

## Davidson Interfaith Day - April 15

Sponsored by Jewish Council of Lake Norman, Charlotte Jewish Film Festival, and Daughters of Abraham

As someone whose life has been shaped by interfaith programming, Institute of Southern Jewish Life Fellow Claire Solomon was intrigued when she saw a flyer for "Daughters of Abraham: a youth-led group, made of up Muslim, Jewish, and Christian girls, ages 11-15" on her fall visit to Beth Shalom of Lake Norman. As she inquired further about the flyer, she learned that the group was just about to start, and had been conceived by congregant Mariel Cupp, a seventh grader at Bailey Middle School, who wanted to start an interfaith group in her area for her Bat Mitzvah project.

Mariel attended Elk Shoals Interfaith Camp for the past two summers, and wanted to bring her camp experiences home, by creating a youth-led group of girls who meet not to pray, or to have a formal class, but to have fun and be together — as any middle school girls like to do. Mariel's idea is "if you get to know someone as a person, rather than as what religion they are, you will see people as individuals and not label them."

Mariel's idea is one we should all take to heart. Daily, Beth Shalom of Lake Norman enters into an interfaith partnership, as they share the spiritual home with St. Alban's Episcopal Church. St.



Mariel

Alban's has partnered with Mariel on her project, as has the Lake Norman Jewish Congregation and Masjid Ash-Shaheed. Others who have joined together to help Mariel's idea come to fruition include the interfaith group Kids 4 Peace, the Director of Youth Ministry at St. Patrick's Episcopal Church in Mooresville, NC, a former Davidson College Interfaith Fellow, and students from the interfaith group at Davidson College.

Fast forward to Spring of 2012 and Mariel has joined forces with the Jewish Council of Lake Norman and the Charlotte Jewish Film Festival to present the film "David the Movie" as part of what

she hopes will be "Davidson Interfaith Day." She has written a letter to the Davidson Mayor asking him to support the afternoon activities, which begin with lunch on the downtown Village Green for all youth interested in participating, followed by an awareness Walk 4 Peace coordinated by Kids 4 Peace, an interfaith peace education organization in Jerusalem and the United States. The walk will end at the Student Union at Davidson College for a screening of "David the Movie," a film about 11-year-old David, the son of a Brooklyn Imam, who befriends a group of Jewish boys and in the process breaks down interfaith barriers.

The film is free and open to the public. Donations to offset the costs associated with the film are appreciated.

Details online at [www.DaughtersofAbraham.org](http://www.DaughtersofAbraham.org).

For more information, contact Beth Cupp at 704-987-9879 or [beth.cupp@jfscharlotte.org](mailto:beth.cupp@jfscharlotte.org).

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#### ENGAGEMENT

Dorothy and Norman Shapiro announce the engagement of their daughter Amy Nicole, to Ross Adam Udoff. She is the granddaughter of the late Marilyn and Morris Roth of Charlotte, NC and Irving Shapiro and the late Mae Shapiro of Margate, NJ. Amy earned her Bachelor of Arts from UNCC and is a fourth grade teacher in Winston-Salem. Ross is the son of Ed and Amy Udoff of Atlanta, GA. He is the grandson of

the late Harvey and Marilyn Udoff of Ft. Lauderdale, FL and Marcy Rifkin of Lake Worth, FL and the late Milton Rifkin. Ross graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Cellular Biology from the University of Georgia. He earned his medical degree from the Medical College of Georgia. He is currently an Otolaryngology resident at Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center in Winston-Salem, NC. A December wedding is planned at Temple Israel. ☆

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