

SYNAGOGUES & CONGREGATIONS

An Annual Picnic and More at Havurat Tikvah

June, the perfect month for a picnic – not too hot (hopefully) and not too cold. It's a great way to greet the summer. This year, Havurat Tikvah has designated June 5 as the day for picnic fun. They'll be no agenda, just the chance to be outside, relax with old friends, and meet some new ones too. It's a time for games (bring your favorites) and for good outdoor eating (a kosher/parve dish to share is always welcome). We'll kick things off at 1 PM and plan to enjoy a full afternoon of picnic pleasure. For location information and more, see our contact information at the end of this article.

We also invite you to contact us for more information about Erev Shavuot services. Services will be held at 7:30 PM on Thursday June 9.

Our "2nd Wednesday Minyan" will gather at 7:30 PM on June 8. The monthly Minyan is an informal event, an opportunity to pause from the week's hustle and bustle, to gather together in a welcoming atmosphere, and to take a few moments for reflection and remembrance. As always, the brief service will be followed by coffee, a little nosh, and the chance to chat with old friends and new acquaintances. Call us for location information.

In addition to our other activities, Havurat Tikvah members welcome you to join us in our volunteer work. The Dilworth Soup Kitchen, founded by Havurat Tikvah member Allen Saxe, continues to provide nourishing meals and a friendly greeting to those in need. Visit the kitchen on Facebook: www.facebook.com/

group.php?gid=77134194660 for more information about this vibrant community resource.

And helping hands are welcome at "Project Linus" where Havurah members and friends meet to produce hand-made "security-blankets" for children who are seriously ill, traumatized, or otherwise in need. We welcome all willing hands; no experience is necessary and there's a job for everyone.

Our teen group, Mitzvah's in Action continues its contributions to a variety of worthy projects



Havurat Tikvah teens at the Dilworth Soup Kitchen.

(and manages some fun social time as well).

Havurat Tikvah is an affiliate of the Jewish Reconstructionist Federation, providing a comfortable, family atmosphere where all Jews can feel welcome. 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.



"A Taste of Shabbat" Shabbaton Dinner on June 17

In conjunction with the conclusion of the JLI Course, "Oasis in Time—The Gift of Shabbat in a 24/7 World," Congregation Ohr HaTorah will be offering a special Shabbaton dinner on Friday, June 17, called "A Taste of Shabbat." The dinner will be open to the entire Jewish community in addition to the students of the JLI course. The Shabbaton will highlight many of the themes of the JLI course featuring Shabbat through story, song, and special activities for adults and children. A traditional "home-cooked" Shabbat dinner will be served. A full wine bar featuring excellent Israeli wines will be available for the adults and storytelling for the children.

The Ohr HaTorah Shabbatons have gained a reputation as a fantastic Shabbat program geared to excite the senses and awaken the soul to the inner joy of Judaism.

The Shabbaton will begin with a candle lighting ceremony at 7 PM followed by a short service welcoming in the Shabbat. Dinner will begin at 8 PM. The cost to participate will be \$18 per person or \$50 per family. To make a reservation, visit the payment page at www.chabadnc.org or mail a check to 6619 Sardis Road, Charlotte, NC 28270. Please specify the number of adults and children. For more information, please call 704-366-3984 or email: info@chabadnc.org. ☆

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