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Federation's Main Event is "Going Retro" Sunday, February 21, 7:30 PM, Temple Israel



Rabbi Daniel Brenner

The Jewish Federation's 2010 Annual Campaign will officially kick-off on Sunday, February 21 during The Main Event featuring special guest speaker Rabbi Daniel Brenner, Executive Director of Birthright Israel NEXT, who was recently named by Newsweek as one of the 50 most influential rabbis in America.

Brenner's speech entitled "Going Retro? The Next Generation's Search for Jewish Authenticity" will be both eye-

opening and inspirational. His remarks will address the future of Jewish life in America, what the next generation will bring to the table and how we as a Jewish community can connect and engage them.

According to Rabbi Brenner, "Working with the next generation of American Jews I see the quirky, brilliant, and altogether unexpected changes bubbling up for the Jewish community that will be either our greatest communal challenge or a collective source of creativity and strength."

Kevin Levine and Louis Sinkoe, co-chairs of The 2010 Main Event, urge everyone to be on hand to welcome Rabbi Daniel Brenner, a native Charlottean, home to our community.

The Main Event will be held at Temple Israel at 7:30 PM and a sumptuous dessert reception will follow the program.

Event tickets are \$25 per person and can be purchased online at www.jewishcharlotte.org or by calling the Federation office at 704-944-6757.





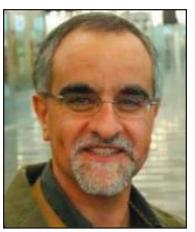


Temple Israel Spring Speakers

Stimulate your mind this spring at Temple Israel. The Adult Education committee will bring you three academic speakers through a generous grant from the Charles H. Revson Foundation and the Center of Jewish Studies at UNC Chapel Hill.

On Wednesday, February 10, 7:45 PM, film lovers can hear Yaron Shemer, professor of Modern Hebrew and Israeli Culture at UNC CH, present "Ethnic Identitites in Israeli Cinema." Shemer's work as a director/producer of documentaries on the aftermath of the 1993 Oslo Peace accord and Polish Jewry, as well as his scholarship on Identity, Place and Subversion in Contemporary Mizrahi Cinema in Israel is sure to enthrall you.

On Thursday, March 11, 7:45 PM, Rosa Perelmuter will enchant you with a Latina perspective. Born in Havana, Cuba, the associate professor of Spanish at UNC CH will present, "Jews in Cuba, Then and Now." Her knowledge



Yaron Shemer

of Spanish American Literature, Contemporary Spanish American narrative, and Latino literature will broaden your perspective of Jewish culture.

In April (date TBA), professor Siu Challons-Lipton, D. Phil, Chair of the Art Department at Queens University will speak on "Contemporary Art." Challons-Lipton holds a doctorate in Art History from Oxford University, has taught at University of South Carolina, and most recently has transformed the Art Department at Queens with exciting new programming. Her knowledge and energy will inspire you this spring.

Programs will be held at Temple Israel, free and open to the public. Drinks will be served. ❖



Rosa Perelmuter

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