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Mayim Bialik Featured at 2021 Main Event



The Main Event is the Jewish Federation's highest-profile event of the year and officially kicks off our community's 2021 Annual Campaign. This year, Federation's co-chairs Jen and Andrew Rosen are excited to announce that we will welcome Mayim Bialik to the Main Event as our featured speaker on Sunday, January 31 at 7 p.m. Please join us virtually as Mayim will help us celebrate the work of Federation through stories of her own experiences. Mayim Bialik is an actress and neuroscientist who has received two Critics' Choice Awards, four Emmy Award nominations, and a Screen Actor's Guild nomination. Bialik's beloved roles as an actress over the years include the young version of Bette Midler's character in "Beaches," Blossom Russo in the iconic 90s sitcom "Blossom," and Amy Farrah in the hit CBS comedy "The Big Bang Theory."

An acclaimed author, Bialik has written two #1 New York

Times bestsellers: "Girling Up: How to Be Strong, Smart and Spectacular" and "Boying Up: How to Be Brave, Bold and Brilliant." She has also written a parenting book, "Beyond the Sling," and a cookbook, "Mayim's Vegan Table." Bialik has recently dedicated her skills as a writer, actress, neuroscientist, and mother to driving the lifestyle website GrokNation.com.

Following the end of "Blossom," Bialik left acting for 12 years to earn a bachelor's degree in neuroscience from UCLA with a minor in Hebrew and Jewish studies. She went on to complete her doctoral degree in neuroscience. While at UCLA, Bialik was a dedicated student leader in UCLA Hillel, conducting and writing music for UCLA's Jewish acappella group.

The 700 tickets for last year's Main Event quickly sold out. This year, with our first virtual Main Event, there is no limit to how many people can join us to hear Mayim speak and support

the crucial work of Federation.

As our community continues to respond to these times with generosity and commitment, Federation's role continues to be vital. Together with you, our donors, and partners, we are always at work empowering our community and your Jewish experience. Your time to help is now.

Join us at the Main Event where you will have the opportunity to make your pledge to the 2021 Annual Campaign. Virtual tickets are \$36 and are available online at www.jewishcharlotte.org or by phone at 704-944-6757.

The mission of 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, Federation's mission ensures that Jewish values, goals, traditions, and connections are preserved for current and future generations.



The Jewish Federation of Greater Charlotte supports programs and services that have real impact on Jewish life each and every day, in Charlotte, Israel, and around the world. Turn to page 8 to see how your dollars have powered our community!

Charlotte's Outstanding Philanthropist Award: Eric and Lori Sklut Honored

Philanthropy is a time-honored tradition — in America, in Charlotte, and in Judaism. For sixty years, the Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP) has supported this critical work nationally and globally. For thirty-five of those years, the AFP's Charlotte chapter has been active. Recognizing the crucial role of the non-profit sector in supporting communal needs, in 1986, the White House declared November 15th National Philanthropy Day. Since that time, those who lead the way in community giving are celebrated in an annual ceremony. On November 12, 2020, Eric and Lori Sklut received Charlotte's regional award for "Outstanding Philanthropist." They joined the esteemed company of past recipients including Herman Blumenthal (1997), Leon and Sandra Levine



Eric and Lori Sklut

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