Amnesty International Sponsors Local Panel Discussion

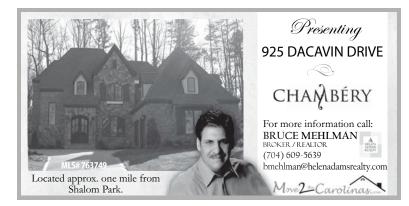
The Myers Park High School chapter of Amnesty International sponsored a panel discussion on "Peace and Human Rights in the Gaza Strip." Six panelists answered four questions from moderator Jeff Campbell of WCNC, followed by questions from the audience.

The panelists were:

Edith Garwood, Amnesty International USA
Rabbi Faith Cantor, Temple Israel
Rose Hamid, local Palestinian
Sarah Kaplan, Jewish Federation of Greater
Charlotte

David Dixon, Action Center for Justice and the Charlotte Free Palestine Movement Dr. Jim Piazza, Political Science Professor at UNCC focusing on Middle Eastern politics More than 120 people attended the discussion, including many Myers Park High School students, as well as Hebrew High students, teachers, and parents, as well as other members of the Jewish and Palestinian communities. The questions from both the moderator and the audience varied from specific to the recent Gaza conflict, to Israel's need for defense, to the legitimacy of the Hamas government.

Many thanks to Sarah Kaplan and Rabbi Faith Cantor for so ably representing our community. ❖

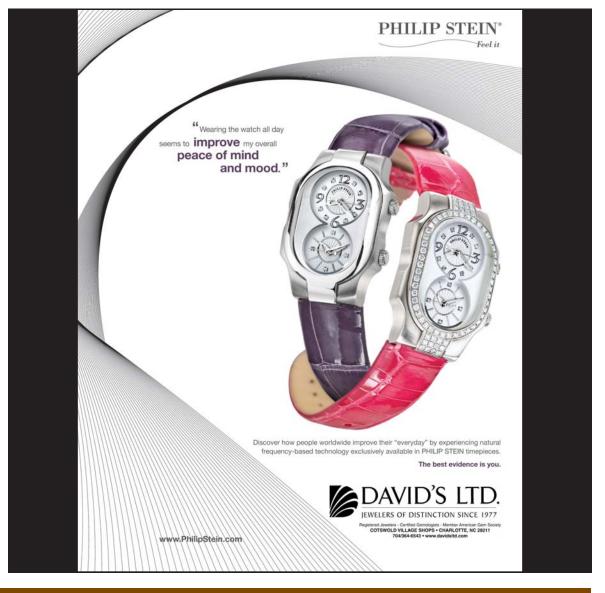




Sarah Kaplan speaks with an audience member after the discussing



Lucy Bierer with Edith Garwood of Amnesty Internatinal



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