

## Federation Announces New Bernstein Leaders

Federation is thrilled to announce the members of the seventh class of the Bernstein Leadership Group. After a comprehensive review process, the following 40 leaders were accepted into the program:

*Brian Axelroth  
Lisa Baum  
Aaron Bloom  
David Cantor  
Crista Cohen  
Melissa Cohen  
Beth Daniel  
Jill Dinerman  
Lauren Fermaglich  
Michael Fermaglich  
Marc Gentile  
Jennifer Gindi  
Leon Golynsky  
Jennifer Golynsky  
David Greenman  
Rebecca Heimann  
Erica Henning  
Eric Kamis  
Sarah Kaplan  
Lindsay Key  
Barbra Kosowsky*

*Meredith Landau  
Justin Levine  
Benjamin Lincoln  
Baruch Mechanic  
Pamela Meyers  
Jennifer Ruben  
Phillip Schreiber  
Renee Schreiber  
Amy Shapiro  
Rabbi Michael Shields  
Brent Simmons  
Steven Starr  
David Strauss  
Kara Tanenbaum  
Stephanie Townsend  
Jason Trompeter  
Nicole Vagnone  
Melissa Van Glish  
Bill Zimmern*

Co-Chairs Adina Loewenstein and Herb Greenman have set "Making It Matter" as the theme for this class. Goals for their tenure include making tangible differences in the community through service projects, facilitating graduates' placement into leadership positions, and

invigorating alumni efforts. The class "textbook" will be *Chicken Soup for the Jewish Soul*.

The program will officially kick off on January 11, 2009 with the first session and a one-man theatrical performance by actor Jonathan Adam Ross. BLG alumni are invited to attend as well.

The Bernstein Leadership Group is the Federation's 18-month Leadership Development Program for young adults 25-45. For more information about BLG and the BLG Alumni efforts, please contact Federation's Young Adult Coordinator, Jodi Greenwald, 704-944-6759, [jodi.greenwald@jewishcharlotte.org](mailto:jodi.greenwald@jewishcharlotte.org). ✪



## Upcoming Events at the Jewish Federation

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 4**  
**Poverty Simulation: A close up look at the hard work of being poor**  
7 PM, Gorelick Hall at Shalom Park

Sponsored by the Jewish Federation of Greater Charlotte and Jewish Family Services. For more information, please contact Sarah Kaplan at 704-944-6751.

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7**  
**Uptowners: Nosh and Network**

11:45 AM-1 PM, Levine Museum of the New South, 200 East 7th Street  
Guest Speaker: Mark Vitner  
Topic: The Economic Forecast for 2009  
*Uptowners: Nosh and Network is the Federation's outreach initiative for the Charlotte business and professional community.*  
Advance registration required by January 5 if purchasing lunch (\$10). Free and drop-ins welcome if no lunch is purchased. To register, contact Susan at the Federation office at 704-944-6761 or [susan.stafford@jewishcharlotte.org](mailto:susan.stafford@jewishcharlotte.org).

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 22**  
**Women's Professional Network ... forging relationships, building community**

6:00-7:30 PM, McCormick and Schmick's - SouthPark  
Topic: "Train your Brain" led by Vicki Parker Ph.D.  
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, JANUARY 25**  
**Newcomer Schmooze**

11 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. All ages are welcome. For information, contact the Federation office at 704-944-6757.

**THE MAIN EVENT OF THE 2009 ANNUAL CAMPAIGN**

**Sunday, February 8**  
7:30 PM at Temple Israel  
Tickets are \$25 per person and can be purchased online at [www.jewishcharlotte.org](http://www.jewishcharlotte.org) or by phone at 704-944-6757. Event chair: Jonathan Howard  
Special guest speaker: Rabbi Irwin Kula, President of CLAL, the National Jewish Center for Learning and Leadership. As one of the new leaders shaping the American spiritual landscape, Kula provides a broad vision of religious pluralism. For more information, please contact the Federation office at 704-944-6757 or log on to [www.jewishcharlotte.org](http://www.jewishcharlotte.org).

For more information about all of Federation's Outreach initiatives, please contact the Federation office at 704-944-6757 or [info@jewishcharlotte.org](mailto:info@jewishcharlotte.org). ✪

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