

# Community Shavuot Celebration

The Ballantyne Jewish Center invites you and your family to join us to hear the Ten Commandments read from the Torah and enjoy a delicious dairy meal in honor of the holiday of Shavuot. Shavuot is the time when we commemorate God's giving of the Torah at Mt. Sinai and a time to celebrate the true heroes of this holiday which are the children. Before God gave

the Torah, He demanded guarantors. The Jewish people made a number of suggestions all rejected by God until they declared, "Our children will be our guarantors that we will cherish and observe the Torah." God immediately accepted them and agreed to give the Torah.

Let us make sure to bring all our "guarantors" along on the first



day of Shavuot to be present for the reading of the Ten Commandments. In addition, there will be a special program, fun activities and an ice cream party for them to enjoy.

Sunday May 27  
8632 Bryant Farms Rd.  
5:30-7 PM

In addition there will be a Minyan and Yizkor service the following morning

Monday, May 28  
8632 Bryant Farms Rd.  
10 AM Service Begins  
11:30 AM Yizkor  
Followed by a Kiddush Lunch

Open to the community free of charge. Sponsorships are available.

To RSVP or for more information please contact Rabbi Yisroel and Leah Levin, 704-246-8881 or info@JewishBallantyne.com or visit our website www.Jewish-Ballantyne.com.

Happy Shavuot! ☆

# Temple Beth El's Annual Meeting - Monday, May 21

Temple Beth El will hold its Annual Congregational Meeting on Monday, May 21, at 7 PM at Beth El for the Election of New Officers and Board Members. Moira Quinn Klein, outgoing President, will present the 2011-2012 year in review.

A Congregational Dinner, sponsored by the Temple Brotherhood and Sisterhood, will be held prior to the meeting. For information on the dinner and to RSVP, go to [www.beth-el.com/RSVP](http://www.beth-el.com/RSVP). A delicious dessert reception will take place after the meeting to celebrate our outgoing and incoming officers and board members.

The slate of officers and directors of Temple Beth El for the 2012-2013 year includes:

Rick Glaser, President; Jack Levinson, First Vice President; Mike Yaffe, VP Administration; Howard Seidler, VP Education; Ben Benson, VP Planning;

Evan Wilkoff, VP Finance; Barry Ezarsky, Treasurer; Renee Schreiber, Recording Secretary; Moira Quinn Klein, Immediate Past President; and Norm Levin and Jonathan Howard, Honorary Life Presidents.

New Board members are Bette Andrews, Scott Fligel, Mark Rosen, and Amy Vitner. Returning Board members are Alyson Traw, Milt Poler, Sera Callif, Jena Coen, Karen Greenblatt, Lew Kirschner, Jeff Bierer, Randy Kurstin, Y'honatan Gimble, Tammy Menaker, and Brett Frankenberg. ☆



## See You at the Brotherhood Sock Hop!

Saturday, May 19, 7-11 PM at Temple Beth El  
Members: \$20, Non-members: \$25

Please join us for beer, wine, appetizers, and a DJ spinning the classics. Poodle skirts and greaser jackets encouraged. Open to the community (21 and over).

To RSVP for the Sock Hop, send an email to [brotherhood@beth-el.com](mailto:brotherhood@beth-el.com). Please note the event in the subject line and provide the names and phone numbers of those attending. ☆



## Interfaith Dialogue

The St. Peter's Catholic/Temple Beth El Dialogue will meet on Sunday, May 6 at the Temple from 5:30-7:30 PM. This will be an informal meeting at which you are encouraged to ask any "Unanswered Questions" you still share about the other's faith. They could be topics we might never have covered of questions you've been pondering. Please bring a snack or dessert to share and your favorite beverage. For additional info and RSVP please call 704-362-2724 or 704-365-3313. ☆

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## Please Join Us for Mitzvah Day 2012: Sunday, May 20

Mitzvah Day is on Sunday, May 20, and will begin with breakfast at 9 AM at Temple Beth El. There are many projects to choose from, but they fill up fast. Registration is available online only at the Temple website until 11:59 PM on Monday, May 14: [www.beth-el.com/RSVP](http://www.beth-el.com/RSVP).

For general Mitzvah Day questions, please contact Lisa Moreland at [lmorland@charlottelatin.org](mailto:lmorland@charlottelatin.org). For registration questions, please contact Marissa Brooks at [marissa.brooks@gmail.com](mailto:marissa.brooks@gmail.com).

Also, please don't forget our collections projects on May 20. For full lists and descriptions, please see [www.beth-el.com/mitzvahday2012](http://www.beth-el.com/mitzvahday2012).

\* Electronic Recycling

We will be collecting old electronic equipment and ensuring earth-friendly disposal. Bring your items to the truck parked out in front of Beth El.

\* Paper Shredding

Got old tax papers? Bills? Medical information? Bring any confidential papers that need to be shredded to the truck parked out in front of Beth El.

\* Habitat for Humanity ReStore Books Collection

Bring your gently used hardback, paperback, children's and other books to our collection area at TBE and drop them in the bin. The books will be

donated to the Habitat for Humanity ReStore and sold to the general public. All proceeds will benefit the wonderful work of Habitat.

\* Mecklenburg County Animal Care and Control Items Collection

Charlotte Mecklenburg Animal Control takes in thousands of unwanted pets each month. While they have to feed them all the same brand of food, there are some items that would very much help the dogs and cats enjoy their stay more. Needed items include: Milk Bones or Costco dog biscuits; cat treats (any brand); new or gently used towels, wash cloths and blankets; and newspapers.

\* Salvation Army Center of Hope Residential Camp Collection

Thanks to the Salvation Army's Summer Camp Fund, many children ages K - 5th grade get to go into nature and attend a life-



changing week at The Salvation Army's residential camp, Camp Walter Johnson.

In order for the children to best enjoy this opportunity, they need beach towels (used or new), bathing suits and flip-flops. Drop these items at the collections table before heading off to your project.

\* Casseroles and Beyond and Family Promise Collection

We will be assembling family care packages of cleaning supplies for both of these organizations, which help low-income families achieve lasting independence. Please bring the following items to the collections table before heading off to your project (or stay to help assemble the care packages): Linens; sets of four plates, bowls, glasses, etc; bakeware; cleaning supplies; trash bags and more. ☆

