

A Busy and Exciting Schedule

While settling into the year 5773, Havurat Tikvah has many exciting upcoming events to anticipate. On the 10th of November, we have a community Shabbat service at 10 AM in the Aitken's Classroom of Avondale Church on 2821 Park Road. Following the service, there will be a potluck Kiddush luncheon (kosher, dairy/parve, peanut-free dishes).

Our teen group, Mitzvahs in Action, also has a busy year ahead. We have partnered with teens from Kol Ami (in Fort Mill, SC) and have already had a joint meeting, where we socialized, made plans for the next few months, and braided some delicious challah for our families. We are looking forward to initiating several community service projects throughout the year, possibly including a day at the Dilworth Soup Kitchen, one of our social action partners. Mitzvahs in Action also hopes to initiate book club meetings and more social

gatherings with Kol Ami in the future.

Some of our social actions committees, including those involved with Dilworth Soup Kitchen, Project Linus, and Room at the Inn, are involved in planning for forthcoming events as well. For more information on volunteer opportunities, please visit our Facebook page: <http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=77134194660>.

This year, Havurat Tikvah is thrilled to be working with Rabbi Steve Sager. He is Rabbi Emeritus of Beth El Synagogue in Durham and the director of Sicha, an organization that assists congregations from around the country in exploring Jewish traditions and incorporating them into modern day living. He will be joining us a few times throughout the year, and is offering a series of interactive sessions where classical Jewish texts will be examined as they relate to our current understanding of "hos-

pitality." We invite you to join us on Saturday, December 1 for an evening with Rabbi Sager. Please contact us (see below) for more information.

To add to our growing list of events, some interesting adult education programs, such as film nights and discussion sessions, will be occurring in the next few months, so check our website for details as they become available.

Havurat Tikvah is an affiliate of the Jewish Reconstructionist Federation, providing a comfortable,



Shabbaton and Much More at Ohr HaTorah

As the cool weather arrives and we settle in for winter a good place to be warmed is at Chabad in Charlotte. There are many opportunities for everyone in the Greater Charlotte Jewish community to find inspiration and meaning by participating in the many events at Chabad and its synagogue - Ohr HaTorah.

The Jewish Learning Institute on Kabbalah that began in the end of October will last through the first week in December. The daily gatherings for prayer and communal study as well as the one on one study sessions with OHT rabbis are excellent opportunities to get connected even for one timers.

The month of November will highlight a fall/winter Shabbaton which will take place on Friday November 30 at Ohr HaTorah.

The Shabbaton event brings together Jewish families in Charlotte who appreciate the extra touch of a joyful and meaningful Shabbat experience together. The Shabbaton features delicious homemade Shabbat dinner along with fun and games for the children and exciting Shabbat entertainment for the adults.

The Shabbaton program will begin at 5 PM with a Shabbat candle lighting ceremony followed by a lively Kabbalat Shabbat service. (Please arrive early as Shabbat candle lighting time on Friday November 30, is 4:53 PM). The family Shabbat dinner will follow the service. A full wine bar featuring excellent Israeli wines will be available for the adults and great story telling for the children.

The Ohr HaTorah Shabbatons



have gained a reputation of a fantastic Shabbat program which is geared to excite the senses and awaken the soul to the inner joy of Judaism. Fee for Shabbaton is \$18 per person or \$50 per family. This event is open to the entire community. For more information on the Shabbaton or all of our programs please visit our website at www.chabadnc.org. ✪

family atmosphere where all Jews can feel welcome. If you 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 our activities, check out our website,

www.havurattikvah.org, or contact our new member chair, Brian Feinglass, either by email (membership@havurattikvah.org) or by phone (980-225-5330). You can also find Havurat Tikvah and Havurat Tikvah Teens on Facebook. ✪

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Spectacular Hanukkah Celebration - SouthPark Mall

Sunday December 9

A great Menorah lighting event will take place inside SouthPark Mall on Sunday December 9, 5 PM. There will be Menorah cars, donuts, Chanukah Gelt and lots of children's holiday activities. More

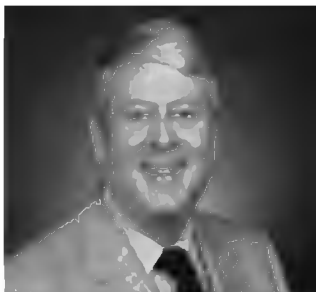
details on this exciting program will be forthcoming in the December issue of the CJN. You can also visit our website www.chabadnc.net. ✪



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