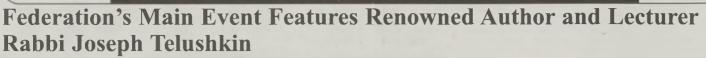


## **Federation News**



Being Jewish involves more than ritual observance – it means leading an ethical life embracing Jewish values as our guiding force.

This main theme will be explored by featured speaker Rabbi Joseph Telushkin at the Jewish Federation's Main Event on Sunday, February 11, at 7 PM, at Temple Israel. Named one of *Talk Magazine*'s best 50 speakers in the United States, Rabbi Telushkin is a best-selling author and expert on Jewish teachings and values.

In his talk entitled, "The Twenty-First Century: A Jewish Vision, One Day at a Time,' Rabbi Telushkin promises to offer a thought-provoking, stimulating evening at what has become the largest Jewish community gathering each year. Those attending will have an opportunity to make their annual gift to the Jewish 2007 Federation's Annual Campaign. A special drawing will be held during the Main Event when campaign donors will have a chance to win a magnificent glass ball donated by Abe and Rose Luski.

"This year we are making a special effort to reach out to and involve all elements of our Jewish community in order to fully reflect the diversity that the Federation represents," said Event Chairs Aly



Rabbi Joseph Telushkin

and Eric Lerner.

Rabbi Telushkin's book Jewish Literacy: The Most Important Things to Know about the Jewish Religion, Its People and Its History is one of the most widely selling books on Judaism of the past two decades. His newest book, A Code of Jewish Ethics: You Shall be Holy, explores Jewish teachings on the vital topics of personal character and integrity. Rabbi Telushkin has also written about Jewish humor and for several TV shows, including "The Practice" and "Touched By An Angel."

Words that Hurt, Words that Heal, an earlier work of Telushkin's, became the motivating force behind Senators Joseph Lieberman and Connie Mack's 1996 Senate Resolution #151 to establish a "National Speak No Evil Day" throughout the United States.

Ordained at Yeshiva University in New York, Rabbi Telushkin pursued his graduate studies in Jewish history at Columbia University. He lectures throughout the United States, serves as a Senior Associate of CLAL, on the Board of Directors of the Jewish Book Council, and as spiritual leader of the Synagogue for the Performing Arts in Los Angeles.

Tickets for the event, which cost \$36 each, can be purchased by phone at 704-944-6757, online at www.jewishcharlotte.org, or at the Federation office located on Main Street at Shalom Park. A lavish dessert reception will follow the program. At the reception, Rabbi Telushkin will sign copies of his book *A Code of Jewish Ethics, Volume I: You Shall Be Holy.* 

To offset the costs of the event, raffle reflecting Jewish values and tzedakah is being held. Some of the items donated are: Judaic objects from Temple Beth El Gift Shop, Temple Israel Gift Shop and Skillbeck Gallery, a full Family Membership to the Levine JCC, a diamond Jewish star necklace from Diamonds Direct, custom printed invitations or holiday cards from Creative Events, a woman's gold wire kippah woven with bright Swarovski crystals from Janet Gorelick, registration for a JLI Course from Ohr HaTorah, a collection of Kosher cookbooks from the Charlotte Jewish Day School and a Rosenthal blown glass tzedakah box from the Barbara and Jerry Levin Jewish Middle School. Tickets are \$36 each or 4 for \$136.

To purchase raffle tickets by mail, please make checks payable to "Jewish Federation" and send to the Jewish Federation, 5007 Providence Road, Suite 101, Charlotte, NC 28226 or to charge by phone call 704-944-6757. The drawing will take place at the Main Event. You do not need to be present to win.  $\stackrel{\clubsuit}{\sim}$ 



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## **37 New Bernstein Leaders Announced**

The Jewish Federation of Greater Charlotte and co-chairs Jen Algire and Laura Cherny are pleased to announce the new members of the Bernstein Leadership Group. After a comprehensive review process, 37 applicants were selected to participate.

"We are delighted that there was such a strong applicant pool this year," says Don Bernstein, who sponsors the BLG with his wife, Bobbi. "We hope this group of potential leaders will have a meaningful impact on our Jewish community in the coming years, and we wish them an enlightening and rewarding experience over the next 18 months."

The first BLG session will be on Sunday, January 21. After a kickoff dinner and opening program, comedian Joel Chasnoff will entertain the group with a stand-up routine. All Bernstein alumni are invited to attend this performance, which is slated to begin at 7:00 p.m. in Gorelick Hall. For more information, please contact Jodi Greenwald at jodi.greenwald@jewishcharlotte.org or 704-944-6759. A big thank you to Michael Koss and Tara Benson for serving on the selection committee. *The Sixth Class of the Bernstein Leadership Group* 

Crystal Ben-Yohanan, Cheryl Baum, Jill Blades, Peter Feldman, Kelly Gaines, Amy Gannon, Erin Goldstein, Herb Greenman, Jennifer Greenwald, Josh Greenwald, Scott Greenwald, Brian Hitt, Deborah Hitt, Jeff Katz, Megan Keene Ward, Melissa Klingberg, David Levin, Kim Lewis, Jordan Lichstrahl, Lianne Lichstrahl, Adina Loewensteiner, Josh Loewensteiner, Aree Pearlman, Iftach Pearlman, Beth Poliakoff, Melanie Rousso, Mark Schreiber, Haley Serbin, Shain Singer, Jason Spiegler, Karen Spiegler, Nina Stevenson, Amy Strasser, Jeff Strasser, David Warshaw, Kathy Warshaw, Jason Wenz 🌣



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