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## The 2020 Main Event Featuring Mitch Albom, Author, Journalist, Philanthropist

### Have a Little Faith: How Trusting Others Can Change The World



Co-chairs Holly and Hal Levinson invite you to join them at the Federation's 2020 Main Event on Sunday, January 26, 2020 at 7 PM at Temple Israel featuring Mitch Albom. The Main Event is the Jewish Federation's most widely attended event of the campaign season.

Mitch Albom is an internationally renowned and best-selling author, sportswriter, screenwriter, playwright, radio and television broadcaster, and musician. His books have collectively sold more than 39 million copies worldwide, have been published in forty-nine territories and in forty-five languages around the world, and have been made into Emmy Award-winning and critically-acclaimed television movies.

While nationally recognized for his sports writing, Albom

is perhaps best known for the themes of hope and kindness that weave through his books, plays, and films. In his talks and presentations, he brings the same inspiring message of community building, giving, and purpose. Albom shares stories about faith amongst the poor, the well-to-do, the homeless, and those who once felt God did not exist. He addresses questions such as: What do we all have in common in our hearts – no matter what house of worship we attend? How does the belief in something bigger than us give us insight, wisdom, and comfort? How does faith help when bad things happen? And what can we learn from each other's faith that can make the world, the workplace, our neighborhoods, and our daily lives more harmonious? Expanding on themes already developed in his

bestselling books *Tuesdays with Morrie* and *The Five People You Meet in Heaven*, Mitch Albom weaves a captivating and uplifting message about the potential in all of us for a giving, meaningful life.

Main Event tickets are \$36 each and are available online at [www.jewishcharlotte.org](http://www.jewishcharlotte.org) or by phone at 704-944-6757.

Everyday, the Jewish Federation of Greater Charlotte, together with you, our donors and partners, enriches lives, builds community and fosters a thriving Jewish future locally, in Israel and around the world. We are always at work powering the community and your Jewish experience in ways you might not think of, in places you would never expect. Right now, thousands of people need us in a multitude of ways. This is your moment to help. Join us at



Mitch Albom

For more information about the Main Event, please contact the Federation office at 704-944-6757 or [info@jewishcharlotte.org](mailto:info@jewishcharlotte.org). ☆

The mission of the Jewish Federation of Greater Charlotte is to raise and distribute funds to support and enrich the lives of Jews locally, nationally, in Israel and worldwide. Through education, planning and community building, the Federation's mission ensures that Jewish values, goals, traditions and connections are preserved for current and future generations.



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the Main Event, and be the start of something powerful. You will also have the opportunity to make your pledge to the 2020 Annual Campaign.

## Congratulations to Gabe Mathless on Becoming a JCPA Frank Family Fellow

The Frank Family Leadership Institute is a unique mentoring opportunity for emerging leaders who want to be active in the Jewish community relations field that focuses on public policy and advocacy, civic engagement, and

intergroup/interfaith relations. Its goal is to build the leaders of tomorrow for the community relations network at the national and local levels.

The Frank Fellows Leadership Institute is a 10-month pro-

gram run by the Jewish Council for Public Affairs (JCPA). The Fellowship program includes educational webinars, a Poland/Israel Mission, and attendance at the JCPA National Conference. As the program selects only 10 emerging Jewish leaders from across the nation, we are thrilled that Gabe Mathless will represent the Charlotte community as part of the 2019-2020 cohort.

Although Gabe and his family moved to the Queen City only a few years ago, he has already established himself as an energetic leader within the Charlotte Jewish community. He is vice-president of Charlotte's Levine Jewish Community Center, serves on multiple committees, and chairs the LJCC's governance committee. In recognition of his contributions to the LJCC, Gabe was awarded the LJCC's President's Cup and Director's Award in 2017 and was selected to represent the LJCC at the biennial JCC Association of North America conference through the Esther Leah Ritz Emerging JCC Leaders Institute in 2018.

As part of the Frank Fellowship, Gabe be working with the Jewish Federation's Director of Community Relations and Israel

Affairs, Laurel Grauer, to coordinate Israel advocacy efforts and re-establish Charlotte's Jewish Community Relations Council.

Gabe Mathless is a corporate restructuring and bankruptcy attorney with the firm Moore and Van Allen PLLC. He received his law degree from the University of Chicago Law School and undergraduate degrees from the University of Michigan. He lives in Charlotte, with his wonderful wife, Stephanie, and their two beautiful sons. ☆



Gabe Mathless

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December 15, Temple Beth El's Equity in Education team presents *Resilience*, a documentary about toxic stress and its effects on children.

See page 11 for more details.

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