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Radio Personality and Author Dennis Prager to Headline Federation's 2011 Main Event

Gifted speaker and prominent author Dennis Prager will be the guest speaker at the Jewish Federation's 2011 Main Event to be held on Thursday, February 24 at 7:30 PM at Temple Israel. Tickets are \$36 per person and can be purchased online at www.jewishcharlotte.org.

According to co-chairs, Gale Osborne and Rich Osborne, "We are pleased to bring a speaker of Mr. Prager's caliber to Charlotte and hope everyone in the community will join us for this special evening."

The theme of the 2011 Campaign is "It's What Being Jewish Feels Like" and Dennis Prager will share his own Jewish story with us. He was raised in Brooklyn, New York where he attended Yeshiva Rambam from kindergarten through 8th grade and Yeshiva of Flatbush for high school, where he met his future co-author Joseph Telushkin in the 10th grade. Dennis Prager and Rabbi Joseph Telushkin went on to write *The Nine Questions People Ask about Judaism* one of the most widely used introductions to Judaism.

Dennis Prager is one of America's most widely respected radio talk show hosts, columnists, authors and speakers. He has been broadcasting 25 years in Los Angeles, and nationally for the last ten. He has lectured in 45 states, nine of Canada's ten provinces, and on six continents. He is a Jewish theologian who regularly speaks at both Christian

and Jewish institutions and has recorded over 300 CDs of biblical commentary; and he is an orchestra conductor who has introduced thousands of people to classical music.

Called by Toastmasters as "one of America's five best speakers", Dennis Prager is one of America's most respected thinkers. As *New York Times* columnist David Brooks wrote, "Dennis Prager is intelligent 99% of the time." The *Los Angeles Times* described him as "an amazingly gifted man and moralist whose mission in life has been crystallized to get people obsessed with what is right and wrong."

The Levine Challenge

The Leon Levine Foundation has pledged an additional \$50,000 if we reach our \$2,950,000 campaign goal!

Dennis Prager is the Bill and Barbara Edwards Media Fellow at the Hoover Institution at Stanford University, was a lecturer in Russian and Jewish history at Brooklyn College, and a Fellow at the Columbia University School of International Affairs, where he did his graduate work at the Russian and Middle East Institutes. He is also an expert on happiness - a subject on which he

has lectured around the world. He has traveled through some 82 countries and has lectured in Russian in Russia and in Hebrew in Israel.

Prager was appointed by President Ronald Reagan to the U.S. Delegation to the Vienna Review Conference on the Helsinki Accords. He holds an honorary doctorate of law from Pepperdine University. And in 2006, President George W. Bush appointed Dennis Prager to the United States Holocaust Memorial Council.

Dennis Prager's daily three-hour radio show is heard on over 100 radio stations across America, and around the world on the Internet. Widely sought after by television shows for his opinions, he has appeared frequently on "Larry King Live," "Hardball" and "CNN Headline News." The late radio and TV personality Tom Snyder called Prager "the best radio talk show host in America."

He has written four books, all of which remain in print and are widely read. His first book, *The Nine Questions People Ask about Judaism* co-written with Rabbi Joseph Telushkin, has been translated into nearly a dozen languages. *New York's Jewish Week* newspaper called Prager "one of the three most interesting Jewish minds in America."

His second book, *Why the Jews? The Reason for Anti-Semitism*, was called by the *Jerusalem Post* "a seminal work" and by Rabbi Harold Kushner "the most persuasive explanation of anti-Semitism ever written."

His third book, *Think a Second Time* is the best introduction to the wide scope of Prager's thinking. It is a book of 44 essays on 44 different subjects, on topics ranging from: "Can a good man attend a striptease show?" to "Faith in God after the Holocaust." Bill Bennett, from the right, called *Think a Second Time* "one of those rare books that can change an intelligent mind" and from the left, *USA Today* columnist and professor of law Susan Estrich called it "Brilliant, a tour de force."

Happiness Is A Serious Problem, his fourth book, was published in February 1998 and rose to number one on *The Los Angeles Times'* bestseller list.

Dennis Prager has engaged in

interfaith dialogue with Catholics at the Vatican, Muslims in the Persian Gulf, Hindus in India, and Protestants at Christian seminaries throughout America. For ten years, he conducted a weekly interfaith dialogue on radio with representatives of virtually every religion in the world.

Since 1992, he has been teaching the Bible verse-by-verse at the American Jewish University in Los Angeles. His very popular class is attended equally by Jews and Christians. All the lectures are on CD and video and are available through dennisprager.com.

Dennis Prager regularly speaks to Christian audiences, including a keynote address to 6,000 congregants at Pastor John Hagee's Cornerstone Church in San Antonio.

In 2002, Dennis produced a documentary, "Israel in a Time of Terror," a compelling look at how the average Israeli dealt with the daily threat of terror. It has been shown at colleges, universities, churches and synagogues across the country. He has also written and starred in three best-selling comedy videos on values: "For Goodness Sake," directed by David Zucker (*Naked Gun*), "For Goodness Sake II" and "What Is Diversity?" both directed by Trey Parker (*South Park*).

The Main Event is the major fundraising event of the 2011 Campaign. At the event you will have the opportunity to make your pledge to the 2011 Annual Campaign. This year The Leon Levine Foundation has presented us a remarkable opportunity. When we reach our campaign goal of \$2,950,000 The Leon Levine Foundation will give us an addi-



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tional \$50,000 bringing the campaign back to pre-recession levels. The additional funds would enable the Federation to fund new and innovative programming to benefit our Jewish community. Please support our campaign which provides for our beneficiary agencies at home and around the world by making an increased or new gift for 2011.

To learn more about the Jewish Federation or The Main Event, please visit our website www.jewishcharlotte.org or call the Federation office at 704-944-6757. ☆

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Join Temple Beth El for their Rededication Weekend, February 11-13; see page 17.

Temple Israel presents "Kosher Gospel," a free concert with Joshua Nelson, February 20; see page 16.

Help rebuild the Carmel Forest. Join Hadassah for a community-sponsored event on February 7; see page 4.

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