

# SYNAGOGUES & CONGREGATIONS

## Lubavitch Invites You to Build Giant Chanukah "CAN-ORAH" at SouthPark Mall

The construction of a Giant CAN-orah (food can Menorah!) will be the highlight of the Lubavitch Menorah Lighting at SouthPark Mall this Chanukah. Each year Lubavitch of North Carolina presents an exciting Chanukah program that is fun, educational, and hands-on.

"The CAN-orah is the perfect program to keep the kids at the edge of their seats," said Rabbi Yossi Groner. "Chanukah is about bringing light into this world. One can of food doesn't seem like much, but a CAN-orah, built with hundreds of food cans, is sure to add more light into this world." In addition to the lighting of the Giant CAN-orah, the event will feature stimulating activities for children and delicious Chanukah treats for everyone. After the holiday, the canned food will then be donated to Jewish Family Services to distribute to the needy and hungry in Charlotte.

The message of Chanukah is about overcoming challenges and bringing extra light into our surroundings. In keeping with Chanukah's message of spreading light to everyone, the theme of this year's Grand Menorah Lighting is: Light up the World:

Help needy families by donating food. Light up Chanukah: Join us as we light the CAN-orah.

The complete giant CAN-orah will be erected at SouthPark Mall, Tuesday, December 4 on the first night of Chanukah. The menorah will be inside the mall, in the Neiman-Marcus wing. We will begin to assemble and erect the menorah at approximately 4:30 PM and conduct the lighting ceremony at approximately 6 PM. For more information, please contact Lubavitch of NC at 704-366-3984, email to rabbi@earthlink.net or visit www.ohratorahnc.org.

Chanukah is observed by the kindling of the Menorah each night of the holiday. In ancient times our ancestors rededicated the Temple in Jerusalem with the menorah. Today, we rededicate ourselves to making this world a better and brighter place.

Chanukah also propagates the universal message that ultimately good will prevail over evil, freedom over oppression, and light over darkness.

Lubavitch of North Carolina joins thousands of Chabad centers across the globe that are staging similar public displays of the

menorah. From Australia to Africa, Columbia to Hong Kong, New York City's ground zero, to the White House lawn, hundreds of thousands will experience the joy of Chanukah. ☆

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## Temple Beth El's College Connection

On Friday, November 23, at 8 PM, Temple Beth El will host a Homecoming Shabbat for our college students. During the service, our clergy will honor the students with a special blessing and students will have the opportunity to share their experiences of being a Reform Jew on a college campus and the influence that Temple Beth El has had on them. Prior to the service, students will join together for a Chinese dinner at 6:30 PM, giving them a chance to reconnect with old friends and make new contacts. (Please RSVP for dinner to Laurie Sparks at laurie.sparks@yahoo.com.)

The College Connection is the arm of Temple Beth El that stays in touch with our college students. Our goal is to keep our young adults connected to Temple Beth El and to Judaism, while providing them with a few diversions throughout the school year. At Rosh Hashanah, students were sent goodie bags containing apple and honey flavored Jelly Bellies and Starbucks gift cards. Additional packages will be sent at Chanukah and Passover. Plans for an electronic newsletter are in the works.

If you have a child attending college and would like for the

College Connection to stay in touch, please contact the Temple office and provide their contact information. ☆

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