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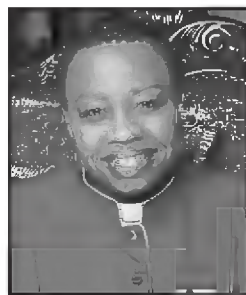
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MLK Shabbat at Temple Beth El – A Night of Passionate Preaching and Song

Temple Beth El will celebrate MLK Shabbat and the life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. on Friday, January 18 at 7 PM. This year MLK Shabbat will kick off Temple Beth El's series of events celebrating our 70th birthday and will feature community activist, preacher and



Bishop Tonyia Rawls

leader Bishop Tonyia Rawls of Unity Fellowship Church Charlotte. Bishop Rawls will speak not

only to issues of African American inclusion but also to areas of inclusion for all minorities.

To further inspire you, Unity Fellowship's dynamic choir, directed by UFCC's Minister of Music Reverend Leslie Oliver, will be singing with Temple Beth El's adult choir. In February, to further our efforts of deepening our relationship with a neighbor-



ing church and enriching our MLK experience, Rabbi Schindler will be speaking, and our choir will be singing, at Unity Fellowship Church Charlotte on February 3 at 10:45 AM.

Both events are open to the entire community. For more information, call 704-366-1948 or see www.beth-el.com. ✪

Engage in One of the Most Esteemed Mitzvot

Join Beth El's Chevra Kaddishah

A Chevra Kaddishah, translated as "holy society," prepares the Jewish community's deceased for burial. It is considered one of the highest commandments, a *chesed shel emet*, a true act of kindness. If you'd like

to learn more about this ritual and consider joining Beth El's Chevra Kaddishah, there will be a training meeting on Sunday, January 27 from 11:45 AM-12:45 PM in the Temple Beth El Archer Chapel. ✪

Celebrate Tu B'Shevat with a Community Shabbat Dinner

Join us with your family for a delicious Shabbat dinner. As our community continues to grow, this is a fabulous opportunity to see old friends and make new ones. During services and at certain times during the meal we will have a special simultaneous children's program to keep your little ones entertained while you enjoy discussions with Rabbi Yisrael Levin.

Friday, January 25

Shabbat evening services complete with songs and explanations will begin at 6 PM.

Dinner will begin at 6:30 PM. You are welcome to come at either time.

Location TBD

\$15 a person or \$45 a family.

For more info or to RSVP email info@JewishBallantyne.com call 704-246-8881 or visit



our website www.JewishBallantyne.com. ✪



Tu B'Shevat Shabbaton on Friday January 25 at Ohr HaTorah

The famed Friday night Shabbaton at Ohr HaTorah is happening again this winter as it will be held on Friday, January 25, at Congregation Ohr HaTorah. This Shabbaton event brings together Jewish families in Charlotte who enjoy the extra touch of a joyful and meaningful Shabbat experience together. The Shabbaton features delicious homemade Shabbat dinner along with fun and exciting Shabbat entertainment for adults and children.

The Shabbaton will be extra special as it falls on Tu B'Shevat, the New Year for trees and it will feature delicious treats from Is-

rael. A full wine bar featuring delicious Israeli and French Kosher wines will be a highlight of the event as wine grapes are one of the five biblical fruits that Israel has been praised with.

This Shabbat is also known as Shabbat Shira – the Shabbat of song, as we read the Torah portion of Beshalach which contains the Song of the Sea that the Children of Israel sang with Moshe after their miraculous crossing of the Sea of Reeds. The Shabbaton will feature joyous singing in the spirit of this special Shabbat.

Candle lighting will begin at 5:26 PM. Shabbat evening serv-



ices will begin at 5:30 PM. A full Shabbat dinner will follow the service and will start at 6:30 PM. This Shabbaton event is open to the entire Charlotte Jewish community. The Shabbaton fee is \$50 per family and \$18 per single. For more information and reservations please call our office at 704-366-3984 or visit our website at www.chabadnc.org. ✪

Charlotte Torah Center Women's Mission to Israel

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Day 4: We toured Jerusalem and heard an amazing class about marriage. I asked some of my friends to share with me what they're getting out of this trip. Here are just a few vignettes:

"Seeing the passion of the people is infectious." -Andie Taylor
"Best class on marriage I've ever heard." -Lauren Martin

"Everything is first rate, from participants, to tour guides, brilliant and informative lectures; it's a life changing experience being

in Israel." -Cheryl Rabinowitz
"Eye opening and embracing" -Debbie Weiss

"Good to be home" -Nikki Sacks



"Hope to bring back part of the trip to my family and my everyday life." -Lauren Gross, Joanna Wisotsky.

We are getting ready to walk to the Western Wall and have our Shabbat meal in the Old City. It can't get better than this. ✪



The Moms visit the Judean Hills.

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