

Congressman Larry Kissell Explains His Support for Israel

By Amy Krakovitz

Upon his return from a trip to Israel, Congressman Larry Kissell (D-NC) joined the Jewish Community Relations Council of the Jewish Federation of Greater Charlotte for a lunch de-briefing. In addition to the guests from the JCRC, the Congressman was also joined by CFD Fire Chief Jon Haman and Deputy Fire Chief Rob Kinniburgh.

Kissell began by confirming that he has always voted on bills on the House floor in favor of Israel. Why? "Israel is the United States' ally and a democracy," he explained.

During his recent trip, he not only went on a guided tour of



Steve Hockfield of the JCRC, Sam Bernstein, president of the JFGC, Congressman Larry Kissell, Sarah Ferrin, and Sue Worrel, executive director, JFGC.

the Old City with an archaeologist, but also met with business entrepreneurs about new start-ups in Israel, traveled to the Golan and witnessed an explosion in Lebanon, visited Ramallah where he saw new buildings and confirmed

the double digit economic growth in the West Bank, and spent a night in Tel Aviv.

While in Tel Aviv, he had dinner with Charlottean Rebecca Gerger, who has made aliyah and is currently serving in the IDF.

Kissell confirmed that Israel has a right to defend herself and agrees with PM Netanyahu that the "67 borders" are clearly indefensible. He will continue to support aid to Israel because he says, "The vast majority of aid to Israel comes back as expenditures in the US, so it's a lot like investing in ourselves." ☆

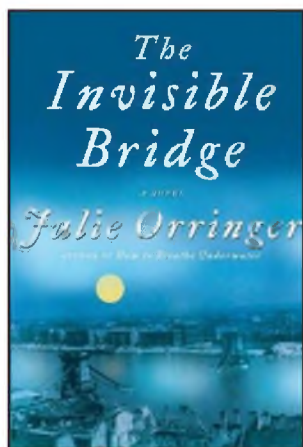


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The Invisible Bridge By Julie Orringer

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profoundly moving novel.

The central character in *The Invisible Bridge*, Andras Levi, is a promising student of architecture who leaves his native Hungary to study in Paris in the late 1930s – until his scholarship is revoked when anti-Jewish laws go into effect. As you might expect, the trials he and his wife and their extended families face will grow exponentially worse in the years to come. Their happiest days, and later, their struggles, are rendered in sweeping, epic fashion.

"The strength of *The Invisible Bridge* lies in Orringer's ability to make us care so deeply about the people of her all-too-real fictional world. For the time it takes to read this fine novel, and for a long time afterward, it becomes our world too."

Copies of Julie Orringer's *The Invisible Bridge* are available at the Levine-Sklut Judaic Library and the public library and for purchase at local bookstores or online for about \$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 or levylvollie@aol.com. ☆

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