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THE 2019 MAIN EVENT

After Pittsburgh: Pride Peoplehood and Power Featuring Bari Weiss, New York Times Editor and Writer

Co-chairs Emily and Sam Zimmern and Angie and Bill Zimmern invite you to join them at the Federation's 2019 Main Event on Thursday February 7 at 7:30 PM at Temple Israel featuring *New York Times* editor, Bari Weiss. The Main Event is the Jewish Federation's most widely attended event of the campaign season.



Bari Weiss

Bari Weiss is an acclaimed journalist who currently serves as editor and writer for *The New York Times* opinion section. Before joining the *Times*, she was an op-ed editor at *The Wall Street Journal* and an associate book review editor there. For two years, she was a senior editor at *Tablet*, the online magazine of Jewish news, politics, and culture, where she edited the site's political and news coverage. Bari regularly appears on shows like *Morning Joe* and *Bill Maher*. Bari is also the winner of the Reason Foundation's 2018 Bastiat Prize, which annually honors writing that "best demonstrates the importance of freedom with originality, wit, and eloquence." She is a graduate of

Columbia University and a proud Pittsburgh native.

Main Event tickets are \$36 each and are available online at www.jewishcharlotte.org or by phone at 704-944-6757.

Everyday, the Jewish Federation of Greater Charlotte, together with you, our donors and partners, enriches lives, builds community and fosters a thriving Jewish future locally, in Israel and around the world. Our impact is extraordinary. Friends, family, and neighbors are connected to one another and to Jewish life. Lives are touched, changed, and

saved in Israel, around the world and right here in our own backyard. Children and teens are inspired to discover their Jewish identities, and individuals of all abilities and backgrounds in our community are welcomed and included. Please join us at the Main Event and learn more about how you can make an impact as well as an opportunity to make your pledge to the 2019 Annual Campaign. It all starts with you. You make everything we do possible.

For more information about the Main Event, please contact the Federation office at 704-944-6757 or info@jewishcharlotte.org. ☆

The mission of the Jewish Federation of Greater Charlotte is to raise and distribute funds to support and enrich the lives of Jews locally, nationally, in Israel and worldwide. Through education, planning and community building, the Federation's mission ensures that Jewish values, goals, traditions and connections are preserved for current and future generations.

Main Event Co-Chairs, Sam, Emily, Bill and Angie Zimmern Share Their Passion for Federation and This Year's Main Event Speaker

Q: Why did you agree to serve as Main Event Co-Chairs?

Sam and Emily: We welcomed the unique opportunity to work with Bill and Angie, our son and daughter-in-law, in support of an organization that we care about passionately and that has been an important part of our lives since moving to Charlotte in 1982. Taking responsibility for Jewish well-being, love of Israel, and tzedakah are values we want to pass along to our children and grandchildren.

Bill and Angie: We were honored that our family was asked to co-chair the Federation Main Event this year. I am fortunate to be part of a family dedicated to philanthropy and public service and this is a unique opportunity for all of us to combine our individual passion, energy, and commitment together in one important event.

Q: Why is Federation important to you and our community?

Sam and Emily: Support for vibrant Jewish life in Charlotte, for Israel, and for Jews in need

around the world is important to us. Federation is the most effective organization in generating broad-based support, in building community among Jews and Jewish organizations in Charlotte, and in developing relationships between Israelis and Jews in the Diaspora. Through our involvement with Federation, we have come to understand the meaning and power of Jewish peoplehood in new ways. By contributing financially, by serving on the board and committees, and by participating in Federation-sponsored programming and travel, we along with so many others have helped to sustain our Jewish community and to strengthen our own Jewish identity.

Bill and Angie: The work that the Federation undertakes meets critical needs in our community and all over the world. Having had the opportunity to witness firsthand the impact and success of their work here in Charlotte and abroad, I have a deep appreciation for all that it does to em-

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Interested in learning more about how the Jewish Federation impacts YOU and our community? See Page 10

See You at the Movies!

The Charlotte Jewish Film Festival, a program of The Cultural Arts Department at The Levine Jewish Community Center, is pleased to announce the lineup for its exciting 15th season that will take place February 9–March 3.

A big thank you to Screening Co-Chairs Judy Laxer and Jeff Turk and Screening Committee members Stephanie Bensinger, Charlie Gale, Bob Ecker, Linda Hindel, Judy Kaller, Andrew Kapustin, Dana Kapustin, Eric Laxer, Ross Levin, Michael Lieberman, Gale Osborne, Marcia Stern, and Gail Vogel for putting together a diverse and interesting 13 film slate.

The All Festival Pass will be available for \$110 (\$183 value) through January 15 and \$140 starting on January 16. All Festival Passes, as well as tickets to

individual films, can now all be purchased at the LJCC Customer Service Desk, by calling 704-366-5007, or by visiting charlottejewishfilm.com.

Here are a few highlights of our exciting 15th season. For more info, please see the enclosed quad fold:

Opening Night Celebration – Saturday, February 9 – 7:15 PM at Temple Israel (\$25)

Our Opening Night film, *The Last Suit*, follows a Polish born Holocaust survivor who decides to travel from Buenos Aires to Lodz to find the man who saved him from certain death and fulfill a promise he made nearly 70 years earlier, and will be followed by a celebratory reception, with tasty treats by Serafina Catering.

Sunday, February 10 - 7:15 PM at Temple Israel (\$11)

A stirring story of sports, pa-



triotism, and personal growth, *Heading Home* charts the underdog journey of Israel's national baseball team competing for the first time in the World Baseball Classic. We are very excited to bring Writer/Director Daniel A.

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