

Vav Class Washington DC Trip

The Temple Israel Religious School Vav Class (6th graders) are getting ready for their year-end trip to Washington DC. The students have been studying the history of the Jewish people with special emphasis on life in the Diaspora. They learned about the persecution of Jews and studied the Holocaust in great detail. The Washington trip over Memorial Day weekend will give the students and parents a chance to visit the Holocaust museum with their classmates and a parent. They will also have the opportunity to see Arlington National Cemetery where many of the American liberators of the concentration camps have been laid to rest. Visiting the many memorials and also the Marine Corps Museum will round out this exciting two day trip. The Vav class is especially thankful to the Men's Club who generously helps to finance the trip.

Save the Date for Temple Israel's Annual Congregational Meeting
Sunday, May 22 at 10 AM

Come vote on the 2011 slate of officers and trustees

Temple Israel Social Club

We invite couples and singles, affiliated with Charlotte area synagogues, to join our social group. Meet friendly people and enjoy our interesting programs and trips. Call Janine Rosner at 704-366-5631 for more information.

Join us for Social Club Shabbat on June 11.

We will be attending "Hairspray" at CPCC Summer Theatre on July 17.

Temple Israel Torah Fest

Sunday, May 22

Noon-3 PM



Mechina Program students and parents assemble packages in March 2011 for the annual Yizkor Candle mailing.

Shavu'ot Services

Erev Shavuot, Tuesday, June 7, 6:15 PM

Shavuot, Wednesday, June 8 (Day 1), 9:30 AM and 7:30 PM

Shavuot, Thursday, June 9 (Day 2) 9:30 AM, Yizkor, 11 AM (approx.)

Minyan, 7:30 PM

Temple Israel celebrates Shavu'ot Z'man Matan Torateinu, the moment in time during which the People of Israel received the Torah at Mount Sinai. The holiday begins Tuesday evening June 7. That evening Temple Israel will participate in the Confirmation of the 5771 Confirmation Class. The service will begin at 6:15 PM.

Congratulations to:

Jeremy Abel, Eliana Berger, Ali Bolger, Brooke Davies, Jeremy Denenberg, Elise Eisner, Sara Hader, Jordyn Jaffe, Jill Levinson, Jacob Meyer, Sarah Rosenthal, Hayley Spitz, Daniel Willenzik

The Confirmation Service will be followed by a celebratory dinner.

Shavu'ot Showdown

Later that evening, all present will participate in the high energy Shavu'ot

Showdown. Part 3 promises to be as exciting and rewarding as previous editions have been. Prizes will be awarded to the winning teams. Bring your own team or join a group that night.

For more information about any of these upcoming events, please contact the Temple Israel office at 704-362-2796 or visit our website at www.templeisraelinc.com. ✪

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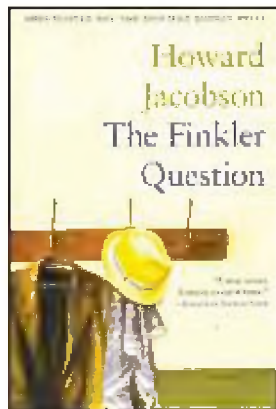
Temple Israel Book Club

The Finkler Question by Howard Jacobson

MONDAY, MAY 23, 7:30 PM, TEMPLE ISRAEL

Grappling with such questions as "What makes someone Jewish? Is it anti-Semitic to make generalizations about what makes someone Jewish?" Howard Jacobson's *The Finkler Question* is a "riotous morass of jokes and worries about Jewish identity." The novel, which won the 2010 Man Booker Prize, follows many paths of enquiry, including the present state of Jewish identity in Britain, how it integrates with the Gentile population and an exploration of how men share friendship. One review noted, "Mr. Jacobson stages a Mad Seder that brings Carroll's Mad Tea party to mind."

Temple Israel's May 23 meeting about *The Finkler Question* will feature, English professor Jay Jacoby, who travels from Asheville to lead a book discus-



sion to the acclaim of book club participants.

Copies of Howard Jacobson's *The Finkler Question* are available at the Levine-Sklut Judaic Library and the public library and for purchase at local bookstores or online for under \$15.

Temple Israel book club meetings are open to all members of the community, including "drop-ins" and those who haven't read the book. For additional information contact Linda Levy at 704/366-6362/levyollie@aol.com. ✪

Beth El to Honor and Thank Rabbi Micah Streiffer on Friday, June 3

Please join us for a special Shabbat service and dinner honoring Rabbi Micah Streiffer for his four years of dedication to Temple Beth El and wishing him well as he heads off to lead his own congregation in Toronto. We are grateful for the countless ways in which he has built up Beth El from creating dynamic Tot Shabbat programs to reinventing NextDor to nurturing Israel connections and supporting our youth. Rabbi Streiffer has ensured that our congregation and community thrives. He has taught every generation from developing the Judaic cur-

riculum that excite our youngest students at CJP to engaging our teens in Sheva class and confirmation to intellectually challenging our SPICE members. Rabbi Streiffer's sermons inspired us. His classes enlightened us. His warmth made our community more sacred. Join us to show our gratitude to him and Shoshi, Rami, Noam and Yair for all that they've given.

To RSVP for the dinner (\$10/adult, \$8/child), please www.beth-el.com or 704-749-3070. ✪

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