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JEWISH FEDERATION ANNUAL MEETING MAY 13 A Progressive Lens on Israel: Religious Freedom and Equality

The Annual Meeting of the Jewish Federation of Greater Charlotte will take place on Monday, May 13 at 7:30 PM in the Sam Lerner Center for Cultural Arts at Shalom Park. During the Annual Meeting, the 2019-2020 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 we welcome Rabbi Uri Regev, internationally renowned leader and advocate of religious liberty and the liberal movements of Judaism in his native Israel and around the world.

Rabbi Regev serves as the President and CEO of an educational and advocacy Israel-Diaspora partnership, "Freedom Of Religion for Israel" and of its Israeli counterpart, "Hiddush – For

Religious Freedom and Equality," which he founded in 2009.

For seven years he served as president of the World Union for Progressive Judaism, the global umbrella organization of the Progressive, Reform, Liberal, and Reconstructionist movements. As head of the World Union, Rabbi Regev worked to strengthen modern, pluralistic Jewish life and democracy in the Jewish state and throughout the world.

We look forward to seeing you on May 13. For more information, please call the Federation office at 704-944-6757. ✪



Rabbi Uri Regev



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

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| Gail Baron | Slade Goldstein |
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BOARD MEMBERS — TERM ENDING 2020

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Levine JCC Representative: Jonathan Kulbersh
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BOARD DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE - Allison Lerner, Chair
Nancy Kipnis, Elise Kosofsky, Sara Kulbersh, Sue Littauer,
Brad Rabinowitz, and Andrew Rosen

Commemorate and Celebrate Yom HaZikaron and Yom Ha'Atzmaut

There are very few celebrations or commemorations in the Jewish calendar that aren't part of a larger unit, a period of time that reflects a transition from one state to another. In his book, *A*

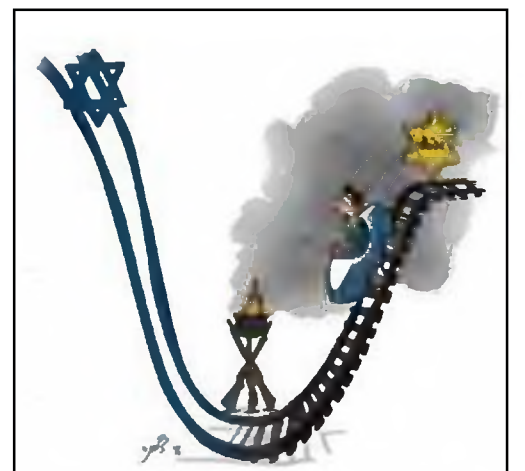
Passion for a People, Avraham Infeld urges us to view the nine days between Yom HaShoah (Holocaust Memorial Day), Yom HaZikaron (Memorial Day), and Yom HaAtzmaut (Independence

Day) as a unit of time he terms "The Nine Days of We," to echo the traditional unit of time we call the "Days of Awe" (Rosh HaShana and Yom Kippur). "The Nine Days of We" is a unit in time in which we commemorate the Jewish people's collective transition, the fundamental shift from destruction and powerlessness to independence and sovereignty.

This understanding of the "Nine Days of We" explains why Israel commemorates Yom HaShoah as a national holiday. After all, the Shoah did not take place in the geographical territory of Israel. However, an entire nation stands still for two minutes to commemorate an event, that although did not take place in Israel, is a profoundly Jewish event. And as the nation-state of the Jewish people, we have the privilege of commemorating this experience as a majority with all the trappings of government and national expression. Likewise, if I am Jewish and living outside of Israel, I must engage with Yom Ha'Atzmaut to celebrate my collective connection to the national home of my people.

Yom HaZikaron is a memorial for those people who gave their lives in order for the Jews to attain once again sovereignty and

power for the Jewish people. At the same time Yom Ha'Atzmaut is a celebration to recognize that the sovereignty and power that we gained was worth the sacrifice we made on Yom HaZikaron. ✪



Shay Charka perfectly illustrates the nine-day emotional roller-coaster from Holocaust Day (Yom HaShoah) through Memorial Day (Yom HaZikaron) to Independence Day (Yom Ha'atzmaut).

Commemorate Yom HaZikaron

Tuesday, May 7

6:30 PM, Sam Lerner Center for Cultural Arts, Shalom Park

Celebrate Yom Ha'Atzmaut
Sunday, May 19

12 noon–3 PM, Shalom Park

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