

The Busy Month of September: Starting the New Year with Havurat Tikvah

September not only marks the beginning of the New Year, but also marks our entrance into a busy schedule of Havurat Tikvah events and activities.

As always, we invite those looking for a place to celebrate the High Holy Days to be part of our member-led services. First time attendees and college students are welcome to join us at no cost.

We start the season with Selichot services at 8 PM on Saturday, September 4. The reflective and penitential nature of the service sets the perfect tone for entering the Days of Awe.

Rosh Hashanah services begin at 10 AM on Thursday, September 9 and Friday, September 10. Services are followed by a festive potluck luncheon. We reconvene on Thursday afternoon for Tashlich (location to be announced during Rosh Hashanah services).

Our Yom Kippur journey starts with Kol Nidre on Friday evening, September 17 (come early and plan to be seated by 7 PM). Services start again on Saturday at 10 AM, with Yizkor and Healing Services scheduled for the early

afternoon. An afternoon break will be followed by a late afternoon program that leads into our concluding Neilah service at 7 PM. We end the holiday with a community pot-luck break fast.

Unless otherwise specified, services will be held at 2201 Springdale Avenue (at Magnolia) in Charlotte's Dilworth neighborhood. If you'd like to join us, we invite you to call the number below so that we can plan adequate seating and arrange baby-sitting for young children.

In addition to our high holiday activities, September also signals the start of a new semester at our weekly Religious School. Classes, for children of Havurat Tikvah families, officially start on Sunday September 5 and promise to be filled with an exciting and fun curriculum of Judaic learning.

Planning is still underway for our annual Sukkot celebration. As in the past, we're planning to celebrate the harvest, wave the lulav and etrog, and enjoy a casual meal in the company of old friends and new

acquaintances. Please call the number below for details.

You can also call the number below for the latest information on our ongoing mitzvah efforts with the Dilworth Soup Kitchen and for this month's "Project Linus" meeting day and time.

Havurat Tikvah is an affiliate of the Jewish Reconstructionist Federation, providing a comfortable, family atmosphere where all Jews can feel welcome. We encourage participation in the community and in our services. For those who are interested, we invite you to visit, get to know us, and to become part of our growing congregation of nearly 60 households.

Have questions? Please visit us at 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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New JLI Course on Medicine and Morals is CME and CLE Approved

The Jewish Learning Institute of Charlotte is pleased to announce its upcoming fall course on Medical ethics. Although the course is open to everyone in the Jewish community, this course should be of particular interest to local physicians and attorneys as this course had been approved for CME credits and by the North Carolina bar for CLE credits.

As medicine advances and life expectancy increases, almost all of us will at some point encounter an ethical dilemma in dealing with our own health or the health of a loved one.

How is one's Jewish status determined in the case of surrogate motherhood?

Is it permissible, or perhaps even obligatory, to donate a kidney to save the life of a loved one? May one pursue a dangerous experimental treatment that has the risk of shortening life? Should children and teens have the autonomy to refuse potentially lifesaving treatment because of its arduous side effects, even when their parents disagree with their decision?

Modern medicine creates many new quandaries as it continually pushes the boundaries of what is possible. But Jewish law creatively draws analogies with ancient paradigms to provide guidance through the maze of medical decision making.

In this engaging course, we will examine some contemporary case studies, comparing secular and Jewish approaches as a means of developing ethical understanding.

The JLI course will begin on Tuesday October 26, 7:30 PM for six consecutive Tuesdays for the evening classes and on Wednesday October 27, 11 AM for six consecutive Wednesdays. The evening class will be taught by Rabbi Yossi Groner and the morning class by Rabbi Shlomo Cohen. Fee for registration is \$85 or \$150 per couple. To register, please visit www.myjli.com or call our office at 704-366-3984.

Save the date: Sunday, December 5. We will be celebrating the 30th anniversary of Lubavitch in Charlotte with major event in uptown Charlotte. ☆



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When I kept silent, my substance wasted away, as I roared all day long.

So I acknowledged my sin to You, and didn't hide my guilt, saying, "I hereby confess my transgressions to the Eternal."

And You took away the guilt for my sin.

— Psalm 32:3, 5