

Chavurah-Without-Walls Presents "Hot-Button Judaism"

Chavurah-Without-Walls, is an extended family of Jews (a Chavurah) from all walks of the Charlotte area Jewish community. We meet monthly, usually in private homes, for informal, interesting, educational, and social events. We are made up of members of the Charlotte Jewish Community devoted to increasing inter-congregational social, spiritual and intellectual contact among the Jews of the area. We are sponsoring a series of lectures/discussions in August entitled "Hot-Button Judaism."

The presenter will be Dr. Jeffrey Poelvoorde, Associate Professor of Political Science at Converse College in Spartanburg, SC, and a member of the Charlotte Jewish Community for seven years. The aim of the programs is, first, to gather members of

Charlotte's various Jewish organizations and congregations together to eat (always a critical priority). The lectures/discussions will be held at Gleiberman's Kosher Market and Delicatessen and will begin at 12:30 PM on Sundays, while we enjoy lunch. Secondly, we shall examine contemporary (and controversial) issues in American life and society that Judaism affects.

What kinds of issues will we be looking at? Abortion, same-sex marriage, religion in the public sphere, environmentalism, welfare, the War on Terror, just to name a few. In each presentation, Poelvoorde will sketch out how the issue emerges in American life and politics, what the traditional Jewish sources suggest as a starting point towards the issue, and how the various Jewish denomina-

tions have come to formulate their positions. The discussion, debate and argument will follow.

For a stimulating, educational and social interchange with other members of the Charlotte Jewish community, be sure to reserve Sunday, August 24 (Topic: Abortion) from 12:30-2:30 PM at Gleiberman's Kosher Market and Delicatessen. The charge is \$7 for lecture only, and \$8 for food (\$2 discount for the combination if you register early by e-mail). There will be a choice of three dishes, two meat and one vegetarian. We will be raffling free lectures and meals for future events. For more information, please contact Elana at 704-296-2752, 704-236-6080 or erappaport@carolina.rr.com. ☆



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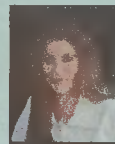
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Does your partner call you names, yell at you, put you down in front of other people; control your finances or make you ask for money; try to control who you see and what you do; criticize what you wear, say, how you act; blame you for his violent actions; destroy your belongings or hurt your pets; push, hit, kick, punch or slap you;

force you to have sex? If you've answered yes to any of these questions, you may be in an abusive relationship.

Jewish women who are currently in or have survived a domestic violence situation now have a safe place to go to share information and experiences, gather strength, and find renewed self-esteem and

hope. These free-of-charge meetings are facilitated by volunteers who have previous experience as domestic violence counselors. All communication and discussion are held in the strictest confidence. For information call Carol at 704-609-3120.

The support group is a service of Shalom Bayit-NC, an all-volunteer group working to end domestic abuse in our Jewish community. To become involved or receive information, email info@shalombayit.org or check our website www.shalombayit-nc.org. ☆

Donating an Old Cell Phone Can Save a Life

Shalom Bayit-NC, in conjunction with the North Carolina Women's Commission, is collecting cell phones for victims - or potential victims - of domestic violence. Old, used and unwanted cell phones will be reprogrammed to call 911 and used in the event of an emergency. Donating is as simple as dropping the cell phone and battery charger (in a plastic bag, if possible) at the reception desks of the following locations: Levine Jewish Community Center; Ohr Hatorah Congregation; Temple Beth El; Temple Israel; Jewish Family Services.

For more information contact Marsha Stickler at 704-756-9209 or e-mail at info@shalombayit-nc.org. ☆

LJCC Tributes from May and June 2008

Camp Mindy Facility Upgrade Fund:

In honor of Sandra and Leon Levine's 30th wedding anniversary from Lynn and Paul Edelstein, Ellen and Stuart Fligel, Patty and Bill Gorelick, Donna and Norman Levin, Julie and Howard Levine, Vera and Jack Mendel, Dale and Larry Polsky, Melvin Segal, Anita and Marvin Shapiro, Mattye and Marc Silverman, Renee Simcoe and Brandon Levine, Lori and Eric Sklut, Marcia and Paul Simon, Mary and Simon Wojnowich.

LJCC Program Endowment Fund:

In honor of Sammy Lerner's Bar Mitzvah, in honor of the B'nai Mitzvah of Rachel and Jeremy Denenberg, in memory of John Baron's grandmother, in Memory of Lisa Richman's mother, in memory of Albert Nalibotsky's father from Roni and Glen Fishkin.

Musler Memorial Fund:

In honor of Donna and Norman Levin's anniversary, in honor of Donna Levin's birthday, in memory of Alyce Levine, mother of Kevin Levine from Paula Musler and Sol Levine.

Camp Mindy Levine Day Camp Fund:

In honor of Eric Lerner from Chantal Rubin.

Oasis Senior Adult Program:

In honor of Ida Berman's 90th birthday from Pearl Rosenthal.

Camp Shalom:

In honor of the anniversary of Judi and Leonard Strause from Ellen and Stuart Fligel, Rachel and Alvin Goodman, Adrienne and Harvey Gossett, Donna and Norman Levin, Helene and Alvin Levine, Jill and Ed Newman, Dale and Larry Polsky, Harriet and Mark Perlin, Ollie and Sam Polk, Linda and Mark Rothman, Anita and Marvin Shapiro, and Mattye and Marc Silverman. ☆

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