

Israeli Film Night, An Upcoming Retreat, And More

Yearning for even more films with Jewish themes? The Jewish Film Festival may be over for 2009, but Havurat Tikvah continues its ongoing series of Israeli Film Nights on April 11. Be prepared for an interesting movie and lively conversation over coffee and snacks. Check out our website for a listing of the upcoming film or call the number below for more information.

This month, Community Shabbat services are scheduled for April 18 and are slated to have a particular emphasis on musical expression for Sabbath prayer.

Services start at 10 AM at the Fellowship Hall of St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, 2201 Springdale Ave. (at Magnolia) in the Dilworth neighborhood of Charlotte. After services, stick around for a potluck lunch and the opportunity to meet old friends and make new acquaintances. For more information call the number below.

Spring will be in full force when Havurat Tikvah members and friends gather for a weekend (May 8-10) of fun activities, good conversations, and spiritual renewal in the North Carolina

mountains. Student Rabbi Arlene Berger will join us for an intergenerational retreat at Camp Cheerio. Arlene, who is in her second year with Havurat Tikvah, comes to us from the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College in Philadelphia. In addition to welcoming the Sabbath bride on Friday evening and with morning services on Saturday, they'll be ample opportunity to participate in various planned activities, relax with friends, or just enjoy the indoor and outdoor facilities of the Camp Cheerio campus. Additional details will be published on our

website as they become available. Call the number below for more information or to reserve a space.

Tzedakah projects at Havurat Tikvah continue with "Project Linus." Over the past several years, Havurat Tikvah members have come together to knit and assemble "security" blankets for children who are seriously ill, traumatized, or otherwise in need. This is a great opportunity to chat and relax while working for a great cause. No knitting experience is required. Interested in joining us? Go to our website for a listing of our next meeting date or call the number listed below.

Havurat Tikvah is an affiliate of the Jewish Reconstructionist Federation. We provide a comfortable, family atmosphere where all Jews can feel welcome. We encourage participation in the community and in our services.



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Sunday School and B'nai Mitzvah preparation are available for children. We invite all who are interested to visit, get to know us, and to become part of our growing congregation of over 50 households.

For an updated calendar and information about Havurat Tikvah, visit our website at www.HavuratTikvah.org or call 877-203-5848. ☆

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Beth Shalom Names Kara Tanenbaum New B'Nai Mitzvah and Youth Programming Coordinator Educator Brings Over 15 Years of Experience

Beth Shalom of Lake Norman (www.bslkn.org) announced the hiring of Kara Tanenbaum as our first B'Nai Mitzvah and Youth Programming coordinator. In this position, Ms. Tannenbaum will coordinate all activities for children in preparation for their Bar or Bat Mitzvahs, including tutoring. She will also serve as our youth leader to excite and inspire teens and create a great sense of identification with the Jewish faith. Youth programs will be targeted for sixth graders and up through high school.

Since joining Beth Shalom of Lake Norman only ten months ago, Ms. Tanenbaum has already been placed on the Synagogue Board as Ritual Chair and has tutored students in both Torah and



Kara Tannenbaum

tefillah. She brings over 15 years of experience as a Jewish educator, working with Jewish youth in Conservative, Reform and Reconstructionist synagogues. She has worked in religious schools, tutored B'nai Mitzvah students, taught Adult Hebrew lessons and worked in Camp Ramah in the Berkshire Mountains.

Before moving to Charlotte from Atlanta, Ms. Tanenbaum held a position as Youth Director at Congregation Etz Chaim in Marietta, GA. The youth groups she led won numerous regional and national awards. She plans to institute USY and Kadima youth groups in Fall 2009.

Ms. Tanenbaum has also just accepted the position of Executive Assistant to the Executive Director, Sue Worrel, at Jewish Federation of Greater Charlotte.

Ms. Tanenbaum leads Shabbat services the 2nd Friday of each month at Davidson College in the Student Union. Services begin at 6:15 PM. ☆

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