

JEWISH FEDERATION NEWS

Uptowners to Feature the Wachovia Championship and the NC Dance Theatre

This spring, the Jewish Federation of Greater Charlotte will offer two exciting lunchtime opportunities through its Uptowners: Nosh and Network outreach program.



Immigration attorney Alan Gordon at the Uptowners event in February.

On Tuesday, April 17, in the Light Factory's Knight Gallery in Spirit Square (345 N. College Street), Dan Fleishman, head of Wachovia Sponsorships and Alliances will give a presentation on the Wachovia Championship and what's involved in bringing the PGA Tour to Charlotte. Did you know the fifth annual Championship tees off on April 30 and a portion of the proceeds will support Teach for America? Join us to learn more.

Then, on May 16, the day before the opening of the "Rhythm and Moves" production, Uptowners participants will meet with NC Dance Theatre's Executive Director Doug Singleton backstage at the Belk Theatre (enter on College between 3rd and Trade). If you've ever wondered what goes on behind the scenes to put on one of the Queen City's most exciting cultural offerings, this program is not to be missed. Join us to eat lunch in close proximity to the dance rehearsals and costume shop.

"Through these exciting programs, anyone who works Uptown or can get Uptown during lunch can connect with the Federation and the Jewish community," says Uptowners Committee Member Justin Cohen.

Reservations and food orders for the Uptowners Wachovia Championship lunch are due by Thursday, April 12, and for the NC Dance Theatre lunch by Monday, May 14. (Boxed lunches are from Reid's Fine Foods and the choices are tuna, egg salad, vegetable sandwich, Mideastern wrap or Greek salad.)

Featured Uptowners speakers since September have included: Alan Gordon, Chairman of Mayor Pat McCrory's Immigration Study Commission, on Immigration to Charlotte; Moira Quinn, Senior VP of Communications and Chief Operation Officer at Charlotte Center City Partners, on Center City Rejuvenation; Laura Everett, Director of Education and Programs at the Levine Museum of the New South, with a pre-opening peek at the "Families of Abraham" exhibit; Leonard Feld, Chief Medical Officer of the Levine Children's Hospital and Chairman of Pediatrics for Carolinas Medical Center, on the new Levine Children's Hospital; and Jennifer Kraft, Director of Community Relations for the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC, a Federation agency), about vulnerable Jewish populations.

Uptowners: Nosh and Network is the Federation's outreach initiative for the Charlotte business and professional community. All Uptowners events run from 12 noon to 1 PM and the format consists of networking and lunch, a brief presentation and Q&A. Lunch is available for purchase at \$10; advance registration required. Uptowners is free if no lunch is purchased. For more information, please contact Jodi Greenwald at jodi.greenwald@jewishcharlotte.org or 704-944-6759. ☆

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Tammy Seigel, Adam Bernstein, and Donna Foster at an Uptowners event.

"Expressions" Israeli Art Show and Sale Opens to the Community April 22

In the early '80s, Itzhak Assour, an Israeli army paratrooper, found himself reevaluating life as he recovered from a recent wound. After temporarily



Hasidic Fiddler

losing use of his legs, he spent three years in hospitals and rehabilitation facilities. During that time, as part of his rehabilitation, Assour began to use his hands to sculpt, and found he had real talent.

After his recuperation, Assour aspired to help fellow Israeli artists who were suffering due to the decline in tourism. In 1985, he received government support to take the works of other Israeli artists to foreign countries to promote a positive image of his homeland.

Assour, curator of the Expressions: Israeli Art Show and Sale, the largest collection of original Israeli art in this country, will bring his collection to the Sam Lerner Center for



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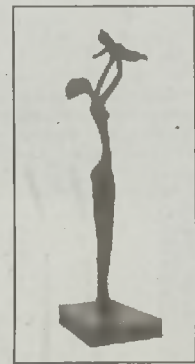
Cultural Arts at Shalom Park beginning April 22, continuing through April 29.

Art lovers will find paintings by such notable artists as Agam, Ebgi and Calman Shemi; sculptures by Baruch Saktier, and Ruth Bloch; brass sculptures by Assour; jewelry by Miriam Hirsikowitz, who designed gold and silver creations for Princess Diana; soft art by Calman Shemi and much more. In addition, there will be artwork suitable to decorate a child's room as well as Chanukah menorahs, Sabbath candlesticks, Mezzuzot and other Judaica items.

Exhibit and Sale hours will be as follows:

- * Sunday, April 22: 9 AM-7 PM
- * Mon. -Thur., April 23-26: 9 AM-9 PM
- * Friday, April 27: 9 AM-3 PM
- * Saturday, April 28: 7-10 PM
- * Sunday, April 29: 9 AM-5 PM

There is no fee to enjoy the beautiful art and there will be attendants available to explain the artworks. Sponsored by the Israeli government, all proceeds go directly to the artist and benefit the Jewish Federation of Greater Charlotte and the Levine Jewish Community Center. For more information, please contact Aree Pearlman at 704-944-6792 or Sue Littauer at 704-944-6758. ☆



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Newcomer Schmooze

Sunday, April 29
10 AM,
Weinberg Center at
the Levine JCC.

New city, new friends, new way of life. Join us to learn about the Charlotte Jewish community while meeting new friends.

At 11:30 AM, newcomers will be treated to a private tour of Expressions: Israeli Art Show and Sale.

For more information, please contact Jodi Greenwald at jodi.greenwald@jewishcharlotte.org or 704-944-6759.

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