

SYNAGOGUES & CONGREGATIONS

December Events at Temple Or Olam

December brings a host of Hanukkah happenings at Temple Or Olam.

Temple Or Olam and McGill Baptist Church will put on their third annual joint Hanukkah/Christmas party on December 17 at McGill Baptist Church. The past parties have featured storytelling, music, dancing, delicious food, raffles, and, most of all, an opportunity to share traditions and goodwill with our neighbors. For details, please contact Temple Or Olam.

On December 21, Temple Or Olam will host a Hanukkah party at McGill Baptist Church at 5 PM. We will light our hanukkiyahs, and enjoy wonderful food and entertainment. We'd love for you to join us. Please contact Temple Or Olam for more information.

We've all heard that familiar song about the dreidel made of clay. All the students of the Temple Or Olam religious school are actually making dreidels out of clay at Mud Stingers Pottery in Concord. Look for these decorative dreidels to be displayed at our Hanukkah party.

The religious school students are also participating in a



Celebrating Hanukkah at Congregation Or Olam

Tzedakah project that we're calling "Helping Hands for Light." Each student has come up with a list of jobs to do for their parents or neighbors. The parent or neighbor decides how much the job is worth to them and pays the student, who then brings the money into religious school. Our goal is to raise money to help some needy Cabarrus County residents keep their power on this winter. We're challenging ourselves to see how many residents we can help for eight days each.

Temple Or Olam normally holds Shabbat services on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of each month, but because of the Hanukkah festivities, we won't be holding them in December. We will, however, be

holding our second Shabbat morning sing-along service on December 13. We plan to add a Saturday morning service to our monthly schedule, and every cou-

ple of months we're holding a Shabbat morning service to help familiarize our congregation with the liturgy of the service, especially the joyful songs. Please contact us for details on where and when the Shabbat morning sing-along will be held.

For more information, please visit our website, www.or-olam.org, email us at info@or-olam.org, or call us at 704-720-7577. ☆

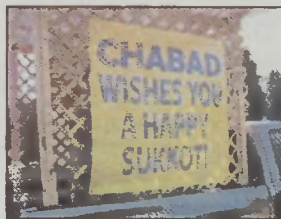


Chabad Sukkah-Mobile Visits Sun City and the Ballantyne Area

In an effort to spread the joy of the Sukkot holiday to as many Jewish people in the greater Charlotte area as possible, Chabad of Ballantyne drove a mobile sukkah to some of the outlying communities around town. Rabbi Yisroel Levin brought joy and mitzvot by building a sukkah on the back of an extended pickup truck and providing at least 20 people in Sun City the opportunity to partake in this joyous mitzvah.

This sukkah-mobile was a project of Lubavitch of North Carolina and made its rounds to other parts of town as well. The sukkah-mobile concept has been around since the 1960s when young Chabad rabbis would visit college campuses in the northeast with sukkot built on flatbeds.

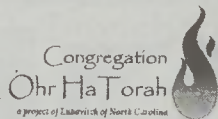
Rabbi Levin also parked the sukkah-mobile in the bustling Ballantyne area, and at least ten



The Sukkah-mobile.

Jewish people came by asking to shake the lulav in the sukkah and enjoy some holiday treats as well.

Chabad of Ballantyne serves the Ballantyne and Sun City communities and had over 70 people in attendance at their High Holiday services. ☆



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Save This Date - Sunday, December 21

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More information will follow.

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