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Dr. Kenneth W. Stein to Speak on the Carter Book Controversy

Professor Kenneth W. Stein's single-sentence dismissal of Jimmy Carter's book — "replete with factual errors, copied materials not cited, superficialities, glaring omissions, and simply invented segments" — has become perhaps the most widely-quoted review of Carter's effort. Kenneth W. Stein, Professor of Contemporary Middle Eastern History and Political Science and Director of the Institute for the Study of Modern Israel at Emory University made headlines in December 2006, when he resigned his long-term post as Middle East Fellow at the Carter Center. Spearheaded by the Jewish Federation of Greater Charlotte, Dr. Stein will be presenting his thoughts on the Carter book on Thursday night, February 15, at 7:30 PM in the Sam Lerner Center for Cultural Arts at Shalom Park.



Professor Ken Stein

Dr. Stein wrote: "President Carter's book on the Middle East, a title too inflammatory to even print, is not based on unvarnished analyses; it is replete with factual errors, copied materials not cited, superficialities, glaring omissions, and simply invented seg-

ments. Aside from the one-sided nature of the book, meant to provoke, there are recollections cited from meetings where I was the third person in the room, and my notes of those meetings show little similarity to points claimed in the book. Being a former President does not give one a unique privilege to invent information or to unpack it with cuts, deftly slanted to provide a particular outlook. Having little access to Arabic and Hebrew sources, I believe, clearly handicapped his understanding and analyses of how history has unfolded over the last decade. Falsehoods, if

repeated often enough become meta-truths, and they then can become the erroneous baseline for shaping and reinforcing attitudes and for policy-making. The history and interpretation of the Arab-Israeli conflict is already drowning in half-truths, suppositions, and self-serving myths; more are not necessary. In due course, I shall detail these points and reflect on their origins."

Dr. Stein is a Professor of Contemporary Middle Eastern History and Political Science and the Director of the Institute for the Study of Modern Israel at Emory University in Atlanta. He has taught at Emory for thirty years and is considered one of Emory's best teachers and finest scholars.

This event is co-sponsored by the Jewish Federation of Greater Charlotte, Temple Beth El, Temple Israel, Levine Jewish Community Center, Foundation of Shalom Park and is free and open to the public. For more information, please contact the Federation office at 704-944-6757 or info@jewishcharlotte.org. ☆

Mark Your Calendar Susan Isaacs to Headline Spring Lecture

The 9th Annual Spring Lecture, sponsored by the Jewish Federation of Greater Charlotte's Women's Campaign, is set for Thursday, April 12, in the Sandra and Leon Levine Social Hall at Temple Israel. Susan Isaacs, best selling novelist of ten books including *Compromising Positions* and *Any Place I Hang My Hat* will be this year's speaker. Tickets for the event will be priced at \$36 for the dinner, lecture and dessert reception, or \$18 for the lecture and dessert only.

The 9th Annual Spring Lecture, the Women's Division largest campaign and outreach event, is co-chaired by Dana and Jenny Meiselman. Committee members are Tracy Brown, Ellyn Gross, Sandy Hoagland, Penny Krieger, Hilary Rosenbaum and Liz Winer.

To offset the costs of the event, corporate and individual sponsorships are being offered. Individual sponsorships are priced at \$1500 and include dinner, lecture, dessert, signed books and reserved seating for ten. Corporate sponsorships range from \$500 to \$15,000 and include a wide range of opportunities. If you would like to be an event sponsor, please contact Campaign Director, Sue Littauer at 704-944-6758 or sue.littauer@jewishcharlotte.org before March 1.

Susan Isaacs, novelist, essayist and screenwriter, was

born in Brooklyn and educated at Queens College. A prolific writer, Susan's eleventh novel *Past Perfect* will be released on February 13. Isaacs knows how to write about women you love to love. From Judith Singer in *Compromising Positions*, through Jane Cobleigh in *Almost Paradise*, Linda Voss in *Shining Through*, right up to Katie Schottland in *Past Perfect*, Isaacs has defined herself as a champion of smart, plucky heroines. Her editor, Nan Graham, sums up their appeal: "She's so smart and so gutsy; she's got an exuberance that's rare on the page."

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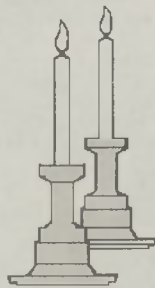
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