

Community News

Ambassador Reda Mansour and Dean Lawrence Carter to Speak in Charlotte on Vision of Rabin-King Initiative

The Community Relations Council of the Jewish Federation, Temple Beth El, Temple Israel and Johnson C. Smith University are joining together to bring Ambassador Reda Mansour, Consul General of Israel to the Southeast, and Dean Lawrence Carter of Morehouse College in Atlanta to Johnson C. Smith University at 7:30 PM on Monday, April 12.



Ambassador Reda Mansour

The two speakers, Mansour and Carter, each with impressive resumes of bridge building and promoting dialogue, have created a visionary program called the Rabin-King Initiative. The aim of the Rabin-King Initiative is to celebrate the rich history of African American and Jewish collaboration and encourage a new generation in combined service through a series of events and academic programs that draw upon the legacies of Nobel Prize laureates Yitzhak Rabin, Prime Minister of Israel, and Martin Luther King, Jr., minister and civil rights activist. Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and Reverend Martin Luther King each led their respective communities towards peace, were assassinated for their world changing efforts, and received Nobel Prizes for their prophetic voices and actions. Both of them are models for all of us. Through the Rabin-

King Initiative, Morehouse College, the historic African American College, and the Jewish community of Atlanta have joined together to create educational and community based programs that celebrate our past and present relationships as African American and Jewish communities. Through a partnership with Johnson C. Smith University and local Jewish organizations, a similar opportunity is being created here in Charlotte.

Ambassador Reda Mansour, a Druze citizen of Israel, was appointed in August 2006 to serve as the Consul General of Israel to the Southeastern United States. Prior to this post he served as the Ambassador of Israel to Ecuador, Deputy Ambassador in the Israeli Embassy to Portugal, and Deputy Consul General of Israel to the U.S Pacific Northwest based in

San Francisco. Ambassador Mansour holds a Masters Degree from Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government and is a Ph.D candidate in Haifa University's Middle Eastern History department. In addition to his position as a diplomat, Ambassador Mansour is an accomplished author. He has published three books of poetry, as well as a number of short stories and poems published in literary articles and poetry reviews. He is a long time activist in the promotion of dialogue between Arabs and Jews in Israel and has served on the board of several civic associations, taking part in projects aimed at the promotion of co-existence through cultural and religious dialogue.



Dean Lawrence Carter

Dr. Lawrence Carter is a tenured Professor of Religion and College Curator at Morehouse College. He holds his B.A. from Virginia University of Lynchburg, his Masters of Divinity and Ph.D. from Boston University. For 46 years, Dr. Carter has studied and

worked in fourteen American universities, colleges and professional schools. He has spoken on over one hundred different academic campuses and received more than one thousand speaking engagements from religions across the faith landscape in 35 different countries. He is a popular voice on radio and television and will awe us with his wisdom.

The event will take place Monday, April 12 at 7:30 PM at Johnson C. Smith University, Biddle Hall Auditorium. For more information or to RSVP, please contact Temple Beth El at www.beth-el.com/rsvp or 704-366-1948. ✪

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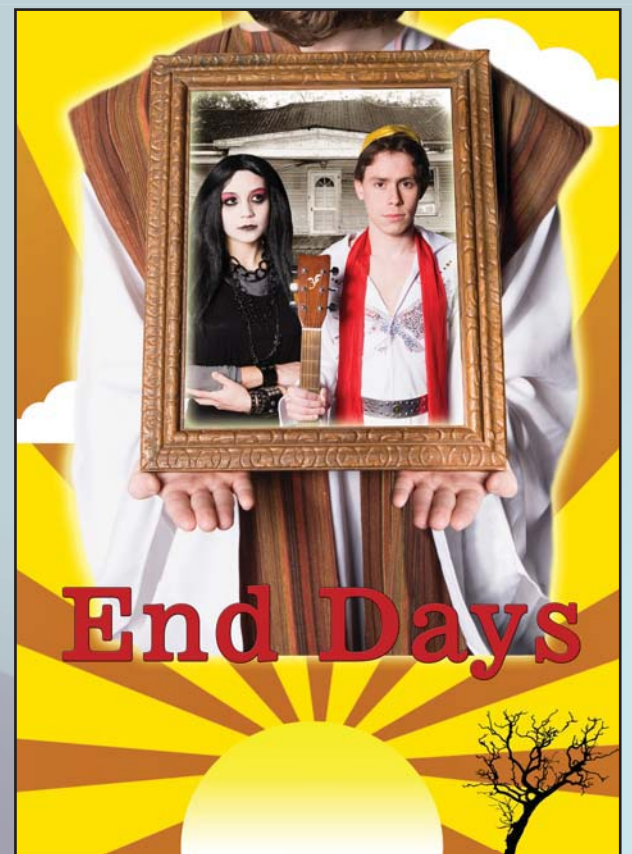
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