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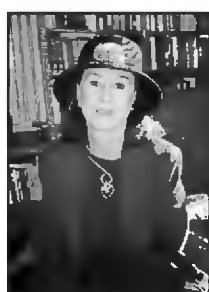
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Judith Viorst Featured Speaker at 14th Annual Spring Lecture

"Strength is the capacity to break a chocolate bar into four pieces with your bare hands – and then eat just one of the pieces."
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The 14th Annual Women's Spring Lecture, presented by the Jewish Federation of Greater Charlotte's Women's Division, will take place Thursday, March 22 at Temple Beth El. Guest Speaker is Judith Viorst, prolific writer of successful children's books including *Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day* and contemporary poetry collections for women of all ages including *When Did I Stop Being 20 and Other Injustices*.

The Spring Lecture is the Women's Division largest campaign and outreach event. "We are so excited about the creative ener-

gy and enthusiasm this year's speaker is generating. All women in our community are welcome to attend this event. If you are interested in joining us for the dinner, please call the Federation office to reserve your spot," said Jill Halverstam and Aviva Stein, Spring Lecture Co-Chairs.

Serving on the Spring Lecture Committee with Aviva and Jill are Amy Augustine, Tracy Brown, Talli Dippold, Randi Lan, Beverly Perkins, Debbie Porter, Jenny Rosenthal, Stacey Schanzlin, and Stephanie Townsend.

The event's corporate sponsors are Melanie Rowe Catering and North Carolina Bank and Trust, Piedmont Plastic Surgery and Dermatology. Additional sponsors are Charlotte Radiology, Reproduction Endocrinology

Associates of Charlotte (REACH), Lowe's Foods, Inc., Guliani's Fine Jewelry, Southeast Psych, and Charlotte OB-GYN Associates, Aviva Stein, M.D.

Our author Judith Viorst was born and raised in New Jersey. She received a B.A. in history from Rutgers University, and in 1981, after six years of study, graduated from the Washington Psychoanalytic Institute.

Mrs. Viorst is the author of nine collections of poems for adults: *The Village Square*; *It's Hard to*

Be Hip Over Thirty and Other Tragedies of Married Life; *People and Other Aggravations*; *How Did I Get to Be 40 and Other Atrocities*; *When Did I Stop Being 20 and Other Injustices*; *Forever Fifty and Other Negotiations*; *Suddenly Sixty and Other Shocks of Later Life*; *I'm Too Young to Be Seventy and Other Delusions*, and *Exceedingly Eighty and Other Adaptations*. She has also written *You're Officially a Grown-Up: The Graduate's Guide to Freedom, Responsibility,*

Happiness and Personal Hygiene; a novel, *Murdering Mr. Monti*, and five non-fiction books: *Yes, Married*; *Love & Guilt*; *The Meaning of Life, Etc.*; *Necessary Losses*, which was on The New York Times bestseller list for almost two years; its companion volume, *Imperfect Control*; *Grown-Up Marriage*; and *Alexander and the Wonderful, Marvelous, Excellent, Terrific Ninety Days: An Almost*

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Film Festival in Full Swing, Tickets Still Available

The 8th Annual Charlotte Jewish Film Festival is underway with the best in Jewish cinema from around the world. The sold out Opening Night audience was mesmerized by the heart-wrenching film "La Rafle" and enjoyed a delicious dessert reception afterwards. It's not too late for you to partake of these international award-winning films. Tickets are still available for all upcoming films. There is also a free movie, "Violins of Hope," on March 8 at Temple Israel. Special guest speakers and entertainment add value to many of these films. Check out www.charlottejewish-film.com for more information on the following movies/events and to purchase tickets (tickets also



Ethan Uslan

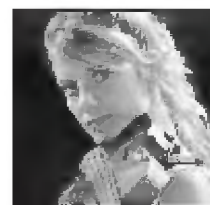
available at the door):

March 1 - *Lens on Israel: A Society Through Its Cinema*, Temple Beth-El, 7 PM. Dr. Eric Goldman, PhD Cinema Studies, takes us on a journey through the history, culture and challenges of Israel using clips from Israeli films as a "lens" on society.

March 3 - *Sholem Aleichem: Laughing in the Darkness*, Temple Israel, 7:30 PM. Documentary about the brilliant Yiddish writer who brought us Tevye and so much more. Bonus presentation: Pianist Ethan Uslan will entertain us with Jewish music selections performed with his ragtime flair.

March 4 - *The Concert*, Temple Israel, 7 PM. The renowned conductor of the Bolshoi orchestra was fired 30 years ago for hiring Jewish musicians. Now reduced to

a janitor, he plots a grand performance with his former musicians in this feel-good comedy.



"Le Concert"

March 8 - *Violins of Hope*, Temple Israel, 7 PM. Free screening of this mesmerizing documentary about Polish maestro Bronislaw Huberman whose heroic efforts saved Jewish European musicians and created the Palestine Philharmonic. Charlotte audience among first to see this film in the US ever.

March 10 - *The Human Resources Manager*, Levine JCC, 7:30 PM. The HR manager of Jerusalem's largest bakery, on a journey to save his company's reputation and return the body of a

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A new Chabad House. Chabad of Ballantyne will be moving into its own new building. See the story on page 15.

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