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JCRC Fall Lecture - October 3



A Son's Capture ... A Father's Anguish

Noam Shalit Tells the Story of His Son's Capture from the IDF

The Jewish Federation of Greater Charlotte's Community Relations Council (JCRC) welcomes Noam Shalit, father of Gilad Shalit, to Charlotte on Thursday, October 3, 7 PM in the Sam Lerner Center for Cultural Arts at Shalom Park.

Noam Shalit was born in Haifa, Israel. He is married and has three children, Yoel, Gilad, and Hadas. He served in the military earning the rank of Major and graduated from the Technion with a degree in industrial and mechanical engineering. On June 25, 2006, IDF Corporal Gilad Shalit, Noam's son, was abducted by Palestinian militants from Gaza, who had infiltrated Israel by tunneling under the border fence. An

attack on Shalit's tank led to the deaths of two of the tank crew, and Shalit's abduction.

Join us as we hear how Noam led a tireless struggle for a world-wide campaign to free his son, Gilad who was finally released in October of 2011 and what his experience represents about Israeli society.

The lecture is free and open to the public.

For more information, please contact Tal Stein, Director of Community Relations and Israel Affairs, at 704-944-6757, or tal.stein@jewishcharlotte.org. ☆

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"I Believe You": Words to Help and Heal

Abuse is happening in our Jewish community more often than most think. We see it, but rarely believe it. Usually we call it something else: bad temper; poor judgment; rough day at work; he didn't mean it; she's a real klutz; he drinks too much; they just don't get along. It might be your mother, your best friend, your teenage son, or a sister. Some are beaten with fists, but more often they are traumatized by words and actions that humiliate and demean, for the goal of the abuser is total power and control over this one person.

"I believe you" are the words that can begin the journey of healing for a battered person. During October, which is Domestic Violence Awareness Month, our Jewish community will have the opportunity to learn how to recognize true abuse and the danger signs; what questions to ask and proper responses; how to foster healthier relationships; and where

to go for help. "I Believe You" is also appropriately the title of a nationally acclaimed film to be shown in October which explores how clergy and faith groups have advocated for and helped those harmed by abuse. (See boxed area for details.)

Surveys by Jewish agencies in Cleveland, Baltimore, and by Jewish Women International, among others, show that statistically, Jews are no different from the general population when it comes to abuse. No matter the denomination, wealth, education, or ethnicity, in nearly one in four households, someone is abused. Even more shocking, a study by Liz Claiborne revealed that one in three (33.3%) teen relationships are abusive. Eighty-one percent of parents are unaware of their child's situation.

It can be difficult to put the powerful label of "abuse" on your suspicions about a loved one or one's own treatment by a partner.

Abusers are staunch manipulators and often very charming, easily convincing you or a teen that something was "no big deal," that it won't happen again, or that the person deserved it. Educating ourselves on how to be safe in our own homes and relationships is the personal responsibility of each of us, and our Jewish community is here to show us how. Workshops, films, information tables staffed by volunteers, sermons by clergy, will all be on the agenda during the month of October.

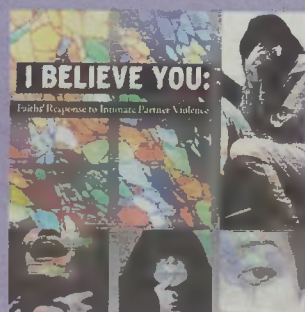
Purple represents the fight against domestic abuse. Purple ribbons will be available at reception desks at most Jewish agencies and all synagogues and during services dedicated to domestic abuse. Please wear one during October to show that you are a warrior in the fight against domestic abuse - that "you believe."

What Can I Do?

Attend Film "I Believe You: Faiths' Response to Intimate Partner Violence"

Sunday, October 6, at 5PM, Sam Lerner Center for Cultural Arts, Shalom Park

Nationally acclaimed documentary that explores the stories of survivors of abuse and the response of faith groups to address their needs. Followed by discussion with clergy. Sponsored by Levine-Sklut Judaic Library, Charlotte Jewish Film Festival, Jewish Family Services, Mecklenburg Ministries, and Shalom Bayit. Free to the general public. For information, please contact info@jfscharlotte.org or 704-364-6594.



Attend: Parent Workshop: "Help Your Tween/Teen Feel Safe"

Sunday, October 27, at 1:30 PM, Sam Lerner Center for Cultural Arts, Shalom Park

Learn about prevention; familiarize yourself with the world of cyberabuse/textual harassment; the signs and symptoms of an abused or abusive person; and what you can do to help. A must for any parent. Sponsored by LoveSpeaksOut, Jewish Family Services, and Shalom Bayit. Free admission, but space is limited. Please RSVP info@jfscharlotte.org or 704-364-6594.

Learn and Show Support

- * Learn about abuse, services and help in our local community by going to www.shalombayit-nc.org.
- * Stop at the information desk any Sunday in October from 9AM to 11AM at Shalom Park next to LJCC reception desk.
- * Pick up a purple ribbon to wear throughout October to show solidarity. Read a brochure. Available at reception areas of most Jewish agencies.
- * Look for the blue silhouettes featuring stories of Jewish survivors in our community. Located during the week at Foundation of Shalom Park and at some synagogues on weekend.
- * Attend a sermon/talk at the following synagogues:
October 18: Temple Kol Tikvah
October 25: Temple Beth El
October 25: Temple Solel
October 25: Charlotte Torah Center
October 29: Congregation Ohr Hatorah
November 30: Temple Israel

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