

## Havurat Tikvah Hosts a "May Madness" Retreat

Havurat Tikvah members and friends are looking forward to the weekend of May 9 for "May Madness," an in-town retreat with Student Rabbi Arlene Berger. Arlene, who is in her second year with Havurat Tikvah, comes to us from the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College in Philadelphia.

The weekend begins on Saturday morning at 10 AM with Community Shabbat services. Join us 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 an afternoon craft activity for the "Butterfly Project."

Our Saturday evening adult education program will include a discussion of *menschlichkeit*: what are the origins of the word mensch? what does it mean to be a mensch? how do you know if you are one? We'll mark the end of Shabbat with Havdalah and then continue our evening with a Yom Ha-atzmaut (Israeli Independence

Day) film, coffee, and snacks. Call the number below for times and location.

The weekend "Madness" concludes on Sunday morning (May 10) with bagels and a scavenger hunt designed for all ages. For questions about Sunday's programs or any other retreat activities, contact us through the website or at the number below.

Our newest tzedakah project teams volunteers from Havurat Tikvah with First Christian Church, other faith communities, and the Dilworth neighborhood in sponsoring a weekly Soup Kitchen. The Soup Kitchen is open for lunch each Wednesday at First Christian Church.

Ongoing mitzvah activities include "Project Linus," which meets this month on May 17. Join us to help knit and assemble "security" blankets for children who are seriously ill, traumatized, or otherwise in need; no experience is needed. And on May 31, Havurat Tikvah's tzedakah team



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will provide dinner for residents of Samaritan House. Samaritan House provides interim care for homeless people who are recuperating following a hospital stay. Interested in lending a helping hand? Call the number 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. 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](http://www.HavuratTikvah.org) or call 877-203-5848. ☆

## Temple Beth El Anshei Mitzvah 2009

*From Generation to Generation We Carry on with the Richness of Tradition and the Promise of Tomorrow*

The community is welcome to join Temple Beth El for Shabbat morning worship on May 16 at 10:30 AM, as the ten members of the 2008-2009 Anshei Mitzvah class are called to the Torah. This dedicated group will lead the congregation in a joyous celebration of Shabbat culminating two years

of intense study. The entire congregation is proud of their accomplishments and wishes a hearty Mazel Tov to the following participants:

Jeanette Hait Blanco,  
Bridget Cohen,  
Stanton Geller,  
Leslie Imholt,  
Matthew Kelly,  
Laura Philipson,

Stephen Philipson,  
Randi Clein Shane,  
Christopher Totten,  
Tracey Totten

A delicious Kiddush luncheon will follow in the David Silverman Social Hall and the cost is \$8 per person. Please RSVP at 704-749-3070 or online at [www.beth-el.com/rsvp](http://www.beth-el.com/rsvp). Any questions? Please call the Temple office at 704-366-1948. ☆

## Congregation Emanuel of Statesville

Rabbi Philmus will visit us the weekend of May 15-17, Lag B'Omer/Yom Yerushalayim weekend. Friday night Oneg 7:30, Saturday 10 AM Torah service followed by "Brunch and Learn." Saturday night 6 PM covered dish/Havdallah service, with Israeli Dance party: an Israeli Dance group will be coming up from Charlotte for the evening to teach Israeli dancing, with participation of the members. Members of the other Lake Norman congregations are invited. Sunday 10 AM, brunch with the Rabbi Philmus for Lag B'Omer festivities.

Rabbi Philmus will join us for "Earth Day" weekend, June 5-7. Details TBA.

Rabbi Philmus' final weekend with us will be June 12-14, for our 125th anniversary. The celebration will take place at the Oneg on Friday night. Lake Norman congregations are excited to come and celebrate with us, and will be invited for the Friday night service. We'll also be having the usual Saturday 10 AM Torah service followed by Brunch and Learn, Saturday night 6 PM covered dish/Havdallah service, and Sunday 10 AM Brunch and Schmooze with the Rabbi. ☆

## Shavuot at Ohr HaTorah

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midnight with a variety of Torah study programs. This will include Halachic dissertations on Talmudic issues as well as an inner look at the mystical side of the Torah. The Torahthon is open to anyone interested in participating and is a great way to prepare

for the reading of the Ten Commandments. Refreshments will be served. For more information, please call Rabbi Shlomo Cohen at 704-366-3984 or contact him via email: [rabbic@earthlink.net](mailto:rabbic@earthlink.net). ☆

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