

JEWISH FEDERATION NEWS

The Global Jewish Agenda: Israel and Beyond

Featuring William Daroff, Senior Vice President for Public Policy and Director of the Washington Office of The Jewish Federations of North America

Thursday, April 14, 7:00 PM, Sam Lerner Center for Cultural Arts

Jews in America and around the world are facing increasing challenges in the global landscape: Anti-Semitism, terror in Israel, the Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions Movement (BDS), the American/Israel political relationship, and conflict throughout the Middle East create a worrisome series of issues affecting our local and global Jewish communities.

Please join the Jewish Federation's Community Relations Council (JCRC) on Thursday, April 14 at 7 PM in the Sam Lerner Center for Cultural Arts as

we present featured guest speaker, William Daroff, Senior Vice President for Public Policy and Director of the Washington Office of The Jewish Federations of North America.

As a leader in the worldwide fight on the assault on Israel's legitimacy, Daroff serves on the steering committee of the Prime Minister of Israel's Global Task Force; the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations' Iran Task Force, De-legitimization of Israel Working Group, and Membership Committee; and is a strategic contributor to the creation and ongoing efforts of the Israel Action



William Daroff

The Current State of Affairs in Israel and the Middle East Through the Eyes of Judith Varnai Shorer, Israeli Consul to the Southeast US

Sprinkling her presentation with well-known Yiddishisms, and calling upon less well-known anecdotes and facts, Judith Varnai Shorer, the Israeli Consul to the Southeast US, shared her view of the situation in Israel and the Middle East today with a group of Charlotteans at Shalom Park.

The Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC) of the Jewish Federation of Greater Charlotte sponsored Varnai Shorer's visit to the Queen City from her current home in Atlanta on February 23.

Varnai Shorer first talked to the crowd about the missions that brought thousands of Ethiopians to Israel since 1977, and that the influx of 9,000 Ethiopians Jews had been completed in 2015. She recommended a new documentary about an Ethiopian young man who returned to his ancestral land after serving in the Israeli Defense Force, "Mekonen - The Journey of an Ethiopian Jew."

She continued discussing other events affecting Israel, such as the civil war in Syria. "More than 2,000 Syrians have been treated in an Israeli hospital near the border since 2013," she explained. "Four hospitals are authorized to treat the Syrians." While most of the wounded are men, she was happy to report that 10 babies have been born in the Israeli hospitals.

From there, she sadly reported on the increasing violence in Israel: knife attacks, stone throwing, car ramming. Hezbollah is getting more sophisticated weapons and, she claims, ISIS is already in Israel, while Iran now has the resources to divert to terrorism.

Most Palestinian terrorists are young, she says. Their average

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- Friday, April 1, 7:27 PM
- Friday, April 8, 7:32 PM
- Friday, April 15, 7:38 PM
- Friday, April 22, 7:44 PM
- Saturday, April 23, 2nd night Pesach, after 8:42 PM
- Thursday, April 28, 7th night Pesach, 7:49 PM
- Friday, April 29, 7:50 PM



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Space is limited; to RSVP please contact Tal Stein, Director of Director of Community Relations and Israel Affairs, tal.stein@jewishcharlotte.org or call 704-944-6751. ☆



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