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Jewish Federation Annual Meeting Set for May 12



The 5 Legged Table

The Annual Meeting of the Jewish Federation of Greater Charlotte will take place on Monday, May 12 at 7:30 PM in the Sam Lerner Center for Cultural Arts at Shalom Park. Please join us to honor Outgoing President, Alan Kronovet and welcome Incoming President, Holly Levinson.

During the Annual Meeting, the 2014-2015 slate of officers and Board of Trustees will be presented, and an election will be held. Anyone contributing at least \$36 to the Annual Campaign is considered a voting member.

Following the meeting, please join guest speaker Avraham Infeld as he speaks about *The 5 Legged Table: An Alternative Vision of the Jewish Future*.

Avraham Infeld is one of the most unique and compelling teachers and leaders in the Jewish world today. Based in Jerusalem but a tireless traveler to all parts of the globe, Avraham has dedicated his long and distinguished career to helping Jews find meaning and joy in their Jewish identi-

SLATE OF OFFICERS & TRUSTEES AS NOMINATED BY THE BOARD DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE OF THE JEWISH FEDERATION OF GREATER CHARLOTTE

NOMINATED AS OFFICERS FOR 2014-2015

President	Holly Levinson
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BOARD MEMBERS — TERM ENDING 2015

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BOARD MEMBERS — TERM ENDING 2016

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BOARD MEMBERS — TERM ENDING 2017

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Adam Bernstein, Jill Dinerman, Michael Koss, Eric Sklut, Lorin Stiefel & Jeff Turk

ties. His own passion for Jewish life and Jewish community is contagious and has inspired tens of thousands (if not more) to engage

with their own Jewish potential. Avraham's vision of Jewish life is one in which every Jew is empowered to find his or her own mode of Jewish expression and in which Jewish community is heterogeneous and multi-faceted. He is passionate about being part of the Jewish People and committed to helping Jews play a role in making the world a better place for everyone.

We look forward to seeing you on May 12. For more information, please call the Federation office at 704-944-6757. ☆

Celebrating Our Teens: Past, Present, and Future

The Prophet Joel spoke these words, "Tell your children of it and your children will tell their children, and their children will pass it on to another generation." Passing on the teachings of Judaism is the way to guarantee the future of the Jewish people. At Temple Beth El, we not only teach our children, we turn our children into teachers.

On May 16, Temple Beth El will have a special Shabbat service to honor the more than 20 years our teens have become madrichim (assistant teachers), B'nei Mitzvah tutors, companions of special needs students, and technology, art, and music assistants. "Celebrating Our Teens: Past, Present and Future" honors a program that originally started out with a few interested teenagers and has grown into a multifaceted program that engages more than 150 during the school year.

In affirming our commitment to our Beth El teen madrichim of the past, present, and future, we are working to financially secure the program through both our Steven Gainsboro Teen Educator Fund and our Madrichim Endowment. To support and celebrate our Temple Beth El teens, join us for a Shabbat filled with the music from our Teen Band, Teen Vocal Ensemble, Song Leaders, and Jew TuBE reflections.

Teaching and mentoring is not an easy task and our young adults take their positions very seriously. Like our dedicated Religious School teachers, our madrichim must continue to study and deepen their own knowledge of Judaism by continuing their Jewish education at the Consolidated High School of Jewish Studies. Our madrichim serve as role models who deeply enrich the lives of our students. We have created an environment in which students enthusiastically seek to continue as assistants in our Religious School or as B'nei Mitzvah tutors after they have completed seventh grade, rather than entertaining the idea that they are finished with their Jewish education. Serving as a madrich or madricha not only enriches our students educational experience but goes so much further by touching their lives personally and spiritually.

Jenna Hunte, currently a senior in our program writes, "It's a re-



Teen madrich from 2004 - Daniel Dumas helps students make hamantashen.

warding experience to be a madricha. I have been involved in the program for five years because I love helping students develop their Jewish identity. My first year I taught 3rd grade and now I'm tutoring those same kids for their bar/bat mitzvahs. It's crazy how fast the time goes by. The true benefit of having madrichim is the relationship that is formed with the kids. Since I'm only a couple years older than my students, they view me as a friend or an older sister. It's easier for them to express themselves and their ideas about Judaism. I love the program, and I think it keeps students engaged and teenagers involved after their bar/bat mitzvahs."



Patty Torcellini (a.k.a. Miss Patty) and the music madrichim, Caleb Seidler, Sam Liss, Ben Schine in 2012.

Parents also value the madrichim experience and recognize the positive impact it has on the lives of their teens. Gwen Orland, mother of twenty-three year old Keith, notes: "Being a tutor for

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