

Sardis Campus Awarded \$75,000 Security Grant

The Lubavitch Educational Center Campus on Sardis Road in Charlotte was a recipient of a Homeland Security grant in the amount of \$75,000. The purpose of the grant was to upgrade the level of surveillance and lighting around the buildings and all along the property.

The campus which houses Congregation Ohr HaTorah and the Jewish Preschool on Sardis is located about one mile from Shalom Park and bordered by sev-

eral upper middle class neighborhoods. The security upgrades were completed during the end of the summer just in time for the new school year at preschool.

The staff and families at the Jewish Preschool on Sardis as well as congregants of Congregation Ohr HaTorah are grateful to the Department of Homeland security for providing the grant to make the entire campus more secure.

A highly sophisticated new

camera system was installed throughout all the buildings on the campus, to provide coverage both indoors and outside. The upgrades also included a new alarm system with panic buttons for the Preschool teachers. Security lighting was added to provide better visibility and safety during the darkness of night.

Rabbi Shlomo Cohen helped oversee the entire project from start to finish. Rabbi Yossi Groner and several board members

formed a task force to ensure that the equipment was carefully selected and expertly installed. "The project took several months to complete and required lots of patience, but it was very worthwhile," said Rabbi Shlomo Cohen. "Our most valuable treasure is the people in our community, the children and adults that participate in the multitude of educational activities that take place at our campus. Their protection and well-being is our highest priority. We anticipate

this coming year being one of our best years ever, with a great lineup of JLI courses, activities and programs. It gives us that much more confidence to know that the quality of the programs will be enhanced by added safety and security."

For more information about the new added security at the campus, or any of the programs offered, please contact Rabbi Shlomo Cohen at 704-366-3984, or email to rabbicohen@chabadnc.org. ☆

Temple Israel Book Club Meetings

MONDAY, NOVEMBER, 12

IN THE GARDEN OF THE BEASTS: LOVE, TERROR, AND AN AMERICAN FAMILY IN HITLER'S BERLIN

By Erik Larson

AND

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 29

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ONE MORE RIVER

By Mary Glickman

7:30 at Temple Israel

November will be a busy, literary time for readers, with discussions of two very worthwhile books. The Monday, November 12, meeting will feature Erik Larson's *In the Garden of the Beasts*, which is set in 1933 Berlin, when William Dodd becomes America's first ambassador to Hitler's Germany in a year that proved to be a turning point in history. Dodd brings along his wife, son, and flamboyant daughter, Martha. At first entranced by

the parties, pomp, and the handsome young men of the Third Reich, Martha has one affair after another with Gestapo leaders, but as evidence of Jewish persecution mounts, confirmed by her chilling first-person testimony, Dodd telegraphs his concerns to a largely indifferent State Department back home.

Larson's *In the Garden of the Beasts* "lends a stunning, eyewitness perspective on events as they unfold in real time." In this intense non-fiction narrative, readers are sure to receive some answers to the question about why the world did not recognize the grave threat posed by Hitler.

Sisterhood will co-sponsor the Thursday, November 29, discussion of *One More River* by Mary Glickman. Sisterhoods worldwide are reading this National Book Award Finalist: the sweeping

story of a father and son, and of the loves that transform them amid the turbulence of the American South. In 1962, Mickey Moe travels up and down the Mississippi River to discover the gripping details of his father's life. This journey, taken at the dawn of the civil rights era, leads him deep into the backwoods of Mississippi and Tennessee, where he meets with danger and unexpected revelations at every turn. Only four years old when his father died, Mickey Moe is now a grown man, who must prove his pedigree to the disapproving parents of his girlfriend to win her hand in marriage.

Both books are available at the Levine-Sklut Judaic Library and public libraries and at book stores or on-line for less than \$15. One More River is also available at the Temple Israel gift shop.

Temple Israel book club meetings are open to the entire community. "Drop-ins" are welcome, even those who haven't read the book. For additional information contact Linda Levy at 704-366-

6362 or levyollie@aol.com or for the November 29 meeting, co-sponsored with Sisterhood, contact Teresa Brenner at 704-362-1069 or teresa.m.brenner@gmail.com. ☆

Walking with God

Adult Education Course
Beginning October 10


This course, developed by the Ziegler School of Rabbinic Studies, the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism, and the Rabbinical Assembly, will be taught for the first time in Charlotte by Rabbi Murray Ezring. The Torah teaches us that Adam and Eve walked with God in the Garden of Eden. Later in the Torah and elsewhere we are asked what is it that God asks of us. Part of the answer is to walk in God's ways. This exciting course is a survey of Jewish text from ancient times through modern times discussing our relationship, as human beings, with God. As Rabbi Bradley Shavit Artson remarked, "in the glory days of the middle ages, two titans of Jewish thought, Rabbi Moses Maimonides and Rabbi Moses Nachmanides, sparred. Their argument was the obligation to

believe in God, one of the 613 commandments of the Torah, or was it the ground on which the 613 commandments stood. Neither disputed that Jewish life flows from the fountain of faith, that connecting to God is a life-long journey for the seeking Jew, and the pillar of Jewish life and religion."

Walking with God helps people of all backgrounds understand how our concept of God has developed over the thousands of years of Jewish life. Join us for a lively interactive 12 week experience, as we walk with God through the history of Jewish textual experience. Knowledge of Hebrew is not required for the course.

A fee of \$60 will be charged, and all texts will be provided. The class is open to the public. To register please contact Denise Johnson, Clergy Assistant, at 704-362-2796. ☆





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Torah on Tap Sukkot Celebration



Thursday, October 4 at 6:30 PM

The Home of Rabbi Ezring: A kosher cook-out with hot dogs, burgers, sides, dessert, beer, and drinks.

Torah on Tap discussion topic: What is our Jewish obligation to be environmentally responsible? This program is for young adults. RSVP to the Temple office at 704-362-2796 with your email address and we will add you to the Evite list. ☆




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