

WOMEN'S NEWS

Racelle Weiman on The Power of Jewish Womanhood

The Charlotte Chapter of Hadassah orchestrated a thought provoking lecture in October "The Power of Jewish Womanhood: Stories that Transform and Inspire" by Dr. Racelle Weiman, the Senior Director for Global Education at the Dialogue Institute of Temple University.



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"The Power of Jewish Womanhood" was intended as a response to inquiries by women of varying ethnic backgrounds to explore a specifically woman's way to transform the world—and, in particular, the Jewish woman. Those in attendance listen as Weiman weaved historic narratives which illustrated this power.

She indicated that not only

were women formidable in the Jewish resistance movements across Nazi Europe, as well as at the forefront of all social change and civil rights movements across the world including South Africa, Europe, Americas.

Weiman reminds us that out of the 40 women which have received the Nobel Prize seven were Jewish - most notably in the sciences. She pointed out how Jewish women have exerted a great influence on society in a multitude of areas, including in music, art, cinema, literature and theater.

The vast evidence of an expressly "Jewish Woman's Power" astonished and inspired

the audience at Temple Israel and likely motivated the new generation of empowered women in attendance.

Racelle Weiman, Ph.D. holds a B.A. in Jewish Studies from UCLA and M.A. and Ph.D. from Temple University in Interreligious Studies. She received accreditation at the Truman Peace Institute at Hebrew University, Jerusalem. Post doctoral research at the Fletcher School of Diplomacy at Tufts University in ethnic conflict resolution and the Program on Negotiation at Harvard University. Previously, she was founding Director of the Center for Holocaust and Humanity

Education, Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, Ohio. Author of several textbooks, Dr. Weiman served on the faculty of the University of Haifa, Israel. ✧



Hadassah Celebrates Sukkot with "Sushi in the Sukkah"

Sukkot inspired our local Hadassah chapter to bring a new dynamic event to Charlotte "Sushi in the Sukkah." By blending Japanese culinary creativity with traditional festivities, over 50 women undeterred by rain, celebrated the season of our rejoicing at the Levine-Sklut Judaic Library and Resource Center.

The evening kicked off with a joyous Sukkot observance the "Four Species Ceremony." Complete with the traditional four species which are willow branches (*aravot*), myrtle branches (*hadassim*), palm branch (*lulav*) and citron (*etrog*) were waved in all six



directions while a blessing was recited.

Next, an interactive cooking demonstration led by Sushi 101



restaurant chef created a fun and delicious challenge. He inspired and aided attendees to learn how to create custom made sushi rolls.

While enjoying well-paired wine from Vintners Wine Market, the ladies experienced firsthand how to roll steamed rice, fish, vegetables and sesame seeds to create scrumptious delights.

The fresh sushi rolls as well as the demonstration were generously donated by Sushi 101, accompanied by well paired wine from Vintner Wine Shop and topped off by fresh salad symbolizing the fruits of the harvest.

What's dinner without dessert? Delicious treats sweeten the evening. The ideal event created the perfect atmosphere to welcome the harvest.

Many thanks to the Levine-Sklut Judaic Library and Resource Center for hosting the event.

Motivated by the great turnout for this Sushi in the Sukkah event, Hadassah volunteers are hard at work planning for our next memorable event, Serendipity Sunday, November 14 for more information visit <http://charlottehadassah.org/events>. ✧

Join us for Serendipity Sunday

Hadassah's next great event is Serendipity Sunday which will be held on November 14 from 2-4:30 PM at Mickey & Mooch in the Arboretum. This will be a fun time with friends, light appetizers with a complimentary drink, (wine, tea,

coffee) door prizes, raffles and Silent and Live Auctions. There will be a special fun Jewelry Exchange – come with a piece of costume Jewelry you no longer wear, donate it and buy another piece. Admission is just \$20. Your

reservation is your pre-payment by November 7. Please send your payment to Phyllis Korman, 11028 Round Rock Rd., Charlotte, NC 28277. Reserve your place at this fantastic event. ✧



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Hebrew Cemetery Association

By Lorrie Klemons, publicity

Hundreds of our fellow Jews reached a higher level on September 12 when they attended the Hebrew Cemetery's Annual Memorial Day. What draws 300 people to the cemetery on the Sunday morning between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur each year? It is all about being part of a community. Being part of something bigger than oneself. Remembering those that came before us. Reaching higher and higher to a

level of being and purpose and to a deeper connection to God.

It's hard to believe that the high holidays are behind us already and that before we know it, the days will be grower darker and colder as the prevailing winter season preys upon us. Brighten that darkness and strengthen the bonds that connect all Jews, both alive or dead, by becoming a member of the Hebrew Cemetery Association of Charlotte today.

For more information about

membership benefits, graves, prepaid funeral costs, donations, and/or including the cemetery in your estate planning, contact Cemetery Director, Sandra Goldman, at 704-576-1859 or 704-944-6854 or director@hebrewcemetery.org. Visit the cemetery website at www.hebrewcemetery.org where you can learn more about the cemetery, make a donation, or get directions. ✧



At the Hebrew Cemetery's annual meeting, September 12, more than 300 participated in a cross-denominational memorial service for the High Holidays.

