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# The Jewish South: Race, Place, & Religion in an American Region

by

**Marcie Cohen Ferris**

Professor of American Studies at the  
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Professor Marcie Cohen Ferris' research and teaching interests include southern history and culture—particularly the history of the Jewish South, American Jewish identity and culture, and the foodways and material culture of the American South. She is a recipient of UNC's Tanner Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Education, and her book *Matzoh Ball Gumbo: Culinary Tales of the Jewish South* was nominated for a James Beard Foundation Award.

In this year's Levinson lecture, an exploration of the 'long history' of southern Jewish life, Ferris considers the contested (and tested) experience of citizenship, southern-ness, and Jewish identity.

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# BRINGING COMMUNITIES TOGETHER

Welcome to the March/April edition of *Shalom Greensboro Magazine*.

This issue focuses on interfaith relations and activities throughout the Greensboro Jewish community. Articles highlight programming for young adults, families and seniors. The demographic for Jewish Greensboro is shifting towards more interfaith families and we want to make sure everyone feels included and needed.

The feature article highlights two programs: The Interfaith Clergy Mission and The Interfaith Study Mission. Both trips make inclusion and honoring differences a priority. Each participant spends many hours learning about Israel before the trip and debriefing when they return home.

We feel the topic of interfaith relations is a vital part of our society and warrants a dedicated issue. We hope you agree. Please let us know your thoughts by contacting us at [magazine@shalomgreensboro.org](mailto:magazine@shalomgreensboro.org).

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## EMBRACING A NEW GENERATION

Laughter rang through the halls of B'nai Shalom Day School on a cold winter evening in January as PJ Library Greensboro held a 'PJ Havdalah'. The evening featured glow-in-the-dark gaga ball in the gym for children ages 6 and older and pillowcase decorating in an upstairs classroom for the younger children.

Dozens of families arrived with children dressed in their favorite pajamas. As the lights were dimmed, families gathered for a group prayer led by Dani Luft and Lisa Lasovsky. Afterward, the children enjoyed activities and snacks.

Kara Davis, mom of three, says, "As an interfaith family, PJ Library offers wonderful programs which give us an opportunity to explore Judaism as a family and celebrate traditions. The PJ Havdalah was a lot of fun for our family and the boys especially enjoyed a chance to play with friends and make new friends."

# ON MY MIND:

## FEDERATION WORKS TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE In Interfaith and Community Relations

By Marilyn Forman Chandler, *Executive Director*



Marilyn Forman  
Chandler

Community relations and interfaith relations — the Federation has been hard at work on dialogues, meetings, briefings and community-wide programs related to these two issues. Federation President Sue Simmons and I have been meeting with all members of our Greensboro City Council about issues related to incidents involving anti-Semitism in our community and on North Carolina university campuses, and the security and safety of our Jewish communal institutions post the Tree of Life Synagogue shooting in Pittsburgh. We have met with the Guilford County Public Schools Leadership and plan to soon meet with the County Commissioners.

Rev. Dr. Daran Mitchell, Senior Pastor of Trinity AME Zion Church along with Rabbi Fred Guttman co-led the Winter Interfaith Clergy Mission accompanied by Rabbis Andy Koren and Joshua Ben-Gideon and twenty other members of the Greensboro clergy. This mission is funded in part by grants from the Greensboro Jewish Federation, Community Foundation of Greater Greensboro and the Leon Levine Foundation.

Nancy Brenner, Rev. Odell Cleveland, and Ron Milstein are co-chairs of the March 2019 Interfaith Study Mission, with 41 individuals of various races, religions, genders, and sexual orientations registered to attend. Co-sponsored by the Greensboro Jewish Federation, Community Foundation of Greater Greensboro and the National Conference for Community and Justice, this trip includes: artists, business people, nonprofit and civic leaders, law enforcement officers, a college President and Dean, ministers, rabbis, and local foundation leaders. The IFSM focuses on history, archaeology, religion, Israel-Palestine, interfaith relations, refugees and immigration, healthcare, education, borders, food, nation-building, civil society, and the Holocaust.

Funding is provided by each of these three organizations, along with the Tannenbaum-Sternberger Foundation and individual donors, including past mission alumni.

In preparation for the two trips, individuals from both missions had an opportunity to learn from Imam Abdullah Antepli, Director of Islamic Studies at Duke University and Yair Rosenberg, an American Jewish Journalist for Tablet Magazine during an evening at the International Civil Rights Center & Museum. Imam Antepli co-leads the Muslim Leadership Initiative (MLI) of the Shalom Hartman Institute in Jerusalem. Deonna Kelli Sayed, a participant in MLI, moderated the discussion.

Because of your donations, the Greensboro Jewish Federation is making a difference in interfaith and community relations in Greensboro.

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# FROM THE CAMPAIGN TRAIL: A RIPPLE OF KINDNESS



Raffi Simel

I got a letter recently from the Duke Cancer Institute that I shared with our Federation Board of Trustees. Inside there was a note from an author named Scott Adams that read:

“Remember, there’s no such thing as a small act of kindness. Every act creates a ripple with no logical end.”

I don’t know if there are better words to live by. I think we all know what a parent saying “I love

you and I’m here for you” can do for a child’s future. Or when someone you admire says they admire you. I’ll always remember when Erica Procton and Sue Simmons asked me if I had somewhere to go for Thanksgiving because I was welcome at their homes. Or the sweet note that Betsy Gamburg and Marilyn Chandler wrote me when my grandmother recently passed. Or about 12 years ago, when the Jewish Educational Loan Fund told me in a small office at the Federation, “Yes, we’ll loan it to you.” Or when Birthright told me, “Yes, you can go.” Or when Dianne Hines let me teach her how to play Sudoku the whole plane ride back from the New York mission, even though it was really all about me wanting to feel good about my Sudoku game.

I know these are just selected snippets of one person’s life, but perhaps in these snippets you’re beginning to realize what I was reminded of when I read this card. What’s a small act of kindness and what’s a big act? They’re all big. They’re all meaningful.

Every kindness that you show someone, big or small, regardless of who they are, where they’ve been, or where they might be going, is our community’s

greatest strength. That kindness shows through every invitation you extend, every welcome that you share, and quite literally every cent that you give. A recent JDC report [a beneficiary of the GJF Campaign] stated that \$21 will provide food, medicine and winter relief to one elderly client in the former Soviet Union for one month. Literally every cent matters.

We have countless more examples — from Jewish Family Services, to Hillel, to the NC Council on the Holocaust. You’re providing disaster relief, hunger relief, education through PJ Library and B’nai Shalom, programming that sustains Jewish life, and you’re fighting anti-Semitism.

“Remember, there’s no such thing as a small act of kindness. Every act creates a ripple with no logical end.”

The Greensboro Jewish Federation lives these words. YOU are a ripple of kindness in the world and in

our community. You show up every time, for everyone, often without fully comprehending the end. As just one beneficiary of your acts of kindness, I’m here to say - they’re all big, and they’re all meaningful.

Your Campaign is no different. At the time of this writing, you’ve raised \$1,223,539 towards our \$1.6 million goal. The \$50,000 matching funds from the Leon Levine Foundation have been a great catalyst for giving. We have more matching funds available and any increase of at least \$100 over your previous year’s gift will be matched. Let’s support your Campaign and give it all the firepower we can to make sure it keeps being a ripple of kindness in our community and in the world!

“What’s a small act of kindness and what’s a big act? They’re all big. They’re all meaningful.”



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## JFS Makes Our Community STRONGER

From the venerable Christmas at Cone program to the community food pantry operation, Jewish Family Services of Greensboro actively operates volunteer programs that provide outreach into the broader Greensboro community.



Paula Katz and Fred Pearlman



Moses Cone Hospital kitchen staff and volunteers from the Jewish community



Leslie Isakoff, Executive Director of *A Simple Gesture*, brings bags of food collected from the Greensboro community to help stock the Jewish Family Services' Food Pantry, which serves 150 families throughout Greensboro. An early partner, JFS and *A Simple Gesture* have been working together for three years. To learn more and sign up to participate visit [www.asimplegesturego.org](http://www.asimplegesturego.org).

Founded more than 40 years ago by Sylvia Berkelhammer and Derek David, Christmas at Cone is one of the hallmarks of the agency's interfaith work in Greensboro. Each year, Jewish volunteers serve at Cone Health area hospitals [Moses Cone and Wesley Long] to help relieve hospital staff and volunteers so that they can spend time with their families on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

Bob Bessey, Director of Volunteer Services at Moses Cone and Wesley Long Hospitals, says, "Our Jewish friends help make our holidays special. Their acts of kindness are clear examples of what 'community' is and should be around the world. We are so grateful to have them with us during the Christmas season. It allows others to enjoy family time, away from the hospitals and that is so special. Thank you."

During 2018, 145 volunteers served in a myriad of capacities, including working in the hospital gift shop, cafeteria, kitchen prep area, front desk and in the emergency room for a total of 370 volunteer hours. From washing pots and pans, to providing concierge service from the ER, to staffing the front desk, to delivering meals to patients, Jewish community volunteers made a difference.

JFS works closely with many groups outside the Jewish community, including running a food pantry that helps hundreds of families, through dedicated volunteers who provide sensitive and caring service to those in need. JFS was an early partner with *A Simple Gesture*, a program that helps provide food to families of many backgrounds and religions.

To learn more about volunteer opportunities, call or email David Frazier, JFS Volunteer Coordinator, (336) 852-4829 x227 or [dfrazier@shalomgreensboro.org](mailto:dfrazier@shalomgreensboro.org).

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Presented by JFS Chai Notes and the Creative Aging Network. Funded in part by the BJH Foundation for Senior Services.



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**SUNDAY, MAY 5, 2019**

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We apologize if we have missed anyone's contribution. Please call Jewish Family Services (336) 852-4829 x222 if we missed you, and we will include you in the next issue. The minimum donation for each submission is \$10.00. Thank you.



Larry Arnold, volunteer pianist, and Ruth Silfen



Seymour Wechsler, Goldie Wetter, and Katy Claussen

## JFS SENIOR PROGRAMS: Bringing Community to Abbotswood

"It's so important to have something to look forward to," said Debi Silber, whose mother Gloria Silber, resides at Abbotswood at Irving Park, a beautiful facility that serves older adults who are independent or in need of assisted living services.

Ms. Silber's comments came during the JFS annual luncheon at Abbotswood in January. The event featured live piano music by volunteer Larry Arnold. Mitchel Sommers, whose mother is a new resident, sang several Broadway musical show tunes, delighting everyone with his animated performance. This year's party favors, provided by JFS, were beautiful soaps. Abbotswood provided the food for the luncheon.

Allison Pait, Abbotswood Executive Director, commented that the Jewish community does a great job of staying in touch with the residents and fostering a sense of belonging. JFS holds a number of special programs with Jewish themes each year at Abbotswood, including the community Chanukah party. Programs are open to all residents and are well attended.

Katy Claussen, Chai Notes Program Specialist, provides music and art programs throughout the year for Abbotswood residents, often bringing children from B'nai Shalom Day School to create intergenerational activities.

In 2018, JFS Chai Notes showed a film featuring Jewish World War II veterans that drew a crowd from Abbotswood and the extended community.

The events offer an opportunity for residents to re-connect with each other, get to know the JFS staff a little better, and to have a good time, according to JFS Director Betsy Gamburg.

## A JEWISH RESPONSE TO FEDERAL WORKERS



JFS recently worked on behalf of the Greensboro Jewish community to assist Federal workers who had not been receiving pay during the federal government shutdown. JFS worked with the City of Greensboro and the Community Foundation to help with a new emergency relief fund intended to help Federal workers with rents or mortgages.

Pictured at the airport are Tom Cone, VP Greensboro Jewish Federation, who serves on the JFS Board, and Betsy Gamburg, JFS Director, dropping off gift cards to Air Traffic Controllers.

# JOURNEY to UNDERSTANDING: A Story of Two Interfaith Missions



Interfaith Clergy Mission participants Wess Daniels and Rabbi Joshua Ben Gideon on the plane to Israel.

A newcomer to Greensboro once pointed out that there is a house of worship on every street corner. Looking around town, it seems to be true. Guilford County is home to Catholic, Greek Orthodox and Protestant churches, as well as four Jewish Congregations and five Islamic Mosques. A community this diverse thrives on communication between faith leaders and congregants. Learning about each other's origin is the cornerstone to greater understanding.

The Greensboro Jewish Federation has been at the forefront in building understanding between faith-based communities. More than two decades ago, the Federation leadership made taking Christians, Jews, Muslims and representatives from all other faiths to Israel a priority. The first trip was the Interfaith Study Mission (IFSM). In 1992, Joanne Bluethenthal and Gail LeBauer presented the idea based on a concept

from the Birmingham Jewish Federation. After the initial meeting, the Tannenbaum-Sternberger Foundation also signed on to fund scholarships for the project.

The inaugural mission left in 1994 and this year marks the eighth IFSM. The program has engaged close to 300 people. The Community Foundation of Greater Greensboro (CFGG) and NCCJ joined the Federation early on, recruiting and supplying grants to make the trips a reality and, along with GJF, help plan each IFSM and provide leadership for the steering committee.

In 2008, Rabbi Fred

Guttman saw the need for a clergy only Mission. The third trip embarked in January. He believes the clergy mission is coming at the right time. "We are living at a time in which people are being pulled to the extremes. The very fabric of civil society seems to be tearing apart at the seams." He hopes the trip to Israel will repair the damage and build a greater sense of social capital within the greater faith community.

"Most of my experience with people fascinated with Israel were Jews for Jesus," remembers Wess Daniels, the William R Rogers Director of Friends Center and Quaker Studies at Guilford College. He didn't have any interest in going to Israel until his friend, Rabbi Joshua Ben Gideon, invited him.

The aftermath of the 9/11 attack was the beginning of Rabbi Joshua Ben Gideon's interfaith work. He learned it's not about trying to minimize the differences but rather to recognize everyone's similar journey. "We should be honoring each other's differences and respecting them."

Interfaith Study Mission participant, Sylvia Swayze agrees. "I think we all have a story to tell. We seem so separate, but we are all connected." This will be her sixth mission to Israel. Her passion started after hearing the late Claudette Burroughs-White discuss the trip at a meeting. "She was the impetus for me going on the trip and I am forever grateful." The missions have been a blessing in her life.

The trips allow people to experience Israel. Ron Milstein, one of the chairs of the Interfaith Study Mission, wants people to "come away with [an understanding of] what a wonderful country Israel is ... it is a country all unto itself that's thriving. Just a miracle start-up nation."

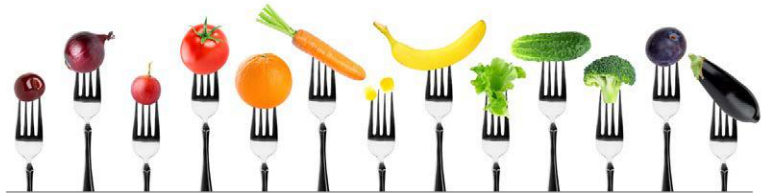
Many participants are looking forward to learning about the vibrant democracy and the open exchange of ideas.

A group of local artists are also going on the study mission. Victoria Milstein, a local artist, explains that "art is a way to unite people." Artists tell stories in

## FOUR GOALS GUIDING THE INTERFAITH STUDY MISSION

1. Encourage people to form relationships across cultures and build community.
2. Build understanding of different spiritual and faith backgrounds and experiences while being together.
3. Promote cooperative activities in the community following the Mission.
4. Help participants gain greater understanding of the complex issues pertaining to the Middle East today and apply learnings back home.

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a visual form; often saying the unsaid. "Artists are particularly open to communicating and talking about things that may be uncomfortable to talk about."

Several local exhibits in the past few years have communicated the Middle East story. Milstein believes this trip will offer a chance for another perspective. "I don't know if the Israeli voice has always been as present in Greensboro."

Daniels admits, "It is overwhelming to me to begin to understand everything [going on politically in Israel]." He doesn't know what he hopes to learn on the trip. "I just hope to learn. In preparations for the trip and our conversations together I already feel I've made more progress in terms of my own understanding."

Participants will learn the history of Israel and that the problems faced today are not new. "We take for granted as American Jews that people understand why Israel is there, how it was created and why it needs to continue to be there. Anti-Semitism and the idea of the Jewish state as a religious and cultural phenomenon is really important for non-Jews to understand," Ron Milstein explains.

“We should be honoring each other's differences and respecting them.”

Participation on the Israel missions has led to greater community partnerships in the past. Each mission member takes away something special and unique that will help them build greater understanding. The trips have also generated other interfaith projects. One individual from the last IFSM is creating a trip of her own. Other ministers have taken their congregants on missions and alumni have joined the board of NCCJ and the Community Foundation of Greater Greensboro and have participated in interfaith programs and other interfaith learning opportunities.

Sylvia Swayze believes, "What we take from our experiences helps us on our journey." What an amazing journey it is.

*Do you want to go on an interfaith mission? Find out more about the Interfaith Study Mission by contacting Dianne Hines at [dhines@shalomgreensboro.org](mailto:dhines@shalomgreensboro.org) and learn more about the Interfaith Clergy Mission by emailing Rabbi Fred Guttman at [fguttman@tegreensboro.org](mailto:fguttman@tegreensboro.org).*



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# ON THE TOWN



Zoe Davila, Eve Knapp

## OPENING HEARTS AND MINDS

In a ground-breaking event, the Women's Philanthropy Collective, chaired by Dana Schleien, hosted a conversational evening at Scuppernong Books with coffee, chocolate and conversation around the topic of interfaith relationships. The event was held on February 7 and drew a diverse audience. Thank you to the Women's Philanthropy Collective for organizing a thought provoking evening.



Ron and Ashley Garcia



Joey Kaiser and Annie Karner



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Dana Schleien, Gabby Lowery



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## YOU ANSWERED THE CALL!

Super Sunday Telethon was a super success on February 3, with 78 volunteers who helped raise \$50,915 towards the 2019 Annual Campaign! Whether you answered the call or made the call — thank you for truly making a difference and helping to create a community where Jewish life can thrive. Special thanks to Ashley Garcia and Marissa Milstein for chairing both the December and February Telethons.



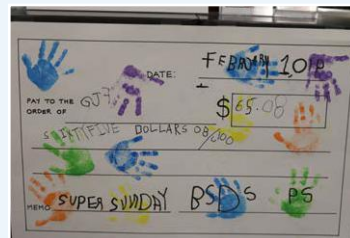
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Thank you to B'nai Shalom students

# Setting the Stage

## FOR A SUCCESSFUL 2019 CAMPAIGN

Campaign Kickoff 2019 on January 16, was an evening to remember. More than 200 members of our community enjoyed the evening in the newly renovated Carolina Theatre. Rabbi Sharon Brous shared a message of hope and growth for our community and Campaign chairs Erica Procton and Raffi Simel spoke about how campaign dollars make a difference and the resounding success of this year's matching gift program. Event chairs Peggy Bernstein and Alyssa Samet planned an evening that was enjoyed by all.



Kickoff Event Chairs  
Alyssa Samet and Peggy Bernstein



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Raffi Simel with Rabbi Sharon Brous



Andra and Aaron LeBauer



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Cathy McLain

The Jewish Foundation of Greensboro is pleased to announce that Cathy McLain has been hired as Finance Manager.

Cathy attended UNCG's Bryan School of Business and majored in accounting and business. She has extensive experience in non-profit and corporate accounting. She and her husband have four grown children, and three grand-children.

As the Finance Manager, Cathy will be responsible for monitoring and updating the Financial Information Management System (FIMS) and Donor Central module on a daily basis. She will prepare monthly accounting reports from FIMS for all contributions and distributions and confirm the balances from PNC and FIMS general ledger.

Cathy looks forward to building strong relationships with Foundation donors. She believes deeply in the Foundation's mission-driven work and is eager to serve the community in this new capacity.



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# COMMUNITY

## BJH FOUNDATION: Important Dates to Note



Spring is in the air, people are beginning to venture outside and exciting things are on the BJH Foundation calendar including the **2019 BJH Foundation Summit, April 30 - May 1, at Temple Beth El, Charlotte, NC.**

Engage with current, past and future grantees along with friends of BJH Foundation at this summit. This year's program will emphasize "Helping Your Organization Succeed in Providing Programs and Services for Jewish Adults in the Carolinas".

Featured speakers include Rabbi Judith Schindler, Associate Professor of Jewish Studies and Director of the Stan Greenspon Center for Peace and Social Justice at Queens University of Charlotte, former Rabbi at Temple Beth El. Michael Marcus, an expert on Jewish aging internationally, he led grant making in aging for the Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Foundation (the largest US funder in the aging field), principal of Consultants for Community Resources. Ron Manheimer, President of BJH Foundation, founding director of UNC Asheville's NC Center for Creative Retirement (now Osher Lifelong Learning Institute), editor of *The Second Middle Age: Looking Differently at Life After 50* and many other books and articles on aging and lifestyle choices.

**NOTE: The 2019 BJH Foundation Grant Application filing deadline is March 8, 2019.**

BJH Foundation strives to help all Jewish adults age gracefully by awarding grants for programs connecting Jewish adults, some with varying degrees of mental and or physical health issues, to need life improving services in North and South Carolina. For additional information regarding the 2019 BJH Foundation Summit or other matters, contact Wendee Cutler, [wcutler@bjhfoundation.org](mailto:wcutler@bjhfoundation.org) or (336) 854-8400.

## JTRIAD: Embracing Interfaith Relationships Among Young Professionals

Jewish young professionals aged 25-39 — JTriad's target audience — are more readily dating and marrying people outside the Jewish religion. To remain relevant, it is important to not only adapt but truly embrace this shift. JTriad's approach places emphasis on welcoming the family, friends, and significant others of its members, regardless of their belief system.

JTriad views interfaith relationships as an opportunity to expand its footprint by immersing newcomers in the traditions and community that make Jewish life unique.

Back in December at JTriad's Chanukah party, a long-standing JTriad member, Joel Zendel, announced his engagement to Jordan Richardson (pictured). Despite getting engaged just a few hours before, the couple excitedly attended the event to share the good news with their JTriad community. Jordan, who is not Jewish, considers her time with JTriad to be a good introduction into the life she and Joel are embarking on together. Joel and Jordan's story is just one of many interfaith fairytales from within JTriad.

JTriad is run by a small committee of dedicated volunteers and is supported by the Greensboro Jewish Federation, Temple Emanuel of Greensboro, Temple Emanuel of Winston Salem, and Beth David Synagogue.



Joel Zendel and Jordan Richardson



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2019 Greensboro Interfaith Clergy Trip Participants



## TEMPLE EMANUEL: Greensboro Clergy Visits Israel

The third Greensboro Interfaith Clergy trip to Israel took place earlier this year, with 19 diverse clergy members - including Christians and Jews, African American and Caucasian, theological conservatives and liberals, both male and female in attendance.

### FOUR GOALS GUIDING THE INTERFAITH CLERGY TRIP

1. Exposure to Judaism; religion, tradition and spirituality.
2. Exposure to Christianity; religion, tradition and spirituality.
3. Understanding the meaning of modern Israel within the context of Jewish history and the complexity of the Middle East conflict.
4. Create tight-knit relationships to develop social capital among Greensboro's clergy.

Rabbi Fred Guttman was the leader and organizer of the trip; in addition to leading the first and second Interfaith Clergy trips in 2008 and 2013. The trips are a culmination of hundreds of hours of organizing, studying and planning.

"We share a faith in G-d, a common belief that all of us are created in G-d's image and a common desire to work towards equality, compassion, justice and peace. We realize that despite our differences, that which unites us is so much greater," says Rabbi Guttman.

Fifty-six members of the Greensboro clergy community, representing faith institutions both large and small, have now attended the clergy trip and the number of congregants represented by those who have participated is close to 100,000!

The trips have resulted in wonderful things happening in Greensboro, including shared services and meals, and pulpit exchanges between ministers. People have come together to work on poverty and housing among other issues. Many of the members of

the group are participants in the 'Greensboro Faith Leaders Council.'

A significantly greater understanding of Israel by the Christian clergy participants was gained in each trip. In one case, a participant became active in his national church organization in fighting efforts to boycott and demonize Israel.

According to Rabbi Guttman, the trips have been "smashing successes whose benefits are significant and ongoing." He noted that "the next generation of rabbinical leadership in Greensboro attended the 2019 trip - Rabbi Joshua Ben Gideon, Beth David Synagogue and Rabbi Andy Koren, Temple Emanuel". He believes that the relationships created on the trip will serve them and the Jewish community in the decades to come.

Financial support for the trip was received from a variety of sources, including but not limited to the Greensboro Jewish Federation, the Community Foundation of Greater Greensboro and the Leon Levine Foundation.

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## Jewish International Summit for Teens Held at AMERICAN HEBREW ACADEMY



For the first time in Academy history, the campus community hosted the Jewish International Summit for Teens (JIST). This inaugural event brought Jewish middle school teens from Mexico and the United States, along with their chaperones together for a unique week-long educational experience facilitated by Academy faculty.

The students worked in teams to interact, raise awareness, debate, and problem solve to find practical and meaningful Jewish solutions to issues impacting our world today. One team examined the dangers of plastics on the environment and our health. They researched the social and economic systems that are founded on disposable living. The second group investigated fake news and the use and abuse of social media as a source of false and misleading information that affects attitudes and behavior.

The visitors also enjoyed learning about the Academy, spending time with current students, and participated in many fun programs and field trips throughout their time in Greensboro.

As the culminating activity, each group presented their solutions to the topics researched throughout the week to the campus community. Dori Chandler '05 was the keynote speaker. She is an environmental consultant and planner focused on non-profit and government experience in the areas of advocacy, resource recovery, and community engagement. She is passionate about environmental and social justice.

The week wrapped up with a wonderful Shabbat, which included music by the a cappella group 'The Shabbatones' (visiting from the University of Pennsylvania), and the JIST students attended the 'Snow Ball' where they danced the night away celebrating the fun time they had at the Academy.

## BETH DAVID SYNAGOGUE Helping Interfaith Families Celebrate Jewish Holidays



"At Beth David Synagogue, all are welcome," explains Rabbi Joshua Ben-Gideon. "We welcome interfaith couples and families, and honor everyone's presence

and participation, no matter their personal spiritual choice. Inclusion is one of our values."

In order to better support interfaith families in the community, the Conservative congregation is launching a new program designed to help families with different faith backgrounds celebrate Jewish holidays. Led by with Rabbi Joshua Ben-Gideon and Director of Education, Jason Cathcart, the interactive program invites families to learn and discuss together how to meaningfully celebrate in their homes.

In today's world, almost every family is interfaith in some way, whether it is a spouse who is not Jewish, a grandparent, a step-parent, a daughter, a son-in-law, or cousin. But sometimes, families have questions about how to celebrate holidays, how to incorporate Jewish traditions, and how to build a strong Jewish family together.

The new program will address those questions, and more, in an intentionally inclusive environment. Please join Rabbi Joshua Ben Gideon and Jason Cathcart on March 31st from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Beth David Synagogue will provide babysitting and kid friendly activities during that time.

All families are always welcome at Beth David Synagogue, and the congregation's rabbi and leadership is committed to welcoming and celebrating all those who want a connection with traditional Judaism, or are interested in learning more about how to make Judaism a part of their lives.

Passover is soon approaching, and Rabbi Ben-Gideon and Jason Cathcart are already planning programs for the community. For more information or to discuss, contact Rabbi Ben-Gideon or Jason (336) 294-0007.

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# CHABAD GREENSBORO: An Insightful Message from Anne Frank's Stepsister Eva Schloss



Eva Schloss

Hearing a first-hand about the atrocities of the Holocaust is becoming a rarity as many survivors are passing away. On Wednesday, February 27, Chabad of Greensboro hosted\* a program at The Carolina Theatre featuring Mrs. Eva Schloss. She shared her experiences as the childhood friend and step sister of Anne Frank, including accounts of the publishing of Anne's famed diary.

Eva Schloss devotes herself to holocaust education and global peace. She travels the world sharing her wartime experiences

and in addition to writing two books. In 1999, she signed the Anne Frank Peace Declaration along with United Nations Secretary General Kofi Annan and the niece of Raul Wallenberg, a legendary figure who rescued thousands of Jews in Budapest.

Her story is sensational and difficult to imagine, yet her insightful message reminds us that life is precious, the creative spirit is stronger than fear and that love makes a difference.

*\*The event was scheduled at the time of printing.*




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# Martin Luther King Jr. Day and Tu B'Shevat a Day of Learning at B'NAI SHALOM DAY SCHOOL



Most schools were closed on Martin Luther King Jr. Day, but B'nai Shalom remained open for a second year and used the time as a day of learning and reflection.

The day started with the entire school gathering for a Peace Ceremony in the gymnasium. Students recited poems, sang, and danced together. Following a community breakfast catered by DeWafelbakers, students broke into small groups for a full day of meaningful activities. These included visits from:

- **CHIEF JUSTICE HENRY FRYE** In 1983, Governor Jim Hunt appointed Frye to the North Carolina Supreme Court as an associate justice, the first African-American to hold that position in North Carolina history.
- **THE POETRY PROJECT** Students were excited to welcome back the Poetry Project for a second year. The students were treated to poems and songs with Josephus and his talented team of performers.
- **WHAT WE CARRY** (Upper school) A multi-media presentation designed for classrooms, museums, and community outlets that lets Holocaust survivors' stories live on after they are no longer able to present them in person.

B'nai Shalom students had the privilege to view the story of Dana Cohen, who spent her early childhood in Lvov, Poland. The daughter of a businessman, she and her mother, Freda Sygal, enjoyed the comforts of their society. On the morning of April 13, 1940, all of that changed when Russian soldiers stormed into their apartment, taking possession of it, along with all of their personal belongings, and sending Dana and her mother on a nightmarish journey through Russia, Siberia, and Kazakhstan.

The hallways of B'nai Shalom are now adorned with artwork as a reminder of how far the Jewish people have come and how far is yet to go.



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# HAPPENINGS: UPCOMING EVENTS IN OUR COMMUNITY

## MONDAY, MARCH 4

### JFS Food For Thought

7 - 8:15 p.m. Federation Building  
For the under 45 crowd who would like to learn about issues of hunger and how Greensboro is responding. Leslie Isakoff, Executive Director of A Simple Gesture, will share her journey to a leadership position in our community. The program will include working in the pantry. Contact Jessica Wisniewski, JFS GFLI Fellow at jshor311@gmail.com or contact Marcia at JFS at (336) 852-4829 x222.

## FRIDAY, MARCH 8

### Beth David Book Sale

Friday, March 8 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
Sunday, March 10 10:00 a.m. - 6 p.m.  
Monday, March 11 11 a.m. - 7 p.m.  
Beth David Synagogue  
If you love books, you'll love Beth David's 17th Annual Used Book Sale! Over 50,000 great quality books, most \$4 or less! You can start shopping at 10 a.m. on March 8th for a \$5 early bird fee. Admission is free for all above times, and there is a bag sale on March 11. Proceeds benefit education and community programming.

## SUNDAY, MARCH 10

### JTriad Brunch

10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Chez Genese  
Join JTriad for a relaxing Sunday morning brunch at downtown's newest restaurant.

## SATURDAY, MARCH 16

### TE SPRING Mix!

6 p.m. Temple Emanuel  
A Night in Shushan, A Purim Party - Join us for a fun-filled night of food, entertainment, costumes (optional), basketball & hamantaschen. RSVP by Friday, March 8. [www.tegreensboro.org](http://www.tegreensboro.org) or [info@tegreensboro.org](mailto:info@tegreensboro.org).

## SUNDAY, MARCH 17

### Celebrate Purim at Temple Emanuel!

9:30 a.m. Megillah Reading & Costume Parade  
10:30 a.m. Purim Carnival  
11:30 a.m. Brotherhood Kosher Hot Dog Sale

## MONDAY, MARCH 18

### JFS Purim Mask-Making

1 - 2:30 p.m. Federation Building  
Lia Miller of Creative Aging-NC will lead the discussion of the eternal struggle between good and evil, externally and internally, as we construct beautiful masks for Purim. Snacks included. Contact Katy Claussen (336) 862-4829 x228 or [kclaussen@shalomgreensboro.org](mailto:kclaussen@shalomgreensboro.org).

## SUNDAY, MARCH 17

### BD What Page Are We On?

**Navigating Shabbat Morning Services**  
Sunday, March 17 3:30 - 5 p.m.  
Sunday, March 24 3:30 - 5 p.m.  
Sunday, March 31 3:30 - 5 p.m.  
Beth David Synagogue  
Join Rabbis Josh and Rebecca Ben Gideon for 3 sessions exploring the history and structure of the service, navigating the Siddur, and how you might relate to God in prayer.

## TUESDAY, MARCH 19

### JFS Ageism in the Workplace

7 - 8:30 p.m. Federation Building  
JFS presents an employment program with Allen Unger. Share your stories and learn best practices to combat and manage these situations. Contact Betsy Gamburg at (336) 852-4829 x225 or [bgamburg@shalomgreensboro.org](mailto:bgamburg@shalomgreensboro.org).

## WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20

### BD Purim Carnival

5 p.m. Beth David Synagogue  
Celebrate Purim with Beth David! The carnival will be followed by dinner at 6 p.m. Megillah Readings to follow dinner at 6:45 p.m.

### TE Adult Megillah Reading

7 p.m. Temple Emanuel  
Join us for this fun Purim celebration for Adults!

### Chabad Megillah Reading & Break the Fast

8 p.m. Chabad

## THURSDAY, MARCH 21

### Chabad Purim in Morocco Celebration

4:30 pm Chabad

## MARCH 22-23

### American Hebrew Academy Open House Weekend

See what makes the Academy the only choice for Jewish students in the Triad. To register, [www.americanhebrewacademy.org/admissions/open-house/](http://www.americanhebrewacademy.org/admissions/open-house/).

## THURSDAY, MARCH 28

### GJF An Evening of Health & Wellness with Laurie Lloyd

6:30 p.m. HQ Greensboro  
The Women's Campaign of the Greensboro Jewish Federation present a journey to better health and well-being with Laurie Lloyd. Dinner will feature favorite recipes from Laurie's popular blog [www.liv-light.com](http://www.liv-light.com). Cost: \$40/person, \$20/Triad (under 40). RSVP by Monday, March 18 at [shalomgreensboro.org](mailto:shalomgreensboro.org) or Dianne Hines (336) 852-5433 x233.

## FRIDAY, MARCH 29

### TE Family Sababa Shabbat

6:45 p.m. Temple Emanuel  
Get together with Temple friends for a family-friendly Shabbat & ice cream! If you've been looking for the next step after Tot Shabbat, this is it!

## SUNDAY, MARCH 31

### BD Interfaith Family Workshop

10:30 a.m. - noon Beth David Synagogue  
Learn, discuss and speak with Rabbi Joshua Ben-Gideon and Director of Education, Jason Cathcart, on how to meaningfully celebrate holidays with your entire family. Beth David Synagogue will provide babysitting and kid friendly activities during that time.

### GJF Men's VIP Brunch

10 a.m. - noon Foreign Cars Italia  
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## WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3

### TE Friendship Circle hosts the Senior Seder

noon Temple Emanuel  
RSVP to Brenda Henley (336) 292-7899 or [bhenley@tegreensboro.org](mailto:bhenley@tegreensboro.org).

## SUNDAY, APRIL 7

### Prizmah's Moot Beit Din Competition

8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. American Hebrew Academy  
Cardozo Society Members are invited to a unique program that challenges Jewish high school students to grapple with the ways in which Jewish law can be applied to important contemporary issues.

### Hadassah Women's 2nd Chocolate Seder

2:30 - 4:30 p.m. Beth David Synagogue  
Rabbi Rebecca Ben-Gideon will lead the fun.

### TE Mezuzah Caravan

3 p.m. Depart from Temple parking lot  
Join other newcomers and the Temple Rabbis as we go from home to home hanging Mezuzot. RSVP to Brenda Henley (336) 292-7899 or [bhenley@tegreensboro.org](mailto:bhenley@tegreensboro.org).

## APRIL 7-10

### Chabad Volunteer at High Point Market

Help show southern hospitality to the hundred of Jewish visitors who will be attending the High Point Market. To volunteer, please contact Hindy Plotkin (336) 423-3049 or [Hindy@ChabadGreensboro.com](mailto:Hindy@ChabadGreensboro.com).

## TUESDAY, APRIL 9

### 11th Annual Karl Schleunes Lecture on the Holocaust and Genocide

7 p.m. Hannah Brown Finch Memorial Chapel, Greensboro College  
Dr. Barry Trachtenberg will present "The US & the Holocaust: New Challenges to Historiographical Orthodoxies". A reception and book signing will follow in Lea Center. Contact Dr. Mike Sistrom at [sistromm@greensboro.edu](mailto:sistromm@greensboro.edu).

## FRIDAY, APRIL 12

### TE Shabbat Starts Here

**& Dinner with Rabbi Judy Schindler**  
6:30 p.m. Temple Emanuel  
Service followed by dinner with Rabbi Schindler. Topic: "Social activism within Reform Communities". RSVP for dinner at [www.tegreensboro.org](http://www.tegreensboro.org).

## SUNDAY, APRIL 14

### JFS Passover Gift Bags

1 - 2 p.m. Federation Building  
Join us for a pizza lunch and then making and delivering holiday gift bags for older adults. Contact Jenny Schultz at (336) 852-4829 x227 or [jshultz@shalomgreensboro.org](mailto:jshultz@shalomgreensboro.org).

## FRIDAY, APRIL 19

### Chabad Passover Seder

7:30 p.m. Chabad

## SATURDAY, APRIL 20

### TE Second Night Community Seder

6 p.m. Temple Emanuel  
Sign up at [www.tegreensboro.org](http://www.tegreensboro.org)

### Chabad Shabbat night

8 p.m. Chabad

## TUESDAY, APRIL 23

### TE LGBTQ Seder

TBD Temple Emanuel  
Freedom from oppression is a universal value that the LGBTQ community can appreciate. Find out more at [www.tegreensboro.org](http://www.tegreensboro.org).

## NOW - APRIL 30

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- **Pop-Up Dance Club: March 1 & April 5**  
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- **Mad Hatter Tea: March 24 | 2 PM**  
Order tickets online at [OHenryHotel.com](http://OHenryHotel.com)
- **Spring Hotel Offers & Packages:** Book your weekend getaway at [OHenryHotel.com](http://OHenryHotel.com) or [ProximityHotel.com](http://ProximityHotel.com)
- **Guilford Green Foundation Gala Package: March 23**  
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- **Songs from a Southern Kitchen:** See the schedule and learn more at [Lucky32.com](http://Lucky32.com).
- **Winter/Spring Menus:** We're featuring some favorites ingredients: cucumbers, taragon, salmon, apricots, lima beans, trout, mushrooms and more...oh my.

# The Jewish Buddhists:

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LECTURE BY

**Dr. Mira Nicolescu**

Since its nineteenth-century introduction to the West, Buddhism has attracted Jews, who became particularly visible in the emerging Western Buddhist scene of the 1960's counter-culture movement. The "Jewish Buddhists" (or Jubus as they were soon called) are Jews by birth who have embraced Buddhism while claiming to stay Jewish. This lecture explores what attracted Western Jews to Buddhism in the twentieth century and why Jews choose Buddhism while remaining Jewish in many regards.

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Dr. Nicolescu is an emerging scholar who specializes in the anthropology of contemporary Jewish spirituality. Educated at the Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales (EHESS) in Paris (CéSor), she was also a visiting scholar at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, CUNY's Committee for the Study of Religion, Columbia University's Center for Israel and Jewish Studies, and an associate researcher at Yale University. Twice a valedictorian, she won the Prize for Best Master's Thesis at Science Po Aix and received honorary mention in the 2016 Association for Jewish Studies Berman Dissertation fellowship competition.

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