

Purim Sundae at Ohr HaTorah

This year Purim begins the evening of March 19. The grand celebration at Ohr HaTorah starts Saturday night at 8:30 PM with adults and children dressing up in their favorite costume and, of course, the reading of the Scroll of Esther. There will be music and holiday refreshments, including delicious Hamantashen and drinks. The celebration continues Sunday morning with a special holiday service at 8:30 AM, including the reading of the Megillah at 9 AM.

In addition to listening to the Megillah reading, there are three other mitzvot we perform on Purim day: Mishloach Manot are packages of ready-to-eat foods or drink that we deliver to at least one friend; Matanot Laevyonim are the gifts we give to the poor and we should each give at least two gifts to the poor; and the last Purim mitzvah we do is to eat a Purim meal - a thanksgiving feast. The feast celebrates the great miracle of Purim when the Jewish people were rescued from wicked Haman's evil plans. Divine providence allowed Queen Esther to intervene and spoil Haman's plans, which led to the creation of the Purim Holiday.

Purim Sundaes will be a Grand Purim Feast open to the Charlotte Jewish Community. The dinner is a family/child friendly menu, and will include Ice Cream Sundaes for dessert. This exciting event



will be held at Congregation Ohr HaTorah at 6 PM on Sunday, March 20. Prior to the dinner, at 5 PM, there will be an additional reading of the Megillah for anyone who missed the Sunday morning reading.

The cost to participate in the Purim Sundae dinner will be \$50 per family or \$18 per single. To make a reservation for the dinner, please visit our website at www.chabadnc.org and click on the payment page or mail a check to Ohr HaTorah, 6619 Sardis Road, Charlotte, NC 28270. Please specify how many adults and children are in your party at the time you make your reservation. For more information, please call 704-366-3984. ☆



Temple Beth El's 2nd Annual Purim Dance

"Hollywood - Walking the Red Carpet"

Date: Saturday, March 19

Time: 7:30-11:30 PM

Location: Temple Beth El

Cost: \$18 per person (Temple Beth El members); \$25 per person (non-members)

RSVP: Required by Tuesday, March 15 at - www.beth-el.com/rsvp or 704-749-3070



Celebrate Purim and enjoy a fun time of the year when it is a custom to eat, drink, and be merry. Wearing of masks and costumes is encouraged. Time to dress as your favorite star or character. DJ Kevin Conklin will have everyone dancing to music for all generations. Yummy hors d'oeuvres and non-alcoholic drinks included with admission. Cash bar for beer and wine. Adults only. ☆

Temple Beth El University Continues in April

As Jews, we are exceedingly fortunate to have a thriving adult education program in our community like Beth El University to bring Jewish learning back into our busy lives. Thank you to all Temple Beth El staff and instructors that help to make Temple Beth El University a success.

In April, don't miss engaging topics, adult discussion, debate and terrific instructors. The three Wednesday evening commitment is short, costs are minimal, and the cookies are a hit. Classes begin again April 6, 13, and 27.

Never Forget The Holocaust

with Dr. Susan Spatz, Introduce Yourself to Rabbinic Literature, and Study Kabbalistic Numerology, Symbolism and Poetry. For details, visit www.beth-el.com.

Like Shalom Park, Temple Beth El University is a unique entity for adult Jewish education here in Charlotte. Save the dates in April to realize Jewish Literacy. Bring a spouse, bring a child, or bring a guest. All comers are welcome.

For more information, look for the Beth El U seal on the Beth El home page, or email info@beth-el.com. We hope to see you there. ☆



Temple Beth El Second Night Community Seder

"Let all who are hungry come and eat," the Haggadah enjoins us to say. At our Seder table, we symbolically open our doors two times, once for the hungry in our midst as we invite them to join us, and once for Elijah the Prophet.

At Beth El, we open our doors and welcome to our Seder table all those who want to celebrate Passover as a community. Our engaging, uplifting and warm Second Night Community Seder will be led by Rabbi Schindler, Rabbi Streiffer and Cantor Bernard. This year's Seder will be held on Tuesday, April 19, at 6 PM in the David Silverman Social Hall at Temple Beth El. The cost ranges from \$15 for young children to \$55 for non-member adults. Reservations required by Thursday, April 14. Members have priority registration until April 9.

Please register at www.beth-el.com/rsvp. Large groups of family and friends can sit together at individual tables. ☆



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