

JEWISH FEDERATION NEWS

December Events at the Jewish Federation

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2
Lion of Judah Luncheon
 11:30 AM, *Upstream*
 Special guest speaker will be Riki Mulu
 Lion of Judah donors are women who contribute a minimum of \$5,000 to the Annual Campaign.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3
Celebration of Israel, of Hadera, of Partnership 2000
 7:30-9:30 PM, *Nolia Restaurant, 366 North Caswell Road*
 Come join us in celebrating Israel and Hadera and the wonderful ongoing relationship with our sister city Hadera. Delicious Israeli appetizers will be served. All lovers of Israel welcome.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4
Women's Professional Network ... forging relationships, building community
 6-7:30 PM, *Temple Israel*
 Topic: Speed Networking: Making Business Personal
 The Women's Professional Network offers women the opportunity to engage socially and connect with a cause. The Network meets five times each year and is open to all professional women whether or not they are actively engaged in careers outside the home.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7
Ben Gurion Society (BGS)* Inaugural Event
Open to young adults ages 25-45
 7:30 PM, *at the home of Stacey and Ira Slomka*
 * The Ben Gurion Society is Federation's new campaign initiative for donors 25-45 contributing a minimum of \$1,000 per household. The BGS joins young Jews who share a commitment to bettering Jewish lives. Membership benefits include invitations to special BGS members-only professional and personal networking events locally, regionally and nationally. BGS is presented by the Jewish Federation and sponsored by SunTrust.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11
Major Gift Event of the 2009 Annual Campaign
 6 PM, *Westin Charlotte Hotel*
 "You are the Jewish Federation: Making the Personal Connection" featuring guest speaker Andrew Klein.
 Major donors are those who contribute a minimum of \$10,000 per household to the Campaign.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16
Shalom Baby Roller Skating
 10-11:30 AM, *Kate's Skating Rink, 14500 Independence Blvd.*
 We'll skate while the kids stroll.

Please join us for a social workout like none other. Admission is \$5 per adult, payable at the rink. (The fee covers skates and rink time.) This is a private event; Kate's Skating Rink is opening just for us.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17
JCRC Community Event
 7 PM, *Sam Lerner Center for Cultural Arts at Shalom Park*
 Guest Speaker: Elliot Jager, Op-ed editor and columnist for the Jerusalem Post
 Topic: Security and Political Briefing: What military, security and political insiders are watching. Free and open to the community.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 23
Candles and Cabernet - Young Adult Hanukkah Party
 7-9 PM, *Black Finn at the Epicenter Uptown, 210 E Trade, Suite B-120, Charlotte, NC 28202*
 \$10 in advance, \$15 at the door (includes appetizers and one drink ticket good for wine, beer or a call drink). Don't miss one of the biggest young adult events of the year. All young adults in the community, 21-45, are welcome. To register, log on to www.jewishcharlotte.org. Brought to you by the Jewish Federation, the Levine JCC, Temple Beth El and Temple Israel.

For more information on any of these events, please contact the Federation office at 704-944-6757 or info@jewishcharlotte.org.



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Neil Lazarus Speaks on Effective Communication for Israel

Speaking to hundreds of students at Hebrew High on Wednesday night, Neil Lazarus captured the hearts and minds of our youth as he assisted them in becoming stronger and more confident advocates for Israel.

Recognizing the importance of effective Israel advocacy training for teens, Neil took them through exercises that helped them understand their personal connections with our homeland.

Kim Gould, a student at Hebrew High, was intrigued by his charisma and passion for speaking about Israel: "He was very funny and kept me very entertained. What he said made a lot of sense to me. I really respected how he presented and I learned a lot about politics and about Israel and how the country runs. Next time, I will feel comfortable diving into the conversation when someone brings the topic up."

Neil also spoke with the Speakers Bureau, the JCRC's team of Israel advocacy speakers-in-training. The Speakers Bureau participants were motivated by Neil's presentation, stating this he was "absolutely brilliant."

Ellen Engelhardt said, "Thank you for helping us to become better advocates. I still can't pick my jaw up off the floor." Neil was able to bring an incredible wealth of knowledge not only about Israel advocacy from a factual perspective, but also provided tips on the most effective forms of communication - all with a twist of humor.

The Speakers Bureau is currently training interested individuals to become advocates for Israel. For more information, please contact Sarah Kaplan.

The Speakers Bureau is made possible thanks to a

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SAVE THE DATE

The 2009 Main Event featuring
 Rabbi Irwin Kula,
 President of CLAL,
 National Jewish Center for
 Learning and Leadership
*"Embracing the Sacred
 Messiness of Life"*

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2009
7:30 PM, TEMPLE ISRAEL

Jonathan Howard, Event Chair



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