

No Vacation From Hunger....

Summer has arrived and with it comes vacation plans: kids off to camp, family outings at the beach, neighborhood cookouts. But summer brings no vacation from hunger for many in our community. As a result, summer is a perfect time for Havurat Tikvah to celebrate and renew our involvement in the Dilworth Soup Kitchen.

The soup kitchen was founded by longtime HT member Allen Saxe in conjunction with the congregation and clergy of First Christian Church. It has grown and evolved into a partnership among multiple faith communities including Havurat Tikvah, area grocers, local restaurants, and members of the community-at-large (both volunteers and those who come for lunch).

The soup kitchen's history is documented in a video, "Served and Seated" (www.susiepostrust.com/Duke09/Talia/index.html), by HT member and Duke University student Talia Saxe. In it, Allen outlines the simple philosophy underlying his vision. "I

wanted nice dishes, nice silverware and no lines, and no trays. I wanted people to be seated and served." This vision has made the Dilworth Soup Kitchen a place where guests enjoy a nourishing meal along with a warm welcome from volunteer wait staff, kitchen workers, and community friends.

The Dilworth Soup Kitchen serves lunch on Mondays and Wednesdays, but help is also needed for various tasks throughout the week. Interested in volunteering? Get more information by visiting the soup kitchen's Facebook page at: www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=77134194660.

The summer months find HT members and friends gathering for other activities as well. Our Community Shabbat services are scheduled for June 26 and July 10. Services start at 10 AM and conclude with a vegetarian potluck lunch and social hour. We invite you to join us at the Fellowship Hall of St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, 2201 Springdale Ave. (at

Magnolia) in the Dilworth neighborhood of Charlotte.

We'll also commemorate Tisha B'Av with services on July 19. For information on time and location, visit our website or contact the number below.

Finally, we enter the summer months offering a hearty mazeltov to Léa LaBaron on being called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah. We wish Léa, parents

Carol and Philippe, and sisters Margot and Annie many more family simchas.

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. Our Sunday School, with its exciting new curriculum, and B'nai Mitzvah preparation are available for children. Feel free to visit, get

to know us, and become part of our growing congregation of nearly 60 households.

For an updated calendar or to find out more about Havurat Tikvah, our worship services, Sunday School program, and community activities - please visit our website at www.havurattikvah.org or contact new member chair, Brian Feinglass, at bcfein1@gmail.com or at 1-877-203-5848. ☆

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Scenes from the Dilworth Soup Kitchen



Temple Beth El to Honor Adam Bernstein

June 4 During 6 PM Summer Shabbat Services in the Sam Lerner Center

Robert Louis Stevenson wrote: "The man is a success who has lived well, laughed often and loved much; who has gained the respect of intelligent men and the love of children; who has filled his niche and accomplished his task; who leaves the world better than he found it."

As we wind down another cycle of Beth El's leadership, we say: "The President is a success who keeps the congregants engaged, who keeps the staff content, who keeps the budget strong and who keeps the community inspired." By all measures, Adam Bernstein has been a success as President of Temple Beth El.

Adam Bernstein has been a solid figure during Temple Beth El's transition. He has remained

focused on our goals in the face of harsh financial storms. He has helped move the renovated Beth El from dreams to reality, and he has helped, and will continue to help, mold our large congregation into a warm and welcoming one with a small congregation feel. Fair, reflective, thoughtful and wise, Adam Bernstein's gifts are many and our gratitude is great for all he has given.

Please join us in thanking Adam on June 4 at a Shabbat Service in his honor. ☆



Temple Beth El's Annual Wildacres Retreat September 3-6 Labor Day Weekend

At Temple Beth El, we like to get out of doors. Each year, we escape to the mountains, where we eat, drink, learn, pray ... and eat some more. The theme for this year's Wildacres Retreat is: "L'dor Vador: Talkin' 'Bout My Generation." We will explore how Judaism speaks to each generation and what we have to offer one another. There is plenty of time for relaxation, family, the traditional wine-and-cheese receptions and exploring the Blue Ridge Mountains.

Non-members welcome. For more information, please contact Temple Beth El at 704-366-1948. Registration materials will be available at www.beth-el.com over the summer. ☆

TBE Welcomes Andy Harkavy as Youth Director/Assistant Director of Education



Andy Harkavy

TBE is excited to welcome Andy starting July 1. Andy grew up in a Reform congregation in Atlanta, where he served on the board of his local youth group. He is an alumnus of NFTY-SAR (our regional Reform Jewish youth movement) and Camp Coleman.

Andy received his Masters in Jewish Communal Service from Baltimore Hebrew Institute. He has broad experience in the Jewish community having served synagogues, religious schools, camps and Hillels in various capacities.

Andy will coordinate the activities of TBE's flourishing youth department, with activities for 2nd grade through High School. He will serve as advisor to LIBERTY, our NFTY youth group, directing the Madrichim (Teaching Assistant) program, and create informal education in Religious School. TBE is excited that Andy will be joining us to build upon our already strong youth programs. Please welcome this Georgia Bulldog to Charlotte. ☆



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