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Bret Stephens Presents: Talking Peace in the Middle East

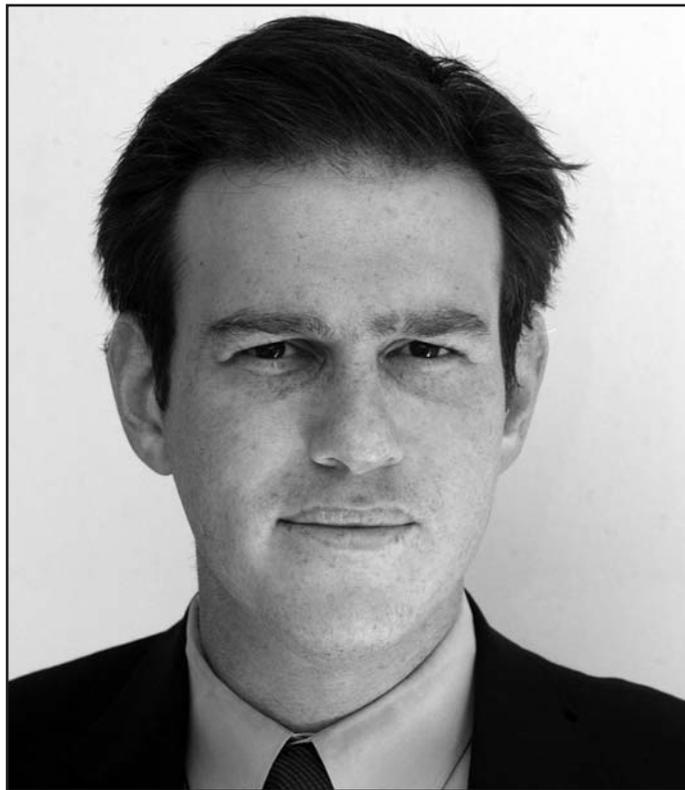
Thursday, November 18
Sam Lerner Center for Cultural Arts, 7 PM

You've seen him on television and all over the paper. His name is a household word among readers of the *Wall Street Journal*, the *New York Times*, and local papers nationally and worldwide. His face is a regular on CNN, the BBC, and FOX.

And now, the Community Relations Council of the Jewish Federation of Greater Charlotte is proud to welcome Deputy Editorial Page Editor and Principal Columnist on Foreign Affairs for the *Wall Street Journal*, Bret Stephens, for the 4th Annual JCRC Fall Lecture.

Stephens began his career at *Commentary* magazine and later joined the *Journal* as an op-ed editor in 1998, where we worked first in New York and later in Brussels. From March 2002 to October 2004 Stephens was editor-in-chief of *The Jerusalem Post*, a position he assumed at age 28. At the *Post*, he was responsible for the paper's news, editorial, electronic and international divisions. He also wrote a weekly column.

Stephens is decorated with awards for his journalism and his leadership, including being named a Young Global Leader by the World Economic Forum. He has reported stories from around the world, including Pakistan, Afghanistan, Iraq, Lebanon, Gaza,



Bret Stephens

Egypt, China, Indonesia, Mexico and South Africa. He has interviewed dozens of world leaders, among them every Israeli Prime Minister since Shimon Peres.

Stephens covers the current events in Israel extensively as well as the relationship between Israel and the rest of the world, including the United States. He will bring to us his firsthand experience cover-

ing these relationships with Israel and the rest of the world, and will give us his opinion on whether or not peace is a viable option in the near future.

For more information or to RSVP, please contact JFGC Director of Community Relations and Israel Affairs Sarah Ferrin at sarah.ferrin@jewishcharlotte.org, 704-944-6751. ☆

Sam and Berta Kaplan, Diamonds Direct, and David and Penny Lipsitz to be Honored at Chabad 30th Anniversary Event on December 5

On December 5, Lubavitch of North Carolina will celebrate its 30th anniversary with a gala event at the NASCAR Hall of Fame.

The honorees have been chosen to reflect the night's theme of past, present, and future. Each of the honorees is an integral part of the growth and success of Lubavitch of North Carolina.

Sam and Berta Kaplan will be awarded with the Founders Award in honor of their extraordinary support during the past 30 years. Receiving the Benefactors Achievement Award for the Arobov family will be Itai Berger, Dovy Klarberg and the team at Diamonds Direct. Dr. David and Penny Lipsitz will be honored with the Talmud Torah Award for their vision and leadership in helping Chabad establish the successful Talmud Torah program at Ohr HaTorah.



Sam and Berta Kaplan

with his mesmerizing performance that will put them in touch with their "Sixth Sense." His performance and the award presentation will be in NASCAR's state-of-the-art theater.

A multimedia presentation will chronicle the history of Lubavitch of the Carolinas beginning in 1980 when Rabbi Yossi and Mariashi Groner arrived in Charlotte and established the first center for Lubavitch in North Carolina. Lubavitch has since grown both in size and in scope to now include the Jewish Preschool on Sardis, Congregation Ohr HaTorah, Friendship Circle of North Carolina and the Jewish Learning Institute of Charlotte.

The growth has not been limited to Charlotte. There are ten Chabad centers across the Carolinas in Asheville, Cary, Chapel Hill – Durham, Greensboro, Raleigh and Wilmington, Charleston, Columbia, Greenville, and Myrtle Beach.

The cost to attend the 30th Anniversary event is \$118 per person. Sponsorships are available. It is suggested you make your reservations early as only a limited number of tickets will be available. To learn more and for reservations, please visit www.chabad-nc.org/celebration30. ☆



David and Penny Lipsitz

The event promises to be a joyous night filled with food, music, entertainment, and of course thanksgiving for all of the support Lubavitch of North Carolina has received from the honorees and the entire community.

The hors d'oeuvres and artful desserts will be accompanied by live Chanukah music and the lighting of a huge Menorah at the entrance of the hall. Renowned performer and mentalist, Guy Bavli, will astonish the audience

Also inside ..

Charlotte Torah Center starts a new Hebrew school, see page 12.

Levine-Sklut Judaic Library and Resource Center continues its film series, see page 18.

Sandra and Leon Levine endow the Levine Cancer Institute as part of the Carolinas Healthcare System, see page 24.

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