

# The End and the Beginning: Torah Cycle 5768

*A Reconstructionist Thought:* One of our most prominent characteristics is that we encourage everyone to participate in the group, whether in the service, leadership roles, adult education, or in other roles of assistance. As lay leaders, we celebrate our services by leading various parts of the service: *psukei d'zimrah*, the Amidah, the Torah service, and concluding prayers. Our members are adept Torah readers, willing cantors, and give insightful Dvrei Torah.

We celebrate Simchat Torah October 4 with the dedication of a newly restored Torah Scroll:

**October 4 at 6:15 PM** we will enjoy a catered dinner (RSVP by September 27, \$10 non-members)

**October 4 at 7:30 PM** we share dessert and community

**October 4 at 8 PM** we celebrate the dedication of our new Torah (community welcome)

**October 6 at 10 AM** we will celebrate Shabbat with our new Torah (community welcome)

Rabbi Kevin Hale, the Torah sofer who has most recently refurbished the Torah scroll that we will dedicate at Simchat Torah, comes to us from Northampton, MA. Rabbi Hale is the first Reconstructionist Sofer. He is a graduate of Yale University and

was ordained in 1997 by the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College. A student of Dr. Eric Ray, Rabbi Hale is committed to enabling the 613th mitzvah and to bringing a revitalized delight in writing, restoring and teaching about torah. Rabbi Hale also serves as the part-time Jewish Chaplain of Hampshire College in Amherst, MA, and is director of the Ray Torah Institute.

The restored Torah Scroll comes to us from Poland via Israel. The scroll, in "lovely condition for its age," is estimated to be just less than one hundred years old. The parchment is of a good quality, unlike the parchments used in many shtetls of the time. Rabbi Hale noted that the scroll is in very good condition, and had been inspected, small repairs made and several letters remediated sometime in the past.

Please feel free to join us, our services are warm and friendly, a family atmosphere in which all Jews can feel comfortable, and guests are always welcome. We also encourage participation in our services including leading sections of the service and reading the Torah.

Havurat Tikvah is an affiliate of the Jewish Reconstructionist Federation and we celebrate all



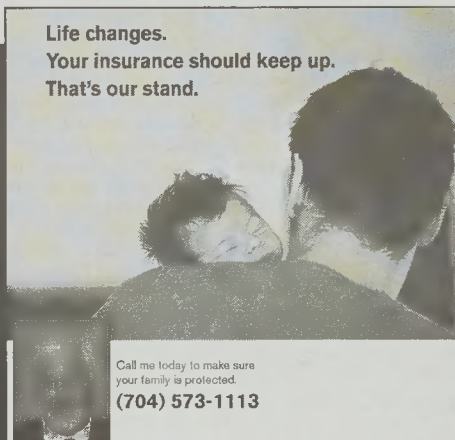
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services and many events in the Fellowship Hall of St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, 2201 Springdale Ave. (at Magnolia) in the Dilworth neighborhood of Charlotte.

For an updated calendar and information for Havurat Tikvah, visit the HT website at [www.HavuratTikvah.org](http://www.HavuratTikvah.org) or call 704-545-0894. ☆

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## Mother's Circle: The Course

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In North America, at least 100,000 non-Jewish women are raising their children as Jews. These women deserve support, encouragement, and gratitude. The Mother's Circle: The Course offers these women the support they need to transmit the Jewish tradition to their children. Our professional facilitator will provide hands-on education in Jewish rituals, practices and ethics, with an emphasis on child-rearing. Mothers will become more connected to the Jewish community, and enable them to participate in the National Mother's Circle



Listserv to share experiences in raising Jewish children. Women do not need to be affiliated with any synagogue to participate. Class begins Monday, October 22 at 7 PM and will meet twice monthly. Child care will be provided. For more information please contact Stephanie DiPaolo, Temple Beth El Program Director at 704-749-3051 or email [sdipaolo@beth-el.com](mailto:sdipaolo@beth-el.com) or Jodi Valenstein, JCC Adult Program Coordinator at 704-944-6730 or email [jodi.valenstein@charlotte-jcc.org](mailto:jodi.valenstein@charlotte-jcc.org). ☆

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