

## Temple Israel Men's Club News Father/Daughter Family Dance on December 15

Dads, get ready to shine your shoes and buy your daughters party dresses for the third annual Father-Daughter Family Dance brought to you by the Men's Club. The dance is Saturday, December 15 from 6:30-9:30 PM at Temple Israel. The price is \$25 per father/daughter (\$10 each extra daughter) and you can send an email to [events@templeisraelmen.com](mailto:events@templeisraelmen.com) to reserve your spot or to get more information. Don't miss the social event of the season. ☆



Dancing the night away at the dance in 2010.

## The Trip of a Lifetime for Charlotte Women

By Natalie Osman

On December 2, 19 women from Charlotte will be embarking on a dream trip. No, it's not Atlantis Paradise Island in the Bahamas or the Wakaya Club in Fiji; it's a trip to Israel. What makes the trip unique is that that we'll be meeting up with another 190 women from the US and South America. This local project is the fulfillment of a vision that Sara Oppenheim of the Charlotte Torah Center has had since she moved to Charlotte with her family a few years ago. She believes that Jewish women are the bastion of the community. If the women are passionate about being Jewish, everything else will follow.

## Children's Services

### Torah Tots

December 8 at 10 AM and December 14 at 5:45 PM

Join us for music, singing, dancing and prayer for your preschooler and the kid in you.

### Mini Minyan

December 1, 8, and 15 at 11 AM

Join us for songs prayers and stories for K-2nd graders. ☆

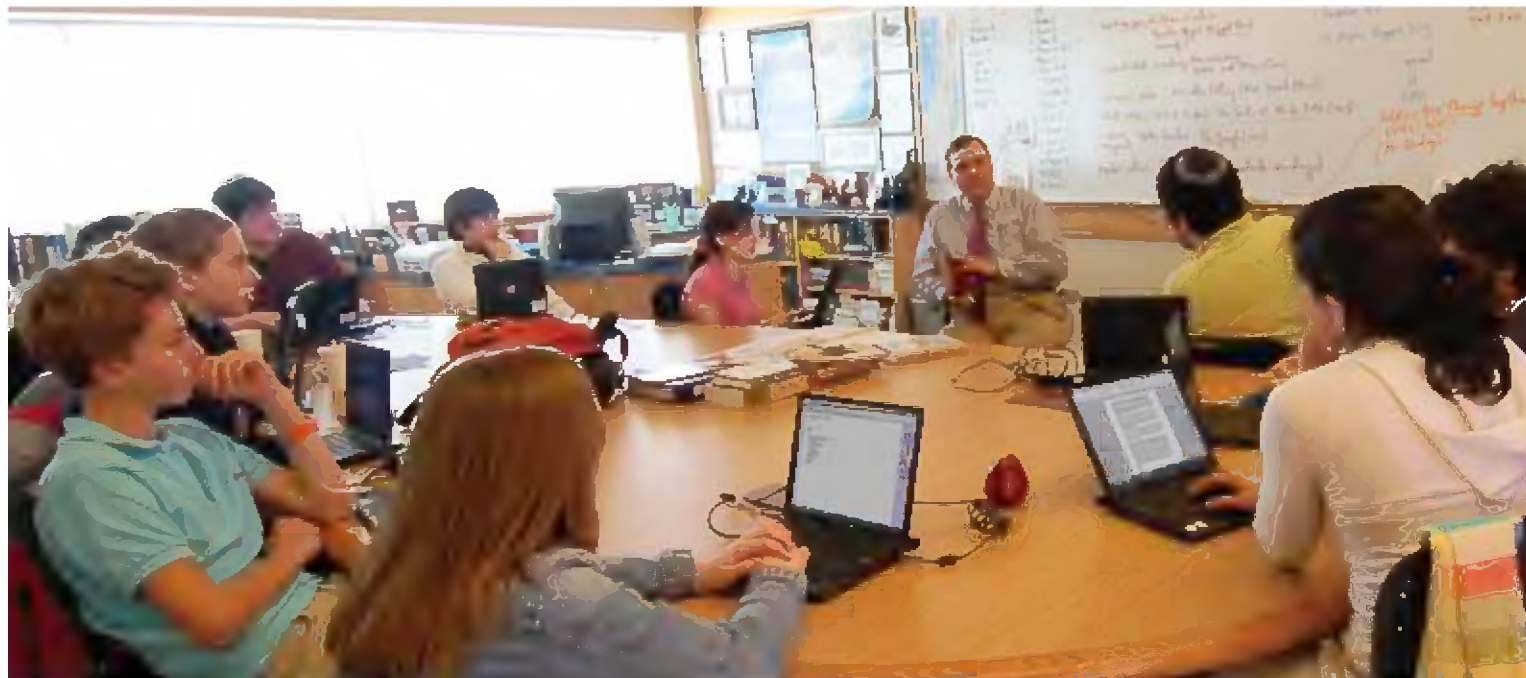
## Temple Israel Social Club

We invite couples and singles, affiliated with Charlotte area Synagogues, to join our group. Meet friendly people and enjoy our interesting programs and trips. For more information please call Irving Bienstock, 704-542-0094 or Ruth Goldberg, 704-366- 8903, co-presidents.

### Upcoming Event:

Saturday, January 26, 2013, 9:30 AM

The Social Club will join in the People's Shabbat Services along with other auxiliaries of the Temple. We will welcome Scholar-in-Residence: Rabbi Lawrence Hoffman, Hebrew Union College. ☆



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One of the things that's important to me is that there are women from every sector of the Jewish community with every shade of Judaism joining us. It's not just the trip of one congregation; the participants are from three continents, a variety of marital situations, some work, some are stay at home moms — and some do both. The common denominator is that we are committed to raising our families Jewish and look forward to develop and grow from this Israel experience. It's kind of a Birthright for Moms trip.

The Jewish Women's Renaissance Project was established in 2008 with the mission of creating a Jewish women's movement that inspires a renaissance of positive values to transform ourselves, our families, and our communities.

We will be part of the TAG (Transform and Grow) program. Due to the generosity of a few American donors who wanted to invest in the Jewish family, women are being offered a special gift: a highly subsidized nine day action packed trip to Israel. The one thing we all have in common is that we're moms with at least one child under 18 living at home. We travel as a group, tour, have seminars about the challenges of marriage and child rearing as a group, and we hope to continue our journey when we return as sisters who have shared an incredible experience together. To date JWRP has brought close to 3,000 women from 40 cities and seven different countries.

We've already had a few fun evenings where we've bonded as a group. Once we made crafts for Israeli soldiers (hosted by the Levine-Sklut Judaic Library), another night we watched a film. One great event was watching the inspiring documentary "Israel In-

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