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History of the Charlotte Jewish Community

Have you ever wanted to know more about the history of the Charlotte Jewish community? On Tuesday, May 15, the Jewish Federation of Greater Charlotte Women's Division will enlighten you on this very issue at the History of the Charlotte Jewish Community event to be held at the Charlotte History Museum.

The evening will begin with a wine and cheese reception as we view the Freedom Bell, a project spearheaded by Walter Klein. The American Freedom Bell is a gift from the Belk Foundation to the people of America. It symbolizes the patriotic heritage of the people of Charlotte, Mecklenburg County and two Carolinas, and was created to honor the men, women and children who gave their blood, sweat, toil and tears to the cause of American freedom.

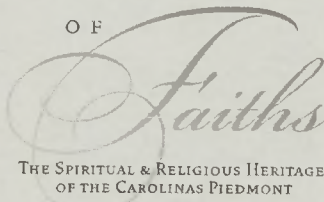
Chairs Ruth Goldberg, Laura Lewin and Stephanie Brodsky are very excited about the upcoming program. Ruth spearheaded the idea back in December after the Women's Division program on Charlotte politics.

Walter and Elizabeth Klein will be our guest speakers for the evening. Native Charlottean Elizabeth Klein spent eight years hosting eight exchange students and Vietnamese refugees. She headed the Temple Beth El sisterhood, Hadassah, Matthews PTA and Girl Scouts' PR. She has been on the Board of the Charlotte

Exchange Student Program, Hillel, B'nai B'rith Women, YWCA and Biblical Garden. She co-published "Jewish Tour of the Carolinas" with her husband Walter.

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Walter Klein is creating three mini-museums at Scottish Rite Temple, Temple Beth El and the new county courthouse, each exhibiting treasures of Charlotte Masonry, Reform Judaism and Zeb Vance respectively. He conceived and built the Freedom Bell, which is housed at the Charlotte History Museum. He is a writer, filmmaker, and genealogist.

During the program, you will also have the opportunity to view the video *From 7th Street to Shalom Park*. This video features a short walking tour of the Hebrew Cemetery, clippings of Harry Golden's TV Program "The Golden Touch," as well as personal interviews with Minnie Sutker and Harvey Diamond. It is an excellent piece of Charlotte history.

We will also have a private showing of the new "Community of Faiths" exhibit at the Charlotte

History Museum. The Community of Faiths exhibit will be situated throughout the entire Museum. By adding entirely new artifact cases to each of three chronological galleries, the Museum will focus on the emergence of different religions and faiths in our community; the social and political influence of faith-based organizations; and ways in which spiritual traditions commemorate major life passages, including birth, initiation into adulthood, marriage and death. Art, photography and memorabilia of community-wide interest will fill the walls of the Museum hallways and rotundas. These special exhibits, designed to enhance and enrich core exhibits, will change seasonally during the 12-month run of Community of Faiths.

Community of Faiths, while not promoting any particular religion, faith or spiritual tradition, strikingly demonstrates how these concepts and values, over centuries and generations, have shaped and nurtured the totality of our lives in communities across the Carolinas Piedmont.

Please join us at the Charlotte History Museum (3500 Shamrock Road) on Tuesday, May 15 at 7:00 PM as we relive the history of the Charlotte Jewish community. There will be a \$6 fee to view the Community of Faiths exhibit. For more information, please call Marnie Moskowitz at 704-944-6764.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 6 & 7: Southeast Region Women's Conference
Unlock your spirituality with other Jewish women from across the region. Surround yourself in southern hospitality, Savannah, Georgia style.

Tuesday, May 15: "History of the Charlotte Jewish Community"

7:00 PM at the Charlotte History Museum.

Thursday, May 31: JFGC Annual Meeting, 7:45 PM in Gorelick Hall.

Women's Division Shalom Y'all Newcomers Committee Hosts

FAMILY POOL PARTY

Please join us for a Newcomer Family Pool Party

Sunday, June 24

11:30 AM

at the home of Liz & Brad Winer

5411 Mirabell Road

For more information, please call Marnie Moskowitz in the Federation office at 704-944-6764.



South Carolina's First Annual Jewish Film Festival May 5-10, 2001

The Cultural Arts Series Committee of the Columbia Jewish Community Center and the Nickelodeon Theatre of the Columbia Film Society are pleased to announce the First Annual Columbia Jewish Film Festival.

There are approximately 60 Jewish Film Festivals in North America which illustrates that this is a growing phenomenon in Jewish cultural life in America.

The first annual Columbia Jewish Film Festival will feature five international films that are important artistic and documentary filmworks. Included are films from the U.S., Israel, Mali/France and Argentina, with themes ranging from Jewish identity in America to an examination of the

impact of ultra-Orthodoxy on the lives of two Israeli women, to an African interpretation of a traditional Biblical story. To enhance the educational value of the festival, two audience panels will take place.

The distinguished guest speaker at the Festival will be Dr. Benjamin Dunlap, President of Wofford College. Dr. Dunlap is a Rhodes Scholar who has taught at Harvard. In addition to his distinguished academic career, he has written and produced more than 200 programs for PBS and SCETV. His program Cinematic Eye was a national Emmy Award nominee.

Tickets & General Information: Festival Series Subscription (limit of 50) includes: Admission



to all films; complimentary patron's brunch; reserved seat at patron's screening of *Jewish Soul*, *American Beat* with distinguished guest speaker, Dr. Benjamin Dunlap.

Single film tickets at regular

prices may be obtained on the day of the show, as available.

The five films that will be shown are:

Autumn Sun

An attractive, middle-aged Jewish woman is forced to feign a relationship with a Jewish man to appease her own family members. When her chosen one turns out to be a Gentile, she initiates a crash course in Judaism and, unintentionally, sets, in motion a surprisingly meaningful relationship. A humorous, and heart-felt film. Argentina, 1996, Spanish with English subtitles, 103 min.

Jewish Soul, American Beat
Will Jews as a viable communi-

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JEWISH FEDERATION
OF GREATER CHARLOTTE

On Super Sunday,
April 22,
more than 100
volunteers participated
in the 2001 **Federation**
Annual Campaign
Phone-a-thon.

This is the largest number of people volunteering in Federation history! Watch for a complete listing of our volunteers and prize donors in the next issue of the CJN.

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