

“Israeli Film Night” with Havurat Tikvah

A cold winter's night is the perfect time to hunker down with popcorn, a movie, some lively discussion, and (of course) dessert. Havurat Tikvah members, guests, and friends will do just that on Saturday evening January 7 with the first of a new series of “Israeli Film Nights.”

Kicking off the series is *The Band's Visit*, a film tracing the events in Bet Hatikva. Located in the middle of the Negev Desert, this fictional town finds itself the mistaken destination for eight men in the Alexandria Ceremonial Police Orchestra. The men, stranded and with no place to stay, must rely on the hospitality of an Israeli restaurant owner and her friend.

In his review, Roger Ebert writes that *The Band's Visit* provides “...an interlude involving two ‘enemies,’ Arabs and Israelis, that shows them both as only ordinary people with ordinary hopes, lives and disappointments. It has also shown us two souls with rare beauty.”

For information about time and location, check our website or contact Brian Feinglass – e-mail and phone are listed below.

We'll also chase away the chill of winter on January 20 with a warm and festive family-style Shabbat evening – akin to starting the Sabbath with all your favorite relatives. We'll gather at 6:30 PM, in the Fellowship Hall at Avondale Presbyterian Church (2821 Park

Road). And we'll greet the Sabbath bride with candlelighting, Kiddush (complete with warm, home-made challah), a kosher/parve potluck “feast,” and plenty of Shabbat songs. If you'd like to join us, see below for contact information.

You can also contact us to learn more about Havurat Tikvah social action projects. During the holiday season we participated in preparation and delivery of Friendship Trays meals and we'll will be working with Avondale Presbyterian Church to assist them with their “Room At The Inn” initiatives.

Our “Project Linus” group continues to meet monthly to produce hand-made “security-blankets” for children who are seriously ill, traumatized, or otherwise in need. And the Dilworth Soup Kitchen - founded by Havurat Tikvah member Allen B. Saxe – can also use enthusiastic volunteers (<http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=77134194660>).

Finally, this month we send a hearty mazel tov to the Garrison Family on the birth of twins Levi Webb and Sofia Rose. A joint Brit Milah and Simchat Bat was held on November 13 with mohelet Dr. Laura Sinai officiating.

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

encourage participation in the community and in our services. For those who are interested, we invite you to visit, get to know us, and to become part of our congregation of nearly 60 households.

Have questions? Please visit us

at our website at www.havurattikvah.org or contact new member chair, Brian Feinglass, at bcfein1@gmail.com or at 1-877-203-5848. ✪



Jewish Reconstructionist Federation



Temple Israel News

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January 15 at 10:30 AM

Rabbi Ezring will lead the sermon at St. Paul Baptist Church located at 1401 Allen Street, Charlotte, NC 28205.

Men's Club News

Registering Now for January Session

Temple Israel is offering a basic Hebrew literacy class Sunday mornings sponsored by the Men's Club. This class for adults and will provide an introduction to Hebrew reading so you can follow the service better, learn along with TIRS students, or have a springboard for further learning. There is no charge for the classes, which will meet from 10:15-11:30 AM at Temple Israel. For more information or to pre-register at events@templeisraelmen.com or call 704-779-0768. The next class will begin in early January.

Adult Education Classes

Led by Rabbi Ezring

January 17, 7 PM

Myers Park United Methodist Church

Discussions of Messianism: Jewish Views of Jesus

A discussion between Rabbi Murray Ezring and Dr. James Howell

Israeli Advocacy Training

Classes in collaboration with the Charlotte Jewish Federation

This class will be taught by Rabbi Murray Ezring, Barbara Ezring, Rachael Levine, and special guests. Classes will be held on

January 4,11,18 and February 1 at 7-9 PM.

Sisterhood News

Join us for Sisterhood Shabbat on Saturday, January 21.

Temple Israel Social Club Upcoming Events:

Sunday, February 12, at 12:30 PM

Annual Paid-up Membership Luncheon at Temple Israel. Interesting program with investigative journalist, Jason Stooenke, “Behind the Scenes.” Dues for 2012 must be paid, to be eligible to attend. Send checks for \$18 to: Douglas Mann, 137 North Canterbury Rd., Charlotte, NC. 28211.



Sunday, February 19 at 2:30 PM

The entertaining hit “Cabaret” at CPCC theatre. Members \$17 and non-members \$20. Dinner afterward at a restaurant. ✪



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