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WOMEN'S NEWS

Textbooks, Teaching Materials and the Jewish Question

The Charlotte Chapter of Hadassah is presenting an extremely important program that no one in the Jewish Community should miss.

At 7:30 PM on Wednesday, March 14, at Temple Israel, Dr. Sandra Alfonsi, Chair of the Hadassah Academic Advisory Board and Chair of Hadassah Curriculum Watch will discuss the need for us to pay close attention to the teaching materials used in our schools that present slanted, biased, and/or inaccurate information on Judaism, the Holocaust, and Israel.

She will also discuss the growing coverage of Islam in our textbooks and how important it is to see if its presentation is sanitized, stylized or in violation of the separation of church and state in what it says or recommends as activities.

Dr. Alfonsi is an outstanding speaker who will explain what we can do on a grass roots level, to make sure that what children are

being taught in our schools is historically, ethnically and culturally unbiased.

Dr. Sandra Alfonsi of East Stroudsburg, PA, is Chair of Curriculum Watch and Chair of the Hadassah Academic Advisory Board. She is a member of the National Board of Hadassah and of the Executive Committee. She has just completed her third term as National Vice President. She previously served as Chair of Hadassah College Jerusalem, Curriculum Watch, Membership Liaison to the Brooklyn Region, Coordinator and Implementation Chair to Metropolitan Hadassah and as a member of the Hadassah Magazine Advisory Board.

Sandra is currently the Membership Coordinator and Expansion and Consolidation Chair for Queens Region. She previously served as President of the Queens Region. During her four years as Region President, she was also a member of the National Academic Advisory Board for



Dr. Sandra Alfonsi

Curriculum Watch and served as National Co-Chair of the Teachers Corps. She also served on the Hadassah International Task Force and Hadassah International Ad Hoc Committee, and served as Recording Secretary for the National Hadassah Medical Organization (HMO) Committee. Sandra is a Life Member and was President of the Bayside Chapter.

Please plan to attend this most important event. For more information you can contact Debby Rosenberger at 704-542-8999. ✪

Federation Spring Lecture with Susan Isaacs

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doesn't advise new writers to share their work in writing courses. "You're exposing yourself to too much danger," she says. "If you're an original voice, you run the risk of being pushed into something else, or losing it." Isaacs herself learned to write from a book (John Braine's 1974 *How to Write a Novel*).

She is a strong supporter of the writing community. She's chair of the board of directors of Poets & Writers and communes with fellow writers through that organization as well as with a group of writers that includes notables like Mary and Carol Higgins Clark, Harlan Coben and Linda Fairstein. They meet for lunch monthly. It is a free-for-all through the salad

course, when the talk turns professional and they share advice about writing problems and discuss their agents, editors and the business.

Isaacs will bring her wit and knowledge about women's literature to the Jewish Federation's 9th Annual Spring Lecture on Thursday, April 12 at Temple Israel. Tickets for the event are \$36 for dinner, lecture and dessert reception, or \$18 for lecture and dessert only. Individual sponsorships are also available at \$1500 per table and include dinner, lecture, dessert, signed books and reserved seating for ten. A \$50 minimum gift to the 2007 Annual Campaign is required in order to attend the event. Susan Isaac's 11th novel *Past Perfect* is now for

sale in the Federation office for \$25. The money raised by our Annual Campaign enables the Jewish Federation of Greater Charlotte to make a difference everyday in the lives of millions of people in Charlotte, in Israel and in sixty countries around the world. For tickets or more information, contact Sue Littauer in the Federation office at 704-944-6758 or email sue.littauer@jewishcharlotte.org. ✪

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