

Joined In Education Features Experts on Bullying

You are in for a treat on January 15 at 7:30 PM when Lee Hirsch, the producer of the movie *Bully*, will be speaking at Knight Theatre.

The experience continues on the next day when there will be speakers, workshops, round table discussions, and break-out sessions lead by nationally renowned educators and professionals about eradicating bullying and raising children. This will all take place at Shalom Park.

The keynote speaker, Barbara Coloroso is an international best-selling author and for the past 38 years an internationally recognized speaker and consultant on parenting, teaching, school discipline, positive school climate, bullying, grieving, nonviolent conflict resolution, and restorative justice.

She has appeared on Oprah, CBS, NBC, ABC, CNN and NPR and has been featured in the New York Times, Time, U.S. News &

World Report, Newsweek, and other national and international publications.

Her uniquely effective parenting and teaching strategies were developed through her years of training in sociology, special education, and philosophy, as well as field-tested through her experiences as a classroom teacher, laboratory school instructor, university instructor, seminar leader, volunteer in Rwanda, and mother of three grown children.

She is the author of four international bestsellers: *kids are worth it. Giving Your Child the Gift of Inner Discipline*; *Parenting Through Crisis—Helping Kids in Times of Loss, Grief and Change*; *The Bully, the Bullied, and the Bystander—From Pre-School to High School, How Parents and Teachers Can Help Break the Cycle of Violence*; and *Just Because It's Not Wrong Doesn't Make It Right—From Toddlers to Teens, Teaching Kids to Think and Act Ethically*. Barbara's latest book is *Extraordinary Evil: A Brief History of Genocide...and Why it Matters*.



Barbara Coloroso

She also has two critically acclaimed video programs *Winning at Parenting...without beating your kids* and *Winning at Teaching...without beating your kids*.

When Bassie Shemtov co-founded the Friendship Circle with her husband, Levi, in 1994, her aim was simple: to pair teenagers and special needs children, the idea being that each had much to learn from the other. Eighteen years later, Shemtov, now 40, has given rise to an international phenomenon, with 79 Friendship Circles across North America and overseas in countries such as France, Israel, and Australia.

Bassie is coming to Charlotte to present an anti-bullying curriculum for high schools. Detroit public schools are using it already and reaping the benefits.

Media coverage and events have highlighted the need for better education and increased awareness on the lasting effects bullying has on victims and social climates within schools. In 2010 Friendship Circle was in a unique position to make a contribution in the field of anti-bullying. Seven-

teen years of experience in recruiting and educating thousands of teenage volunteers across the globe combined with the access to nationally recognized experts in the field of anti-bullying, allowed for the development of an innovative anti-bullying program, titled, "Upstander."

Upstander is an anti-bullying curriculum that is designed to focus on prevention and intervention. This is primarily accomplished through engaging high-school students in a conversation about negative social behaviors that lead to bullying in their schools and teaching them how to effectively intervene in deteriorating social situations.

Unlike most available programming - that concentrate on the perpetrators or victims in bullying situations - Upstander approaches the topic from the "Bystander's" perspective, a category in to which the vast majority of students fall. These students are neither perpetrating nor being bullied but their presence gives an implied acceptance which may allow hurtful behaviors to continue.

Go to joinedin education.org and purchase your tickets. You don't want to miss it. ☆



Bassie Shemtov

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Women's News

Bams 'n' Brunch

What: Hadassah and the LJCC's 8th annual Mah Jongg Marathon. You can enter as a group of four and play only with your friends, or enter as a single and move to different tables. The rules and prizes remain the same.

Where: Gorelick Hall, Levine Jewish Community Center

When: January 20, 2013

Time: 12 noon-4:30 PM

Cost: \$20 for Hadassah members, \$25.00 for non-members; your check (sent with the coupon below) is your reservation and must be received by Monday, January 9. Please send it to: Madeline Aron, 4940 Hardison Rd., Charlotte, NC 28226, or you

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on January 20, 2013**

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borrow. I will label them with my name before Hadassah picks them up.

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