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“Stars of David” will Shine Brightly at Federation MAIN EVENT on December 17

JCRC Fall Lecture Featuring Ari Shavit

SAVE THE DATE



Jewish Federation OF GREATER CHARLOTTE

2016 Main Event and Campaign Kick-Off
Thursday, December 17, 7:30 PM
At Temple Israel
Stars of David: Jewish Identity in the 21st Century
Main Event Chair: Larry Schwartz
Guest Speaker: Abigail Pogrebin, author of Stars of David

Tickets are \$36 and can be purchased online at www.jewishcharlotte.org

ish, in which sixty-one of the most accomplished Jews in America speak intimately-most for the first time-about how they feel about being Jewish, the influence of their heritage, the weight and pride of their history, the burdens and pleasures of observance, the moments they've felt most Jewish (or not). In unusually candid interviews with Abigail Pogrebin over the course of 18 months, celebrities ranging from Sarah Jessica Parker to Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, from Larry King to Mike Nichols, reveal how being Jewish fits into their public and most private lives.

Abigail Pogrebin has become a rare voice among American Jews, as a journalist and an explorer who shares with refreshing wit and candor her path to finding a meaningful Jewish life.

A former producer for *60 Minutes* and *Charlie Rose*, she is the author of *Stars of David: Prominent Jews Talk About Being Jew-*

At The Main Event, Abigail Pogrebin will share vivid, personal portraits that reveal how the experience of being Jewish in the 21st century is amplified by fame and how her evolving Jewish identity was changed by what she heard. She will also moderate a conversation about Jewish identity among distinguished members of the Charlotte Jewish community.

A graduate of Yale University, Abigail is also the author of *One and the Same: My Life as an Identical Twin and What I've Learned About Everyone's Struggle to be Singular*, and has contributed to numerous publications including *New York Magazine*, *The Daily Beast*, *Salon*, *Tablet*, *The Forward*, *The Huffington Post*, and *Harper's Bazaar*. For the past two years, she's helped assemble *Newsweek's* list of "The 50 Most Influential Rabbis in America." Abigail moderates the interview series, "What Everyone's Talking About" at the JCC in Manhattan, where her illustrious guests have included Nicholas Kristof, David Remnick, Chris Matthews, Nora Ephron, Mario Batali, and Jonathan Safran Foer. She has also moderated interviews at the 92nd Street Y and the Bronfman Foundation. She is the daughter of Letty Cottin Pogrebin, founder of *Ms. Magazine*.

For more information about The Main Event, contact the Federation office at 704-944-6757. ☆



Ari Shavit

Please join us for the Jewish Federation's Community Relations Council Annual Fall Lecture on Wednesday, November 4, 7 PM in the Sam Lerner Center for Cultural Arts at Shalom Park.

Our featured guest speaker will be Ari Shavit, one of the most influential Israeli journalists writing about the Middle East today and author of *My Promised Land*.

Shavit will discuss "Promise and Peril, Why Is-

rael and the Diaspora Need Each Other" explaining how Israel's complex past ought to shape its still-uncertain future. Ari Shavit through illuminating powerful and compelling moments of the modern Zionist state of Israel will challenge Diaspora Jewry to be bold in imagining the next challenging chapter for Israel. No country is more emotionally connected to the United States, and no country's fate matters more to many Americans.

The event is free and open to the public.

For more information, please contact Tal Stein, Director of Community Relations and Israel Affairs, 704-944-6751.

This event was made possible by a generous gift from Harry and Gloria Lerner. ☆



Jewish Community Relations Council

Charlotte Chapter of Hadassah's 2nd Annual Israeli Products Fair

You Could Win a Trip to Israel!

November 22, 10 AM - 2 PM, Lerner Hall, Main Street, and Oasis Room at Shalom Park

The Charlotte Chapter of Hadassah is proud to host the 2nd

Annual Israeli Products Fair on November 22 at Shalom Park, 5007 Providence Road. In response to feedback from attendees last year, we are pleased to announce that this year's event will feature only Israeli made products, showcasing their fantastic cultural, artistic, and deep history of craftsmanship. This year's biggest and most exciting addition to the Fair is a raffle* to win a 2016 Hadassah Mission Trip for two to Israel. Tickets cost \$72 each or 8 for \$500, and can be purchased at the front desk of the main building at Shalom Park. Buy your ticket soon, as only 250 raffle tickets will be sold, excellent odds to win. The drawing will occur at the Fair on November 22, and tickets will be on sale until the day of the event unless they sell out prior to that. You need not be present to win.

The Fair, co-sponsored by the Jewish Federation of Greater Charlotte, the Levine Jewish Community Center, and Ayelet Travel, was designed as a community-wide event. In addition to this fabulous raffle, the event will feature an Israel Travel room, which will feature tables for Jewish agencies and organizations that have sponsored a trip to Israel to showcase their trip to Fair attendees, as well as speakers on travel to Israel and the economic impact

Israeli purchasing and technology on the state of North Carolina. This room will show the community the variety of opportunities and possibilities of supporting and traveling to Israel.

The Fair itself will feature Israeli food provided by Izzy's catering, children's activities, and local and Israeli vendors offering a wide variety of Israeli products, including Judaica, jewelry, skin products, shoes, purses, olive oils, and much more. Vendors will be coming in from as far away as Baltimore (Sababa Israeli Jewelry) and Alabama (Sabra Style) to participate.

Proceeds from this event will fund the Sarah Wetsman David-son Hospital Tower in Jerusalem, Hadassah's 19-story world-class in-patient facility that houses five below-ground floors, where the ultra-modern specialized Surgical Center is located and protected from outside attacks of any kind, conventional, biological, or chemical.

For additional information, contact Stacy Baum at 704-808-0423 or schrec@carolina.rr.com. For a complete list of rules and trip dates and additional informa-



tion about the Fair, please visit www.hadassah.org/charlotte and to sign up for a table to sell Israeli items, visit <http://tinyurl.com/CLTIsraeliFairVendor> ☆

* North Carolina State law requires winner to pay taxes based on the full value of the prize. See rules at www.hadassah.org/charlotte.

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