

Yom Gemilut Hasadim: A Day of Deeds and Compassion with Temple Israel

In collaboration with Temple Israel, Friendship Missionary Baptist Church, Covenant Presbyterian Church and AmeriCorps, we are honoring the spirit of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. by planting the seeds of an engaging and nourishing Outdoor Classroom at Turning Point Academy. The vision is a natural oasis amidst the asphalt of the city's urban core.

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

We will kick-off the event with a community meet and greet dessert event to be held at Covenant Presbyterian Church, on Sunday, January 16, from 6:30 PM-8:30 PM.

On Monday, Martin Luther King Day, January 17, we will be meeting from 8 AM-5 PM at Turning Point Academy where the project site will begin to evolve from an open green space to a verdant outdoor classroom and learning playground, designed for biodiversity and ecological health.

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@flimmigration.com, or Lynne Sheffer, shefferm@bellsouth.net.

Torah on Tap Shabbat Dinner

January 21, at 7 PM
Join Torah on Tap (Young Adults ages 21-40) for our Family Shabbat Dinner. We will be singing, dining and studying the origins of Shabbat customs. Services start at 6:15 PM. For information, please call 704-362-2796.

Temple Israel Social Club

We invite couples and singles, affiliated with Charlotte area synagogues, to join our social group. Meet friendly people and enjoy our interesting programs and trips. Call Janine Rosner at 704-366-5631 for more information.

Sunday, January 23 at 3 PM

A docent-led tour of the beautiful new Mint Museum. Seniors pay \$8 each; Mint members are free. We will meet for dinner after the tour.

Sunday, February 13 at 12:30 PM

Our annual paid up membership luncheon at Temple Israel.

Sisterhood Shabbat January 15

This event is quickly approaching the weekend of January 15 (*Parshat B'Shalach*). If you are a member of Sisterhood, or planning on becoming one, this is an excellent opportunity to enjoy the camaraderie of Sisterhood while being a part of Shabbat evening and Shabbat morning services. No worries if you don't read Hebrew or can't read Torah, we have a part for you. From English prayers to ushering to baking, we can use you and your talents. Please email Lisa Nagel at nyflnc@aol.com or leave her a message at home: 704-843-9594. Don't delay. Let us know how you'll help today. We need you to make us complete.

Room In The Inn Volunteers Needed

Please call or e-mail the following coordinators:

Saturday evening, January 29, Mike Eisner, mike@templeisraelmen.com, 704-541-1939.

Saturday evening, February 5, Ginger Snitz, grsnitz@aol.com, 704-846-8205.

Saturday evening, February 26, Lynne Sheffer, shefferm@bellsouth.net, 704-540-0502.

Adults, teens and older children welcomed as volunteers with their parents. Guests will arrive between 5 and 5:30 PM.

How you can help:

Drive JCC van to pick up guests, help prepare dinner for our twelve guests and volunteers, make bag lunches for our guests to take with them, help serve meals and visit with guests, donate money or purchase groceries for meals, donate new warm socks and gloves, donate new wash cloths, soap, toothpaste, tooth



brushes and other toiletry items, two men needed to spend the night.

Kavanah Service

Announcing the return of *Kavanah*, Temple Israel's very popular *Kavanah* service returns on January 8 at 10 AM. The *Kavanah* service is an experience in focused Jewish prayer which combines tradition, meditation and the rhythm of Jewish prayer. Anyone searching for a sense of the spiritual in Jewish prayer is welcome. We welcome all in casual attire to be a part of this exciting new style of alternative service at Temple Israel. Be prepared not only to experience the beauty of Jewish prayer but also the wonder and stimulation of open and honest Torah Study during the service. *Kavanah* service will be led by Rabbi Murray Ezring.

Java and Jeans

Java and Jeans makes its 2011 debut at Temple Israel on January 22 at 10 AM. Java and Jeans is an informal alternative service for those who wish to learn the Shabbat morning service, the structure of the service as well as the music of Shabbat morning. Java and Jeans will be led by Rabbi Faith Cantor. It is a time to learn and study. ☆

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Kids in the Kitchen a Delicious Success

Pizza, apple crisp, smoothies, banana bars, potato latkes, Torah-shaped rugelach, five-minute chocolate cake, jelly doughnuts, and Rice Krispy treats -- yum! What do all of these foods have in common? Kids in the Kitchen at Chabad of Ballantyne. Each Monday, 14 junior chefs come together to cook, mix, bake, roll and taste delicious foods that they made all by themselves.

The theme for this session was Blessings on Food. Each week we learnt about a new blessing and baked or cooked foods that were connected to it. For example, the week we talked about the bracha of *Hamotzi*, we made pizza. The best thing is that at the end of the session every junior chef took home his or

her own cookbook complete with all the recipes and pictures of what they made.

Join us for our next Kids in the Kitchen starting on January 10. Contact Leah Levin to register or for more information, 704 246 8881, Leah@JewishBallantyne.com, or visit our website www.JewishBallantyne.com. ☆



Some of the junior chefs at Kids in the Kitchen.

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