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Isn't it exciting the way our community continues to grow? We have expanded well beyond Shalom Park and our core agencies to as far north as Lake Cornelius and beyond, down to Ballantyne and farther to Fort Mill; we have expanded by adding synagogues as well as organizations such as the Charlotte Jewish Film Festival, Friendship Circle, Shalom Green, and more. Everyone of these agencies has a place on the pages of *The Charlotte Jewish News*.

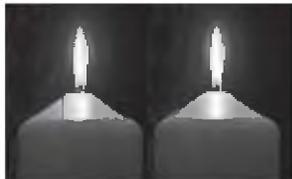
But as our pages and coverage expands, so do our costs for printing and for mailing. We have expanded our online issue and now appear at a new site, issuu.com, where you can not only read the current edition, but clip articles and pictures for your file; current news and archives are constantly updated at charlottejewishnews.org; we post the latest events on our Facebook page. But our core news still is printed and mailed to anyone in the community who wants it.

Please remember that there are agencies who would not be able to get their message to you without *The Charlotte Jewish News*. While our main source of income still remains our advertising, revenues have not increased as our costs to serve our expanding community have increased. You can help in several ways.

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- Friday, October 2, 6:48 PM
- Shemini Atzeret Eve, October 4, 6:45 PM
- Simchat Torah Eve, October 5, after 7:39 PM
- Friday, October 9, 6:38 PM
- Friday, October 16, 6:29 PM
- Friday, October 23, 6:20 PM
- Friday, October 30, 6:13 PM



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Thanks to the generosity of Tracy Brown, Jewish Federation's Lions of Judah and Pomegranate Society Members were treated to a Book and Author Event with Chicago trial attorney and author Ronald H. Balson. Because Tracy is a member of the Jewish Book Council, she is able to bring one author to her home community each year. Ronald Balson, author of the popular book *Once We Were Brothers*, was a big draw for this year's event, which took place on September 9. *Once We Were Brothers*, which was originally self-published, became a "word of mouth" best seller, eventually selling nearly half a million copies.

The very first copies of Ronald Balson's new novel *Saving Sophie* were sold in Charlotte at this Federation event. *Saving Sophie* is the powerful story of the lengths a father will go through to protect his daughter. It's an action-packed heart-pounding thriller that takes readers on a journey of murder and deception from the courtrooms of Chicago to Hawaii and the Middle East.

To learn more about becoming a Lion of Judah or a member of the Pomegranate Society, please contact Sue Littauer at the Jewish Federation office: sue.littauer@jewishcharlotte.org or 704-944-6758. ☆

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