

JEWISH ENDOWMENT FOUNDATION OF LOUISIANA

presents

A CONVERSATION WITH MIKE ROGERS
CNN National Security Commentator, Former Congressman and
Chair of the House Intelligence Committee

featuring the presentation of

The Tzedakah Award to
BETTY S. MEYERS

The Young Family Award for Professional Excellence to
JAMES M. SPIRO

The Helen A. Mervis Jewish Community Professional Award to
WENDY GOLDBERG

Sunday, April 17 at 12:00 PM. Reception at 11:30 AM
Westin Hotel Canal Place. Grand Ballroom – 12th Floor

Kosher-Style Dairy Brunch

Kosher meals from Casablanca Restaurant available by request

\$55 per person / \$550 table of ten.
Patron level reservations \$125 per person
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MIKE ROGERS

As a former member of the U.S. Congress representing Michigan’s Eighth Congressional District, member of the U.S. Army, and FBI special agent, Mike Rogers is in a unique position to shape the national debate on a wide variety of issues. Mike currently uses his insider perspective gained from travelling the globe – from the Middle East to South America – to host the nationally-syndicated “Something to Think About with Mike Rogers” on Westwood One.

From his time in the U.S. House of Representatives, where he chaired the powerful

House Intelligence Committee and was a member of the Energy and Commerce panel, Mike built a legacy as a tireless and effective leader on cybersecurity, counterterrorism and national security policy. Washington Post columnist David Ignatius remarked, Mike was “a rare example of bipartisanship.”

Mike has worked with two presidents, Congressional leadership, and countless foreign leaders, diplomats and intelligence professionals to ensure that the brave men and women who fight for our nation are equipped with the resources necessary to get the job done.

Mike is a CNN national security commentator and a regular in the major print outlets such as The New York Times, The Washington Post, The Wall Street Journal, and the Associated Press. He is a staple on radio and made more appearances on Sunday shows than any other elected official in 2013 and 2014.

In addition, Mike is a Distinguished Fellow at the prestigious Hudson Institute and serves on the Board of Trustees at the Center for the Study of the Presidency and Congress.

Mike is a 1985 graduate of Adrian College. He is married to Kristi Rogers and has two children.

BETTY MEYERS

Betty Meyers was born in Baltimore and graduated from the University of Maryland with a degree in speech pathology. She was introduced to her husband, Phillip, who was a radiologist, by friends. They were married in Baltimore and moved to Quantico, Virginia, where Phil was serving in the Navy. In 1959, they moved to New York City to complete Phil’s residency. While they were still living in New York, Phil started working on the first of several inventions to improve medical technology and sterile practice. Phil wanted to continue his research in radiology, so when Tulane School of Medicine offered him a position, Betty and Phil moved to New Orleans, where, in addition to teaching and doing research, he maintained a private practice. They joined Beth Israel and had a wonderful life in New Orleans.



sors the Betty and Phillip Meyers Leadership Development Alumni Event annually for the program, which is now known as the Katz-Phillips Leadership Development Program.

Betty feels a strong attachment to Israel, which began when she and Phil visited Israel with their sons in the early 1970s.

Over the years, Phil’s inventiveness led to financial success, with Betty at his side as a full partner. They formed a company, EZM, which was later acquired by another public corporation. Phil’s inventions continue to be used today and their success enabled them to give generously, always influenced by their Jewish values. Sadly, Phil passed away in 1996 from pancreatic cancer, but Betty continued their philanthropy. She has endowed her Lion of Judah with a fund at JEF and has also established funds to support Israeli charities that are close to her heart. She always sees the glass as half full, not half empty. She is a quiet philanthropist who lives her Jewish values and gives of her time, resources, love, and heart to make the world a better place.

JAMES SPIRO

As a fully licensed investment professional for over 30 years, Jim Spiro is a Managing Director with Morgan Stanley, concentrating on wealth-management strategies for high net worth individuals and institutions across the Country. He focuses on equity research, portfolio hedging strategies, and new business planning development.

Jim completed his undergraduate studies at Wesleyan University, in Middletown Connecticut in 1980, graduating with a B.A. degree. He furthered his educational training with a Master’s degree in Business at the A.B. Freeman School of Business at Tulane University in New Orleans, graduating in 1984. In addition to graduating at the very highest levels of his class, Jim is a member of the Beta Gamma Sigma honor society, awarded to those who have achieved with the very highest levels of academic excellence. Recently, Jim has been named a 2013 REP Magazine Top 100 Advisor in America; a 2014 and 2015 Financial Times Top 400 Financial Advisor and was also recognized in the 2014 and 2015 Bar-

Betty and Phil have three sons, Jonas, Stuart, and David, and five grandsons. While they do not live in New Orleans, they are devoted to Betty.

Betty was greatly influenced by her mother, who stressed the importance of kindness and tzedakah. Betty believes in doing a mitzvah every day and she practices kindness in everything she does.

Betty’s involvement with the New Orleans Jewish community began when she was asked by friends to join the Lemann-Stern Young Leadership Program, which she describes as one of the best moves of her Jewish life in New Orleans. She sponsors



WENDY GOLDBERG

Wendy Goldberg was born in Brooklyn and raised in Long Island, New York. In 1982, not long after graduating from the State University of New York Buffalo State, she moved to New Orleans and started working at the New Orleans Jewish Community Center as the Adult/Young Judaea City Director. She moved into the Children’s and Camp Director position in 1984. In 1986, she went back to school for a Masters in Social Work from Tulane University and was awarded a JCC Association Graduate Education Scholarship.

In 1987, Wendy became the program director of the JCC Metairie Campus and, in 2003, she became the Assistant Director of the JCC. She was promoted to the Associate Director of the JCC in 2011.

Wendy was greatly influenced by her years at Jewish summer camp. She says that being

a camp counselor was her first significant leadership role; it gave her confidence and taught her empathy, independence, and the life skills that are important in both relationships and careers.



Wendy has been married since 1989 to Ned Goldberg, executive director of the Jewish Children’s Regional Service. They have two children: a daughter, Jodie, who is a master’s degree student at the Jewish Theological Seminary in New York and Adam, a public relations major at the University of Maryland in College Park.



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