

Temple Israel News

Wednesday night, December 1, 7 PM

Please join us as Temple Israel celebrates Chanukah. We invite you to join Rabbi Ezring, Rabbi Cantor, Cantor Roochvarg, the choir, special guests and Consolidated Hebrew High School students to light the first candle, sing our favorite Chanukah songs old and new, discover the real story of Chanukah and taste the sweetness of Chanukah treats.

Thursday Night, December 2, 7:45 PM

Event Title: An Insider's Look at the Middle East

Featured Speaker: Tal Becker

Dessert Reception to follow.

Dr. Tal Becker holds a doctorate from Columbia University, lectures widely throughout Israel and overseas, and is the recipient of numerous scholarly awards. His recent book, *Terrorism and the State: Rethinking the Rules of State Responsibility*, is the recipient of the 2007 Guggenheim Prize for Best International Law Book.

Friday evening, December 3, Chanukah Shabbat 5:45 PM

Join us for a special candle lighting followed by services at 5:45 PM and a wonderful Macabee Chanukah Shabbat Dinner (by reservations only), highlighted by stories and songs. Wine is available for you to enjoy at Shabbat Dinner.

Men's Club News December 4

It's almost time to shine your shoes, dry clean your tux, buy a corsage, and ask your favorite daughter or granddaughter to the Daddies & Darlings Dance. Men's Club members get a free gift, so

please consider joining today. Cost \$20 per father/daughter and \$10 for each extra child. Call 704-779-0768 or send an e-mail to warren@templeisraelmen.com for more information.

Sunday, December 5

Temple Israel Social Club will host its Annual Chanukah luncheon at the Marriott Executive Center.

Tuesday Evening, December 7 4:30 PM

Temple Israel Religious School will host a special Chanukah assembly for the families of the school.

Sisterhood Shabbat January 15, 2011

The service will be lead by our Sisterhood members (Parshat B'Shalach). This is an excellent opportunity to enjoy the camaraderie of Sisterhood while being a part of Shabbat evening and Shabbat morning services.

Outdoor Classroom

Join our community to commemorate the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. with a collaborative effort for positive change in Charlotte with our Outdoor Classroom.

In conjunction with AmeriCorps, Temple Israel, Friendship Missionary Baptist Church and Covenant Presbyterian Church, we are planting the seeds of an engaging and nourishing Outdoor Classroom at Turning Point Academy. Our vision is a natural, restorative oasis amidst the asphalt jungle of the city's urban core. The Outdoor Classroom will be a safe place where students can immerse their senses in natural surroundings.

Why: Turning Points Academy, part of the CMS School System, was established to provide an alternative education for children who were not able to succeed in a traditional classroom environment. The school provides alternative types of curriculum in order to re-engage the student and create that "turning point" that will allow them to matriculate back into a traditional classroom after 180 days.

We wish to provide an alternative natural environment that will activate all senses of each student. Once in a natural environment,



students are immersed in something bigger than themselves, rather than focusing narrowly on one thing, such as a computer screen. They are seeing, hearing, touching, even tasting. Out in nature, a student's brain has the chance to explore, dream, and discover. This project presents a unique opportunity to rally numerous neighborhood groups and individuals towards development of a shared space for student growth. All sponsors will be heavily publicized to press sources and included on all marketing materials.

Who: We need support from individuals, companies, and community organizations to help make the Outdoor Classroom for Turning Point a reality.

Where: The project site is located on site at Turning Point Academy, 2300 West Sugar Creek Road, Charlotte, NC.

When: Beginning Martin Luther King's Day, Monday, January 17, 2011, the project site will evolve from an open green space to a verdant outdoor classroom and learning playground, designed for biodiversity and ecological health.

Time: TBA

How: Individuals, companies, and community organizations can make monetary donations, and donations of new or recycled materials to help build the Outdoor Classroom. Monetary donations that are made will help purchase materials. There are also diverse volunteer opportunities which include landscaping, design, creative materials reuse, visual art, gardening, nature education and small-scale construction.

To participate with your family, get involved in the planning, or request more information, please contact: Ken Jackowitz, kenneth.jackowitz@bankofamerica.com; Jordan Forsythe, Jordan@flrimmigration.com; Lynne Sheffer, shefferm@bellsouth.net. ☆

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Lake Norman Jewish Congregation Supporting JFS

Tzedakah is a sacred obligation of any Jewish community. The Jewish community in Lake Norman rallied to the cause of justice by organizing a wine dinner. Over the course of two evenings, dozens of community members and their family and friends gathered to enjoy fine food and wine at Dressler's Restaurant in Huntersville.

Dressler's generously provided the food at cost. The wine was provided by Grapevine Distributors. All proceeds beyond cost went to the JFS Tzedakah fund. Overall, the congregation raised \$2,485.00. Moreover, the congregation and larger communi-

ty had the opportunity to learn about the mission and vision of Jewish Family Services and the crucial role it plays in the community.

Thanks go to John Dressler for supporting JFS and so many other causes. He has just opened a new restaurant called Dressler's Metro. If you visit either location, please thank them for the support. Thanks also to Betty and Joel Cohen, the owners of Grapevine Distributors for their generous donation of wine and thanks to King Green and Bentz Associates for their sponsorship of the event. ☆