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The Doorstep of the New Year

With summer's end, the Havurat Tikvah families get together to share our travels, to catch up with friends, and to see who met the Summer Challenge to meet someone new. We hope that everyone in the Charlotte Jewish community had the chance to welcome someone into their lives whom they did not know before the summer began.

To share our stories, Havurat Tikvah will depart from our familiar Saturday morning service, and on August 8, we will hold a Friday evening service at 7:30 PM. We will usher in Shabbat with Kabbalat Shabbat and Ma'ariv service followed by an Oneg.

On August 9, we will observe our Tisha B'Av service at 7:30 PM, with a brief Havdalah and Ma'ariv service for those who wish to observe Kaddish, and readings from Lamentations including a discussion of the meaning of the 9th of Av through history.

Each year Havurat Tikvah celebrates Tisha B'Av, and each year our service has a unique and individual flavor. The various partici-

pants add to each year's service, and make each year a new perspective, a new experience and a new opportunity to meditate on the meaning of the many sorrows that the Jewish people have suffered throughout the centuries.

May we as Jews all find our own solace in the sorrow and the reconciliation of our historical experience, of the many painful touch points with our people and the larger world that will lead to a new and deeper meaning of our shared co-existence. We all live in this world and it is not defined by any one of us, as groups or as individuals. We live together in the world. We share a common fate, and our hope is that it is one of ultimate peace and co-existence.

We welcome you to our warm and friendly services, a relaxed family atmosphere in which all Jews can feel comfortable, and guests are always welcome. Havurat Tikvah is an affiliate of the Jewish Reconstructionist Federation - please feel free to visit www.jrf.org and click on



Jewish Reconstructionist Federation



Reconstructionist Judaism to learn more about us.

We celebrate all 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 our website at www.HavuratTikvah.org or call 704-545-0894. ☆

Beth Shalom of Lake Norman Announces August Events

Beth Shalom of Lake Norman (www.bslnk.org) announces the details for its August Shabbaton, on August 1 and 2.

Friday, August 1, 6:15 PM, St. Alban's Episcopal Church. This evening will feature our first Shabbat service in St. Alban's. Bring out your best, most colorful, tackiest Hawaiian shirt and celebrate Shabbat in style. Catered dinner to follow, \$12 for members, \$15 for non-members and children under 13 are free. (Payment can be made online at www.bslnk.org.) If you are not able to come to dinner but still wish to attend services, you do not need to make reservations.

Saturday, August 2, 9 AM, St. Alban's Episcopal Church. Our celebration of Shabbat will continue Saturday morning with traditional readings from the Beth

Shalom Torah. We will have a Tot Shabbat service separate from the adult service. Following services, we will have an Oneg luncheon. If you are not able to stay for lunch but still wish to attend services, you do not need to make reservations.

Saturday, August 2, 8 PM, home of Jay and Nanci Michaels. This monthly adult-only event allows members and guests of the congregation to explore Judaism through educational discussion and socializing. Reservations are necessary.

More details, including how to RSVP, are available at www.bslnk.org or call 704-896-6556.

Be sure to check out Beth Shalom's website with more information about services, events, reli-



gious school and membership. **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. www.bslnk.org. ☆

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New Member Shabbat Dinner at Temple Beth El

On Friday, August 8, our newest Temple members are invited to a special Shabbat dinner following the 6 PM Summer Shabbat service. New members will have a chance to meet clergy, staff, Temple board members and the membership committee in an informal setting. This event, hosted by the Membership committee, will feature an Israeli menu, sure to please adults and children. Invitations have been sent out, but if you are a very recent new member and did not receive an invitation by mail, please call the front office at 704-366-1948, because we don't want you to miss it. ☆