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16th Annual Spring Lecture A Spy in the House of Food Guest speaker: Ruth Reichl

The Jewish Federation's 2014 Annual Spring Lecture sponsored by Publix Super Markets, Inc. will be held on Thursday, March 27 at Temple Beth El and will feature culinary icon and author Ruth Reichl.

The Spring Lecture is the largest campaign and outreach event presented by the Jewish Federation of Greater Charlotte's Women Division.

This year's Spring Lecture will feature bestselling author and culinary icon Ruth Reichl. Reichl was the Editor-in-Chief of *Gourmet Magazine* for ten years, former restaurant critic for *The New York Times*, and author of a trilogy of acclaimed best-selling memoirs: *Tender at the Bone*, *Comfort Me with Apples*, and *Garlic and Sapphires*.

In *Garlic and Sapphires*, Reichl wrote about her adventures as the undercover dining critic for



Ruth Reichl

The New York Times, giving us — along with some of her favorite recipes and reviews — her remarkable reflections on how one's outer appearance can influence one's inner character and appetites, not to mention the quality of service one receives. But Reichl has been a restaurant critic for thirty years, and most of the great tales from the table remain untold. We hope you will join us for this unique opportunity to hear one of the most beloved and recognizable culinary voices share her hilarious stories from the front of the house to the back of the kitchen.

This year's Spring Lecture is co-chaired by Randi Lan and Stacey Schanzlin. Serving on the Spring Lecture Committee with Randi and Stacey are Talli Dippold, Sara Kulbersh, Mallory Miller, Elaine Moody, Debbie Porter, Jenny Rosenthal, Lori Rosenthal, Stephanie Townsend, and Marisa Zeibert.

The evening will begin with dinner at 6:30 PM in the Main Hall at Temple Beth El and the lecture will take place at 8 PM in the temple sanctuary. A dessert reception and book signing will follow the program. New this year will be our **Strolling Dinner**

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which will allow our guests to mingle while enjoying a variety of scrumptious food.

Spring Lecture tickets are \$40 for the dinner and lecture, or \$18 for the lecture only. There is a minimum donation of \$50 to the 2014 Jewish Federation Annual Campaign to attend the event. Pledges are payable through December 2014.

In addition to the generous sponsorship provided by Publix Super Markets, Inc., we also appreciate the generous support provided by Melanie Rowe Catering, North Carolina Bank and Trust, Creative Events, Mallory and Kevin Miller, and Aviva Stein, MD. A complete list of our sponsors will appear in the April CJN.

Our Annual Campaign funds and supports a broad network of organizations that focus on two critical things: 1. Caring for people in need here in Charlotte, in Israel, and around the world; 2.



Nurturing and sustaining the Jewish community today and for future generations.

For more information or to purchase tickets, please visit our website at www.jewishcharlotte.org or call 704-944-6759. ☆

It's Not Too Late to Celebrate

The 2014 Charlotte Jewish Film

Festival is in full swing. There is still a full week of films and events remaining in this 10th Anniversary season. Please visit

charlottejewishfilm.com for complete details.

Bethlehem

Saturday, March 1, 7:30 PM,

Regal Ballantyne Village

Bethlehem swept the 2013 Israeli Film Academy Awards (Israeli Oscars), won the top prize at the 2013 Venice Film Festival and was named best film at the Haifa Film Festival, where the judges said, "The movie gripped us from the first scene...and is still with us hours and days after viewing it."

Note: Mature language and subject matter — recommended for viewers 17 and older

The Third Half

Sunday, March 2, 3 PM, Regal Ballantyne Village

The Third Half is based on the true story of the Macedonian soccer club and their German-Jewish coach who compete in the Nazi Football League. Because of the changing world around them, this group of misfits, pariahs, and losers realize they're playing more than just a game.

Hannah Arendt

Tuesday, March 4, 7 PM, Sam Lerner Center at Shalom Park

A brilliant biopic on the woman who covered the 1961 Eichmann trial and introduced the now-famous concept, "Banality of Evil." Lead actress Barbara Sukowa won the German Oscar for Best Actress.

Side Dishes – A Night of Shorts (sponsored by Heart Service Center)

Wednesday, March 5, 7 PM, Sam Lerner Center at Shalom Park

A delightful evening of short films of varying lengths, including *The Cake Lady*, which won the Atlanta Jewish Film Festival; *Wilt Chamberlain: Borscht Belt Bellhop*; and *The Tribe*, a look at how the Barbie doll relates to Jewish identity. Reception will follow.

Adam Hirsch, director of *The*

Cake Lady, is scheduled to appear. **50 Children: The Rescue Mission of Mr. and Mrs. Kraus** (sponsored by Hearst Entertainment)

Thursday, March 6, 7 PM, Sam Lerner Center at Shalom Park

The incredibly true story of a Philadelphia couple who defied the odds by bringing the largest group of children out of Nazi Germany during the Holocaust.

Director Steven Pressman is scheduled to appear for a post-film discussion

Igor and the Cranes' Journey (Community Partner: Temple Beth El)

Saturday, March 8, 7:30 PM, Regal Ballantyne Village Theater

A touching family fable about commitment and our ability to change.

Dessert reception, sponsored by Chai Expectations, follows the film.

Fill the Void

Sunday, March 9, 3 PM, Regal Ballantyne Village Theater

When her sister dies in childbirth, 18-year old Shira is pressured by her mother to marry her deceased sister's husband. Winner of seven Ophir Awards (Israeli Oscars), including Best Picture.

Cupcakes – Closing Night

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