

Shalom, Everyone

By Inbal Ozeri,
Community Shlichah
Three Exciting
Opportunities to
Connect with Israel



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One: Casual Mondays - I only have few months left before I leave and I feel like there are a lot of people I haven't met in a while if at all, so I decided to announce casual Monday dinners. A casual dinner that could be in your home, if you

have kids and other commitments. I love kids and I love animals and I am more than happy to prepare the food with you and/or help with the kids or other things you need to do as we have casual dinner. It doesn't have to be different than the routine you already have only we will get to hang out and get to know each other better.

Two: Café Ivrit - I started Hebrew Coffee again. I opened a Facebook group where I will be updating everything about it. The Facebook group is called: Charlotte Lomdim Ivrit - Cafe Ivrit And the link to it is: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/233354570408080/>

If you would like to join us but are not on Facebook, you can reach me at 704-944-6784.

Please join us, join the group, and let's have some fun learning some casual Hebrew

Three: Yom Hazikaron and Yom Ha'atzmaut. Yes, it's get-

ting closer.

This year it will be Monday, May 1, Yom Hazikaron (Israeli Memorial Day) at 6 PM in the Sam Lerner Center for Cultural Arts and Yom Ha'atzmaut (Israeli Independence Day) at 7 PM in Gorelick Hall.

Please come commemorate and celebrate with us the Jewish homeland and its soldiers - Israel and IDF. (See page 13 for more details.) ✨

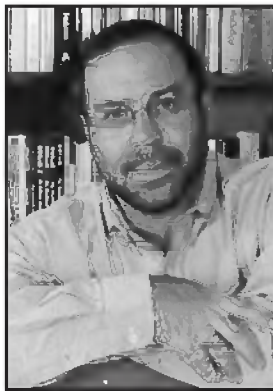
JCRC Speaker Series Continues on March 23

Please join the Jewish Federation's Community Relations Council (JCRC) for the fourth session of our 2017 Speaker Series on Thursday evening, March 23 in Sam Lerner Center for the Arts at 7 PM. We will be joined by Middle East Terrorism Expert, Micah Halpern, who will address the Regional Turmoil Challenge: Influence of ISIS on Palestinian Israeli Conflict and Israeli Arab Minority.

Micah D. Halpern is a columnist and a social and political commentator. Halpern's most recent book, "Thugs," spent time on Amazon's list of bestsellers.

He is also the author of "What You Need To Know About: Ter-

ror." Micah is a frequent analyst on network television and radio. He hosts the weekly feature, "A Safer World," on USA Radio Network and the daily one-minute feature "I've Been Thinking" on Town Square Media Network. As well as being a syndicated columnist and well-known commentator, Micah is an educator and historian. He lectures frequently, both in the United States and Israel, on issues relating to terror, foreign affairs, and Israel and the Middle East. An expert on terrorism, Halpern has been invited for consultations in the White House with terror analysts and has addressed conferences sponsored by the Justice Department.



Micah Halpern

For more information or to RSVP please contact the Jewish Federation office at 704-944-6757 or ellie.kunkes@jewishcharlotte.org. ✨

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Introducing the Center for Jewish Education

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and cutting-edge Jewish curriculum and classroom resources. There are so many new resources available to today's teachers, but many of them simply don't have the time to discover or access what is current in Jewish education. The Center's role will be to bring new ideas to the conversation, catalyzing new opportunities, and capturing projects and best practices from the field of education and engagement. The Center's tagline says it all - innovation, inspiration, and imagination."

Establishing excellence in Jewish Education begins with knowledgeable and passionate educators. This commitment to educational excellence is the inspiration behind one of the pillars of the CJE, The Blumenthal Educator Resource Center. "Throughout the years the Blumenthal family and Foundation have

always supported and believed in the importance of Jewish education for children and adults in our community," says Philip Blumenthal. "The Blumenthal family is greatly honored to have our name associated with the newly constituted Educator Resource Center. We truly believe that combining all these various educational efforts under the umbrella of the Center for Jewish Education makes tremendous sense for the community."

Susan Jacobs, Director of Education for Temple Beth El, enthusiastically endorses the new Center, "We couldn't be more thrilled with this development. The Center for Jewish Education will go far beyond simple materials; it will also provide knowledge and support for teachers with a diverse set of needs. I am grateful to the Federation and its donors for helping to reenergize our commu-

nity's efforts around Jewish education."

The CJE will also offer a host of family engagement and adult learning programs, along with strong Israel educational opportunities. The Levine Sklut Judaic Library will continue to operate under the CJE umbrella, with Debby Block at the helm of its most popular programmatic offerings.

Sue Worrel, Executive Director of the Jewish Federation, concludes, "One of Federation's strategic priorities is to have Jewish educational opportunities available to all. It's a powerful vision, one of a community that is motivated by Jewish knowledge. Together, we'll enrich our present and invent our future."

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- Multiple children attending camps and/or Jewish programs
- Extenuating chronic family circumstances (ie: special needs children; disability, etc.)

For more information, please contact Jewish Family Services. 704.364.6594.

Gorelick Teens to Israel Fund: Subsidies are available to local Jewish teens ages 13 - 19 traveling to Israel on a Federation approved program

Gloria & Harry Lerner Family Fund: Subsidies are available to local Jewish young adults between the ages of 21-30 traveling to Israel on a Federation approved program

For more information, please contact Tal Stein, Director of Israel Affairs and Community Relations, 704.944.6751 | tal.stein@jewishcharlotte.org

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