

Cultivating our Humanity with Author, Educator, and Rabbi Ariel Burger



“No human race is superior, no religious faith is inferior. All collective judgments are wrong. Only racists make them.” —Elie Wiesel

Every year, the Center for Jewish Education proudly provides our Charlotte Jewish community two opportunities to read as a community accompanied by booktalks from award-winning authors. This year, our country and our community have been struggling with the novel COVID-19 pandemic as well as the ongoing issues of social and racial injustice. The Jewish Federation’s Center for Jewish Education (CJE) and JCRC (Jewish Community Relations Council) are proud to have provided our community with a virtual series on the topic of racial justice and racism.

In the face of an overwhelming tidal wave of bad news and finger-pointing, it is our belief that what our community needs most right now are daily reminders of our better human selves, so that each of us can rise to this challenge. That is why this fall, our Federation’s CJE and JCRC have partnered for a community-wide read and fall lecture around the award-winning book “Witness: Lessons from Elie Wiesel’s Classroom” by author, rabbi, artist, teacher and beloved student of Elie Wiesel.

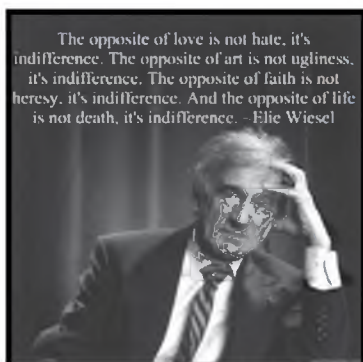
Make no mistake, this is not a book about the Holocaust! As a long-time student of Elie Wiesel, Ariel Burger captured the life wisdom of Elie Wiesel. Wiesel was a towering presence on the world stage — a Nobel laureate, activist, adviser to world leaders, and the author of more than forty books, including the Oprah’s Book Club selection “Night.” But when asked, Wiesel always said, “I am a teacher first.” In this profoundly thought-provoking and inspiring book, Burger grants readers access to Wiesel’s lessons and teachings. It is an immensely hopeful book, underscoring how much more richly we can experience our humanity because

of Wiesel’s work. “Witness” serves as a moral education, a primer on education against indifference and our roles in making the world a more compassionate place.

Don’t miss this opportunity to be inspired!

This virtual event will take place on Thursday, October 29 at 8:00 p.m.

For more information and to reserve your spot visit www.jewishcharlotte.org



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