

Newcomer Ladies Night In

On Thursday, December 7, forty women gathered at Sheri Makowski's house for a Newcomer Ladies Night Out. They enjoyed each other's company and learned more about the Jewish community while dining on delicious food by Mama Ricotta's. Leigh Dyer, who writes a newcomer's column for the Charlotte Observer, attended to introduce herself and her work. Who knows, maybe she even gleaned a new story idea or two.

The Federation and the Levine JCC are grateful to Sheri, Paul and Daniel Makowski for opening up their home for this evening.

The Ladies Night Out gatherings are an outgrowth of the Newcomer Schmoozes, which meet monthly on Sundays. The next Newcomer Ladies Night Out will be in conjunction with the

Women's Seder on March 18. Newcomers will sit together at this special pre-Passover event.

For more information about newcomer events, please contact Jodi Greenwald at jodi.greenwald@jewishcharlotte.org or 704-944-6759. ☆



Ellyn Gross, Robin Leavitt and Sheri Makoski



Andrea Kabat and Judy Morganstein

Newcomer Schmooze Sunday, January 7, 10 AM-Noon, Weinberg Center at the Levine JCC

New city, new friends, new way of life. Join us to learn about the Charlotte Jewish community while meeting new friends. For more information, please contact Jodi Greenwald at jodi.greenwald@jewishcharlotte.org or 704-944-6759. ☆

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Community News

Branch Out and Learn for Tu B'Shevat

This year's Tu b'Shevat community celebration will feature an innovative and informative program sponsored by the Levine Jewish Community Center, The Jewish Federation, The Charlotte Jewish Preschool, the Charlotte Jewish Day School, the Jewish Preschool on Sardis, Ohr Hatorah Congregation, Temple Israel and Temple Beth El. On Thursday, February 1, at 7 PM, a substantive segment from the documentary film by Al Gore, *An Inconvenient Truth*, will be shown followed by

a panel discussion in Lerner Hall at the Levine JCC. Slated for the panel discussion include members of the NC Legislative Commission on Global Climate Change and other experts in the field of global warming. The panel will reflect on the film, bridging the gap between the scientific evidence and what we can do to improve the environment.



See excerpts from "An Inconvenient Truth" on Tu B'Shevat.

by automobile idling. With the showing of a portion of *An Inconvenient Truth*, and dialogue about our role in preserving the environment, each one of us will learn how we can make a difference on this holiday. Popcorn, candy and beverages will be sold prior to the film and proceeds will go to the Environmental Fund. ☆

Tu B'Shevat teaches us that caring for the environment is a Jewish obligation. Last year's initiative focused on recycling, and created the Foundation of Shalom Park Environmental Fund. Through the participation of all the Shalom Park organizations and the generous donations of many individuals, park-wide recycling was instituted. This year's Tu b'Shevat initiative will focus on air pollution. The Jewish schools and after school programs will be participating in a "No Idling" campaign, to help reduce unnecessary emissions from car-pool lines, and help raise awareness of the harm and waste caused

Want to help defray the ongoing costs of recycling at Shalom Park? Donate to the "Foundation of Shalom Park - Environmental Fund" to financially support the ongoing recycling pick-up costs for all of the organizations at Shalom Park. Checks may be dropped off at the JCC front desk, Temple Beth El, Temple Israel, or any of the school offices.

Do You Have Great Memories of Amity Country Club?

How many times did you say, "I'm going to the club" and everyone knew what that meant? What a wonderful place to grow up with the snack bar, swim meets, Sunday night dinners and just hanging out with all of your friends at the pool. If you have photos, home movies, newspaper articles, documents or any other information about "the club" please contact Robert Fligel at Rfligel01@aol.com or 914-924-0963.

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