

# SYNAGOGUES & CONGREGATIONS

## Shavuot with Havurat Tikvah

The Havurat Tikvah family invites you to join us as we commemorate the giving of the Torah on Saturday, May 26. Like so many havurah events, we'll be drawing on our members' skills and talents to make the celebration a memorable and festive intergenerational occasion:

Pre-B'nai Mitzvah members - Brooke Feinglass, Hannah Kobre, and Ethan Alexander - will help to lead the opening prayers; Barbara Stoner, one of the fine Torah readers in Charlotte, will use her exceptional voice to remind us that we were all at Mount Sinai at the time the Torah was first given; Dr. Charlie Brown, spiritual leader of Temple Emmanuel in Gastonia, and Frank Fleming will serve as Gabaim.

The music - guitar and violin - for our concluding prayers will be provided by Helen Lipman and

Julia Westendorf.

Services begin at 10 AM in the Aitken Classroom at Avondale Presbyterian Church (2821 Park Road). We'll conclude our Shabbat and Shavuot celebration with a festive kosher (parve/dairy, peanut-free) pot-luck lunch and the opportunity to relax with long-time friends and new acquaintances.

To learn more about Shavuot services, or any of our activities (including our "mostly monthly" minyan gathering), feel free to get in touch. You'll find our contact information at the end of this article.

This month, Havurat Tikvah's "Project Linus" group will meet on Sunday, May 13th at 3 pm. Part of our ongoing Social Action activities, "Project Linus" participants meet to produce hand-made "security-blankets" for children

who are seriously ill, traumatized, or otherwise in need. There's a job for everyone, no experience is necessary, and extra hands are always welcome.

The Dilworth Soup Kitchen - founded by Havurat Tikvah member Allen B. Saxe - can also use enthusiastic volunteers. The soup kitchen, which has been featured on PBS' My Generation (www.aarp.org/giving-back/local-heroes/info-03-2011/dilworth-soup-kitchen.html), continues to provide a warm welcome to those in need of a good nourishing meal. Want to help? Visit the soup kitchen's Facebook page at: www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=77134194660.

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.

For more information about any of our events and activities, check our website www.havurat-tikvah.org or contact new member chair, Brian Feinglass, at membership@havurattikvah.org or by phone at 980-225-5330. You can also find Havurat Tikvah and Havurat Tikvah Teens on Facebook. ☆



## New Reform Congregation, Temple Solel, Begins Services and Social Outreach

Temple Solel, is set to have its inaugural Shabbat service on Friday, May 11, in York County, at the Recreation Complex at the ASC (formerly Leroy Springs Recreation Park), 971 Tom Hall Street, Fort Mill, SC at 7 PM. This service will mark the first Reform service held in York County. Services are scheduled to be held on the second Friday of every month with a social activity every fourth Friday.

Temple members have also begun social outreach projects in the community. We partnered with Unity Presbyterian Church in Ft. Mill and to build a bed to enter in the Make a Bed and Make a Difference Bed Race, on April 21 in Rock Hill. Money raised at this event benefitted Family Promise, a not for profit homeless shelter for families.

Members of Temple Solel will

participate in Take Steps, Be Heard for Crohn's and Colitis, a walk to be held on May 20 at Freedom Park in Charlotte. Temple Solel's congregation has family members affected by this disease and are participating in the event as well as other Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America fundraising events.

The values of social action, community involvement, and support of Israel are a strong focus for the congregation, making Jewish life at Temple Solel more than just about prayer, while young and old make lasting friendships.

Contact Renee Feitelberg at 803-547-3043, or email at info@templesolelsc.org, for membership information, or to request more information about upcoming services, social events and community outreach.

Please friend us on our



Facebook page, Temple Solel SC, and visit our website, www.templesolelsc.org. ☆

## Celebrate Our New Home with a Lag B'Omer BBQ

Join the Ballantyne Jewish Center in celebrating the first big event at our new location. What better time could we choose than Lag Ba'Omer? Lag B'Omer which commemorates the passing of Rabbi Shimon Bar Yochai is all about celebrating. When Rabbi Shimon Bar Yochai passed away he instructed his students to mark that day as a day of joy. It is also time for Jewish Unity and collaboration, all fabulous reasons to celebrate. So come out with your families and friends for a fantastic time together. There will be a delicious BBQ Dinner, inflatables for the kids, and tons of games and activities. Bring your picnic blanket and get ready for a great time for all.



Wednesday, May 9, 6 PM

Ballantyne Jewish Center

8632 Bryant Farms Rd.  
\$15 per person or  
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