

Ohr HaTorah Friday Shabbaton on January 18

The famed Friday night Shabbaton at Ohr HaTorah is back and will be held on Friday, January 18 at Congregation Ohr HaTorah. This Shabbaton event brings together Jewish families in Charlotte who want the extra touch of a joyful and meaningful Shabbat experience together. The Shabbaton features a delicious homemade Shabbat dinner along with fun and games for the chil-

dren and exciting Shabbat entertainment for the adults.

The Shabbaton will also feature delicious treats from Israel and will place further emphasis on fruits from Israel, as this Shabbaton comes just a few days before Tu B'Shevat, which is the New Year for Trees.

Candle lighting and Shabbat evening services will begin at 5:20 PM. This will be followed by a

full Shabbat dinner which will start at 6:30 PM. Ohr HaTorah welcomes non-members as well to its Shabbaton events. Shabbaton fee is \$50 per family, \$36 per couple, and \$18 per single. For more information and reservations, please call our office at 704-366-3984 or visit our website at www.ohrhatorahnc.org. ☆

Marian Siegel Bennett Music Weekend Featuring Mary Thomas and Josh Breitzer

Our very own Mary Thomas returns joined by her classmate, Josh Breitzer, teaming up with Cantor Bernard for a weekend of worship and music on January 11 and 12. Mary and Josh are second-year cantorial students at Hebrew Union College's School of Sacred Music in New York. They will participate in services on Friday night and Saturday morning, and will present a music program on Saturday evening with Cantor Bernard.

Join us Friday evening for

Kabbalat Shabbat at 6 PM and our Shabbat Evening Worship at 8 PM as the duets that Mary Thomas and Cantor Bernard shared at worship blossom into trios. On Saturday morning, Congregational Shabbat will feature the music of our Teen Vocal Ensemble and Teen Band along with our guests. All promise to be lively and uplifting worship services.

On Saturday evening, Mary Thomas, Josh Breitzer and Cantor Bernard will offer a music program of personal favorites with

Havdallah and desserts in the David Silverman Social Hall. Admission is free. Everyone is invited to join for this casual evening of music and fun.

This weekend is made possible by the Marian Siegel Bennett Music Fund, begun by Rabbi Jim Bennett and his siblings in honor of their mother. We hope this will be the first of many beautiful programs made possible by the generosity of Rabbi Bennett and his family. ☆

Pastor Moss of Saint Paul Baptist Church To Speak at MLK Shabbat at Beth El January 18, 2008 at 7 PM

As many Jews headed to Alabama to march side by side with African Americans during the Civil Rights Era to join in the fight for freedom and justice, Temple Beth El will celebrate the Shabbat preceding the birthday of the late Reverend Martin Luther King Jr. by warmly welcoming their brothers and sisters from Saint Paul Baptist Church into their midst. Dr. Gregory Moss, Sr. will deliver an inspired sermon reflecting on issues of joint concern to the Jewish and African American community and Saint Paul Baptist Church's spirited and spiritual choir will join together with Beth El's choir to lift the community's

prayers heavenward on the wings of song. The MLK Shabbat service is consistently a highlight of Beth El's year - from the gifted voices of the two choirs, the warmth of the two congregations, and the consistently passionate sermons of guest preachers - this year promises to be no different.

Pastor Moss received his Bachelor of Arts from University of North Carolina at Charlotte, his Masters degree of Theology from Southeastern Theological Seminary, and his Doctorate of Ministry from McCormick Theological Seminary. For ten years, Dr. Moss has led his vibrant and growing congregation. He has

a heart for God, a heart for service and a heart for people. Pastor Moss and his church, like Beth El, are committed to addressing the ills and issues of our day. ☆

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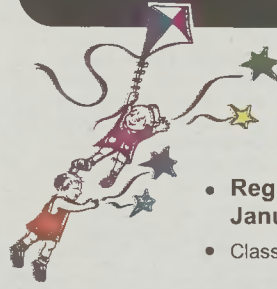
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