

Viva Klezmer to Appear at the Shalom Lake Norman Festival

Your hands will be clapping and your feet will be moving to the sounds of Viva Klezmer at the first annual Shalom Lake Norman Festival, Sunday, September 13 from noon-4 PM at Ramsey Creek Park in Cornelius.

Viva Klezmer is well known for their rendition of Klezmer music traditionally heard in Eastern Europe. One can not enjoy Klezmer without the rhythmic sound of the clarinet and the melodic sound of the violin. Gene and Ali Kavadlo, lead musicians with the Charlotte Symphony, together with their accompanying

musicians, will be one of the featured music acts at the Shalom Lake Norman Festival.

The Shalom Lake Norman Festival is sponsored by the Jewish Council of Lake Norman and the Jewish Federation of Greater Charlotte. The entire community and our surrounding neighbors are invited to spend the afternoon at the lake and enjoy ethnic food, dancing and music. For the children there will be an opportunity to climb the "Kotel" (a climbing wall), sail a boat on "Yam Kinneret" (Sea of Galilee/Lake Norman), slides and

jumping rides too. For young, and young at heart, there will be a craft section to participate in. For the shoppers, Judaica art and jewelry will be displayed and available for purchase. We recommend that you bring a lounge chair to enjoy the view and entertainment. Come and enjoy.

Remember the date, time and place: Shalom Lake Norman Festival, Ramsey Creek Park, Sunday, September 13, 12 noon-4 PM. For more information contact: Herb 704-301-1714 or Gail 704-582-1980. ☆

Online Parent Network Expanding Reach with Bi-Monthly Webinars, Resource Center

In an effort to reach out to all Jewish parents of special needs children, the Friendship Circle's Online Parent Network is expanding to two monthly webinar offerings per topic and adding an online resource center. The network's twice monthly online meetings, available Tuesdays at 8 PM EST, cover a range of relevant and engaging subjects with a lecture session and an experience sharing session. The new online resource center for parents includes video footage from each webinar and resources relating to each topic.

Monthly topics include:

- ☆ Jewish perspectives on special needs
- ☆ Recognizing special needs children's benefit to society

☆ Instilling confidence in special needs children's siblings

☆ Issues of integration versus segregation

☆ Creating special needs friendly environments in schools and synagogues

☆ Teaching sensitivity to community members, clergy and school faculty

☆ Educating the public, family and friends on the needs and challenges of special needs children

☆ The practice of mitzvot for people with disabilities

The Network compliments the Friendship Circle's acclaimed services for children with special needs by placing a greater focus on supporting the entire family unit. The interactive webinars compliment programs which high-

light and emphasize the role of parents and caregivers. The Friendship Circle links teenage volunteers and special needs children for programming which empowers, teaches the value of giving and friendship, provides respite and support, educates the community, and assists the children's societal integration.

For more information, visit www.friendshipcircle.com. ☆



Chabad of Ballantyne's Spiritual Stimulus Bill

Imagine calculating your annual business report during the current recession, only to be told that you can wipe the slate clean? Or that all debts are forgiven? And all you have to do is fill out an application. Wouldn't you say it's worth a couple hours in the synagogue? And what if the synagogue was around the corner?

Join Chabad of Ballantyne for the high holidays and gear up for a fresh new start. God signs a spiritual stimulus bill every new year, giving us the opportunity to reconnect with our Judaism and inner self. It's time to fill out the application.

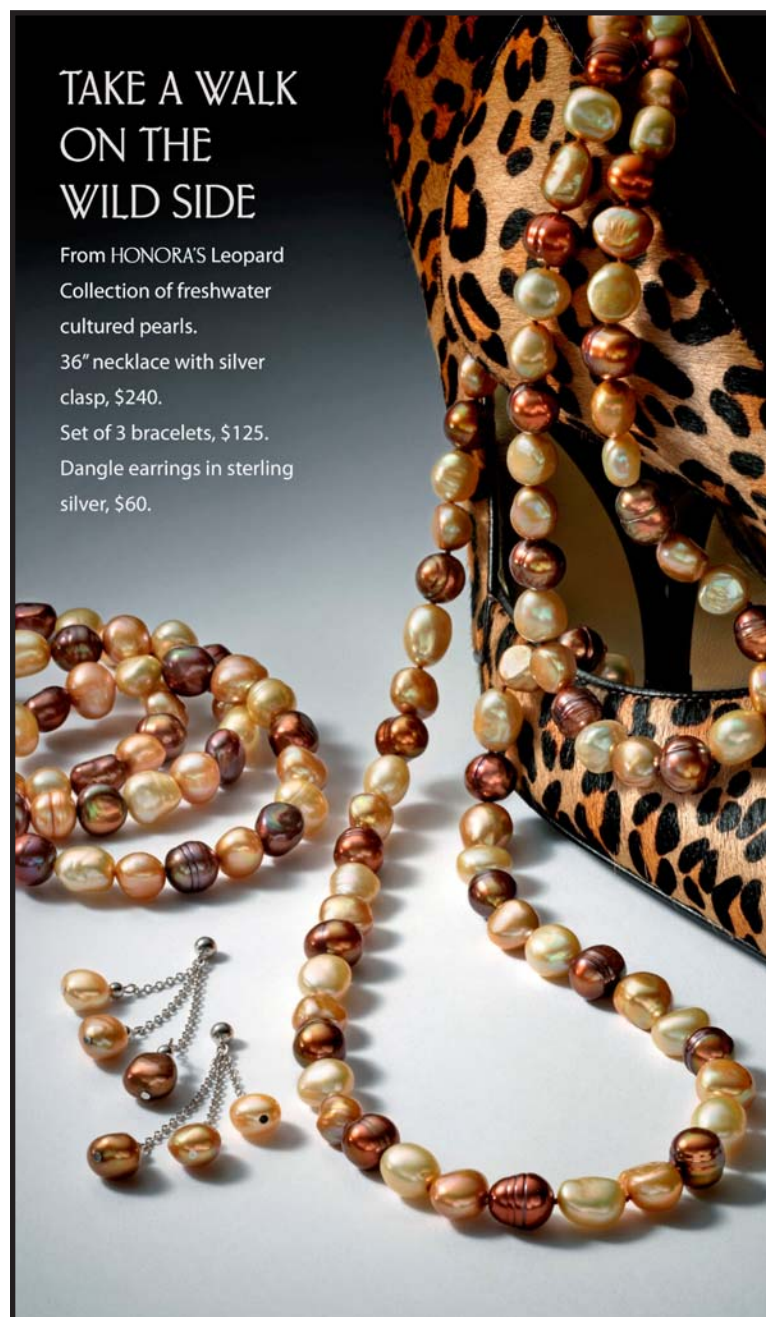
Join us for Rosh Hashanah services on September 19 and 20 and for Yom Kippur services on September 27 and 28.

Rosh Hashanah is a time when we once again accept God's kingship, and when the entire creation, the universe with all its creatures, is judged. Yom Kippur is the time when the Almighty forgives us for all our wrongdoing. The High Holiday is not only a time of remembrance of a certain occasion in history, but also a recurrence of the original event. It is a time of reawakening of the special rela-

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For times, location and more

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