

SYNAGOGUES & CONGREGATIONS

Chasing Away the Chill of Winter: Rabbi Steve Sager, Hospitality, and Hanukkah

December may bring plummeting temperatures and fewer hours of sunlight, but at Havurat Tikvah it also brings the warmth of community gatherings, lively discussions, and celebration.

On Saturday, December 1, we welcome Rabbi Steve Sager (Rabbi Emeritus of Beth El Synagogue, Durham) for the second in our ongoing series of discussions on "hospitality." Rabbi Sager leads Shabbaton weekend retreats at Wildacres and is the director of Sicha, an organization that assists congregations from around the country in exploring Jewish traditions and incorporating them into modern day life.

We invite you to join us at 6:30 PM for what we know will be a stimulating evening of discussion

based on Jewish texts, traditions, and our current understandings of what it means to be "hospitable." Attendance at our first meeting with Rabbi Sager is not necessary to enjoy this upcoming event. For more details, visit our website or contact us via phone or e-mail (see contact information below).

Our antidote to winter will continue on the first night of Hanukkah when we'll come together for our annual Hanukkah party. We'll meet at Avondale Presbyterian Church (2821 Park Road - visit our website for specific room information) on December 8 at 7 PM to light the first candles of the holiday season. Bring your menorahs, some treats to share (kosher, parve/dairy, no peanuts), and a willingness to put

a spin on a dreidel or two.

The warm spirit of hospitality continues with Community Shabbat services on Saturday, December 15. Services begin at 10 AM in the Aitken classroom on the campus of Avondale Presbyterian Church. A festive Kiddush follows.

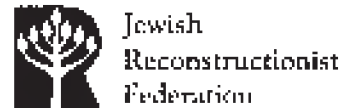
This month we continue our efforts to extend hospitality to our broader community as well. In this case it comes in the form of socks ... men's, women's, children's ... earmarked for Urban Ministries and their efforts to help those in need. Bring a pair (or more!) to any of our activities.

You can also contact us to find out more about this month's teen group activities ("Mitzvahs in Action"), volunteer opportunities

with the Dilworth Soup Kitchen (you can find the soup kitchen's facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=77134194660>), and the work of Project Linus (where blankets are made to help seriously ill, traumatized, or needy children).

Finally, a hearty mazel tov to Hannah Kinney-Kobre on being called to the Torah as a bat mitzvah. We wish Hannah and her parents, Suz-anne Kinney and Michael Kobre, health and happiness in the years ahead.

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 be-



come part of our congregation of nearly 50 households.

For more information about Havurat Tikvah or any of our activities go to our website www.havurattikvah.org or contact new member chair, Brian Feinglass through e-mail (membership@havurattikvah.org) or by phone at 980-225-5330. You can also find Havurat Tikvah and Havurat Teens Charlotte on Facebook. ☆

Chabad of Charlotte Offers 2013 Camaro in "Drive for Better Tomorrow"

Chabad of Charlotte, an organization that devotes its energies to providing outreach and educational activities to Charlotte's Jewish community has embarked on a fun and distinctive fundraising campaign. This campaign will benefit the many programs and services that include: The Jewish Learning Institute, Friendship Circle of Charlotte, Talmud Torah Hebrew School, Jewish Holiday Programming, the Jewish Preschool on Sardis, and Congregation Ohr HaTorah. Chabad has extended its arms for over 32 years to people from all backgrounds and affiliations through various innovative programs.

"The Drive for a Better Tomorrow" is a unique raffle campaign that gives a chance to every raffle ticket holder to win one of three spectacular prizes including: a 2013 Chevrolet Camaro Coupe LS, a seven day dream trip to Israel for two, and nice cash prizes.



First prize is a 2013 Chevy Camaro.

The raffle was initiated by a group of Charlotte Chabad supporters who are looking to raise the funds needed to operate all their programs, especially those geared for Jewish youth.

Chabad's youth programs aim to inspire the upcoming generation to become a force for good in the world. Chabad offers many opportunities for children, teens, and people of all ages to experience the pride of their Jewish heritage and savor the knowledge of

the Torah through creative programming and classes.

Support for this campaign has been amazingly enthusiastic. A host of Charlotte area businesses and private individuals have generously put up the seed money to pay for all the prizes in advance. This makes the raffle even more striking, as the proceeds from each ticket are directed to the cause.

Corporate sponsors include: Hendrick Chevrolet Cadillac of Monroe, Carolina Premier Bank, L. Gordon Iron and Metal, BestSweet, Inc., Laxer, Long & Savage, and Kuehne+Nagel. Individual sponsors are: Steven Azizo, Harlan Brendel, Stuart and Shari Goldstein, Edwin and Leslie Rusgo, and Dr. Robert and Stacy Selkin. There were also six anonymous donors.

Courtesy of Hendrick Chevrolet, a Chevy Camaro will be on display at Chabad's Hanukkah celebration at South-Park on December

9. Participants in the Hanukkah celebration, as well as shoppers, will have the opportunity to purchase raffle tickets for holiday gifts.

Tickets are \$100 each or 18 for \$1,500. Only 1,800 tickets will be sold, making the chances of a winning a major prize 1 in 360, far better than our state lottery. There will also be mini-raffles each month so the sooner tickets are purchased, the more chances to win a bonus cash prize of \$100.



Winners of the mini raffle are still eligible to win a major prize at the conclusion of the raffle on June 2. Tickets can be purchased by mailing a check for \$100 per ticket to 6619 Sardis Rd, Charlotte, NC, 28270 or online at

www.chabadnc.org/drive. Look for the brochure inside this issue of *The Charlotte Jewish News*. To order tickets by phone or for more information, please call 704-366-3984. ☆

YOUNG ADULT

HANUKKAH PARTY

DECEMBER 13

6:00 pm

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\$10 advance/\$15 at door

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