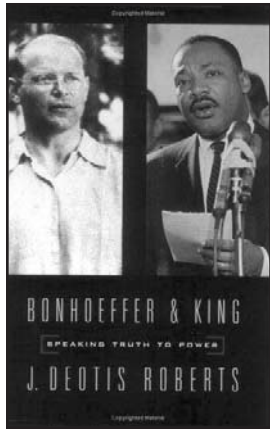


Temple Beth El to Mark MLK Shabbat with Pastor Ricky Woods and the Johnson C. Smith University Choir

Crossroads Charlotte's five-month, community-wide Sermon Exchange will open this year with Temple Beth El's annual Martin Luther King Shabbat Service on January 14, at 7 PM in the renovated Beth El Blumenthal Sanctuary. All are welcome.

Esteemed community leader and Pastor of First Baptist Church-West, Dr. Ricky Woods, will preach the sermon. Building upon Temple Beth El's growing relationship with Johnson C. Smith University, the JCSU's choir will lift the words, prayers and meaning of this service to greater heights.

Dr. Ricky A. Woods, Senior Minister of First Baptist Church-West since 1995, has worked tirelessly to help his church be a community beacon of social justice. He received his Bachelor of Science Degree from North Carolina A&T in Greensboro, his Master of Divinity Degree from Virginia Union University School of Theology in Richmond, VA, and his Doctor of Ministry from United Theological Seminary in Dayton, Ohio. Dr. Woods preaches nationally and teaches doctoral students at the United Theology



Dr. Woods has requested that participants read this book before the MLK Shabbat service.

Seminary.

He is a highly regarded community leader, serving on valued Board positions throughout our city. He is an author and activist. In preparation for his sermon, Dr. Woods has requested that participants read the book *Bonhoeffer and King: Speaking Truth to Power* by J. Deotis Roberts.

Also part of the Sermon Exchange, Rabbi Schindler will preach a sermon in February at First Baptist Church-West. ☆

Register Now for Temple Beth El University's Winter Mini-mester

Don't miss out on engaging topics with adult discussion, debate and skilled instructors. Classes resume on Wednesdays, February 2, 9 and 16.

Stir your Jewish soul with "Radical Theology" featuring Rabbi David Powers and Rabbi Micah Streiffer, 7-9 PM. Learn "What Jews Need to Know in Response to the New Testament" from Rabbi Michael Shields and Tamar Myers, 7-8 PM. And, rekindle the Sabbath with Susan

Jacobs in "Shabbat: How Can It Lift Your Life," 8-9 PM.

"It went beyond my expectations," said one November participant. "Great class. Great instructor," commented another. We hope you will join us, too.

All comers are welcome. Bring a spouse, a child, a guest. For more information, visit www.beth-el.com or email info@beth-el.com. We hope to see you there. ☆



Temple Beth El to Offer Winter Session of Introduction to Judaism

Dates: January 26; February 2, 9, 16, 23; and March 2.

Time: 7:30-9 PM

Cost: Members - \$65/person or \$115/couple; Non-members - \$75/person or \$125/couple.

Registration: Required.

This six-week class is designed to give a basic understanding of Judaism - its beliefs, values and practices. Topics include: Fundamental Jewish Beliefs, Jewish History, Jewish Holidays, Lifecycle, Liturgy, Sacred Texts, the

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