

## **The 5<sup>th</sup> Charlotte Jewish Film Festival Was a Hit with Audiences!**

The curtain has closed on yet another successful Charlotte Jewish Film Festival. More people than ever enjoyed the best in Jewish film from around the world with almost 1,500 people attending 10 screenings.

It was a year of firsts for the Festival: The first showing in Lake Norman, the first partnering with the Latin American Coalition and the first screening at the Main Branch of the Public Library Uptown. It was also the first time a Festival was interrupted by a snowstorm! But even Mother Nature couldn't put a damper on the wonderful time had by all.

Moviegoers were treated to a wide array of films including the stirring documentaries KNOWLEDGE IS THE BEGINNING and PRAYING WITH LIOR, and compelling dramas such as STRANGERS. Also, laughter was in the air as audiences enjoyed an Evening of Kosher Comedy in Spirit Square featuring CIRCUMCISE ME and several other shorts. BEAU JEST Producer Daniel Newton was a highlight - presenting his delightful romantic comedy at the Ballantyne screening and taking audience questions.

The Festival celebrated its 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary with the beautiful film THE LITTLE TRAITOR and an elegant dessert reception after the screening. Other celebrations included the Young Adult After-Party, Movies and Martinis, at Villa Antonio.

Part of the Charlotte Jewish Film Festival's mission is to share global Jewish experiences with the greater Charlotte community. Partnering with organizations such as Mecklenburg Ministries and the Latin American Coalition helped the Festival further extend its reach into the Charlotte cultural tapestry. The screening of TIJUANA JEWS also included a discussion on Jewish diversity moderated by Morry Alter.

Mark your calendars for the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Charlotte Jewish Film Festival, which will be held March 6-14, 2010. If you would like to get involved with the Festival, please contact us at [info@charlottejewishfilm.com](mailto:info@charlottejewishfilm.com). The CJFF is volunteer-driven Festival and the organizers would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all who worked so hard to make it the great success it was!

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