

A Purim Luau in Ballantyne

It's cold outside but it will be nice and warm at our Purim Luau with the Chabad Jewish Center of Ballantyne. Join us for Purim in Hawaii for all ages. Get your hair braided, make your own lei, take a swing at the piñata and make your own Purim basket to give to a friend. You'll hear the megillah reading while watching a slideshow all about the Purim story, plus there will be special activities to involve the children, not to mention making noise when Haman's name is read.

Did you know that it's actually a mitzvah to eat a meal on Purim? Enjoy a lavish Hawaiian dinner while drinking your custom made smoothie or a cocktail from our exotic cocktail bar.



Sunday, March 20, 5:30 PM
The Springhill Suites in Ballantyne

12325 Johnston Road
\$15 per person or \$45 per family (includes dinner and all activities)

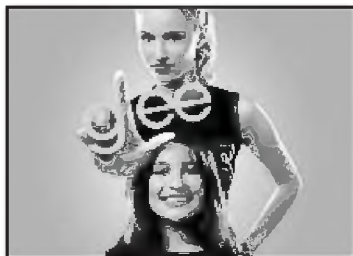
For more info or to RSVP contact Rabbi Yisroel and Leah Levin 704-246-8881 or Leah@JewishBallantyne.com or visit our website www.JewishBallantyne.com

Looking forward to seeing you there. ☆

Beth Shalom Sponsors "Glee Purim Prom"

Event to Take Place at River Run Country Club on March 19 at 8 PM

Beth Shalom of Lake Norman (www.bslkn.org) announced the details of its upcoming Glee-themed Purim Prom, to be held on Saturday, March 19 at 8 PM at the River Run Country Club in Davidson, NC.



It's Purim prom night at William McKinley High School and all graduates are invited to dress in your tackiest prom attire to celebrate Purim. The evening will include lavish desserts, bar, Glee Club Karaoke and schmoozing with all the other participants. Cost is only \$18 for members of Beth Shalom of Lake Norman and \$20 for non-members. The price of admission includes desserts and wine/beer/non-alcoholic beverages from 8-10 PM. After 10 PM, drinks are cash bar only.

The prom celebrates the holiday of Purim, which is the most festive and joyous of Jewish holidays, a time of prizes, noisemakers, costumes and treats. The Festival of Purim commemorates a major victory over oppression when the Jewish people living in

Persia were saved from extermination. The story is recounted in the Megillah, the scroll of the story of Esther.

RSVP by March 11 will be strictly adhered to. RSVP online at www.bslkn.org or by sending a check to Beth Shalom of Lake Norman, PO Box 4345, Mooresville, NC, 28117.

Any questions, please call the synagogue's office at 704-896-6556. ☆

Hamentaschen Baking

Roll up your sleeves and get busy baking. Join the Jewish Women's Circle and bake some delicious hamentashen to taste and bring home to your family. Don't miss out on this fabulous event.

Sunday March 13
7:30 PM

At the home of Leah Levin
11408 Snapfinger Dr.
\$10 per person

For more info or to RSVP contact Leah Levin, 704-246-8881 or Leah@JewishBallantyne.com or visit our website www.JewishBallantyne.com

The Jewish Women's Circle is a night out just for you. Relax, socialize and meet new friends while exploring the practical and

mystical aspects of our heritage. Through innovative workshops and creative activities, we will explore contemporary Jewish issues and discuss subjects related to our tradition. Come together in this warm and inviting setting to share and celebrate our Jewish experience. ☆



Prison Break New Series

"Bread Crumbs" Led by Rabbi Binyamin Levin

First Class Free

Everyone knows that we eat matzah on Passover because in their haste to leave Egypt the Jewish people did not have time for the dough to rise. But why do we raise the broken matzah at the beginning of the Seder and proclaim: "This is the plain, poor bread our parents ate in the land of Egypt"? A midrash tells us that the Egyptians would feed matzah to the Jewish slaves because it was more filling than bread and took longer to digest. This raises an interesting question: Is matzah a symbol of freedom or of slavery? The answer is "both." The commentaries say that two of the laws of making matzah allude to this dichotomy: 1) Matzah that is kosher for Passover has to be baked within 18 minutes from when the flour is mixed with the water. The haste of this time limit relates to the aspect of freedom. 2) The matzah for the Seder can consist only of flour and water with no other added ingredients such as fruit juice or eggs. This requirement relates to the aspect of the "plain, poor bread" of slavery.

To carry this dichotomy a step further, the Maharal of Prague called Passover the "holiday of opposites." Just like one cannot

appreciate light without experiencing darkness, health in the absence of sickness, or even answers without corresponding questions, so too we needed slavery to appreciate freedom.

Please join us for a five part "Prison Break" series explaining the significance of various rituals in the Haggadah and our collective exodus from Egypt. This class is not about changing the way you make the Passover Seder, but rather is about making it a more meaningful and entertaining experience.

Monday Nights starting March 14 at 7:30 PM at the Charlotte Torah Center, 5824 Providence Rd, Charlotte, NC 28226. Register at www.CharlotteTorahCenter.com or call 704-367-1225. There is a fee for the series but the first class is free. Open to the Jewish community. Classes are self-contained so if you miss one you can still come to the next. For any questions call Rabbi Binyamin Levin at 704-287-8751. ☆



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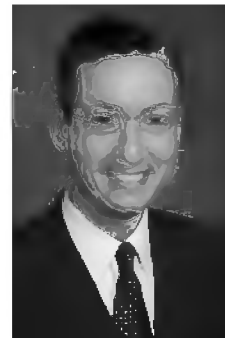
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