

Florence Melton Adult Mini-School Graduation 2012

After two years of studying together, the first graduating class of the Florence Melton Adult Mini-School in Charlotte gathered together for their graduation ceremony on Thursday, May 31, where they received Certificates of Jewish Learning from Hebrew University in Jerusalem.

The graduates are: Bobbi Bernstein, Barbara Brody, Ira Dunst, Doris Goldsmith, Donna Greenspon, Burt Greenspon, Barbara Herman, Karen Knoble, Robin Leavitt, Mary MacRae, Susan Proctor, Mattye Silverman,

Marcia Simon, Deb Pizer, Ed Pizer, and Kelly Wilson.

The graduates are part of 3,000 Mini-School students in 60 sites around the world attending graduation ceremonies this month. The Florence Melton Adult Mini-School, a project of The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, is the largest pluralistic adult Jewish education network in the world and in Charlotte we are proud to be a part of this global network.

The evening was a culmination of two years of enriching study. The graduates agreed that this is

not an end to their study, but a significant entry into lifelong Jewish study. The Mini-School offers graduate courses and with Jewish learning now a way of life for them they look forward to these new study opportunities that the program has to offer.

For further information on how you can sign up for classes, please contact Talli Dippold at melton@shalomcharlotte.org or 704-944-6780. New classes are starting in August 2012. ☆

Donations to the Levine-Sklut Judaic Library and Resource Center

The Levine-Sklut Judaic Library and Resource Center gratefully acknowledges the following donations to the library:

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SYNAGOGUES & CONGREGATIONS



James Fox, President of Temple Solel, and experienced lay-leader, Michael Pleskoff, discuss the new congregation's first Shabbat service open to the public, held on May 11. The newly formed Reform congregation will serve York and Lancaster counties in South Carolina as well as the Steele Creek area of Mecklenburg county in North Carolina. For more information, call 803-547-3043, or go to www.templesolelsc.org.

Geography of the Prayer Book Class at Ohr HaTorah

One of the popular hit songs of the Megama musical duo in the '80s was "I've got the 'what page are we in the prayer book' blues"; "Do I sit or stand in the synagogue' blues." Many people who like attending services feel as if the prayer book is a foreign document and at times very confusing. Even the user friendly Siddur that has been redesigned with clear and easy instructions seems to confound some parishioners.

The Jewish Learning Institute at Ohr HaTorah has devised a solution to this problem by creating a three week crash course that

will help even beginners navigate through the prayer book. The course which is entitled "Geography of the Prayer Book" will give users easy tips and explanations in understanding the structure of the prayers and help people find their way in their prayers with ease and comfort.

The course is set for three Tuesdays beginning July 10, at 7:30-9 PM. The classes will focus of the Shabbat prayers which are when attendance in synagogues is the highest. The class is open to everyone in the community and the fee is \$36 per person. For

more information or to register please visit www.chabadnc.org or call our office at 704-366-3984. ☆



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