

Yom HaShoah, and Other News from Temple Israel

The Charlotte Jewish community's annual commemoration of Yom HaShoah will be Sunday evening, April 11, beginning at 7 PM in Lerner Hall at the Levine Jewish Community Center. The commemoration will begin with a candle lighting ceremony of six candles, one for each of the six million of our brothers and sisters who perished under the evil and violent hand of Nazi Europe. The service will include readings and prayers, concluding with the kaddish yatom, the mourners kaddish in memory of the six million. The candle lighting ceremony will be followed by a brief presentation about The Butterfly Project. The Butterfly Project has created hundreds and hundreds of butterflies artistically decorated by members of the Charlotte community to commemorate the loss of over a million children under Nazi tyranny. At next year's Yom HaShoah commemoration, we hope to dedicate the butterfly memorial. The

remainder of the program is entitled "The Element of Human Choice," a presentation on Jewish and human morality by Asaf Shenhav, this year's Shaliach from Israel. The program will focus on the choice a person has on whether to be active or to be a by-stander. Being a by-stander is a problem we deal with on a daily basis. The holocaust is an extreme, unfortunate example of how millions stood by. One question is, "How do we commemorate those who perished?" By making a living



memorial, and committing ourselves to a non-passive life. The program will be an engaging interactive program for both young and old. Sources from modern Hebrew songs to television shows, the bible, the good Samaritan law, the Shoah "holocaust" and daily life will be presented. This is a program that Mr. Shenhav has had tremendous success with for teacher training situations in schools, and other programmatic settings here and in Israel.

Men's Club News Yom HaShoah Memorial Candles

Your support of this program enables us to send the Vav class to The Holocaust Museum in Washington, DC. The candles will no longer be mailed to every member family's home, saving packaging and mailing costs. Instead, the Religious School will send the candles home to each TIRS family. Candles will also be available for pick-up at Temple

Israel. Suggested donation is \$18 per candle. To reserve your candle, please visit www.templeisraelnc.com for a form.

TI Adult Education Speaker

The Adult Education committee brings you this academic speaker through a generous grant from the Charles H. Revson Foundation and the Center of Jewish Studies at UNC Chapel Hill.

April 28 at 7:45 PM Professor Siu Challons-Lipton, D. Phil., chair of the Art Department at Queens University will speak on Contemporary Art. Challons-Lipton holds a doctorate in Art History from Oxford University, has taught at University of South Carolina, and most recently has transformed the Art Department at Queens with exciting new programming. Her knowledge and energy will inspire you this spring.

Dor Hadash

Celebrate Shabbat with Dor Hadash Saturday, April 24, 10-11 AM, in the Temple Israel Board

Room. Music, dancing, stories, puppets, prayers - all designed for families with children preschool - second grade.

Rosh Chodesh Study Group

The Rosh Chodesh Study Group will gather together to study Psalms on Shabbat, Saturday, April 17, in the Temple Israel Board Room. Bring a drink and a nosh after Kiddush (around 1 PM) All women are invited to join us for conversation, learning, and fun.

Social Club News

The Temple Israel Social Club invites couples and singles, affiliated with Charlotte area synagogues, to join our interesting programs and trips. Call Janine Rosner, 704-366-5631 for more information.

Save the following dates for several enjoyable events.

Sunday, May 9 - 3 PM: Carolina Voices concert, "Broadway Guys and Dolls," at Spirit Square. ✨

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 one of those jaw-dropping, one-of-a-kind stories that you'll recommend to everyone you know because you'll need to discuss it." This reviewer's comment shows the satisfaction you'll get from reading the book, participating in

the Temple Israel book club discussion on April 15 and then attending the Women's Division Dinner/Lecture on April 22. The reviewer goes on to say "Bernstein and Schein shed light on the complexities of nature, sisterhood, love, family and identity, not only for twins but for every one of us. This is truly the stuff of life - what could be more compelling?"

Elyse Schein and Paula Bernstein, the authors of *Identical Strangers* will be the featured speakers at the Twelfth Annual Women's Spring Lecture on April 22. Buy a copy of the book (on-line for less than

\$15) or borrow it from the Levine-Sklut Judaic Library or the public library. Read it for the discussion and, if it's your own copy, have it autographed at the Spring Lecture. You'll be glad you did, and if you have a sister - or better still - have an identical twin, these experiences will be even more meaningful. For more information on the Spring Lecture, please see page 1.

Whether or not you've read the book, you'll be welcome at both the book club discussion and the lecture.

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



Lag B'Omer Festival

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thousands ascend to Rabbi Shimon's resting place in Miron which is in the upper Galilee to celebrate with picnics and prayer on Lag B'Omer. For more information or reservations, please visit our website at: chabadnc.org or call our office at 704-366-3984. ✨

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