

# News from the Hebrew Cemetery

Construction is underway. As part of a long-term master plan, the Hebrew Cemetery's five-acre expansion commenced this fall. Bradley Construction is making good progress preparing the site for the lovely new Memorial Building and related hardscape. Work at this stage primarily has involved grading, but construction of the Memorial Building's foundation will begin soon. The weather has been extremely cooperative, and the Hebrew Cemetery is pleased to report that the project is on schedule.



*Circling the property seven times.*

On November 30, many people attended the consecration of the cemetery's new orthodox section. A beautiful Georgian brick wall and stately large trees are located on the new section's perimeter. Participants fasted, read psalms, and walked the area seven times. "This was a historic, once-in-a-lifetime event," said Hebrew

Cemetery Director, Sandra Goldman. "I don't think that there will be another consecration in my life time."

Thanks to the generous support of the Jewish community, the Hebrew Cemetery's expansion and Memorial Building are more than 75% funded. To date, more than 50 families each have pledged \$5000 or more toward the cemetery's \$1.5 million funding goal. Pledges are payable over five years.

At this past September's Annual Memorial Service, The Leon Levine Foundation announced that it would the Hebrew Cemetery by offering a \$100,000 matching gift challenge grant. Donations made to the Hebrew Cemetery by new donors – or donations that represent an increased gift by a current donor – were matched dollar for dollar up to \$100,000, if made before December 31.

A quiet campaign was well-supported by community leaders earlier in 2012. The Hebrew Cemetery greatly appreciates the generosity of Lori and Eric Sklut, Julie and Howard Levine, Patty and Bill Gorelick, Mattye and Marc Silverman, and the Berlin Family, all donors of \$100,000 or more. The early, behind-the-scenes financial support totals \$1.1 million, and was critical to moving the Hebrew Cemetery's expansion plans forward.

Kevin Levine, Board President, and Bill Gorelick and Marc Silverman, Building Committee Co-Chairs, initiated Parlor Meetings this past fall to move the campaign into its public phase and to answer donors' questions about the project. The donor response through this effort has been overwhelmingly positive.

As noted by Marc Silverman this fall at the Annual Memorial



*A rendering of the Memorial Building.*

Service, "This is only the second time in the cemetery's 145 year history that the Hebrew Cemetery



Hebrew Cemetery Association

has asked the community for funds." The Hebrew Cemetery Board is extremely grateful to everyone in the Jewish community who has made a commitment to support the cemetery's expansion. We look forward to sharing more updates with you soon. ☆

## "But I Just Grew Out My Bangs!" by Katya Lezin

### Meet the Author and Book Signing

In this frank and witty memoir, Katya Lezin chronicles the way her world was turned upside down during her year of battling cancer. Interweaving the email updates she regularly sent out during her journey with newspaper columns she wrote about it for *The Charlotte Observer* and her own unfailingly honest narrative, Lezin highlights the many physical hardships and indignities she suffered as a result of her surgeries, treatment and recovery, and the emotional toll such a battle took on her and her loved ones. But Lezin's *Ovarian Odyssey* is

ultimately an uplifting account of the many triumphs she experienced along the way and serves as a tribute to the power of love, friendship, humor and the indefatigable human spirit.

Book signing and discussion including a panel composed of Lezin's medical team (Doctors R. Wendel Naumann, Teresa Flippo, J. Michael Robinson, and Philip Solomon) and a performance by local singer/songwriter Katie Oates, on Tuesday, January 8 at 7 PM in the Levine JCC. RSVP to [bowserwoof@mindspring.com](mailto:bowserwoof@mindspring.com). ☆

**The Hebrew Cemetery of Greater Charlotte is a community cemetery, not dedicated or governed by a single Jewish synagogue. As a community cemetery, it is available to all Jews, affiliated or unaffiliated. Membership in and support of the cemetery is separate from support of one's own congregation.**

**Family membership is just \$72 per year and includes many benefits such as lower plot prices, reduced burial fees, and access to the historical section. Membership gives you the opportunity to make choices about your burial and to alleviate future stress and heartache for your loved ones. With over 600 members, we hope you will join.**

**To inquire about membership or to make a campaign pledge in support of the cemetery's expansion, please contact Sandra Goldman, Director of the Hebrew Cemetery at 704-576-1859 or [director@hebrewcemetery.org](mailto:director@hebrewcemetery.org).**

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