

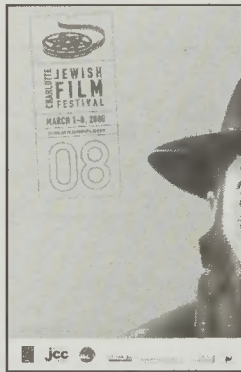
A Fresh Look for Jewish Film Festival

As with many of the major film and art festivals around the country, the Charlotte Jewish Film Festival has begun the tradition of creating yearly festival posters. The 2008 poster is artistic, whimsical and thoughtful. "The committee is thrilled with the results of our poster," says festival Co-Director Debby Block. "It evokes the perfect blend of Judaism, film and humor." The Charlotte Jewish Film Festival would like to thank White Rhino Productions for sponsoring and creating an outstanding festival poster.

The first Charlotte Jewish Film Festival poster has been featured on all festival promotional materials and is on sale throughout the festival for \$5. A new poster will be designed to commemorate the festival each year. Don't miss out on the inaugural edition — start your collection today.

This year's array of festival films are quite varied encompassing multiple film genres. From shorts to feature length, dramas to comedies—there is sure to be something for everyone. For a full schedule of film showings, visit www.charlottejewishfilm.com. Here are just a few of the fantastic films you can expect this year:

There will be a repeat screening of *Rape of Europa* at the Levine Jewish Community Center on Thursday, March 6 at 1 PM. Did



you miss this incredible documentary last month? Here is your chance to see what people are raving about across the country—an engrossing account of what happened to Europe's artistic masterpieces during World War II.

Thursday evening, March 6 at 7 PM at Ballantyne Village Theatre, audiences will be treated to *Riki Riki*, an off-beat comedy about relationships that won Best Film at the World of Comedy International Film Festival 2005. They will also enjoy a short comedic documentary called *My Nose*. Gayle is comfortable with her "above average sized proboscis," but her meddling mother keeps insisting that a nose job is necessary.

Following the showing of *Riki Riki* and *My Nose*, young adults from all over Charlotte are invited to Flix & Mix, a social mixer featuring wine and desserts at Salara Dessert Lounge and Bistro, also in Ballantyne Village. There is a separate cover charge for the Mixer. Reservations can be made by visiting www.charlottejewishfilm.com; space is limited.

The closing night of the fourth annual Charlotte Jewish Film Festival is Saturday, March 8 at 7:30 PM at Ballantyne Village Theatre. Our feature film will be *Sixty-Six*. It is the summer of '66, and England is consumed by World Cup Fever. For twelve-year-old Bernie, the biggest day of his life is looming: his Bar Mitzvah and the day he becomes a man. However, Bernie's family is increasingly distracted by the threat of losing their business and their wayward older son. The scale of Bernie's Bar Mitzvah diminishes daily. Worst of all, the Cup Final is scheduled to take place on the same day as the Bar Mitzvah. When England makes it through the qualifying rounds, Bernie's longed-awaited Bar Mitzvah looks set to be a complete disaster.

The Charlotte Jewish Film Festival is pleased to present these and other quality films that illuminate global Jewish experiences.

Tickets for the festival are still on sale and may be available for some films. Please check www.charlottejewishfilm.com and purchase your tickets today before it is too late to partake of these wonderful movies. ☆

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One for All Ball

Saturday, September 6, Westin Charlotte

The fourth annual One For All Ball to benefit the Sandra and Leon Levine Jewish Community Center, Temple Israel and Temple Beth El will be held on September 6 once again at the Westin Hotel. The black tie event, which is held every other year is the largest central fundraiser for the Jewish community. The Herman Blumenthal Commitment to Community award will be pre-



sented to the William and Shelton Gorelick Families for their significant contribution to Charlotte and leadership within the Jewish community. Highlights of the evening will include a special pre-party cocktail reception, gourmet food, a special video tribute to the Gorelick families and music by Big Swing and the Ballroom Blasters.

Corporate underwriting for the event is well underway and individual sponsors will be

recruited at a special cocktail reception on March 27 at the home of Deidre and Clay Grubb. "We greatly appreciate the Grubb's warm hospitality and are so excited to be able to kick off this phase of our fundraising in such a magnificent home," said Roni Fishkin, Chair of the 2008 One For All Ball Committee. Invitations will be sent to the individual sponsors who have supported the One For All Ball in the past at the \$1000 level. If you are interested in attending but have not been a previous supporter, please contact Cary Bernstein at cbernstein@carolina.rr.com. ☆

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