

Levine-Sklut Judaic Library and Resource Center

Library News

The Library would like to welcome Debby Block as the new Assistant Director. Debby has served numerous roles in the community from the Charlotte Jewish Preschool Director to Temple Israel Religious School Director. We are confident that Debby's passion for education and the Library will be a tremendous asset to the organization. Please join us in welcoming Debby.



Debby Block

The Levine-Sklut Judaic Library invites you to join our Florence Melton Adult Mini School Foundations for Jewish Family Living Course. This 20-week course, taught by Rabbi Micah Streiffer, will be offered on Wednesday mornings from 9:30-11 AM from January through May in the library.

Foundations of Jewish Family Living is a new curriculum for parents that provides a thought-provoking encounter with the core values of Judaism. Developed by the renowned Florence Melton

Adult Mini-School, a project of the Hebrew University, the curriculum brings to life the master stories from our tradition and the profound messages they convey. This rich learning experience for adults will provide an opportunity for you to bring the Jewish conversation home to share with your young child. At a time in your family's life when your child is beginning his or her own Jewish education, Foundations of Jewish Family Living provides you with the learning, the language, and the confidence to be a teacher to your own children. For more information, please contact Talli at 704-944-6780. ☆



The Last Greeks of Broome Street Discover More about Romaniote Jews through Film

You have heard of Ashkenazi Jews and Sephardic Jews, but have you ever heard of Romaniote Jews who trace their origin to the Roman Empire? The Charlotte Jewish Film Society continues its look at the Jewish experience around the world with this short documentary on the Greek Jewish community that developed when the Byzantine Empire was all that remained of the Roman dominion.

Directed, written and narrated by Ed Askinazi, this documentary is a fascinating and highly personal portrait of a community of Greek Jews who settled on the Lower East Side, originally coming from northern of Greece. When asked why he, a professional filmmaker, screenwriter, and

editor — whose work has been screened in international film festivals throughout North America, Europe, and Asia — chose this subject, he responded, "It was something I had to do." He worked on the film for over six years, interviewing members of the Kehila Kedosha Janina congregation — which is currently in danger of extinction.

This screening of *The Last Greeks of Broome Street* is made possible by the generous support of the Levine Sklut Judaic Library and the Charlotte Jewish Film Festival. Please join us on Sunday,



December 12 at 5 PM in the Sam Lerner Center for Cultural Arts. Cost is \$4 at the door. Greek Jewish refreshments will be available.

For more information, please contact Debby Block at 704-944-6763. ☆



Dedicated Library visitor Leigh Baltman enhances her conversational Hebrew by enjoying our free Rosetta Stone language media resource.



Jennifer Citron and Steve Bloomfield pictured with their children Jack (1st grader, CJDS) and Henry (3s, CJP).

When we moved to Charlotte in 2009, we were uncertain about many things, including where we would live, shop and get our teeth cleaned. But one thing we did know was where we would send our children to school.

Every Jewish friend or acquaintance who knew anything about Charlotte consistently told us that at CJDS the academics are second to none and that the Judaic studies far exceed anything I experienced as a child.

And then we took the tour. We immediately connected when we met with the admissions director, Cheryl Rabinowitz, a fellow BBYO alum. We could not believe the facilities - from an impressive computer lab to a complete art studio. But when we sat in on a Kindergarten Judaica class with Morah Rochel, we were sold. CJDS is the perfect place for Jack.

- Jennifer Citron

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