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Temple Beth El Supports Our Troops

By Cantor Andrew Bernard

In January, while attending the annual conference of the National Association of Jewish Chaplains, I was approached by Rabbi David Goldstrom, an Army chaplain in Texas, with a request. He asked if it would be possible to put together a CD of the Friday evening service that soldiers could listen to on their CD players or download onto their iPods. You see, this chaplain is being deployed to Iraq in the fall and would like soldiers in the field to be able to have some kind of Sabbath observance no matter where they are. They would also have a common repertoire when he gathered with them in larger groups in major Iraqi cities, drawing soldiers together as a community so far away from their home congregations.

A part of this historic undertaking will have an opportunity. The first phase will occur on Friday evening, May 18 at 8 PM when we will record our Shabbat service live. Instead of using Gates of Prayer, we will pray out of the Armed Forces siddur — a non-denominational prayerbook. Although the liturgy is a little different, it will give us all a connection with our brave soldiers in the field.

Subsequently, we will record some of the musical portions of the service under more controlled studio conditions in order to produce the final product. I plan to write arrangements of the Shabbat evening songs to take advantage of some of the wonderful musical resources we have at Temple Beth El.

After discussions with our Board, the professional staff and Rabbi Goldstrom, we have decided to make this a congregational project. Temple Beth El will proudly produce a CD of the Friday night service that will be used by our Jewish soldiers fighting in Iraq.

How can you help? First, join us on May 18 for our 8 PM Friday

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Temple Beth El's Mitzvah Day is Coming, May 20

For almost a decade, Temple Beth El has come together as an entire congregation to reach out to those in need in the greater Charlotte area. Consider joining us for a brief opening ceremony and breakfast at 8:30 in the David Silverman Social Hall and then heading out to one of the following projects:

- Beautify the grounds of Temple Beth El.
- Sign up to donate blood this Spring with the Red Cross
- Order environmentally-friendly compact fluorescent bulbs, a project of the Coalition on the Environment and Jewish Life
- Entertain residents at Sunrise Assisted Living with songs and art
- Clean up the Hebrew Cemetery
- Bake cookies and make bag lunches for the Salvation Army
- Create care packages of school supplies for our sister city in Hadera, Israel
- Make gift bags for women at a battered women's shelter
- Create disaster relief kits for the Department of Social Services
- Make boo-boo bunnies for kids at The Levine Children's Hospital
- Make a difference

- Gardening at Alexander Home
- Creating a cook-out and recreational activities at Elon Homes
- Providing a cook-out for Summit House
- Planting vegetables and herbs in the school garden of Thompson Child and Family Focus
- Provide a cook-out, and arts and crafts activities for Florence Crittenton
- Prepare meals for Jewish Family Services
- Clean up, landscape and do repair work around Grier Heights
- Create blankets for wounded NC veterans with Flags Across the Nation

To get involved contact Temple Beth El at 704-366-1948 or Mark Levine, Chair of the Social Justice and Action Committee, at Marklevine@carolina.rr.com. ☆

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Service and Dinner in Honor of Rabbi Jeremy Barras

Friday, June 8 at 6 PM

Temple Beth El will be honoring Rabbi Jeremy Barras for his five years of outstanding leadership as their rabbi at the 6:00 Summer Shabbat service on June 8. At a congregational dinner following the service, there will be words of tribute and farewell,

from the representatives of the many groups Rabbi Barras has served - from youth to seniors, from the Israel Committee to his seventh grade students. For more information, contact Temple Beth El, 704-366-1948. ☆