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The Jewish Federation Is On The Road to \$5 Million!

Risa Miller and Jake House, Federation Annual Campaign Co-chairs, are excited to announce that our Federation is "On the Road to \$5 Million." The impact Federation continues to make on Jewish life is more critical than ever. It will take everyone's help to reach this goal. Donors like you will be counted on to step up during this important time in our Jewish lives. To meet the growing needs of our community, we are committed to a \$5,000,000 campaign by no later than 2022.

Risa Miller states: "I feel strongly that in order to have a viable Jewish community we must support an organization that helps pull all of the pieces together, allowing Judaism to thrive. What would our community be without a Hebrew cemetery? With-

out Jewish preschools and a Jewish day school? Without a JCC and programs like Oasis? Without programs like Friendship Circle and ZABS Place to assist the special needs community? Without a global commitment to help Jewish people all over the world? Without the necessary security and leadership in place to respond to recent events? Your gift allows the Federation to provide ongoing assistance to all of these vital initiatives, resulting in a vibrant Jewish community."

Jake House adds: "We have been chugging along with low single digit percent increases each year. It's time to be bold. \$5 million is not an arbitrary number. It's what we need to do the work we want to do."

In 2020, we must be united to demon-

strate our strength and ensure that Jewish values and connections are preserved for current and future generations. The Jewish community has no one else to turn to for support besides ourselves. Federation hopes you will consider an increased gift this year. Or perhaps a multi-year gift during our Road to \$5 Million. Someone from our campaign team will be reaching out to you soon. Or you can donate online at www.jewishcharlotte.org or call 704-944-6757.



A Winter Wonderland of Learning with Jewish Life at Queens University

February and March Bring Thought Provoking Events to the Greenspon Center

Why are some people more resilient than others? Can resiliency be taught? Can it be learned? Dr. Teresa Stephens has spent decades researching these very questions. Dr. Teresa Stephens is an Associate Professor in the College of Nursing at Medical University of South Carolina. She began studying the how and why of personal resilience after observing the high rate of burn-out among her colleagues. After leaving two nursing jobs as a result of high levels of many

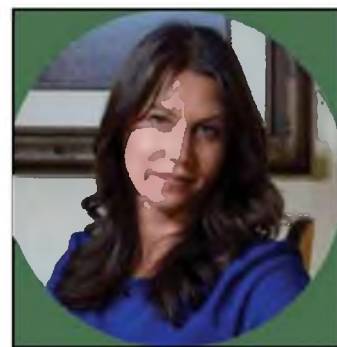


Teresa Stephens

different kinds of stress, she decided to look for some answers. "I made myself a promise that if I ever had a chance to make a difference and make it better for other nurses, that's what I would do." By working with Holocaust survivors, Stephens began to understand and document how resilient people think, process stress, and grow from adversity. Please join us on February 5 from 6:30-8 PM in Ketner Auditorium as we welcome Dr. Teresa Stephens. This program would not be possible without the generosity of our sponsors, Novant Health and Jewish Family Services of Greater Charlotte for sponsoring this program.

Our Second Annual Sklut Lecture features Justice Mark Davis. His talk, titled "Parallels Between Torah and our Modern Legal System," will be presented by Queens Jewish Life on Tuesday, February 11 from 6-7 PM in Ketner Auditorium on the Queens University campus.

During the second week of February, Jews across the world read the Torah portion called *Yitro* in which Moses' father-in-law (Yitro) advised Moses to set up a system of upper courts and lower courts. Associate Justice Mark A. Davis of the Supreme Court of North Carolina, the first Jewish member of the Court in its 200-year history, will speak about links between the Torah and our modern legal system. Justice Davis will discuss the compatibility between the First Amendment and the Ten Commandments. He will explain how the structure of our modern court system derives



Tanya Gersh



Allison Miller

from the Torah and will explore how the process by which judges today analyze legal issues is based on Talmudic principles of interpretation.

The lecture is generously sponsored by Hospice and Palliative Care Charlotte Region. The program is free and open to the public and will be followed by a light dessert reception.

The Greenspon Center 3rd Anniversary Celebration brings a woman of courage to Charlotte and addresses a timely issue about which so many of us are concerned: Responding to Cyberhate in the Age of Technology.

Join the Stan Greenspon Center for Peace and Social Justice on March 26 to hear the riveting story of Tanya Gersh, a Jewish real estate broker who fought back in the face of a neo-Nazi troll storm. Her story begins when she advised Ms. Spencer, the mother of an infamous Neo-Nazi, about selling her building. The son, Richard Spencer, began an online attack against Tanya and her family that ended in a lawsuit.

After we hear from Tanya, Allison Miller from Bank of America will share her wisdom on how to protect ourselves while enjoying the benefits of online business and social media. Allison Miller is the Senior VP of Engineering and Cybersecurity Technology at Bank of America. She is active in the security community and speaks internationally on cyber strategy, technology design, fraud prevention, security analytics, and risk management.

Join us on March 26 from 6:30-8:30 PM in the Belk Chapel at Queens University, 1900 Selwyn Avenue for this incredible event. Many thanks to our

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