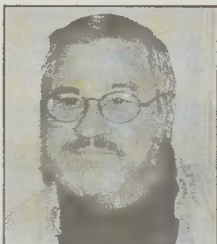


# JEWISH FEDERATION NEWS

## Doug Bloomfield to Speak on the 2008 Elections from a Jewish Perspective

JCRC Brings Syndicated Columnist, Washington Lobbyist and Consultant to Charlotte, Wednesday, January 9 at 7:45 PM in Sam Lerner Center for Cultural Arts



Doug Bloomfield

This will be a very critical election, and Jews have gone from behind the scenes to running for every office. Where do the 2008 presidential contenders stand on the issues important to Jewish voters and Israel? What is the Jewish agenda? How important is the Jewish vote? What is the role and impact of Jews in American politics in the 21st Century? Syndicated Columnist, Washington lobbyist and consultant Doug Bloomfield will be here in Charlotte to speak to the upcoming elections and how we as Jews are affected by all candidates.

His weekly column about the Washington scene and U.S. - Mideast policy appears in numerous American newspapers and many foreign publications. He is the president of Bloomfield Associates, Inc., a Washington lobbying and con-

sulting firm.

Bloomfield spent nine years as the legislative director and chief lobbyist for the American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC). In this position, he was responsible for developing and guiding strategy on Capitol Hill to secure more than \$3 billion in annual military and economic aid for Israel, and strengthening US-Israel relations. As the World Jewish Congress representative in Washington, he helped coordinate the Swiss banks, Nazi gold investigations, and U.S. Government support for restitution of Jewish properties seized by former Nazi and Communist regimes.

In addition to writing his column, Bloomfield appears frequently on national and international radio and television as a political analyst and was the host of the Washington television program "Jewish News in Review."

He is a Capitol Hill veteran who served as a senior advisor to Congressman Benjamin S. Rosenthal of New York and a legislative assistant and speech writer for Senator Hubert H. Humphrey. Prior to that, he was on the editorial staff of the Cleveland (Ohio) Plain Dealer.

Bloomfield holds B.A. and M.A. degrees from Ohio State University, where he did doctor-

al study in legislative government. He is the recipient of several fellowships in political science and journalism. He is the past president of the Greater Washington Jewish Community Council and has served on the boards of several Jewish and

civic organizations.

Bloomfield will be speaking at 7:45 PM on Wednesday, January 9 in the Sam Lerner Center for Cultural Arts.

For more information, please contact Sarah Kaplan, Community Relations and

Israel Affairs Coordinator, at 704-944-6757, or sarah.kaplan@jewishcharlotte.org. ☆



### JEWISH FEDERATION OUTREACH CALENDAR

#### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9

##### Uptowners: Nosh and Network

11:45 AM-1 PM. Knight Gallery at the Light Factory, Spirit Square

Guest speaker: Doug Bloomfield, syndicated columnist, Washington lobbyist and consultant.

Topic: 2008 Elections: A Jewish Perspective.

Please also join us at 7:45 PM that evening when the Jewish Federation's Community Relations Council will sponsor a lengthier discussion with Doug Bloomfield at Shalom Park in the Sam Lerner Center. From 6:30-7:30 a Washington 15 information session and social will be held for 25-45s in the Shalom Park Boardroom.

#### SUNDAY, JANUARY 13

##### Newcomer Schmooze

10 AM-12 noon. Weinberg Center

Learn about the Charlotte Jewish Community while meeting new friends. Newcomer Schmoozes are co-sponsored by the Jewish Federation and the Levine JCC. Complimentary bagels, coffee and juice are served.

#### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 23

##### Washington 15 Information Session and Breakfast

7:30-8:30 AM. Zebra Restaurant, 4521 Sharon Road

Washington 15 information session and free breakfast for young adults 25-45. Join us to learn more about the United Jewish Communities Washington 15 (W15) National Young Leadership Conference, March 16-18. If you're between 25 and 45 and interested in hearing from world-class speakers, connecting with thousands of young adults from around North America and Israel and interacting with members of congress, this conference is for you! RSVP for the breakfast by Friday, January 18 to [jodi.greenwald@jewishcharlotte.org](mailto:jodi.greenwald@jewishcharlotte.org).

#### SUNDAY, JANUARY 27

##### Shalom Baby Family Event

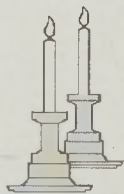
10 AM-12 noon. My Gym, 5110 2D Park Rd. (In shopping center with Harris Teeter)

Moms, Dads, kids two and under and their siblings, please join us for a fun-filled family event. \$10/family, advanced registration required. Shalom Baby is the Jewish Federation's outreach initiative helping new parents stay connected to the Jewish community. To register, log on to [www.jewishcharlotte.org](http://www.jewishcharlotte.org) or call Susan Stafford at 704-944-6761.

For more information about Federation Outreach initiatives, please contact Jodi Greenwald at [jodi.greenwald@jewishcharlotte.org](mailto:jodi.greenwald@jewishcharlotte.org) or 704-944-6759.

### SHABBAT CANDLE LIGHTING FOR JANUARY 2008

- Friday, January 4, 5:06 PM
- Friday, January 11, 5:12 PM
- Friday, January 18, 5:19 PM
- Friday, January 25, 5:26 PM



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