



Levine-Sklut Judaic Library and Resource Center



Registration for The Melton School Fall Classes Going on Right Now

Are you an adult who is interested in expanding your knowledge of Judaism? If so, Melton classes could be just what you need. The Florence Melton School of Adult Jewish Learning is a program with curriculum developed by scholars at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem and taught by local clergy. The Melton School is the largest pluralistic adult Jewish education network in the world. Founded in 1980 at the initiative of Florence Zacks Melton, the Melton School has been a pioneer in text-based adult Jewish learning. The Melton School has more than 30,000 graduates worldwide today. Below is a student testimonial from David Epstein, which tells of personal growth from committing to two years of learning through the Core Curriculum of The Melton School.

"As I write this piece, I am completing my two years of study in the Melton Core Curriculum Program at the Levine-Sklut Library here. Aside from my personal family life cycle events, these two years of learning have turned out to be the seminal event

in my Jewish life. My Jewish adult literacy has expanded in a positive manner which I cannot even begin to quantify. I have begun to understand Jewish life and Jewish thought, past and present.

"As one of our teachers emphasizes at the beginning of each class, who we are as Jews in 2014 has been shaped by the events and challenges of our over five thousand continuous years of history. Unless we as Jews know where we have been, and unless we know where we are now as Jews, how can we possibly know where we are going?

"I urge you to sign up today because anyone who thinks that it is possible to understand our Torah by reading only the words of the Torah is in for a mind-changing experience from the very first day of class. Similarly, anyone who thinks that Jewish life and Jewish thought are static, or that it is not capable of change, or that Jewish life and Jewish thought has not changed will quickly view Judaism in an entirely different light.

"Through discussions and tex-

tual learning, you begin to understand the complexity of Jewish thought and wisdom, and you start to understand the differences in interpretation and opinion on various questions as you read from, and discuss Orthodox, Conservative, Reform, Reconstructionist, and other sources.

"From these discussions, students will realize how their personal knowledge and thinking about Judaism has been influenced by their individual Jewish educations, as well as by their individual Jewish family and Jewish backgrounds, and how their personal Jewish experiences have shaped and defined their personal thinking and understanding of Judaism."

Registration and course descriptions for Melton classes can be found at www.lsjl.org or by contacting Marci Goldberg at 704-944-6740 or melton@shalomcharlotte.org. Classes begin the week of August 25, 2014 (morning and evening classes are available and classes are filling up quickly). ✪

Back to School Means Back to Books at the Levine Sklut Judaic Library

As the school year gets started again the library has many fun and enriching programs planned for children of all ages. The library is getting back to school with the help of Eric Carle. Stop by today to see all of the fun activities and books for kids.

With the school year revving up the library is pleased to introduce our new storyteller, Linda Lepow. Linda has lived in Charlotte for 17 years and has been working with children for over twenty years. She and her husband Steve raised their two chil-

dren in Charlotte and are very active members at the LJCC. She has been teaching second grade religious school at Temple Beth El for four years. She has also taught Mommy and Me classes as well as music and movement classes for preschoolers. She is passionate about working with children and believes a hands-on approach enables children to learn and mature at a higher level. She is a strong advocate for literacy and will be a great asset to the library. ✪



Linda Lepow reads to preschoolers from summer camp in the Library's Children's Room.

Hadassah's Efforts in Israel

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As we have done in past emergencies, Youth Aliyah villages are prepared to take in children and families from the South, where the majority of rockets are falling—or to welcome the families of their own students who might be in danger.

I know I speak for every one of you when I say that our hearts, thoughts and prayers are with the Israeli people today. But sometimes thoughts and prayers are not


enough. We need to be practical, and ready for any eventuality. Two years ago we created a Hadassah Readiness Fund, for situations just like this one.

You can donate to the Hadassah Readiness Fund by visiting www.hadassah.org. ✪

Patricia Johnson, president of the Charlotte Chapter of Hadassah, submitted this from Hadasah.

"We should not let the land flowing with milk and honey become the land flowing with blood and tears."

— Yitchak Rabin in a speech at the White House, September 28, 1995



Words are powerful.

They can hurt or heal.
They can build up or tear down.
They can incite or inspire.

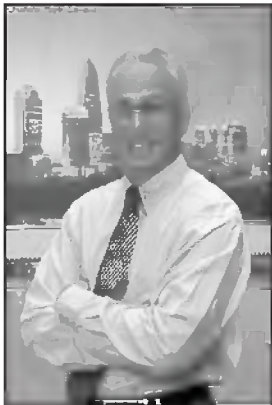

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Please join the entire Levine-Sklut Judaic Library in recognizing Doris Goldsmith. After eight years of service to the library Doris has decided to retire and spend her time traveling and learning. Please join us on Thursday, August 28 from 2-3 PM in the library as we celebrate her many years of service and wish her well on her retirement.