

Pride of Place: Jews in Southern Life

Join us on Wednesday evening, May 22 at 7:30 PM in Gorelick Hall at the JCC, when Dr. David Goldfield will present a lecture on the Jewish "place" in Southern life. Dr. Goldfield is the Robert Lee Bailey Professor of History at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, and a world-renowned scholar, author and lecturer on the urban South and southern history.

Co-sponsored by the Carolina Agency for Jewish (CAJE) and the Jewish Federation of Greater Charlotte (JFGC), in addition to Dr. Goldfield's lecture, there will also be a demonstration at the program of the new interactive DVD-ROM "Heritage: Civilization & the Jews." WTVL media sponsor of the event will take part, with an advance promo by the executive producer for their upcoming locally produced program "The Hometown Stories: The Jews of Charlotte." Building on the momentum of last May's program at the Charlotte Museum of History about the history of the Jewish community in Charlotte, this event promises to delve even more deeply into understanding the experience of being both Jewish and Southern, and the ambiguities that sometimes result.

Dr. David Goldfield is Professor of History at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte since 1982. His latest book, just published in March 2002, is *Still Fighting the Civil War: The American South and Southern History* (Louisiana State University Press). He has written or edited twelve other books, including two works on *Cotton*



Dr. David Goldfield

Fields and Skyscrapers: Southern City and Region, 1607-1980 (Louisiana State University Press, 1982) and *Black, White, and Southern: Race Relations and Southern Culture, 1940 to the Present* (Louisiana State University Press, 1990) that received the Mayflower Award for Non-Fiction. The latter work was also nominated for the Pulitzer Prize in History and received the 1991 Gustavus Myers Center for the Study of Human Rights Outstanding Book Award. In addition to writing, Goldfield consults for history museums and the media on issues related to urban and economic development in the twentieth-century South, and has worked for the U.S. Department of Justice and the North Carolina Department of Justice on voting rights cases. He is a founding board member of the Levine Museum of the New South and a consultant to the Museum. Goldfield is also editor of the *Journal of Urban History* and a member of the Editorial Boards of

the *Journal of Southern History* and the *North Carolina Historical Review*.

Emily Zimmern, Executive Director of the Levine Museum of the New South will introduce Dr. Goldfield on May 22. Thanks are extended to Marcia Simon, a board member of the Museum and a board member of the Jewish Federation, for her generous assistance in putting this program together.

A limited number of free copies of the extensive resource guide that accompanies the interactive *Heritage: Civilization & the Jews* DVD-ROM will be given away during the evening program on May 22.

The lecture and demonstration are made possible with generous grant funding from Thirteen/WNET New York and the Educational Broadcasting Corporation in NYC, in conjunction with major funding from the Charles H. Revson Foundation, headed by native North Carolinian, Eli Evans; the estate of Mortimer J. Harrison and the Jacob Burns Foundation which made possible the DVD-ROM *Heritage: Civilization & the Jews* product. In addition, an anonymous local donor assisted in making the program possible.

For more information about the programs on May 22, or to RSVP, call or e-mail: Lenora Stein at CAJE, 704-944-6780 or lsstein@vnet.net or Marnie Moskowitz at the Federation, 704-944-6764 or e-mail: mmoskowitz@shalomcharlotte.org. ✪

Solidarity Walk for Israel, Park Expansion Highlight Sunday Festivities

Toddlers to seniors walked through and around Shalom Park on Sunday, April 21 as hundreds of members of Charlotte's Jewish community participated in a walk and rally to express solidarity with Israel. The nearly 300 participants walked a mile-and-a-half loop around Shalom Park, including a leg on Providence Road between Temple Israel and Temple Beth El.

Israeli Consul General Jacob Rosen began the walk citing the strong American and Israel relationship and the battle Israel faces on the ground and in Europe. Standing in the heat with the community at the Camp Mindy flagpole, the Consul General thanked the community for their support for the people of Israel.

He added that with much of the world against Israel, this show of support was important for him and his country.

The afternoon of festivities included groundbreaking for the \$25 million expansion of Shalom Park, dedication of Ostrow Family athletic fields, and a variety of

activities.

Rabbi Jim Bennett and Yossi Groner participated in the formal remarks. Congregations and organizations manned activity centers where kids and adults alike were able to play Mah Jongg, make an



Nearly 300 individuals braved the brutal heat to show their support for Israel.

Israeli flag, create an origami Star of David, send a birthday card to Israel, or write a letter of support to an Israeli soldier.

The Federation's booth sold Israeli t-shirts donated by Eric Lerner, with the proceeds going to the North American Jewry's multi-million dollar Israel Emergency Campaign. "United We Stand" t-shirts are still available for \$10 each. Call 704-944-6760. ✪

**JEWISH
FEDERATION**
OF GREATER CHARLOTTE

Young Israelis Visit Charlotte



D'ganit Herzog and Alexandra Veil

Clearly, they had little in common with one another. Alexandra, born in the Ukraine, with only partial Jewish background, an immigrant, and a teenager; Elias, an Ethiopian who walked 40 days to a rescue and airlift to Israel when he was just a child; and D'ganit, a Sabra, a kibbutznik and a Masters in Public Administration. What

they did have in common, though, was their desire to inform us of what their lives were like in Israel. What it meant to Alexandra to be a recent immigrant; for Elias, how his life has changed since the rescue; and for D'ganit, what the Jewish Agency for Israel has done for these two young people and what it can do for others.

They spoke to the congregations at Temple Beth El, Temple Israel, and Congregation Ohr HaTorah. They met with teens in BBYO. They charmed and captivated all those who heard their unique stories.

But the most unique story unfolded that very weekend. At Shabbat dinner at the home of Roz and Ivan Cooper, Elias and Micah, Roz's and Ivan's son, eyed one



A member of Temple Beth El converses with Elias Inbram (right).

another for a moment. "Why do you look so familiar?" they both asked almost at the same time. Further discussion led to the conclusion that Micah and Elias had lived in the same dorm at Ben Gurion University several years ago. *Olam katan!* It's a small world. ✪



On April 17, the Shalom Park community gathered to celebrate Israeli Independence Day in front of the Jewish Community Center building. The theme of the gathering was "We Stand with Israel." ✪

Uptowners: Nosh and Network

Uptowners is an arm of the Jewish Federation of Greater Charlotte designed to involve members of the business and professional community.

Please join us on Wednesday, May 15, 2002, 12:00 Noon in the Conference Room at Parker Poe Adams & Bernstein, 3 Wachovia Center, 401 S. Tryon Street, Suite 3000

Guest Speaker: Jeannie Buckner, Editor of the Charlotte Observer

Please RSVP to Marnie Moskowitz in the Federation office by Friday, May 10 by phone, 704-944-6764 or by email, mmoskowitz@shalomcharlotte.org.

Uptowner Chairs, Linda Seigel and Linda Joy Weinstein

YOUR "RESULTS" SPECIALIST



ANN LANGMAN

"Serving your real estate needs since 1972"

Multi Million Dollar Producer

6618 Fairview Rd. Charlotte, NC 28210

704-364-6400 (O)

704-841-7273 (H)

Toll Free 1-888-364-6401 ext. 240



- Individual Life, Disability & Health Insurance
- Long Term Care Insurance
- Group Medical, Life & Retirement Programs
- Estate & Personal Financial Planning
- Voluntary Employee Benefit Programs

Keith Greenspon Stan Greenspon

125 Cottage Place

Phone: 704-376-7434

Fax: 704-342-3855

visit us at www.greenspon.com