

SYNAGOGUES & CONGREGATIONS

In the Beginning: A Creation Fair

On Sunday, August 26, Temple Israel will host a special program developed around the biblical story of Creation. Children, parents and grandparents will be transported back through the ages to explore the creation of dark and light, stars, plants, ocean creatures and animals. There will be a maze of dark and light, a visit to the Garden of Eden, an adventure under the sea and time to name the first animals on earth.

In the Beginning has been designed to bring our entire congregation out for a morning of fun



and activity. In addition to crafts, a movie, petting zoo, storytelling and Under the Sea inflatable crawl-through, there will be a Dunk tank and extreme obstacle

course for older children and fun-loving adults. In addition, there will be a Shofar-blowing contest.

A delicious pancake brunch will be provided by Temple Israel Men's Club, for a reasonable fee. The Judaica Gift Shop will be open to stock up on all your High Holy Day needs. And membership information will be available on Men's Club, Sisterhood, Youth Groups, and organizations for young families such as P.A.C.K. and P.A.L.S.

All are welcome to attend this event, which will take place from 10 AM-noon at Temple Israel. In the Beginning is free to all who attend. All we ask is that you bring some school supplies for Temple Israel's adopted school, Huntingtowne Farms Elementary School. (See related story below.) ☆

Temple Israel Adopts Huntingtowne Farms Elementary School

Temple Israel is proud to announce our affiliation with Huntingtowne Farms Elementary School.

Our goals in working with the school are to provide volunteers for tutoring, lunch and reading buddies, mentors, classroom volunteers and speakers, clerical support, library and computer lab assistance and English as a second language classes. You can make a difference. Please contact Lynne Sheffer - 704-540-0502 or ShefferM@bellsouth.net.

It is also a priority to give the children the tools they need to be a success at learning. There will be a donation box in the main lobby at Temple Israel for the fol-

lowing supplies starting July 1. Remember school starts in August so these needs are immediate: book bags, boxes of eight-count washable markers, 24 Crayola crayons, #2 pencils, spiral notebooks, composition notebooks, packs of loose-leaf lined paper, multiplication and division flash cards, glue sticks, pink pearl erasers, highlighters in all colors, paper folders with clips and pockets. These items can be bought in bulk at BJ's, Sam's Clubs and Costco.

Everyone can make this a tremendous success by just doing a little. ☆



TEMPLE ISRAEL BOOK CLUB

The Yiddish Policemen's Union
by Michael Chabon

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25 AT 7:30 PM
AT TEMPLE ISRAEL

A new, best selling novel is our selection to kick off the next Temple Israel Book Club season on Tuesday, September 25. Michael Chabon, Pulitzer Prize winning author of *The Amazing Adventures of Kavalier & Clay* has written another "blockbuster." *The Yiddish Policemen's Union* is a "very good, larger than life folk tale" set in the Alaskan panhandle town of Sitka - a safe haven for Jews, created in the wave of the Holocaust and the shocking 1948 collapse of the fledgling state of Israel. After 60 years this Federal District - populated by millions - is set to revert to Alaskan control and its Jews cast out into the Diaspora.

A mixture of alternate history and murder mystery, Chabon's new novel sets up "a classic genre construction as the catalyst for extended investigation into a way of life. Issues of exile and belonging, of identity, nationality, freedom and destiny are examined."

A bestseller has advantages: Some local bookstores and on-line providers are discounting the price

to less than \$20. The book is on order in all branches of the public library but the demand is heavy.

Buy or reserve your copy of *The Yiddish Policemen's Union* now either at the public or Judaica library to read it comfortably before September 25.

Temple Israel Book Club meetings are open to all community members. For additional information contact Linda Levy at 704-366-6362, levylvollie@aol.com or Sandra Hirschman at 704-867-7051. ☆

Temple Israel Social Club

The Temple Israel Social Club, for active couples and singles, invites you to join our social group.

Meet new people and enjoy our interesting programs and trips. Some of our varied, entertaining events include: Mystery bus trips, Daniel Stowe botanical gardens, Hanukkah party, New Year's eve at Myrtle Beach, and more.

Call Janine Rosner, 704-366-5631, for more info.

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