

# SYNAGOGUES & CONGREGATIONS

## An Evening With Mor Green, Charlotte's Shlichah

On Saturday February 25th Havurat Tikvah will host an evening with Mor Green.

Born on a Kibbutz near Ashkelon, Mor grew up in Israel where she served in the Army, earned her degree in Business Management and Human Resources, and worked extensively with various youth organizations. For the last year and a half – Mor has been sponsored by the Jewish Federation as a Schlichah (emissary) from Israel to the Charlotte Community.



Mor Green

In her role as a Schlichah, Mor acts as a human connection between Israel and Charlotte. Her background and her experiences in Charlotte give her unique and insightful perspectives on our community and the Jewish world at large.

We welcome you to join us for this informal evening of conversation and dessert. For information about time and location, check our website or contact Brian Feinglass – e-mail and phone are listed below.

This month's Community Shabbat service takes place on February 4. We'll have an opportunity to wish mazel tov to Meara Waxman and parents Dael and Brenda. Meara will mark the 3rd anniversary of becoming a Bat Mitzvah by leading us in prayer. Services begin at 10 AM and will be held in the Aitken Classroom at Avondale Presbyterian Church (2821 Park Road).

As always, Shabbat services will be followed by a festive kosher/parve (and peanut-free!) pot-luck lunch. It's a perfect opportunity to relax with friends and new acquaintances. Feel free to join us. For more information contact us at the e-mail and phone listed below.

You can also contact us to learn more about Havurat Tikvah social action projects: 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, the Dilworth Soup Kitchen – founded by Havurat Tikvah member Allen B. Saxe – welcomes enthusiastic volunteers ([www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=77134194660](http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=77134194660)), and plans are underway for a joint "Room At The Inn" venture with Avondale Presbyterian Church.

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](http://www.havurattikvah.org) or contact new member chair, Brian Feinglass, at [bcfein1@gmail.com](mailto:bcfein1@gmail.com) or at 1-877-203-5848. ☆

## Purim Western with Saloon at Ohr HaTorah

Purim at Ohr HaTorah this year will come with a Western theme in its big celebration On Wednesday March 7, 6:45 PM. Purim is the happiest day on the Jewish calendar and it's a time for dress up, fun and merry making.

Participants are encouraged to come dressed in costume and Western wear is the preferred theme of the holiday. There will be Megillah reading, Hamantaschen and kosher western treats to ignite the holiday with joy and kosher fun.

The Megillah will be read a second time during the morning services of March 8, 7 AM.

Purim celebrates the miraculous rescue of the Jews from the evil king Ahashverosh and his

wicked Prime Minister named Haman who wanted to exterminate all the Jews in the Persian Empire. Through the intervention of Mordechai and his niece Queen Esther the king had a change of heart and defended the Jews from their enemies. The emphasis in the book of Esther is the change of the status of the Jews who were threatened with annihilation and instead they found favor in the eyes of the king and the Persian people who went on to hang Haman and his sons.

On Purim, we change from usual mundane behavior to joyous and outlandish celebration in appreciation of the great turnaround of events that led to our miraculous delivery. There are

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