

JEWISH FEDERATION NEWS

May Events at the Jewish Federation

WEDNESDAY, MAY 6
Uptowners: Nosh and Network
 11:45 AM-1 PM,
 Light Factory
 Guest Speaker: Moira Quinn Klein, Center City Partners
 Topic: The Future of Uptown Charlotte

Uptowners: Nosh and Network is the Federation's outreach initiative for the Charlotte business and professional community. Register online at www.jewishcharlotte.org by March 30 if purchasing lunch (\$10). Free and drop-ins welcome if no lunch is purchased.

THURSDAY, MAY 14
Rooftop Party and Private Exhibit Tour at the Mint Museum of Craft and Design

Join us for a YAD-only rooftop party and exhibit tour. 6-9PM \$15/advance, \$18/door includes appetizers, a drink and private exhibit tour. "From the Melting Pot into the Fire: Contemporary Ceramics in Israel" includes the work of some of the most acclaimed ceramic artists working in Israel today. Ranging from the satirical to the sublime, 38 examples of ceramic sculpture address issues of identity within an immigrant society.

To register, log on to www.jewishcharlotte.org. For more information, contact jodi.greenwald@jewishcharlotte.org or 704-944-6759.

SUNDAY, MAY 17
Shalom Baby Family Playdate
 My Gym, 5110 #2D Park Road (in the Park Selwyn Terrace Shopping Center, 2nd level) 10 AM-12 noon.

Please join us for a fun-filled family playdate. \$10/family, advanced registration required. To register, log on to www.jewishcharlotte.org or send an email to events@jewishcharlotte.org. Space is limited. Shalom Baby is an outreach initiative of the Jewish Federation helping families with babies/toddlers connect with the Charlotte Jewish community. (Three and under. Siblings welcome.)

For more information about all of Federation's Outreach initiatives, please contact the Federation office at 704-944-6757 or info@jewishcharlotte.org.

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Charlotte Young Professionals Inspired by TikkuNOLAm Project

Nearly 600 young Jewish professionals from across North America drew inspiration to help repair the world and build Jewish community during the UJC/Federation National Young Leadership Conference in New Orleans, March 15-17. The Charlotte delegation included Young Adult Division Chair Melissa Klingberg, Bernstein Leadership Group Co-Chair Herb Greenman, Helen Beach, Tania Bialeck and Haley Serbin. The conference, with the theme of "TikkuNOLAm" (Hebrew for "to repair the world" and the acronym for New Orleans, LA) saw young professionals from more than 60 communities working on a day-long project rebuilding an abandoned parochial school into a community center in one of the areas hit hardest during Hurricane Katrina in 2005.

Despite rain and soggy conditions at the project site, the conference participants worked on a series of jobs including painting murals, building a remote control car track, landscaping, repairing a fence, building picnic tables and benches and more.

"Jewish communities nationwide really banded together to help the Jewish Community of New Orleans," said Melissa Klingberg. "We felt it was important to represent Charlotte and take part in such an incredible experience."

The volunteers came away from the day-long project and the conference — which also included seminars on Jewish volunteerism — motivated to get more deeply involved in community building back home. The Charlotte participants, for example, met after the conference to discuss ways to incorporate more hands-on service projects into the Young Adult Division and the Bernstein Leadership Group.



Charlotte participants at UJC/Federation's National Young Leadership Conference really dug helping to repair New Orleans.

"NOLA was amazing," said Helen Beach. "When we asked the people of New Orleans what they need from us, they said three things: Come visit our city and spend money to help bring tourism and dollars back to NOLA. Check. When you visit, please help rebuild part of our city that was destroyed by Katrina. Check. When you return back home, please tell others to visit and help rebuild NOLA. Check."

The event was only the most recent example of the longtime collaboration between the UJC/Jewish Federations of North America and the New Orleans Gulf Coast since the disaster, when UJC/Federation raised nearly \$30 million to help the New Orleans and Baton Rouge federations and others in the Jewish and general communities recover.

Melissa Klingberg shared one personal story: "During the conference we had a tour guide from New Orleans, and during her evacuation the Federation helped her get the smallest of things, such as Shabbat candles. This made the biggest difference — it helped her bring back some normalcy to her life after Katrina. Her story brought home the personal aspect of where our money goes when we donate to the Federation."

For more information about National Young Leadership conferences and getting involved in local service projects, please contact Jodi Greenwald,

Federation's Young Adult Coordinator, at 704-944-6759 or jodi.greenwald@jewishcharlotte.org. ☆

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