

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 Whitehouse. 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.



Rabbi 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 moments 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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Branches of Kindness

Chanukah Menorah Lighting Event, December 2

This year, the exciting Chanukah celebration at SouthPark Mall will feature an added dimension for Charlotte's broader community. The branches of the giant Menorah, to be lit at the mall, will be filled with items which will be donated to local charities. "Branches of Kindness" will share the message of kindness and tzedakah with the entire community and to allow the whole Jewish community to participate in the mitzvah. Charities that will benefit include: The Levine Children's Hospital, Homeless Shelters, Loaves and Fishes, Crisis Assistance Ministries, Jewish Family Services, Zab's Place (The Friendship Circle), and Shelters for Domestic Violence.



Leading up to Chanukah, there will be a drive to collect all the useful items. Small items will be placed into the giant Menorah on December 2 at SouthPark Mall. There will also be additional containers at the event to accommodate gifts which do not fit into the menorah; however, there is a strong preference for small items. The following are requested in good, clean condition: small toys, socks, shoes, and new underwear. Food items needed: small Kosher food items, small cans of fruits, vegetables, and tuna/salmon/sardines, etc. There is also a need for small toiletry items. In addition, coins and cash donations are certainly welcome.

Items for the drive can be dropped off at Lubavitch Educa-

tional Center, 6619 Sardis Road, until Friday, November 29, at 2 PM. After that time, items should be brought to the event at SouthPark Mall. The Chanukah Celebration will be held at the mall on Monday, December 2 at Circle Court, between Belk, Nordstrom and Neiman Marcus. Children's activities will be on-going from 4:30 PM and the lighting ceremony will be held between 5:30 PM and 6 PM. Rabbi Binyomin Weiss will lead the singing of the Menorah blessings and Chanukah songs. Delicious Chanukah refreshments will be served. For more information, please contact Lubavitch of North Carolina at 704-366-3984 or visit chabadnc.org. ✪

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