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JCC Conversations: Foods of Freedom
How Slavery Influenced the Passover Seder and Southern Tables

Durham, NC (April 2, 2014) - Join us on Thursday, April 10 for an incredible evening of food and conversation with culinary historian Michael Twitty and UNC Professor, Dr. Marcie Cohen Ferris, author of *Matzoh Ball Gumbo*. Through the power of food, connect and engage with the community on the exploration of foodways and its connection to culture and history. A pre-program cooking demonstration and tasting menu will begin at 5:30pm. A lecture, Q&A, and book signing will follow at 7:00pm.

“This program features two of the best, and brightest, and we are very excited for this program,” describes Penny Rich, Director of Community and Donor Relations, Jewish Federation of Durham-Chapel Hill. “Michael’s appeal to the broader audience is because of his diversity. As an African American Jewish scholar Michael also finds himself defending LGBT rights and uses the history of food as a way to express his experiences. Marcie is an incredible person, and a great writer, who has been involved with Southern Jewish foodways since she began her Ph.D. program at George Washington University.”

The JCC Conversations is a series of programs held at the Levin JCC, which encourage community members to have conversations about topics that are important to the community.

“We are thrilled that the JCC has programs that encourage our community to dig deeper,” explains Program Specialist, Maya Osterman. “It has become clear through the rich cultural involvement of our community; that our responsibility has been to create a space for engaged involvement on a more meaningful level.”

For further information about *JCC Conversations*, visit tinyurl.com/foodsoffreedom or contact Maya Osterman at mosterman@shalomdch.org or 919-354-4948.

About the Levin Jewish Community Center:

The Levin Jewish Community Center was built by the vision and commitment of the local Jewish community. We celebrate Jewish values, culture and traditions while welcoming the community at large. The Levin JCC is part of the Jewish Federation of Durham-Chapel Hill, a 501(c)3 not -profit organization.

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