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13th Annual Women's Spring Lecture

Jill Zarin, Lisa Wexler, and Gloria Kamen to Headline at Spring Lecture

The 13th Annual Women's Spring Lecture, presented by the Jewish Federation of Greater Charlotte's Women's Division, will take place Thursday, April 28 in the Sandra and Leon Levine Social Hall at Temple Israel. Guest Speakers are Jill Zarin, of Bravo's "The Real Housewives of New York City"; her sister Lisa Wexler, attorney and award winning daily radio show host; and their mother Gloria Kamen. The three women are authors of *Secrets of a Jewish Mother*.

The Spring Lecture is the Women's Division largest campaign and outreach event. Jill Halverstam and Aviva Stein, are co-chairs of the Spring Lecture and committee members are Amy Augustine, Fern Ingber Epley, Jill Dinerman, Debbie Freedman, Donna Greenspon, Randi Lan, Roz Snyder, Liz Winer and Robin Zimmerman.

The event's corporate sponsors are Melanie Rowe Catering and Piedmont Plastic Surgery and Dermatology. Additional sponsors are Charlotte Radiology, Lowe's Foods, REACH (Reproduction Endocrinology Associates of Charlotte), and Guliani's Fine Jewelry.

Jill Zarin is one of the stars of the hit Bravo series "The Real Housewives of New York City." Known for her devotion to philanthropy, effervescent personality, great personal style and dedication to her family, Jill has become one of the most dynamic personalities to emerge from reality television.



Born and raised in Woodmere, NY, Jill graduated from Simmons College School of Retail Management. She began her career as an assistant buyer at Filene's and grew to become the national sales manager/vice president of Great American Knitting Mills. Jill currently works with her husband Bobby Zarin, owner of Zarin Fabric as senior vice president of sales and marketing. Jill is currently developing a home bedding line that will be sold in major retailers across the country. She is also the Brand Spokesperson for Kodak. Jill lives in New York City with her husband, Bobby, daughter Allyson and dog Ginger.

Lisa Wexler is the creator and host of the award-winning talk radio program *The Lisa Wexler Show*, broadcasting in the Fairfield County, CT/Metro NY areas from 4-6 PM weekdays on

Coxradio's AM 1400 WSTC/1350 WNLK. She is the winner of the 2010 "Gracie" Award for her interview with Gloria Steinem and was awarded the title "2009 Gold Coast Best Radio Personality" based on a reader survey. She is a graduate of The Johns Hopkins University and the New York University School of Law. Lisa Wexler has been married for 28 years to her husband, Bill Wexler, is the mother of two children and shares her pillow with her beloved bichon, Sugar.

Lisa has served on the Board of Directors of two Jewish Community Centers as well as her synagogue. Lisa is on the Board of the Jeffrey Modell Foundation for Primary Immunodeficiency Research and the Advisory Board of Jane Doe No More.

Gloria Kamen was the surprise hit of "Real Housewives" season two. When season three premiered in March 2010, she began writing her "Ask Gloria" advice column found on BravoTV.com. Gloria lives in Boca Raton, FL.

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The evening will begin with dinner at 6:15 PM in the Sandra and Leon Levine Social Hall; the lecture will take place at 8 PM in the temple sanctuary. A dessert reception and book signing will follow the program.

Spring Lecture tickets are \$40 for the Dinner and Lecture, or \$18 for the Lecture Only. A minimum pledge of \$50 from each woman

attending the Spring Lecture will assist us in our efforts to raise \$2,950,000 for our 2011 Annual Campaign. The money raised by the Federation Annual Campaign enables the Jewish Federation to make a difference everyday in the lives of millions of people in Charlotte, in Israel and in seventy countries around the world. The campaign dollars provide financial support for programs that feed the hungry, care for the elderly, educate the young, provide assistance for the troubled, and intervene on behalf of families in distress who are unable to meet their basic needs.

For more information or to purchase tickets, please visit the Federation website at www.jewishcharlotte.org or call 704-944-6757. ☆

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Zikaron v'Tikvah: Charlotte's Butterfly Project Set to Unveil Garden in Yom HaShoah Ceremony

By Amy Krakovitz

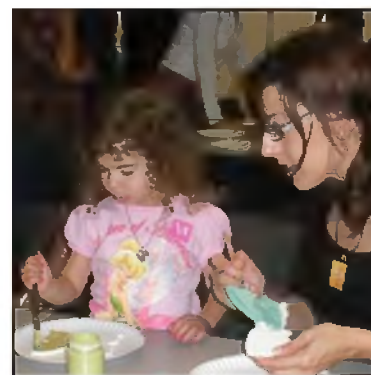
*"The last, the very last
So richly, brightly, dazzlingly
yellow. ..."*

Pavel Friedman's words about living in the ghetto – the butterflies had all disappeared. Not long after that, Pavel himself disappeared, along with 1.5 million other children, all murdered in the Holocaust.

Fast forward to San Diego in 2006, the San Diego Jewish Academy created a project for students that would educate them about the Holocaust. The message of Friedman's butterfly poem inspired the idea of creating 1.5 million ceramic butterflies. Each butterfly would represent a child that perished in the Holocaust, and the final creations would be displayed in public.

*"... Perhaps if the sun's tears
would sing
Against a white stone ..."*

A million and a half butterflies is a daunting task, even for a community the size of San Diego. So the project expanded to other com-



munities and in 2009, volunteers Wilma Asrael, Barbara Ziegler, and Gwen Orland committed to creating 2,000 ceramic butterflies in Charlotte, NC. The project became headquartered in the ceramics studio at the Levine JCC, but other agencies in Shalom Park backed the project.

Volunteers were encouraged to come to the ceramics studio to create and paint a butterfly. Many people from the community answered the call and created their

own butterfly in the name of a lost child. But more than bringing attention to this among our own community, it was important to the volunteers that this project be used as a way of educating the community at large.

The Butterfly Project was brought into the schools, churches and community organizations, and incorporated as a part of the Holocaust curriculum. Each student or participant paints a ceramic butterfly and receives a certificate with the name of a child who died in the Holocaust. To see exactly how the butterfly workshops have affected students in the local schools, go to www.charlottejcc.org and click on "The Butterfly Project" button on the left. There you can view a video made by more volunteers, Glenn Fishkin, Morry Alter, and Steve Kahn.

*"... Such, such a yellow
Is carried lightly, way up
high. ..."*

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