

Making a World of Difference

The 2012 Annual Campaign is in full swing and we need your help. The Jewish Federation of Greater Charlotte is the one place where the values of compassion, charity, generosity, and responsibility inspire us to improve the quality of life for people in Charlotte, in Israel, and in 70 countries around the world. Through your gift to the 2012 Annual Campaign, you can make a difference right now. If you have not had an opportunity to make your pledge to the 2012 Campaign, please do so by making a new or increased gift today. All pledges must be received by April 30.

Making a pledge is as easy as 1, 2, 3.
 1. Pledge online by visiting www.jewishcharlotte.org
 2. Pledge by phone by calling 704-944-6757
 3. Pledge by mail: Jewish Federation, 5007 Providence Road, Suite 101, Charlotte, NC 28226
 Pledges are due and payable by December 31, 2012. Thank you for doing a world of good! ☆



Maximize Your Giving Through Matching-Gifts Programs

Did you know that many companies match employees' donations to charitable causes like the Jewish Federation of Greater Charlotte? Gifts may include monthly payroll deductions, as well as annual gifts. Some companies will even match gifts made by retirees and spouses of employees. Most of these programs match contributions dollar for dollar, and some will even double or triple the amount of the gift.

In addition to providing greater support for the Jewish community, your matching-gifts donation offers other benefits:

For employees: You will be acknowledged at the recognition level that includes your employer's match. For example, if you make a donation of \$500 to Federation and your employer's matching gift brings the total contribution to \$1,000, you will be recognized at the \$1,000 level and therefore be eligible to attend an event that requests a minimum suggested gift of \$1,000.

For employers: Donations received from employers through their matching-gift programs are fully tax-deductible by the employer providing the matching gift. Matching gifts

are credited to the employer providing the gift, but also should be cross-referenced on the employee's account.

How to Acquire Matching Gifts

1. Check with your company's Human Resources department to see if a charitable Matching Gift Program exists.
 2. If the answer is "yes," ask for a Matching Gift Form and complete your portion. (If the answer is "no," talk to your HR Director and suggest the company consider such a program.)

3. Complete the Matching Gift Form and submit to the Jewish Federation of Greater Charlotte, 5007 Providence Road, Suite 101, Charlotte, NC 28226, Attn: Emily on or before June 1, 2012.

Important Note:

The IRS does not consider the Jewish Federation to be a religious organization. As a 501(c)(3) corporation, we are required to file a 990 form, and we do so annually.

If you have further questions or concerns, please contact Federation's Accounting Manager, Emily Helms, at emily.helms@jewishcharlotte.org or 704-944-6754. ☆

Violins of Hope Schedule for April 2012

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Barber's Adagio for Strings, as well as music by Mahler and traditional Jewish works.

Exploding Canons, April 16 at 5 PM at UNC Charlotte Center City Building, Free

Charlotte Teachers Institute presents a multi-lateral exploration of the historical and cultural contexts of the Violins of Hope. A lively panel discussion with faculty from UNC Charlotte and Davidson College is accompanied by a reception and opportunity to view the violins.

Courage and Compassion: A Panel Discussion with the Bielski Family, April 18 at 5:30 PM, Levine Museum of the New South

In conjunction with the Courage and Compassion exhibit at Levine Museum of the New South, Assaela Weinstein, wife of Amnon Weinstein and daughter of one of the Bielski brothers who established and led the partisan community in the forests of Belarus, along with other descendants of the Bielski family, take part in a panel discussion on the history of the Bielski partisans.

Violinmaking Masterclass with Amnon Weinstein, April 21 at 2 PM at UNC Charlotte Center City Building, Free

Internationally noted Israeli violinmaker Amnon Weinstein is involved in violin projects around the world, working with orchestras and artists both in Israel and abroad. Mr. Weinstein learned his craft from his father, and then studied in Cremona with Pietro Sgarabotto, Giuseppe Ornati, and Ferdinando Garimberti and in Paris with Etienne Vatelot. Winner of the Gold Medal and a certificate for violin sound at Salt

Lake City in 1982. He is a member of Entente International des Maitre Luthiers et Archetiers d'Art, a member bienfaiteur de Groupement des Luthiers et Archetiers d'Art de France, and a member of the Violin Society of America.

Open to violin owners, collectors, and enthusiasts, this work-

shop will be led by Amnon Weinstein and his son Avshalom. Together, the two violin-makers will discuss their craft and speak to the history or unique qualities of instruments brought to the workshop for their expert consideration. ☆

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