

Who the Jew Are You: Film on Jewish Identity

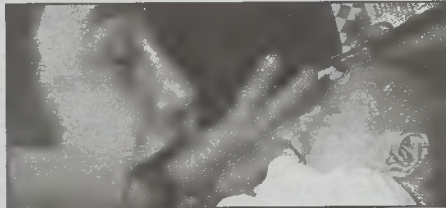
The Charlotte Jewish Film Society—as a partnership with the Levine-Sklut Judaic Library and the Charlotte Jewish Film Festival—will present the second in a series of films on what being Jewish means to you. On Sunday, October 23 at 5 PM, we will show the documentary film called *Who the Jew Are You*. The film written and directed by Alan Goldman depicts a very personal mission. Goldman is a disconnected Jew who becomes a new father — only

to learn that his new son is not technically a Jew. If Goldman could just figure out what relevance Judaism has in his own life, he'd be able to help his son find his place in the Jewish world.

This fascinating film documents a journey that brings Goldman face to face with a variety of eclectic Jews who have reconnected to their faith. The journey is as important as the

answers he seeks; and along the way, he uncovers modern re-invigorated Judaism.

Join us in the Sam Lerner Cultural Arts Center located in the Levine JCC. Tickets will be sold at the door for \$5 per person (passes for \$12 for four films are available in the library). For more information contact Debby at dblock@shalomcharlotte.org or 704-944-6783. ☆



Alan Goldman with Sacha.



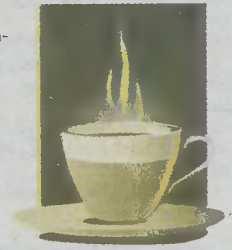
Israeli Beit Café “Coffee House”

Come join us for a lively discussion on a current Jewish topic with Mor Green, our shlichah from Israel.

We will be tracking Israeli current events and discussing the hot topic of the week. Join us and bring a friend.

Sunday, November 6 at 10 AM in the Levine-Sklut Judaic Library.

We will enjoy a light brunch and authentic Israeli coffee. ☆



JEWISH FAMILY SERVICES

Volunteers are Vital at JFS

JFS has a small staff that makes a significant impact on the community. We could not accomplish most of our goals without the hard work of our loyal and caring volunteers. In 2011 JFS volunteers of all ages will have donated over 2,000 hours of their personal time to our programs.



Monthly Yiddish class led by volunteer Baila Pransky, center. Left, Bea Alpern; right, Sally Savitz.

On any day of the week you might find a volunteer visiting a lonely homebound individual, sharing a story, holding a hand, running an errand, or helping at the JFS food pantry. These mitzvot are accomplished with the help of approximately 60 volunteers and one staff person.

Natalie Tunney, JFS Senior Outreach Specialist and Volunteer Coordinator, says, “Our volunteers make a difference in the lives of our clients every day. They are the eyes and ears of our agency. We appreciate the time, spirit, and energy that our volunteers bring to Jewish Family Services and our clients.”

Our volunteers and clients would like to share their experiences with you:

“My appreciation for the caring that my volunteers show me can never be fully expressed. Giving time to somebody else is such kindness. I thank JFS for giving me such opportunities.” Claire

Kaplan, 91 year old client

“Rachael and I really enjoy visiting with Claire Kaplan. Our visits brighten her day and reinforce to Rachael and me that volunteering is a mitzvah!” Pete and Rachael Levine

“When my husband Ben and I retired we looked at various volunteering opportunities. Working for JFS stood out as a place where our efforts would be the most rewarding. Leading the Shabbat services at The Carriage Club on Friday afternoons in tandem with Amalia Warshenbrodt is one of the highlights in my busy schedule. The Jewish residents that attend the service participate with an enthusiasm that reflects their love of Judaism. We even have guests of other faiths that come in to see what is going on and end up staying for the whole service. I feel especially privileged to bring a Shabbat service to those who are unable to attend at a synagogue. It

makes me very proud to be following in the footsteps of the late Bea Gibbs who set a standard I can only hope to try and achieve. Hopefully, I will be able to do so for many years to come. Ben decided to volunteer at the JFS food pantry. He fills the food orders for people that are struggling in this topsy turvey economy. He sees people coming in whose circumstances have dramatically shifted, some of whom he knows personally. It

is at those times that he realizes how important his work is and how helping them maintain their dignity is the primary aspect of his job. If life has knocked these people down, Ben does his best to make them know that the Jewish community is reaching out to help them back up. He is proud to be working for JFS, being a small part of all the good they do.” Ben and Susan Aizenman

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Claire Kaplan, 91, with child volunteer, Rachael Levine.

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