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**What's Jewish About Voting Rights?
Thursday, November 7th, 7pm-9pm
Levin JCC, 1937 W Cornwallis Rd, Durham, NC**

DURHAM, North Carolina (October 30, 2013): National news outlets openly wonder whether North Carolina now has the most restrictive voting laws in the country. After a summer of protest, outrage, and major legislative changes, what's the state of our state?

Join [Carolina Jews for Justice](#), the [Jewish Federation of Durham-Chapel Hill](#), and the [Durham-Chapel Hill JCRC](#) for an encore presentation of this two-part educational event. The first hour features a live panel discussion between policy experts on voting rights, with time for audience Q&A. (Panelist bios are below.)

Then, enjoy coffee on the house for our CJJ Cafe, an hour of casual discussion and learning on Jewish connections to voting and civil rights. By the time you leave, you will have:

- an accurate picture of voting rights in our state, right from the source;
- the opportunity to join forces with new friends and partners in the Jewish community;
- clear actions that you can take to restore equal access to the vote in North Carolina.

Event organized by Carolina Jews for Justice and the Durham-Chapel Hill JCRC.

SPEAKERS

Anita Earls is a civil rights attorney with 25 years' experience. Prior to founding the [Southern Coalition for Social Justice](#), she was Director of Advocacy at the UNC Center for Civil Rights and Director of the Voting Rights Project at the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law. In the Clinton Administration Ms. Earls was a Deputy Assistant Attorney General in the Civil Rights Division of the U.S. Department of Justice, where she had responsibility for the Division's Voting, Educational Opportunities, Disability Rights and Coordination and Review sections. For the first ten years of her career, Anita litigated civil rights cases as a partner with Ferguson, Stein, Wallas, Adkins, Gresham & Sumter in Charlotte, North Carolina. In private practice, her work involved voting rights, police misconduct, school desegregation, employment discrimination, public accommodations, disability rights and first amendment cases. Anita was appointed by the Governor to the North Carolina State Board of Elections in 2009 and currently serves on the North Carolina Equal Access to Justice Commission.

Bob Hall, Executive Director of [Democracy NC](#), has worked with grassroots groups across the South since 1970, collaborating on a variety of economic and social justice projects. He has served on numerous non-profit boards and governmental commissions, provided expert testimony in court cases, and consulted with officials in a dozen states on voting rights and campaign finance reform. He was the founding editor of Southern Exposure, the magazine of the Institute for Southern Studies, where he worked for 25 years. Honors include the MacArthur Fellow award, NC Press Association's First Amendment Award, NC AARP's Advocacy Friend of the Year Award, and NC NAACP's Political Trailblazer Award. He has an MA from Columbia University.

MODERATOR

Adam Stein is a founding partner of the firm [Ferguson, Stein, Chambers, Gresham & Sumter](#) and is now of counsel with the firm. He currently principally focuses on cases involving medical malpractice and civil rights. He received the Frank Porter Graham award, the highest award of the American Civil Liberties Union of North Carolina. He has served on the Board of Governors of the Association of Trial Lawyers of America.

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