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## North Carolina State Bar Approves Upcoming Jewish Learning Institute Talmudic Ethics Course for CLE Ethics Credits

We are pleased to inform our legal community that the North Carolina State Bar has approved our upcoming JLI course on ethics for legal CLE ethics credit for North Carolina attorneys. The JLI course, which will meet six consecutive Tuesdays (evening) or Wednesdays (morning) beginning May 13 and 14, is open to the entire community.

Talmudic law is a 3000-year-old system of jurisprudence that continues to develop organically and to be practiced today. In the upcoming JLI course, which begins this coming month of May, we look at the classic books, codes, commentaries, and responsa that are the sources of Jewish law and its thought, as well as contemporary cases in civil law that have come before the *beit din*, the court system of Jewish law. Although modern life brings many

new dilemmas, the *beit din* decides law by taking into account precedent as found in the Talmud and other Jewish legal literature.

The focus of the course is ethics. Jewish law has been wrestling with the relationship between ethics and law for more than three millennia. It offers a rich storehouse of insight that can directly benefit any legal professional. Aside from the ever-larger role that civility plays in a much interconnected global economy, the characteristic emphasis of Jewish law on what the prophets call *tzedek*—righteousness—offers a unique model of how a system of law can maintain throughout time the allegiance and even the affection of those under its governance.

As we examine these cases and the relevant sources that inform the decisions, we will compare the

Talmud's underlying principles with the philosophic infrastructure of the American legal system. Not only will differences and similarities be revealed, but also a wealth of relevant insight into the importance of a sound ethical backbone to the health of American government and American law.

The classes will be held at the Lubavitch Educational Center at 6619 Sardis Road in Charlotte. Tuesday classes will be held beginning on May 13, from 7:30-9 PM. Wednesday classes will be held beginning on May 14, from 11 AM-12:30 PM. The classes will be taught by Rabbi Yossi Groner (evening) and Rabbi Shlomo Cohen (morning). To register or for more information please visit our website: [www.ohrharohnc.org](http://www.ohrharohnc.org) or [www.myJLI.com](http://www.myJLI.com). ☆

## Beth Shalom of Lake Norman Announces Activities for April, May and June

### Events Include Interfaith Seder, Yom HaShoah Observance

Beth Shalom of Lake Norman ([www.bethshalomlkn.org](http://www.bethshalomlkn.org)) announced its events for its spring Shabbat. Each will occur on the first weekend of the month and include a Friday night service followed by a community dinner and a Saturday morning Torah service and children's service with a Kiddush luncheon. All services are free and open to the public. Additional activities include:

**April 4 and 5** — Friday and Saturday services plus an Interfaith Seder held at Davidson College Presbyterian Church to celebrate the Jewish holiday of Passover. Jeremy Gerber, our rabbinical intern, will lead the Seder as we recount the story of the

Israelites gaining their freedom from the Egyptian Pharaoh and share the symbolic foods that bring the story to life. Invited guests include members of Davidson College Presbyterian Church, Davidson United Methodists Church, and the Muslim community.

**May 1, 2 and 3** — Thursday begins with our observance of Yom HaShoah, (Holocaust Remembrance Day), a day set aside for remembering the approximately six million Jews who perished in the Holocaust. Rabbi Gerber will pay a special visit to our religious school children to help explain the Holocaust. Thursday evening, Beth Shalom

will host an event commemorating the Holocaust, that is open to the public and will feature survivors' stories. The weekend will continue with regular Friday and Saturday services plus a special Yom HaShoah adult education event on Saturday night.

**June 6 and 7** — Friday and Saturday services plus a special family activity, putt-putt golf at Queens Landing, to say to goodbye to Jeremy Gerber for the summer.

More details, including how to RSVP, are available at [www.bethshalomlkn.org](http://www.bethshalomlkn.org) or call 704-896-6556.

Be sure to check out Beth Shalom's new website with more information and membership information right online.

#### About Beth Shalom of Lake Norman

Beth Shalom of Lake Norman is a Jewish congregation serving the Lake Norman area. Beth Shalom ("House of Peace") is about family, friends and faith. We are dedicated to developing a meaningful Jewish life for our members and our community. We come from different backgrounds, traditions and practices, but we come together as a congregation to form an extended family. We express this dedication through our commitment to foster and fulfill the spiritual, educational and social needs of the Jewish community in Lake Norman. We strive to create inviting, participatory atmosphere that allow each of us to connect with our Jewish spirit and identity. Family. Friends. Faith — Building the foundation for future generations. [www.bethshalomlkn.org](http://www.bethshalomlkn.org). ☆

## Temple Beth El is Sponsoring a Team for AIDS Walk again this Year!

Last year the team raised over \$1,200 and we'd like to top that goal this year.

AIDS walk benefits RAIN, (Regional AIDS Interfaith Network) a community interfaith organization whose mission is to engage the community to transform lives and promote respect and dignity for all people touched by the AIDS crisis through compassionate care, education and leadership development.

The walk will be held Saturday, May 3 at Gateway Village Atrium, 800 West Trade Street.

Please consider joining the team or sponsoring one of its members. Go online at [www.aidswalkcharlotte.org](http://www.aidswalkcharlotte.org)

If you prefer not to donate online but would like to contribute, make your check out to AIDS walk 2008 and mail it to: Lee Reed, 11515 Sir Francis Drake Drive, Charlotte, NC 28277

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