanyahu and Barak governments, first from Washington, and since 1993, based in Tel Aviv, Israel. She has



Jeanette Blanco, Allison Sommer, Nina Lewis and Andrea Cronson.

written about a wide array of topics, from Middle East peace and Israeli politics, to Israel-Diaspora relations, immigrant absorption, the growth of the media and the

high-tech industry in Israel, women's rights issues, the arts, and the challenges of Jewish family life in the modern world. As a reporter, she has witnessed three historic events of the past decade: wars, peace negotiations, peace treaty signings, and was covering the peace rally the night that Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin was assassinated.

Even with all the occurrences in Israel, she stressed how important it is for Americans to come and support Israel. Israel Now and Forever. ☆



Emily Zimmern, speaker Allison Sommer, and Robert Weis.



Allison Sommer meets with staff members Amalia Warshenbrot and Cynthia Chapman.

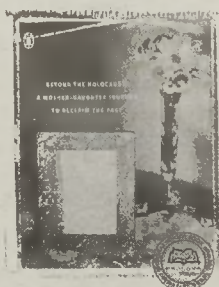
## Praise for Fern Schumer Chapman's "Motherland"

See how the critics praise Fern Schumer Chapman's *Motherland*. "An outstanding portrait of the painful postwar waltz of Germans, their victims, and their victims' victims." — Kirkus Reviews.

"Meticulously detailed account ... which Chapman renders with precise and often moving prose." — Chicago Tribune Book Review.

"Fern Schumer Chapman's account of Edith Westerfield's return to Germany half a century after her forced exile was a finalist in the National Jewish Book Awards for 2000. Anyone who reads her observations about the remnants of anti-Semitism will surely be moved and even outraged." — Dallas Morning News.

"This finalist in the 2000 National Jewish Book Awards should have been a winner. It's beautifully written and is so gripping that it is hard to put down. ...



*Motherland* FERN SCHUMER CHAPMAN

It is a book that can be discussed and appreciated for its literary elements, its historical significance and its depiction of a mother-daughter relationship." — San Diego Jewish Press Heritage.

"Amazing ... tragic and triumphant ... incredibly powerful."

— WomanLinks.com.

"Touching ... moving ... a thoughtful analysis of modern Germany's relationship to its past and, not incidentally, of the relationship of a mother and daughter." — Hadassah Magazine.

Chapman will be signing copies and speaking with the Charlotte community at the Jewish Federation's 4th Annual Women's Division spring lecture at 7:30 PM at Temple Beth El on May 2.

For more information on Fern Schumer Chapman's visit to Charlotte, please call Marnie Moskowitz at 704-944-6764 or email her at mmoskowitz@shalom-charlotte.org. ☆



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