

## Temple Israel Book Club

### *The Man in the White Sharkskin Suit: A Jewish Family's Exodus from Old Cairo to the New World* By Lucette Lagnado

MONDAY, JANUARY 24, 7:30 PM,  
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"Lucette Lagnado's captivating account of her family's life in cosmopolitan Cairo and painful relocation to America centers on her beloved father. Tall and elegant, Leon Lagnado was known for his white sharkskin suits and movie-star ease." But the Suez War and the Nassar regime's cultural holocaust forced Jews from their native Egypt.

This captivating memoir is the Temple Israel book club's selection for our Monday, January 24 meeting. Described as a "vivid, heartbreaking, and powerful inversion of the American dream, this personal account illuminates its places and times, providing indelible individual portraits and illustrating the difficulty of assimilation."

Discussion of *The Man in the White Sharkskin Suit* should provide an enriching experience for all attendees.

Copies of *The Man in the White Sharkskin Suit* by Lucette Lagnado are available at the Levine-Sklut Judaic Library and



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the public library and for purchase at local bookstores or on-line for under \$15.

Temple Israel book club meetings are open to all members of the community, including "drop-ins" and those who haven't read the book. For additional information contact Linda Levy at 704-366-6362/levyollie@aol.com. ✨

## New JLI Course to Come to Charlotte on February 8

Life can be a treadmill — as we go through the motions day after day without ever asking why or seeking what really matters to us. A new JLI course, prepared by the author of the best-selling book, *Toward a Meaningful Life*, is determined to change that. Here are strategies, tips, and suggestions for not only discovering where your true meaning lies, but in actually making it a part of your daily existence. Whether you are dealing with family relationships or job satisfaction, this course will help you look beyond a crisis to find the lessons within. Most important of all, these sessions will help you see life as the mysterious, challenging, and satisfying wonder that it really is.

The Jewish Learning Institute has revolutionized adult Jewish education and has attracted hundreds of thousands of people of all kinds of backgrounds and religious affiliation to its interesting and invigorating learning sessions. The JLI of Charlotte is hosted by Congregation Ohr HaTorah and will begin on Tuesday February 8, 7:30 PM for six consecutive weeks. There will be a morning option as well beginning on Wednesday February 9, 11 AM.

The JLI classes in Charlotte are taught by Rabbi Yossi Groner for evening class and Rabbi Shlomo Cohen for the morning class. All courses are held at the Lubavitch

Educational Center at 6619 Sardis Road. The cost for classes is \$85 per semester (six classes) per person or \$150 per couple.

The objective of this course is to teach and empower individuals of all backgrounds with new life skills based on traditional Torah thought, thereby enabling them to transform the way they view their daily lives. The course offers an antidote to the monotony and grind of unchanging routines. It provides newfound energy and exhilaration in taking on challenges. And it offers practical strategies for developing a deeper sense of joy and satisfaction.

Although the course utilizes the relevant approach and easy per-

sonal style that made the book *Toward a Meaningful Life* so popular, it is totally free-standing and no prior familiarity with the book is assumed. The course covers the spectrum of life, considering personal growth, relationships, home, work, special challenges, and the role of God and faith. We will reframe these universal and familiar issues in a compelling way in light of the



Torah's perspective, inviting students to challenge their current views and consider a more meaningful approach to the topic. Each lesson concludes with a toolbox of exercises and guidelines to help students make full use of the ideas and strategies discussed. ✨

**Temple Emanuel in Statesville has started a Hebrew school.**

**We welcome any new students.**

**Contact Arthur Steinberg,  
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