

Mid-Winter Shabbaton on Friday, February 18 at Ohr HaTorah

As this year of 5771 is a leap year, we are blessed with two Purims. The first Purim falls on Friday, February 18, the second which is considered the main Purim falls on Sunday, March 20. The reason for the two Purims is that we have two months of Adar to complete the leap year.

We will be celebrating the first Purim, also known as the small Purim with a fabulous Shabbaton at Ohr HaTorah. The Shabbaton will feature holiday foods and Purim fun. It is a great way for people to get into the Purim spirit a full month before the big and more know Purim.

The Shabbaton program will begin at 5:50 PM with a Shabbat candle lighting ceremony followed by a lively Kabbalat Shabbat service at 6 PM. A delicious Shabbat dinner will follow the service. A full wine bar featuring excellent Israeli wines will be available for the adults and great



story telling for the children.

The Ohr HaTorah Shabbatons have gained a reputation of a fantastic Shabbat program which is geared to excite the senses and awaken the soul to the inner joy of Judaism. Fee for Shabbaton is \$18 per person or \$50 per family. This event is open to the entire community.

So if you want to taste the magic of Shabbat and enjoy great camaraderie come and join the Ohr HaTorah Shabbaton on February 18. You can do so by visiting our website at www.ohrha-torahnc.org to register and to learn more about the Pre-Purim Shabbaton. ☆

"We wandered in the wilderness, lost our way in a wasteland, never finding an inhabited place. Hungry and thirsty, we grew faint of spirit, and in our distress, we cried to the Deliverer; out of our straits God rescued us and led us in a straight path to an inhabited place."

--Psalm 107:4-7



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Join Temple Beth El for a "Rededication Weekend"

From February 11-13, Temple Beth El will formally celebrate our "Rededication Weekend" with several special services and events. Many of our 1,100 families will be in attendance to celebrate, along with elected officials, community members and local religious leaders. Please join us.

* **Friday, February 11 at 7 PM** – Rededication Shabbat Worship Service. Torah Procession will begin at 6:50 PM on the second floor of the Bernstein Education Building and will end with placing our Torahs in the new ark in the Blumenthal Sanctuary.

* **Saturday, February 12 at 11 AM** – L'dor V'dor Shabbat Morning Service – An Intergenerational Community Celebration, this is an open and inclusive service for everyone. Please join us for a lively Saturday morning worship experience led by our youth groups and Junior Choir.

* **Saturday, February 12 at 7 PM** – Welcome Home Celebration Fundraiser with food, drink and live entertainment provided by Liquid Pleasure and the Robyn Springer Quartet. Join us as we rejoice in our new facility and honor those who made it a reality. (RSVP required, \$150 per person.)

* **Sunday, February 13 from 10 AM-2 PM** – Family Scavenger Hunt for children and families to learn how to navigate our new home.

For more information, see www.beth-el.com/rededicationweekend or call 704-366-1948. ☆



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