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## Women's Philanthropy Fall Kick Off September 11 Tickets on Sale Now

Inspired and guided by our tradition of tzedakah (righteousness/charity) and tikkun olam (repairing the world), the Jewish Federation's Women's Philanthropy is dedicated to the continuity, connectivity and thriving future of our Charlotte Jewish community, Israel, and the Jewish people.

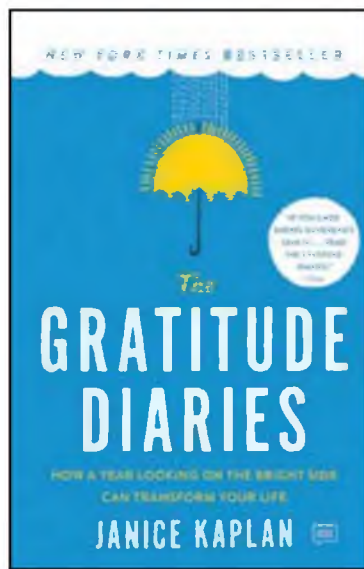
We seek to provide significant opportunities for all women to affirm their Jewish identity and spirituality, to be proactive in evolving issues of concern to contemporary Jewish women, to engage new cadres of participants and leaders in our community, and to inspire other Jewish women by example.

It's easy to look at others and think how lucky they are, and sometimes finding the positives in our own lives can be hard. Success is often measured in tangible ways, and as we strive to achieve more and get more, we forget that it's often the simple things that can bring us the most joy. After reading about how expressing gratitude for the little things can be incredibly powerful and af-

fect our lives in profound ways, Janice Kaplan decided to spend a year living gratefully and find out whether being grateful really does offer a new path to happiness.

Please join us on Wednesday, September 11, as we welcome bestselling writer and television personality Janice Kaplan, author of *The Gratitude Diaries: How a Year Looking on the Bright Side Can Transform Your Life*. Janice will share her year long quest to live a more fulfilling and happy life and will include research results from psychologists, doctors, and academics that highlight how gratitude can transform one's health, marriage, family life, and work.

This event will take place at 7 PM in the Sam Lerner Center for the Cultural Arts. Tickets bought



in advance of September 4 will cost \$18 which will include appetizers, fruit, and drinks (wine, tea, and lemonade). This event is open to all women and there is no minimum gift requirement to attend. This event is intended to be a warm, cheerful, and inclusive event to welcome all Jewish women in our community

and help us kickoff the Women's Philanthropy calendar.

The program is sponsored by the Jewish Federation's Women's Philanthropy and co-chaired by Melanie Brown and Lyba

Rouso. The Gratitude Diaries will be for sale prior to the event in the Federation office. For further information, contact Ilana Toch, 704-944-6784; ilana.toch@jewishcharlotte.org.✪

### EVENT CO-CHAIRS:

Melanie Brown and Lyba Rouso

### EVENT HOSTS:

Meredith Baumstein, Nancy Bernstein, Lee Bierer, Eliza Carney, Rochelle Carney, Amy Fine, Rachel Friedman, Rachel Helton, Alyssa Levine, Pearl Mann, Jan Marmor, Staci Mond, Amy Novick, Lauren Nussbaum, Dale Polsky, Heather Rouso, Louise Trager, Amy Udoff, Debra Van Glish, and Rachael Weiss

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## Epstein Family Chabad Center for Jewish Life Grand Opening on September 15

Chabad of Charlotte is excited to announce the naming of its newest building on the Sardis Road Campus. The "Epstein

Family Chabad Center for Jewish Life" will be the name of the new magnificent Chabad Center. The building is named in honor of

Harry A. Epstein who had an incredible impact on his grandson, Chris Epstein, the visionary benefactor of this monumental project.

Chris Epstein, President of BECO South and Midwest, has connected with Chabad of Charlotte from his arrival in 2010 and has grown in his friendship and camaraderie with Rabbi Yossi Groner, director of Chabad of Charlotte, through Torah study and his commitment to Jewish life.

The Epstein Family Chabad Center will house Congregation Ohr HaTorah and the Jewish

Learning Institute of Charlotte and will feature a commercial kosher kitchen and a grand multiuse ballroom as well as a junior congregation/weekday chapel.

The main entrance will lead in to a beautiful atrium welcoming visitors, members, teens, and preschool families to the new and existing facilities.

A spectacular grand opening celebration is planned for Sunday, September 15 at 5 PM. This event will include activities for the entire family. The celebration will showcase what Chabad of Charlotte offers on its



Chris Epstein

Sardis Road Campus - programs for adults, teens and preschool children. There will be multiple activities happening for all ages concurrently at this gala event.

Adults will be ushered into the new building where wine and cocktail drinks will await them. A magnificent multimedia presentation by internationally known Chassidic comic, Mendy Pellin, will be held in the beautiful sanctuary. The new sanctuary will feature synagogue furniture designed and built by Lavi Furniture Industries in the lower Galilee of Israel as well as other items from artists in Israel and the USA.

There will be a recognition ceremony with an expression of appreciation to the major donors of the new building, including



Rendering of the Epstein Family Chabad Center for Jewish Life

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