

SYNAGOGUES & CONGREGATIONS

Meet the Man Who Took on Helen Thomas at the White House

David Nesenoff is Coming to Charlotte on November 24

Come join us and meet Rabbi David Nesenoff as we hear, first hand, about his now famous video interview with Helen Thomas at the White House. Rabbi Nesenoff is an American rabbi, independent filmmaker, singer/songwriter of contemporary Jewish music, and blogger. He has been interviewed and quoted in *The New York Times*, has written a column published in *The Washington Post*, and has appeared on Fox News and CNN's Reliable Sources program.



David Nesenoff

Nesenoff gained international attention in the summer of 2010 when he posted his candid video with Helen Thomas on his website. It immediately went viral, getting over one million hits on YouTube within 48 hours. Helen Thomas was forced to resign her job over the interview and her comments, and Nesenoff received over 25,000 pieces of hate mail, including several death threats.

David's story is full of excitement yet, told with warmth and humor. Here's a quote from an article he wrote describing the mo-

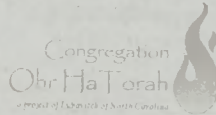
ments leading up to his Helen Thomas interview:

"On May 27, 2010, I stood in the White House briefing room with my cell, calling, very specifically, anyone and everyone I knew, bragging, 'You'll never guess where I am!' Suddenly, I saw former president Bill Clinton walk by. Everyone ran to the door as he passed. He greeted us swiftly as he moved along, and I turned to the person next to me and said, 'That's Bill Clinton!' The man said, 'I know. I'm Joe Biden.'"

Rabbi Nesenoff was deeply moved and forever changed

through his Helen Thomas interview experience. He has traveled to over 100 cities around the globe to share first hand, what he has taken from the incident and how anti-Semitism plays a role in the media, our society, and how we respond to it as Jews.

To hear the rest of Rabbi Nesenoff's story, you'll need to join us on Sunday, November 24, at the Sam Lerner Center for Cultural Arts. The program will begin at 7 PM and is co-sponsored by the Jewish Federation of Greater Charlotte and Lubavitch of North Carolina. The event is free of charge. For more information, please call 704-366-3984 or visit our website at: www.chabadnc.org.



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JLI Will Be Promoting Jewish Medical Awareness with a New Course in Charlotte

The Charlotte Jewish Learning Institute (JLI) will present *Life in the Balance: Jewish Perspectives on Everyday Medical Dilemmas*. The JLI's new six-session Fall 2013 course will begin on Tuesday, October 25, for the evening class and on Wednesday, October 26, for the morning class.

Rabbi Yossi Groner will conduct the six-course evening sessions on Tuesdays at 7 PM, and Rabbi Shlomo Cohen will conduct the six morning sessions on Wednesdays at 11 AM at the Lubavitch Educational Center, 6619 Sardis Road.

"Nowadays, at some point or another, everyone faces an extremely difficult medical decision that they aren't equipped to handle," said Rabbi Zalman Abraham, one of the JLI's course authors. "Our objective with this course is to acquaint the public with fascinating Jewish perspectives on some of the most cutting-edge dilemmas in medical ethics."

In *Life in the Balance*, participants will ponder ethical questions

about a range of topics ranging from end of life issues to preventive measures and respect due to the body after death. Questions include: Must we prolong life at the expense of immense suffering? Should we legalize compensation for organs to save the lives of those on the transplant list? And where do we draw the line between keen vigilance to safeguard one's health and pointless panic? The course will also explore ethical ramifications of fascinating new technologies such as digital autopsies and uterine transplants.

"These important issues are critical to so many people's lives yet, they are rarely discussed nowadays," said Rabbi Yossi Groner, lead JLI instructor in Charlotte. "This is a unique opportunity that will benefit the wider community of the Greater Charlotte area, and we invite everyone to attend."

Like all JLI programs, *Life in the Balance* is designed to appeal to people at all levels of Jewish knowledge, including those without any prior experience or background in Jewish learning. The course is accredited to offer AMA PRA Category 1 CME credits for medical professionals, CLE credits for attorneys in most states, and AGD PACE credits for dentists. All JLI courses are open to the

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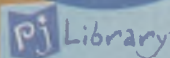
PJ Library and the Charlotte Jewish Day School invite you to join us for a special program:



Raising Kids to LOVE Being Jewish!

October 27
7:00 pm
Sam Lerner Center
for Cultural Arts

With guest speaker
DORON KORNBLUTH



Discussion topics will include:

- We're not religious. How do we keep our kids Jewish?
- Dealing with Holidays and Lifecycle Events
- Jewish Education: Your Kids and You
- Principles and Practical Tips

Through stories and humor Author Kornbluth's exciting and informative talk has been carefully designed to help Jewish parents and grandparents gain - and easily remember - both principles and practical tips of instilling Jewish pride in their children.

There is no cost to attend; however, space is limited. RSVP to tair.atl@jewishcharlotte.org

