

**From the Editor**

This June will mark nine full years that I have served as editor of *The Charlotte Jewish News*. From my seat in front of this computer screen, I have witnessed astonishing growth and maturity in this small community. Two large education wings for children from preschool through high school; a summer campsite of independent buildings for activities beyond imagination; a second swimming pool with slides and a splash area; expanded synagogues and additional religious choices in worship and education - all this in less than ten years.

*The Charlotte Jewish News* has always tried to keep up with this amazing growth. Our mission is to be the voice of this community and as it increases in size, both the number of agencies as well as the population, so must this newspaper. But with expanded responsibilities comes higher costs. And so we find ourselves needing to come to you, our loyal readers for help.

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*Todah rabah.*

# JEWISH FEDERATION NEWS

*The Jewish Federation of Greater Charlotte raises and distributes funds to support and to enrich the lives of Jews locally, nationally, in Israel and worldwide. Through education, planning, and community building the Federation's mission ensures that Jewish values, goals, traditions, and connections are preserved for current and future generations*

## Jewish Federation Annual Meeting and Community Yom Ha'Atzmaut Concert Features Israeli Performer Shuly Nathan

**Tuesday, April 24 at 7:30 PM\* in Gorelick Hall** at the Levine Jewish Community Center, the Jewish Federation will hold its Annual Meeting followed by a special community concert to celebrate Yom Ha'atzmaut (Israeli Independence Day). The annual meeting, chaired by Linda Seigel, will include the election of new officers and board members for the Jewish Federation. The event is free and open to the public.

The Community Yom Ha'atzmaut concert will feature Israeli Performer Shuly Nathan. Born in London and raised in Israel, Shuly Nathan made history with the song "Jerusalem of Gold." At the age of 16, she began playing the guitar, singing and collecting folk songs. Songwriter and composer Naomi Shemer heard her performing, and asked Shuly Nathan to sing a song she had written. The year



*Shuly Nathan*

was 1967; the song was "Jerusalem of Gold." Two weeks later the 1967 war broke out and the song became the anthem of the war, a prayer for the reunification of Jerusalem. This year along with the celebration of Israel's 59th Independence Day we are commemorating the 40th anniversary of this memorable song. Shuly and her guitar have

traveled the world, bringing the songs of Israel to audiences everywhere. A gentle, compassionate storyteller, she weaves a narrative that combines Jewish folklore and legends, personal history, and the stories of the songs she sings.

As part of our Yom Ha'atzmaut events this year, the Federation will be hosting an exhibition celebrating the visionary of the Jewish state, Theodor Herzl. The exhibit "Herzl: Up Close and Personal" consists of 28 panels of stimulating visuals and texts that will be displayed on Main Street at Shalom Park beginning April 11 and ending April 30.

Through photographs, illustration, graphics and text, the exhibition will bridge present and past, imbuing a new generation with an understanding of the Zionist vision, the context in which it emerged, and its rele-

vance today.

Show your pride in your homeland. Come hear the sounds of Shuly Nathan and visit the Herzl exhibit at the Jewish Federation's Annual Meeting and Community Yom Ha'atzmaut Concert. For more information, please call the Federation at 704-944-6757. ☆

\*Temple Israel's evening minyon will be held at 7:15 PM in the Foundation of Shalom Park Boardroom.

Community Yom Ha'atzmaut Concert sponsored in partnership with the Foundation of Shalom Park, Jewish Federation of Greater Charlotte, Levine Jewish Community Center, Temple Beth El, and Temple Israel.

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## Space Still Available for Author Susan Isaacs

The 9th Annual Spring Lecture, sponsored by the Jewish Federation of Greater Charlotte's Women's Campaign, is Thursday, April 12 in the Sandra and Leon Levine Social Hall at

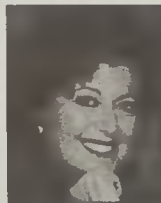
Temple Israel. Susan Isaacs, best selling novelist of ten books including *Compromising Positions* and *Any Place I Hang My Hat*, is the guest speaker. Her newly published novel *Past Perfect* is

breathlessly paced, witty, and riveting in its portrait of a woman who can't bear to leave the past behind. Tickets for the event are \$36 for dinner, lecture and dessert reception, or \$18 for lecture and dessert only. Susan will be signing books following the lecture. To reserve your space, please call the Federation office today at 704-944-6757.

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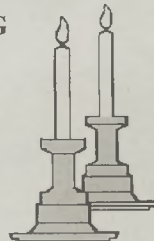
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