



# Levine-Sklut Judaic Library and Resource Center



## Tair Zaeh Giudice Joins Levine-Sklut Judaic Library

The Judaic Library is pleased to announce that Tair Zaeh Giudice has joined the LSJL staff as our new Program Director. Many of you may already know Tair; she served as the JFGC Community Shlichah (Emissary) from 2006 to 2008, planning community events and teaching about Israel. One of her many accomplishments as shlichah was leading the Charlotte Jewish community's very successful "Israel at 60" celebration with many varied programs including a huge Israel fair held last May throughout Shalom Park.

Tair is the first native-born Israeli in her family, following their immigration to Israel from

France. She is a graduate of Ben-Gurion University in Be'er Sheva, Israel with a B.A. in Middle Eastern Studies and Political Science. Tair is also a graduate of the Federation's Bernstein Leadership Group and is a teacher at the Consolidated High School of Jewish Studies.

Tair brings her knowledge of Judaica, Hebrew and Israel to the LSJL and her passion for education. In addition to programming, Tair will be involved in improving the Library's Teacher Resource Center. We are excited about this new addition to our staff and hope you will visit the Library soon to welcome Tair. ☆



Tair Zaeh Giudice

## Honoring Sam Bernstein

The Levine-Sklut Judaic Library and Resource Center is hosting a benefit evening to honor Sam Bernstein on Saturday, October 24 at 7:30 PM. The evening will feature Sababa, a

Jewish a cappella singing group from UNC and a dessert reception.

For more information please contact Talli Dippold at 704-944-6780 or tdippold@shalomcharlotte.org. ☆



Sababa

### New Expanded Summer Hours at the Library

Starting on June 7, our hours will be

Monday-Friday: 9 AM-2 PM

Sunday: 9 AM-1 PM

Come and enjoy Free Wi-Fi in our air conditioned library.

We are offering a new Summer Reading Program for ages 1-18. More details will follow.

## JEWISH FAMILY SERVICES

### Bea Gibbs: Improving the Lives of Area Seniors Every Day

Bea Gibbs' background with seniors began nearly ten years ago when she retired and moved to Charlotte to be near family. She did not stay retired very long, quickly becoming involved in senior activities. Through her advocacy work, she met a fellow senior advocate who put her in touch with the Gerontology program at Central Piedmont Community College. Bea's CPCC internship brought her to Jewish Family Services, where she started a Senior Outreach Program and eventually joined the staff. Today, Bea's Senior Outreach Program is one of the most appreciated and most requested of all JFS services.

In addition to the more than 150 seniors she serves with Jewish programming and visits, Bea is also available to provide concerned family members with support and information to guide them through the decision making process of finding the best solutions and living arrangements for their aging loved ones. When it is time to move an aging parent from his or her home and explore alternative living situations, it can be extremely stressful for everyone in the family. Bea not only works one-on-one with families but is a frequent presenter for numerous groups exploring senior issues and appropriate care options. Helping to ease the process with knowledge, experience and caring is one of the greatest services Bea brings. Here is what one client had to say:

"Thanks to the recommendations from Bea Gibbs, the transition of



Bea Gibbs

moving my mom from New York to Charlotte went very smoothly. After a close friend referred me to Bea, I called seeking her advice regarding an assisted living community and a primary care physician. Bea asked numerous questions regarding my mom's needs, her interests, religious involvement and personality, in order to assess her situation.

"Upon learning about my mom's preferences, Bea gave us information on a number of housing alternatives as well as doctors specializing in gerontology. We took her advice and found both a living situation and doctor, both of which turned out to be terrific fits for my mom. The housing situation we chose has a wide diversity of senior residents, many from the

northeast and many are Jewish. This helped my mom to settle in quickly and make new friends.

"We met with one of the doctors Bea recommended, who actually is a gerontologist and it turned out to be the referral of the century. Granted those of you who are reading this do not know my mother, so I hope it will suffice to say that she can be a bit 'difficult.'

"Among the many tests the doctor conducted, in the full hour that he spent with her, was a memory test. It was a pretty basic test, just a couple of verbal and written questions. Well, one of the questions he asked mom was, what was today's date and what day of the week was it. Of course mom answered correctly, but the doctor told her that she was wrong, it was not Wednesday, January 7, it was Thursday, January 8. Mom thought she made a mistake, I thought so too. Believe me she doesn't like to make mistakes. I quickly checked my Blackberry to find that it was indeed Wednesday the 7th and I let both of them know. Well, Mom, quick-witted as she often is, said to the doctor, 'I think you need your memory tested.' The three of us had a great laugh. Needless to say, Mom loves her doctor and her new home. Bea, thank you so much for your wonderful advice."

Bea has this to say about the job she loves so much: "Being an advocate is important for seniors as they feel insecure and intimidated in many situations. It is rewarding being in a position to service seniors as each and every one I reach



Bea arranges interesting programs for area seniors.

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