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## Sports, Parties and Thought-Provoking Film Don't Miss the 2010 Charlotte Jewish Film Festival

The Sixth Annual Charlotte Jewish Film Festival has arrived. Side-splitting comedies, poignant documentaries, suspenseful thrillers — there's something for everyone. Check out the website, [www.charlottejewishfilm.com](http://www.charlottejewishfilm.com), for a full listing of the nine movies that will grace the silver screen during this magical week of film. Here's just a taste of what's in store for every member of our community:

When's the last time you saw a silent film with live musical accompaniment? Now's your opportunity as the Festival, in conjunction with the Public Library of Charlotte-Mecklenburg County, presents *His People*, a nostalgic trip back to the 1920s Lower East Side where a poor Jewish pushcart merchant struggles with his two sons as they stray from their Jewish roots. This wonderful evening of film and music is on Tuesday, March 9, at ImaginOn Uptown and promises to be a unique and entertaining event. Two of Charlotte's finest musicians, pianist Ethan Uslan and clarinetist Gene Kavadlo, will provide the musical score that will transport you back to the Golden Age of Silent Films.

Are you a member of the young adult community (ages 21-45) and looking for a good party? You can't beat a great movie followed by a great glass of wine. The Young Adult After Party will be on

Saturday, March 6, after the award-winning dramedy, *Noodle*. Enjoy the movie at Ballantyne Village Theater, then head down to D'Vine Wine for music, drinks, appetizers and desserts. Check the website for more information and to purchase tickets in advance. Tickets may also be purchased at the door.

Families will find several films of interest at the Charlotte Jewish Film Festival this year. Sports Day at the J on Sunday, March 7, features two documentaries at the Levine JCC about — you guessed



"Holy Land Hardball"

it — sports. But you don't have to be a sports lover to enjoy these films. *The First Basket* and *Holy Land Hardball* are entertaining movies that transcend athletics. Did you know it was a Jew who scored the first points ever in an NBA game? And that American baseball lovers tried to bring the American pastime to a somewhat skeptical Israel?

*Inside Hana's Suitcase*, sponsored by Temple Beth El on



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Sunday, March 14, is another film for the whole family (middle-school age and up). This film is the true story of the director of the Tokyo Holocaust Center who receives the suitcase of a young girl from a Nazi death camp. Curiosity turns to emotional investment as the director and her students investigate the life and fate of Hana

Brady, and ultimately find and meet her surviving brother, George. A touching and educational film that has been shown to children worldwide, it is sure to resonate with you and your family as well.

If you prefer edgier films, *For My Father* is for you. Sponsored by the Light Factory, this film explores the human side of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict from both perspectives. A would-be Palestinian suicide bomber is forced to spend the weekend in Tel Aviv when his explosive vest fails to detonate. While there, he surprisingly connects with the "enemies" he was sent to kill, especially the beautiful Keren, a young woman estranged from her Orthodox family. Through these relationships, he feels the spark of life returning to fill his soul, but ultimately has to make a difficult decision. *For My Father* will be shown on Thursday, March 11, at the Duke Energy Theatre at Spirit Square, Uptown.

Internationally acclaimed films



are right here in Charlotte. Be part of the movie madness. Go to [www.charlottejewishfilm.com](http://www.charlottejewishfilm.com) to purchase tickets. We hope to see you in the theatres.

The Charlotte Jewish Film Festival is brought to you by the Levine JCC and the Charlotte Chapter of Hadassah, and is made possible, in part, with funding by the Arts & Science Council and the North Carolina Arts Council, an agency of the Department of Cultural Resources, and the National Endowment for the Arts, which believes that a great nation deserves great art. ☆

### Mark Your Calendar

## Twins Separated at Birth Headline Jewish Federation's Spring Lecture

The 12th Annual Spring Lecture, sponsored by the Jewish Federation of Greater Charlotte's Women's Division, is set for Thursday, April 22 in the Sandra and Leon Levine Social Hall at Temple Israel. Elyse Schein and Paula Bernstein, authors of *Identical Strangers: A Memoir of Twins Separated and Reunited*, a poignant true story of twin sisters adopted and separated at birth, will be this year's guest speakers.

Tickets for the event are \$40 for the dinner, lecture and dessert reception, or \$18 for the lecture and dessert only. Seating for dinner will start at 6:15 PM and the lecture will begin at 8 PM.

The 12th Annual Spring Lecture, the Women's Division



Authors Elyse Schein and Paula Bernstein.

largest campaign and outreach event, is chaired by Amy Augustine. Committee members are Jill Dinerman, Debbie Freedman, Jill Halverstam, Dana Kapustin, Linda Seigel, Aviva Stein, Roz Snyder, and Robin Zimmerman. A suggested minimum gift of \$50 from each woman attending the Spring Lecture will enable the Jewish Federation of

Greater Charlotte to raise and distribute funds to support and enrich the lives of Jews in Charlotte, in Israel and in sixty countries around the world.

If you would like more information about this event, please contact Sue Littauer, Development Director, at 704-944-6758 or [sue.littauer@jewishcharlotte.org](mailto:sue.littauer@jewishcharlotte.org). ☆

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