

Temple Israel Book Club

Monday, March 12, 7:30 PM at Temple Israel

“PICK ANY BOOK” BY JUDITH VIORST

How does a book club choose one book to read by an author whose extensive “repertoire” includes poetry, adult fiction and nonfiction, science books, children’s picture and poetry books, and even musicals? The Temple Israel Book Club said, “Let’s do it all.” In other words, google Judith Viorst, look at her titles and choose one or more to discuss at the book club meeting March 12. After this discussion, participants will be well-prepared for Judith

Viorst’s presentation at the Federation Women’s Division Spring Lecture on Thursday, March 22.

Linda Levy will serve as the “clearing house” for book choices to encourage a diverse selection of Viorst’s works and perhaps suggest “teams” to present a book if more than one person picks the same book. (To participate in the round robin discussion method, contact Linda Levy at 704-366-6362 or levyollie@aol.com.)

Most of Viorst’s books are available at the public library. Check the Levine-Sklut Judaic Library to see if they stock any of her books. Of course copies of most of her books are available at book stores or on-line. The March 12 book club meeting is open to all members of the community, including “drop-ins.” All Federation donors are invited to attend the Spring Lecture. ☆

Temple Israel Social Club

We invite couples and singles affiliated with Charlotte area synagogues to join the Temple Israel Social Club. Meet friendly people and enjoy our interesting programs and trips. For more information, please call Irving Bienstock at 704-542-0094, or Ruth Goldberg, 704-366-8903, co-presidents.

Upcoming Event: Mystery Bus Ride

Tuesday, March 27: We leave the parking lot at Temple Israel at 8:30 AM and return between 5:30 and 6 PM. Cost for Members: \$45 a person includes transportation, admissions, lunch, and snacks.

Non-member price is \$50 per person. Deadline is March 16. Please send your check to Douglas Mann, 137 North Canterbury Road, Charlotte, NC 28211. For more information, call Ruth Goldberg at 704-366-8903. ☆



TI Purim Event

Wednesday, March 7

Join us for a Megillah Reading at TI. It will be more inter-active than ever before

Service Times:
Ma'ariv, 6:30 PM
Megillah reading,
6:45 PM

Come and experience the Persian bazaar. We will have refreshments, magicians, dancing, music, merry-making and other surprises. ☆

Jews, Comic Books and Popular Culture: A Lecture Series (and a Marc Wilson Purim, Too!)

As comic book superheroes flood movie theatres and generate billions in profits, it’s worth remembering the characters’ humble beginnings as products of fly-by-night publishers in a junk medium—and as the creations of artists and writers who were overwhelmingly Jewish.

The first talk (“Aliens, Immigrants, and Secret Identities”) will take place at 7:30 PM on March 24. The second, on the contemporary comics masterpiece Maus by Art Spiegelman, is scheduled for April 14. Both talks will be held in Ketner Auditorium in the Sykes Learning Center on the Queens Campus; they’re free and open to the public.

For more information about this series ... or any of our activities, check our website www.havurat-tikvah.org or contact new member chair, Brian Feinglass, at membership@havurattikvah.org or by phone at 1-877-203-5848.

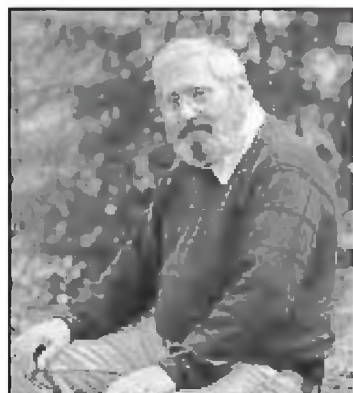
Also, mark your calendar for our March 7 Purim celebration. Rabbi Marc Wilson – essayist, community activist, and organizational development consultant - brings his own special blend of wit and wisdom to the festivities. We invite you to join us for the service



Professor Mike Kobre

Superman and Captain America might not look Jewish, but both characters (and many others like them) were created by first-generation American Jews who infused their work with their own fantasies of assimilation and transformation.

Learn about this important aspect of Jewish and American cultural history in a series of talks by Michael Kobre, a professor of literature at Queens University of Charlotte. Sponsored by Havurat Tikvah and Queens’ Hillel chapter,



Rabbi Marc Wilson



and a kosher (parve or dairy, peanut-free) pot-luck dinner. The fun begins at 7 PM in the Trexler Center at Queens University. Costumes are encouraged.

This month, Community Shabbat services will take place on Saturday, March 10. We begin at 10 AM 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. Feel free to join us.

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

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