

The 16th Annual Spring Lecture Good Friends. Good Eats. Good Cause.

The 16th Annual Spring Lecture sponsored by the Women's Division of the Jewish Federation of Greater Charlotte was held on Thursday, March 27 and featured Ruth Reichl, world-renowned food critic and former editor in chief of *Gourmet* magazine. Ruth spoke to a full house of over 350 women and shared her amusing tales and memorable experiences as a restaurant critic as well as her remarkable reflections on the culinary world today.

The event was co-chaired by Randi Lan and Stacey Schanzlin who led a very talented and dedicated team of volunteers which included Talli Dippold, Sara Kulbersh, Mallory Miller, Elaine Moody, Debbie Porter, Jenny Rosenthal, Lori Rosenthal, Stephanie Townsend, and Marisa Zeibert. The committee not only worked on the overall

planning of the event, but also on securing sponsorships to underwrite the cost of the event.

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Many thanks also go to our wonderful host committee for all of its efforts in filling the room. While this year's Spring Lecture maintained some of its classic elements, it also incor-

porated some new features such as our Strolling Dinner that allowed women to mingle while enjoying a variety of scrumptious food catered by Melanie Rowe Catering.

Randi Lan and Stacey Schanzlin welcomed everyone and were joined on the bimah by Gail Baron, Tracy Brown, and Jill Halverstam, who shared stories of favorite dishes that connected them to their Jewish roots and traditions. As they revisited the enticing smell of Gizzy's Paprikish, mouthwatering brisket roasted with apples, or a bag of "ruggies" cooked to perfection in Nana's kitchen, all five women nostalgically returned to the places they called home. Each story reflected their commitment to Jewish life and community, which fueled their motivation and involvement with the Jewish Federation.

If you would like to get involved or share ideas for the 17th Annual Spring Lecture, please contact Tair Giudice, Director of Outreach and Engagement at the Jewish Federation, by calling her at 704-944-6759 or emailing tair.giudice@jewishcharlotte.org.

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For Tracy's, Gail's, and Randi's family recipes, please turn to "What's Your Dish?" on page 5.



Spring Lecture co-chair Randi Lan, guest speaker Ruth Reichl, and co-chair Stacey Schanzlin.



Elaine Moody, Marisa Ziebert and Jill Dinerman enjoying the new strolling dinner concept.



Gail Baron, Ruth Riechl, Jill Haverstam, Tracy Brown, Randi Lan, and Stacey Schanzlin.

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