

Our Annual Purim Celebration Has Been Relocated... to the "STADIUM"

Join the Ballantyne Jewish Center for our annual fabulous Purim celebration, this time in the STADIUM. Everyone is welcome, any team, any fan, or even if you are not a fan. Listen to the traditional reading of the Megillah scroll of Esther, which depicts the age old story of Purim. Enjoy a slideshow illustrating the historical events, a bingo game to keep you guessing, and your kids will each receive an activity bag to engage them during the reading.



Dress for your favorite team and take part in a delicious buffet dinner plus concessions. Don't forget to enjoy all the activities and make your own Purim Basket to give to a friend. Adults enjoy cocktails and beer while everyone has a fantastic time. Don't miss

out on this great event and celebrate Purim with friends and family.

Sunday, February 24
5 PM, Megillah Reading

5:30 PM, Dinner and Party

Springhill Suites Ballantyne, 12325 Johnston Rd.

\$15 per person or \$45 per family

For more info or to RSVP contact Rabbi Yisrael and Leah Levin, 704-246-8881 or info@JewishBallantyne.com or visit our website www.JewishBallantyne.com.

There will also be a megillah

reading Saturday night at 7:30 PM at the Ballantyne Jewish center: 8632 Bryant Farms Rd. Free of charge. ☺



Purim in the Palace

Purim is the happiest day of the year and is marked with creative celebrations that radiate joy and merriment for adults and children. It marks the amazing turn of events in ancient Persia where the evil Haman convinced King Achashverosh to annihilate all the Jews in his empire. In a stunning upset, Esther, the new queen of Persia saved the day with the encouragement of her cousin Mordechai, the leader of the Jewish people. Haman and his sons were eliminated and the Jews were given victory.

Purim has been a yearly celebration for Jews globally for thousands of years as it is a day of thanksgiving and extraordinary joy. The request of Esther and Mordechai to Jews of all generations is to give gifts to the poor and send food gifts to friends, to listen to the reading of the scroll of Esther, and enjoy a festive feast at the end of the day.

Congregation Ohr HaTorah will host a spectacular Purim celebration which is open to the entire community. The theme for this



Purim is "Purim in the Palace." This is to remember Esther who lived in the Palace in Shushan where she used her persuasive position to save the day. No costume is required, but everyone is encouraged to dress up in the regal costume of a king, queen, or any palace garb that suits them. Purim day comes on Sunday, February 24, this year.

The festivities will begin with the reading of the Megillah – Scroll of Esther on Saturday night, February 23, at 7:15 PM. Traditional Purim treats like hamantaschen will be served after the Megillah reading.

Sunday morning the Megillah will be read as part of the morning service which begins at 8:30 AM



Torah on Tap

'Cuz this is just the way we roll ... 10, that is. Join us on Sunday, February 17, from 4-6 PM at Roll 10 at 10 Park Lanes (1700 Montford Drive, Charlotte) for an afternoon of bowling. Bring your family, bring your friends, and bring your friendly-competitive edge.

We've reserved six lanes and will make "bumper guards" available for your little ones if you choose to bring them. Negotiated rate will be \$12/person/game (adults). RSVPs are appreciated.

Torah on Tap is Temple Israel's doorway to Judaism for ages 21+ in North



Carolina. Each month we get together to hang out, learn something new, get to know one another, and even celebrate Shabbat with a home cooked meal. Show up for a good time and stay for the friendships. For more information about Torah on Tap or to get on the e-vite list contact: RabbiRaucher@TempleIsraelNC.org, or 704-362-2796. ☺



Temple Israel Social Club

Upcoming Event

Sunday, February 17, at 12:30 PM: Paid up Membership Luncheon and Program at Temple Israel. Deadline is February 8. Please send your dues of \$18 per person to Douglas Mann, 137 N. Canterbury Rd. Charlotte, NC. 28211. For more information please call Ruth Goldberg, 704-366-8903, co-presidents.

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