

# Temple Beth El University

*Tell me and I forget.  
Teach me and I remember.  
Involve me and I learn.*  
—Benjamin Franklin

Benjamin Franklin said it right. Temple Beth El University, an adult education program for casual or sophisticated adult learners, is the right place to be to learn and become involved. TBEU combines interactive, discussion-based environments with dynamic course offerings. Jews and non-Jews alike are welcome to attend.

Registration for TBEU's next three-week minimester begins April 1. TBEU courses are offered

on three consecutive Wednesdays: May 2, 9, and 16. Our lineup for this spring includes two fascinating courses:

From 7-9 PM, Rabbi David Powers will enlighten his students with "Jewish Thought Part III: Responsa Literature." Responsa literature is composed of answers by rabbis to questions of Jewish law and practice that come from other rabbis and from lay people. Through the course, adult learners will examine traditional and classical responsa from centuries of Jewish life, look at the unique responsa of the Shoah (the

Holocaust), and devote the final class to the responsa literature of North American Reform Judaism.

The spring minimester elective course "The Reform Jewish Approach to Death and Dying," will be taught by Rabbi Judy Schindler from 8-9 PM. The sages of Judaism teach us to always be prepared for our final day on this earth. Elective course participants will reflect upon this inevitable

journey of life as they explore end of life decisions from those surrounding medical choices to writing ethical wills to end of life rituals such as *tahara* (ritual washing) and burial.

For more information on TBEU, please call Sue Hummel at 704-749-3054. To register beginning April 1, visit [www.beth-el.com/RSVP](http://www.beth-el.com/RSVP). Costs for Temple Beth El members are \$18 for the

elective, \$36 for the core course. Non Temple member costs are \$26 for the elective, \$52 for the core class. Financial assistance and scholarships are always available. ♣



## “Souls of Our Neighbors: Fears, Facts, and Affordable Housing” A Beth El Effort to End and Prevent Homelessness

Affordable housing. Homelessness. One can get overwhelmed by trying to understand these issues. One can get overwhelmed by trying to solve the problem. We began the New Year of 2012 with a community resolution. Mayor Foxx proclaimed this “The Year of our Neighbors” as Beth El, along with Mecklenburg Ministries and Crossroads Charlotte, released the documentary “Souls of our Neighbors: Fears, Facts, and Affordable Housing.”

Join Beth El for a Shabbat morning viewing of the documentary and workshop on Saturday, April 21 from 9-10:15 AM, and deepen your understanding of affordable housing.

Homelessness is a puzzle. It is impossible for any one of us to solve it in its entirety. But it is possible to solve, if each of us picks up one more piece of the puzzle. Learn how you or your congregation, organization, or



business can tap into this community-wide effort and make a difference to end and prevent homelessness.

After the workshop, stay for a wonderful congregational brunch and an inspired Shabbat morning service with our Teen Band and Teen Vocal Ensemble. Brunch is \$8/adults, \$6/children 12 and under (for members); \$12/adults, \$9/children 12 and under (for non-members). Register at [www.beth-el.com/RSVP](http://www.beth-el.com/RSVP).

Questions? Contact Debora Gluick at 704-749-3043 or [dgluick@beth-el.com](mailto:dgluick@beth-el.com). ♣



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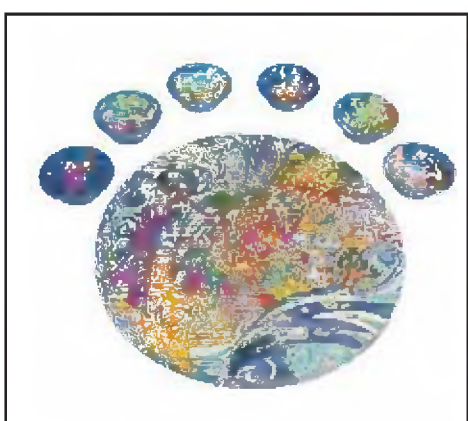
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You are invited to the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual

# Ein Gedi Mah Jong Event

Tuesday, April 17, 2012  
9:30am-12pm

Sam Lerner Center for Cultural Arts at Shalom Park  
All levels of players welcome

Enjoy breakfast and play Mah Jong  
Silent Auction to benefit the Ein Gedi program at CJDS

Your RSVP is kindly requested by April 11  
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