

### Five Cantors: Sunday, April 25, 3 PM

Please join us at Temple Israel as *Cantor Moshe Bear of New York, Cantor Andrew Bernard of Charlotte, Cantor Roger Eisenberg of Baltimore, Cantor Deborah Winston of Asheville, and our own Cantor Elias Roohvarg of Temple Israel* entertain us in a lively and varied musical program, featuring Liturgy and Love Songs, Shabbat and Show Tunes, Hebrew, Yiddish and American hits. Refreshments will be served. Free and open to the public.

## Temple Israel Book Club

### *Identical Strangers: A Memoir of Twins Separated and Reunited by Elyse Schein and Paula Bernstein*

THURSDAY, APRIL 15, 7:30 PM, TEMPLE ISRAEL

*Identical Strangers* is indeed an appropriate name to describe twin sisters who were split up as infants and found each other as thirty-five year old adults. The book's authors, Elyse Schein and Paula Bernstein, will be the featured speakers at the Twelfth Annual Women's Spring Lecture on April 22. The Temple Israel Book Club will discuss this poignant and powerful memoir at its April 15 meeting.

In addition to their personal story, the book sheds light on past adoption practices for twins. The sisters, along with a number of other sets of separated twins, were part of a secret scientific study of

identical siblings.

Critics describe *Identical Strangers* as "an intelligent exploration of how identity intersects with bloodlines. A must read for anyone interested in what it means to be a family. As you accompany the twins on their search for the truth of their birth, you witness another kind of birth – the germination and flowering of sisterly love."

The presentation by these memoir-writing sisters at the Women's Division Spring Lecture will be fascinating. Questions for these speakers are sure to be generated by reading and discussing their story at Temple Israel's April 15

meeting.

*Identical Strangers* is available at the public library and the Levine-Sklut Judaic Library and for purchase at local book stores or on-line for about \$15. Get a copy, attend the April 15 meeting, and bring it with you to be signed on April 22 at the 12th Annual Spring Lecture. There'll be a place for you at the TI Book Club table. Please see page 1 for more information on the Spring Lecture.

For additional information contact Linda Levy at 704-366-6362/levyollie@aol.com or Sandra Hirschman at 704-867-7051. ☆

## Beth Shalom of Lake Norman

### March Shabbaton Weekend, March 5-6

Beth Shalom holds Shabbat services the first weekend of each month, led by our Gladstein Fellow Rabbi Corey Helfand. Members of Beth Shalom, guests of members, and non-members are invited to attend all services and events.

Please bring your donations of canned and non-perishable foods for donation to aid our own congregants in need.

Friday, March 5 - 6:30 PM, St. Alban's

Building opens at 6:15 PM. Services begin promptly at 6:30 PM, followed by a catered dinner. (\$12 members/\$15 non-members/\$5 children 6-13/children under 6 free). RSVP by Wednesday, March 3.

Saturday, March 6 - 9:30 AM, St. Alban's

Building opens at 9:15 AM. Morning services begin promptly at 9:30 AM. Jr. Congregation (grades 4-6) from 9:30-10:30. Tot Shabbat (Pre-K-3rd) from 10-12. Services followed by oneg. No

charge; please RSVP by Wednesday, March 3 if you intend to stay for lunch.

*Havdallah, Adult Education, and Social*

Saturday evening, March 6. Topic for adult education TBD.

Murder Mystery and Dinner, Friday, March 19, St. Alban's Episcopal Church, 6:30-9 PM.

Families welcome. \$8 per person (\$30.00 max per family) ☆



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