

Celebrating Simchat Torah, A Sofer, and A Shabbaton

Simchat Torah is a time for joy. This year, Havurat Tikvah's joy is tripled: we'll celebrate the holiday, commemorate the fourth year that our Torah has been with us for the festival, and welcome the return of Rabbi Kevin Hale for a Simchat Torah Shabbaton.

Rabbi Hale, a graduate of Yale and the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College, is one of a few non-orthodox rabbis (and the only Reconstructionist rabbi) who is also a traditionally-trained *sofer stam* (Torah scribe). Four years ago he completed his restoration of the Torah now used by the Havurah. A former Berkeley street artist, Rabbi Hale is a dynamic speaker who is passionate about

his work and about involving communities in the 613th commandment that calls upon every Jewish person to engage, at least once, in the writing of a Torah scroll.

Our Shabbaton begins on Friday evening (October 1) with a festive holiday meal. Although the Havurah is known for its wonderful pot-luck offerings, for this occasion we'll be honoring the holiday and the community with a special catered kosher Shabbat dinner. Dinner will be followed by a joyous celebration to mark the completion, and restart, of the annual Torah cycle. They'll be singing and music - courtesy of Havurah members Helen Lipman



Rabbi Kevin Hale

and Julia Westendorf - and plenty of opportunities to march and dance with the Torah.

Rabbi Hale will join us as we continue our celebration with Shabbat morning services at 10 AM on October 2. The honor of reading Torah on this special day will be given to Sydney Feinglass, daughter of Luisa and Brian Feinglass, as she marks the anniversary of her becoming a Bat Mitzvah. As always, Shabbat services will be followed by a pot luck lunch and the opportunity to relax with Havurah members and guests.

Our Shabbaton concludes on

Sunday morning, October 3. Rabbi Hale has planned a special program for our Religious School children and their families. This interactive session will be an exciting opportunity to learn about, and participate in, the scribing process.

Interested in joining us for the Shabbaton? We invite you to contact new member chair, Brian Feinglass with questions and to reserve a spot (see contact information below).

You may also want to look ahead and mark your calendars for November 12. We'll gather to celebrate the Sabbath with another spectacular family Kabbalat Shabbat dinner and service

And you can call the number below for the latest information on our ongoing mitzvah efforts including our participation in this year's CROP Hunger Walk (October 31), with the Dilworth Soup Kitchen, and with "Project Linus."

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.

Most of our activities take place in the Fellowship Hall of St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, 2201 Springdale Ave. (at Magnolia) in the Dilworth neighborhood of Charlotte.

To confirm locations and for questions about Havurat Tikvah, our Religious School, or 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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Lubavitch of North Carolina Celebrates 30 years in Charlotte with Grand event at NASCAR Hall of Fame

Thirty years ago Lubavitch of North Carolina was founded when Rabbi Yossi and Mariashi Groner arrived in Charlotte in July of 1980 with their first daughter Rochel. They came with a mission of bringing a new level of Jewish

life to the Charlotte Jewish community.

In the beginning Lubavitch introduced exciting Torah classes to adults and amazing programs for children. They established a preschool and day school and opened Charlotte's first Orthodox synagogue. The organization grew over time with many more institutions like the Jewish Preschool on Sardis, Congregation Ohr HaTorah, Friendship Circle of North Carolina and the Jewish Learning Institute of Charlotte.

Today Lubavitch and Ohr HaTorah are located on Sardis Road with an expanded rabbinic staff and extensive synagogue services for a growing membership. A Talmud Torah and Bar and Bat Mitzvah clubs attract the youth and a tailored junior congregation each Shabbat. A satellite branch of Chabad has recently opened in the Ballantyne area.

In addition Chabad expanded with new center in many cities across the Carolinas with over 24 rabbinic families as of today. The Communities in the Carolinas that have Chabad Centers today in addition to Charlotte are Asheville, Cary, Chapel Hill - Durham, Greensboro, Raleigh and Wilmington in North Carolina, and in Charleston, Columbia, Greenville and Myrtle Beach in South Carolina.

The theme of the Celebration 30 event will be past, present and future, honoring those who helped make it happen in the very beginning and those who support Chabad today and a most of all, a vision of the future.

Celebration 30 will be held on



Guy Bavli

Sunday December 5, 6:30 PM at the NASCAR Hall of Fame in uptown Charlotte. The event will feature kosher hors d'oeuvres and unique delicious desserts. A Huge Menorah will be kindled in honor of Chanukah at the entrance of the Hall.

Featured entertainment at the event will be Guy Bavli - Master of the Mind who presents an entertainment experience like none other. A renowned performer and "mentalizer," Guy Bavli has astonished audiences with his mind-mesmerizing performances that put you in touch with your sixth sense.

One of the most popular "in-demand" entertainers, Guy Bavli starred in the prime time NBC series "Phenomenon." He also performed at prestigious entertainment venues and casinos including Caesar's Palace in Las Vegas and Carnegie Hall in New York and dozens of countries world-wide.

This event is open to the entire community. More information on the honorees and details of this great event including reservations and fees will be announced in the November issue of *The Charlotte Jewish News*. ✨

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DATE: Monday, November 1, 2010
TIME: 7:00 P.M.
PLACE: Levine Jewish Community Center of Charlotte
5007 Providence Road, (704) 366-5007

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