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FEDERATION CAMPAIGN SURPASSES \$4 MILLION!

Thank You! TOGETHER, WE ARE POWERFUL!

What we do and what we accomplish, we all do together. Part of our educational process is to demonstrate Federation's power to leverage dollars raised to achieve the greatest impact for the greatest good. Promoting such understanding achieves greater results. We are grateful for your continued support of our Jewish Federation and for caring about fellow Jews in Charlotte, Israel and around the world!

Campaign Co-Chairs Risa Miller and Jeff Turk said, "We are so proud to work with such a passionate and dedicated team of professionals and lay leaders. The increase in our Campaign this year is a direct result of our collective effort and commitment to innovative strategies and to focus on welcoming new donors, reconnecting with past donors, and inspiring loyal donors to reach new levels. We are definitely moving the Campaign needle in a positive direction and we are beyond optimistic that we are well positioned to achieve even greater success in 2019."

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Join us for Women's Philanthropy Annual Kickoff Event, October 18

Israeli Soul: Chef Michael Solomonov and Steven Cook

Hear their Story. Taste their Award-Winning Cuisine. Support Your Community.

Thursday, October 18 at 7 PM in Shalom Park

Jump into the Jewish new year with Women's Philanthropy. Mix, mingle, and network with women of our community who are raising their voices, giving back, and repairing the world together. You will have the opportunity to meet Chef Michael Solomonov and Steven Cook at the launch of their new book, *Israeli Soul: Easy, Essential, Delicious*.

In *Israeli Soul*, the duo's first major book since the trailblazing *Zahav*, Michael Solomonov and Steven Cook go straight to the food of the people — the great dishes that are the soul of Israeli cuisine. Usually served from tiny eateries, hole-in-the-wall restaurants, or market stalls, these specialties have passed from father to son or mother to daughter for generations. To find the best versions, the authors scoured bustling cities like Tel Aviv, Jerusalem, and Haifa, and sleepy towns on mountaintops.

Michael Solomonov is not your average chef. His deep connection to Israel and his story of triumph out of tragedy is the ultimate Jewish story. On food, Michael believes Israeli cuisine is full of delicious contradictions. The food can be both vibrant and elemental, rich and healthy, old and new. "Israeli food is not a static collection of traditional recipes. It is an idea ... a shared experience." Michael is the executive chef/co-owner of *Zahav*, a modern Israeli restaurant that brings the authentic flavors of Israel to Philadelphia. Accolades include 2017 James Beard Foundation Award winner for Outstanding Chef, and the 2016 James Beard Award winner for "Best International Cookbook" and "Book of the Year" for his and business partner Steven Cook's first cookbook, *Zahav: A World of Israeli Cooking*.

Steven Cook is one of the coun-

try's top restaurateurs and the co-owner of CookNSolo Restaurants, home to some of Philadelphia's most distinctive culinary concepts. His culinary mark began with *Zahav*, the pioneering modern Israeli restaurant that puts the diverse cuisine of Israel on the map, and extends to Federal Donuts, Abe Fisher, Dizengoff, Goldie, and the philanthropic luncheonette, Rooster Soup Company, which donates 100% of its profits to their non-profit partner, Broad Street Ministry Hospitality Collaborative.

Light hors d'oeuvres and wine will be served. Book sale and signing following the program. Tickets are \$36. To learn more and to register please visit www.jewishcharlotte.org or contact Tair Giudice, Director of Education & Engagement, at 704-944-6759 or tair.giudice@jewishcharlotte.org.



Chef Michael Solomonov and business partner Steven Cook. Photo courtesy of Mike Persico

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Join Us for the CJE New Community Reads Initiative Be On The Same Page, Charlotte!

Whether it's called a city-wide book club, a state-wide reading campaign, or "One Book, One City," communities of all shapes and sizes are adopting the concept originated by the Washington Center for the Book: people coming together through the reading and discussion of a common book. Last year, the Center for Jewish Education (CJE) introduced its first "One Book, One Jewish Community" event with the intention of making it an an-

nual event for our community. This year, CJE is pleased to reveal its new community read initiative: "On the Same Page."

On the Same Page will present our community with two author events in the Fall of 2018 and the Spring of 2019, subtitled "Chapter I" and "Chapter II."

Chapter I will feature Jenna Blum, the New York Times and internationally bestselling author of novels *Those Who Save Us* and *The Stormchasers*. Jenna will

discuss her new novel *The Lost Family*, a charming, funny, and elegantly bittersweet study of the costs of loss and love.

Chapter II will feature Martin Fletcher, bestselling author and former NBC News' Middle East correspondent and Tel Aviv Bureau chief. Fletcher will discuss his newest novel, *Promised Land*, a sweeping saga, reminiscent of Leon Uris' *Exodus*, of a struggling family and a struggling nation. ✨

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