

## Community News

### Resolution Adopted on Domestic Violence Task Force Appointed

A Task Force on Domestic Abuse has been appointed by Temple Beth El President Jonathan Howard to recommend ways to implement a Board

Resolution passed on December 3, 2008. The Resolution, based on one adopted by the Central Conference of American Rabbis in 1990, affirms that domestic violence exists in the Jewish community and that each House of Worship should be a "safe haven" for anyone who is suffering from abuse.

"We are saying we recognize the problem, we have taken a principled stand, and we will go forward," said President Howard. Rick Glaser who as Vice-President for Planning introduced the Board Resolution, added, "Because we know there are many people, especially women, suffering in silence and isolation right now, we have set a very short time-frame for the work of the Task Force: we hope to begin implementation in April of this year."

The Board action culminates almost two years of work at

Temple Beth El when the issue of domestic abuse became one of the platforms of the Social Justice and Action Committee. Along with clergy and Sisterhood and in coordination with other Temples and Jewish organizations, educational forums for adults and children, cell phone collections, cards in restrooms, promotional activities, and sermons have been part of TBE life.

"The role of the Task Force is to find ways to make the fight against domestic abuse part of the fabric of our Temple - to develop an institutional rather than a one-on-one response," said Task Force Chair Marsha Stickler. Adjunct member Moira Quinn Klein emphasized, "We want to establish the kind of Temple where each member can be confident that, 'It's safe to say; It's safe to tell. Domestic Abuse isn't tolerated at Temple Beth El.'" ☆

#### Resolution on Domestic Abuse Temple Beth El

WHEREAS Judaism affirms the sanctity of life and the inherent right of each person to a life of dignity and respect, and to a home that embodies such values, and WHEREAS a Jewish House of Worship should be a safe haven for anyone who is suffering from any form of domestic abuse, and WHEREAS domestic abuse, especially the battering of women, is a problem that has too often been minimized, ignored, or denied in the Jewish community, and WHEREAS certain misconceptions exist regarding battered women and men that dismiss, deny, and blame the victim rather than the perpetrator.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Temple Beth El and its members acknowledge the presence of domestic abuse in our Temple family and the Jewish community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Temple Beth El and its leadership will offer guidance about domestic abuse and make it known to our congregants that victims may come to us for help and that we will educate our congregants in order to recognize and help prevent domestic abuse.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Temple Beth El will take the steps that are necessary and appropriate to become a safe and welcoming place for anyone in our Temple family who is in a domestic abuse situation. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Temple Beth El leadership will offer educational and ethical action programs about domestic abuse, and that we will institute appropriate forums in our congregation and community regarding the issue of domestic abuse.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Temple Beth El will call upon and work with other religious and secular organizations throughout our community to educate and engage in a campaign of outreach and awareness regarding domestic abuse.

### Hadassah is a Jewel

Come meet your friends for an evening of jewelry making, wine, and fun. Come a few minutes early and have a glass of wine with us at Total Wine right next door.

**Thursday, February 28, 7-9 PM at Jewelology,**  
ParkTowns Village, 1630 E. Woodlawn Road, Suite 265.

Cost: \$15 at the door plus cost of jewelry.  
Limited to the first 20 people to sign up.

RSVP: Dana Kapustin dkapustin@carolina.rr.com or 704-364-8669.

### PICK A ROSENFELD for All Your Real Estate Needs

Over 35 Years Experience

Home  
704-321-0220



**BARBARA**  
Coldwell Banker United  
704-541-6100



**MARSHALL**  
Queenstowne Realty  
704-543-6046

## Senior Homecare By Angels®

### Select Your Caregiver™

We know it isn't easy to invite someone into your home to provide homecare. You'll interview and select any caregiver we refer to you. At Visiting Angels®, character matters in caregivers!

- ✓ **Emergency Response**
- ✓ **Up to 24 Hour Care**
- ✓ **Meal Preparation**
- ✓ **Errands/Shopping**
- ✓ **Hygiene Assistance**
- ✓ **Light Housekeeping**
- ✓ **Respite Care for Families**
- ✓ **Rewarding Companionship**



America's Choice in Homecare.  
**Visiting Angels®**  
LIVING ASSISTANCE SERVICES



**704-549-4010**

www.visitingangels.com