Tishrei Membership 2011 at the Lake **Norman Jewish Congregation**

The Lake Norman Jewish Congregation has once again decided to avoid adopting the concept of "High Holy Day Tickets." Therefore, this year, for the second time, they are doing something a bit different and inviting individuals and families to join us as members for the Hebrew month of Tishrei.

In addition to spending the holidays with us, they want Tishrei members to experience what it feels like to be an integral part of the LNJC, get to know us and get to know Rabbi Shields, the first full time ordained rabbi in Lake Norman. As Rabbi Shields says, "When more people enter into the Jewish community it elevates our

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worship and our energy, helping us grow as a community and fulfill our mission in the world. It is an honor for the congregation when people choose to get involved." Rabbi Shields went on to say that, "we are very proud that our congregation can be an intimate community for a growing number of Jews and their families from the Lake Norman region and

This month long membership will be filled with the following events:

*Participation in all High Holy Day services.

*Rosh Hashanah Community Brunch (reservations required)

*Age-appropriate High Holy Day educational programs for children and teens

*Kol Nidre

*Break-the-Fast Kippur (reservations required)

Sukkot celebrations

*Simchat Torah celebration

*Friday evening Shabbat services and all adult education programs scheduled that month

Those interested can contact the administrator, Rhoda Schaefer at rhoda@lakenormanjc.org or visit our web site at www.lakenormanjewishlife.com.

The suggested contributions are \$72 (individual) and \$125 (family). Rabbi Shields believes that participation in community and the observance of our most sacred holidays should not be made impossible by financial stresses.

No one will be turned away due to financial hardship. If special arrangements need to be made, please contact Rabbi Shields at

Lake Norman Jewish Congregation's 1st Annual **Hebrew-Thon**

The Hebrew-Thon is a fun celebration of our religious school's year of learning.

parents, Teachers, madrichim (our post-b'nei mitzvah program) worked together to put together this dynamic event for our 100+ students.

One parent even constructed a Hebrew letter game that we will continue to use for years to come.

Message to students from Rabbi Michaels Shields:

Thank you to all students who worked diligently to engage with the teachings of our tradition and the language of our people. These studies are challenging but by fulfilling your obligation you help strengthen the Jewish people and our congregation.

Each child also received a gift certificate for ice cream as a reminder that Judaism and study of Torah should leave a sweet

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Rabbi Aaron Weininger to Serve in Statesville

Rabbi Aaron Weininger is honored and delighted to serve Congregation Emanuel as the Legacy Heritage Rabbinic Fellow. A senior rabbinical student at the Jewish Theological Seminary, he is concentrating in pastoral care and is a recipient of the Schusterman Rabbinical Fellowship. He is a graduate of Washington University in St. Louis, where he earned

a BA in Anthropology and Jewish Near Eastern Studies. Aaron completed his first two 400 hour units of Clinical Pastoral Education as a chaplain intern at Bellevue Hospital in New York, where he provided pastoral care on intensive care, trauma, and adult and adolescent psychiatric units. This summer he is completing his third unit of CPE training, where his pastoral care is devoted to serving older adults on the Lower East



Rabbi Aaron Weininger

Side of Manhattan. His synagogue fieldwork as a rabbinic intern and teacher spans across the Eastern Seaboard, from Maine to Florida, and throughout the Metropolitan New York

Having sung in an a cappella group in college, Aaron served in both rabbinic and cantorial High Holy Day positions at Colgate

University Hillel for the first three years of rabbinical school and subsequently with the Conservative Synagogue of the Hamptons. Complementing his studies in the classroom, he was selected for the cross-denominational CLAL Rabbis Without Borders Fellowship. Aaron is beginning his second year on the staff of Park Slope Jewish Center in Brooklyn, NY, where he lives. ❖