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Federation's Twelfth Annual Spring Lecture

"Identical Strangers" Elyse Schein and Paula Bernstein Speak about Their Unique Experience as Twins Separated at Birth

The 12th Annual Women's Spring Lecture, presented by the Jewish Federation of Greater Charlotte's Women's Division, will take place Thursday, April 22 in the Sandra and Leon Levine Social Hall at Temple Israel. Guest Speakers Elyse Schein and Paula Bernstein, authors of *Identical Strangers – A Memoir of Twins Separated and Reunited* will tell their emotional story in alternating voices.

The Spring Lecture is the Women's Division largest campaign and outreach event. Amy Augustine is chair of The Spring Lecture and committee members are Jill Dinerman, Debbie Freedman, Jill Halverstam, Dana Kapustin, Linda Seigel, Aviva Stein, Roz Snyder and Robin Zimmerman.

The event's corporate sponsors are Plate Perfect Catering, Reid's Fine Foods, Greenfield Integrative Healthcare and REACH (Reproduction Endocrinology Associates of Charlotte). Additional sponsors include ArtShots Photography, Carolinas Health Care System, Creative Events, Laxer, Long and Savage, Luna Homes, North Carolina Bank and Trust, Perfect Image Printing, Polka Dot Bakery, John Ric Hair Spa and Via Veneto Shoes and Clothing.

Identical Strangers is the amazing story of two women coming to terms with the strange and unbelievable hand fate has dealt them,

an account that broadens the definition of family and provides insight into our own DNA and the singularly exceptional imprint it leaves on our lives. The authors write about the immediate intimacy they share as twins and the wide chasm that divides them as two complete strangers. Interweaving eye opening studies and statistics on twin science into their narrative, they offer an intelligent and heartfelt glimpse into human nature.

Paula Bernstein is a freelance writer whose work has been published in *The New York Times*, *New Yorker*, *The Village Voice* and *Redbook* among other publications. Formerly a reporter at *Variety* and *The Hollywood Reporter*, Bernstein has also been a regular contributor to CNN. A graduate of Wellesley College, she has a master's degree in cinema studies from New York University. Bernstein lives in Brooklyn with her husband and two daughters.

Elyse Schein is a writer and filmmaker. Her short films *I Steal Happiness* and *Private Dick* have been shown at the Telluride Film Festival and at cinemas in Prague and San Francisco. A graduate of Stony Brook University, she studied film at FAMU, Prague's Film and TV School of the Academy of Performing Arts. She has also worked as an English teacher, photographer and translator. Schein



Authors Elyse Schein and Paula Bernstein.

currently lives in Brooklyn.

The evening will begin with dinner at 6:15 PM in the Sandra and Leon Levine Social Hall; the lecture will take place at 8 PM in the temple sanctuary. A dessert reception and book signing will follow the program. Books are

currently available for purchase at the Federation office and will also be sold at the event.

Spring Lecture tickets are \$40 for the dinner and lecture, or \$18 for the lecture only. A suggested minimum pledge of \$50 from each woman attending the Spring Lecture will assist us in our efforts to raise \$2,900,000 for our 2010 Annual Campaign. The money raised by the Federation Annual Campaign enables the Jewish Federation to make a difference everyday in the lives of millions of people in Charlotte, in Israel and in sixty countries around the world. We do this by offering financial support for programs that feed the hungry, care

for the elderly, educate the young, provide assistance for the troubled, and intervene on behalf of families in distress who are unable to meet their basic needs.

For more information or to purchase tickets, please visit our website at www.jewishcharlotte.org or call 704-944-6757. ☆

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"The Family I Never Knew" Art Exhibit by Ardyn Halter

Thursday, April 29: An Evening with Renowned Israeli Artist Ardyn Halter

A unique and powerful art exhibit addressing the Shoah by acclaimed Israeli artist Ardyn Halter will be on public display during the month of April in the Speizman Gallery located near the Levine-Sklut Judaic Library and Resource Center.

Entitled *The Family I Never Knew*, the prints and paintings "depict the Shoah from the point of view of the second generation and also those were born after it," Halter explains. "It was not my experience to witness the killing, murder, humiliation and atrocities. That experience is second-hand, read-of, heard-of, 'inherited,' whatever that means. My experience is of being part of a family and a people living after genocide. It is about a void."

In drawing them back from oblivion, Ardyn Halter makes us conscious of the scale of loss. This is the family he never knew and can never know.

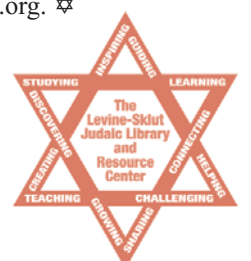
Born in London and educated at Cambridge University, Halter made his home in Israel in 1979. Son of parents from Poland and Hungary who survived the Shoah,

he created several major memorial projects including Yad LaYeled in Israel - the memorial to the 1.5 million Jewish children who were murdered during the Shoah; the memorial stained glass windows commemorating the Rwandan genocide of 1994 for the national genocide memorial in Kigali, Rwanda. His sculpture "Your Fellow Man" at the Armored Corps Memorial in Latrun, Israel, marks the contribution by Jewish foreign volunteers during the War of Independence.

A world-class artist with a well-established reputation in both Judaic and fine works, Halter's paintings and prints have become popular in Israel, Europe, and North America, highly sought by museums and private collectors. His work is included in numerous collections such as the Israel Museum, The Victoria and Albert Museum, London, The British Library, London, The National Library of Ireland, Dublin, The New York Public Library.



Join us on Thursday, April 29 at 6 PM in the Levine-Sklut Judaic Library for a wine and cheese reception with Ardyn Halter. Tickets are available for \$5. Please RSVP to Talli Dippold at 704-944-6780 or tdippold@shalomcharlotte.org. ☆



THE RABIN-KING INITIATIVE
Ambassador Reda Mansour joins Dean Lawrence Carter
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