

Temple Beth El's 14th Annual Comparative Religion Series

Sex, Women and Religion

Please join us for the five remaining sessions of Temple Beth El's provocative Comparative Religion Series, "Sex, Women and Religion." The series will run Tuesdays in February through March 1 from 7-9 PM at Temple Beth El, 5101 Providence Road. Co-sponsored by Sisterhood, these programs will stimulate thought and discussion as we examine the roles of sex and women in Judaism, Catholicism, Protestantism and Islam.

Guest speakers are as follows: On February 1, Dr. Kathryn Johnson from UNC Charlotte will present the Islamic perspective on

"Sex, Women and Religion." On February 8, Rabbi Dr. Barbara Thiede, also from UNC Charlotte, will speak on the topic from the Jewish perspective. On February 15, we'll hear from S. Catherine Anderson, J.D., from Queens University of Charlotte on "Sexual Harassment." Dr. Maria Hanlin from Mecklenburg Ministries will speak on February 22, and closing the series on March 1 will be Sally McMillan from Davidson College, addressing the series topic from the Christian perspective.

For more information, please visit www.beth-el.com or call 704-366-1948. ☆

Debbie Friedman Tribute Concert at Temple Beth El

Last year, eight of the top Jewish singer-songwriters and cantor-composers gathered in Charlotte for two days to study and create music. Called Keshet Shir, the inaugural gathering included Debbie Friedman, who passed away recently. When Keshet Shir again meets in Charlotte this month, Debbie's friends and colleagues will offer an informal concert in tribute to her sweet spirit and enormous contribution to Jewish music.

As of press time, the confirmed

performers were: Craig Taubman, Josh Nelson, Ken Chasen, Benjie Ellen Schiller, Rosalie Boxt, and Andrew Bernard.

Please join us on Sunday, February 27 at 4 PM at Temple Beth El. \$10 adults/\$5 children. A portion of the proceeds will go toward financial assistance to Temple Beth El youth for Jewish summer camp and youth group programs. For more information, see www.beth-el.com or call 704-366-1948. ☆



Debbie Friedman, z"l

February Israeli Film Night: Join Havurat Tikvah At The "Movies"

Havurat Tikvah's ongoing series of Israeli films continues on February 13 with a showing of "Jellyfish" (*Meduzot*). This comedy brings together a wedding waitress, a mute child, a bride with a broken leg, and a Filipina domestic in a tale of intersecting lives and the nature of everyday life in Israel. Based on a story by Shira Geffen, "Jellyfish" has won awards at the Cannes, Toronto, and Telluride Film Festivals. Join us for this casual get-together. We welcome old friends and newcomers to relax with popcorn (and dessert), view the film, and enjoy the lively post-movie discussions that are the hallmark of our Israeli Film Nights. Check our website (www.havurattikvah.org) or call New Member Chair Brian Feinglass for additional information (see details below).

This month's community Shabbat service will take place at 10 AM on February 19. We extend a thank you and a mazel tov to our

Torah readers for the day: Gwen Offerdahl, Anna Offerdahl, and Phyllis Woollen. Services start at 10 AM and conclude with a Kasher/parve potluck lunch (no peanuts/peanut products, please). We invite you to join us at the Fellowship Hall of St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, 2201 Springdale Ave. (at Magnolia) in the Dilworth neighborhood of Charlotte.

And on the horizon:

We send a special invitation to teens to join our newly organized Havurat Tikvah Teen Group. The group's goal is to come together for fun social activities while also contributing to the community-at-large through various service projects. Check out our website or contact us by e-mail or phone for more information.

We also remind you to mark your calendars for next month's special Purim celebration. Rabbi Mark Wilson will be joining us on March 19 for the whole Megillah: Shabbat morning learning and then an evening Megillah reading and other Purim festivities.

As always, mitzvah activities continue at the Dilworth Soup Kitchen (visit the kitchen's Facebook page at: www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=77134194660) and with our monthly "Project Linus" group. Feel free to contact us for more information.

Havurat Tikvah is an affiliate of the Jewish Reconstructionist



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Federation, providing a comfortable, family atmosphere where all Jews can feel welcome. We encourage participation in the community and in our services. Our Sunday School, with its exciting curriculum and opportunities for B'nai Mitzvah preparation, is open to Havurat Tikvah member families. We invite you to visit, get to know us, and become part of our growing congregation of nearly 60 households.

For an updated calendar or to find out more about Havurat Tikvah, our worship services, Sunday School program, and 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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\$80 Cover

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6pm Dinner

6:20pm Table Assignment

6:45pm First Hand Dealt

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"I sought the Healer, who answered me and saved me from all that I dread. Those who look to You, God, become radiant, and their faces do not look down in shame. Comforter, You are near to the brokenhearted, and those crushed in spirit You save."

--Psalm 34:5-6, 19