

Summer Shabbaton to Celebrate Liberty

Ohr HaTorah will, once again, host one of its popular Friday night Shabbatons on June 21 at 7 PM. The theme of the Shabbaton will be the celebration of liberty. The Shabbaton will connect two holidays - one Jewish and one American, both with the common theme of liberty.

The Jewish holiday is the 12-13th of the Hebrew month of Tammuz (which falls just before Independence Day) and is when Judaism in the former Soviet Union scored a victory with the release of Rabbi Yoseph Y. Schneerson, the sixth Lubavitcher

Rebbe from Soviet prison. His arrest was due to his active involvement in sustaining Jewish life in the Soviet Union and his subsequent release was seen as a ray of hope for the future of Soviet Jewry.

The American holiday is the 4th of July, which celebrates America's independence. America has become a haven for freedom where Jews can and are encouraged to practice their religion without fear of persecution. In addition, America has been the place where many Jews fleeing the horrors of the Holocaust and

the hard life in the former Soviet Union have settled. America has replaced Europe as the center of Jewish life in the Diaspora.

The Shabbaton will feature delicious home style food with exciting activities centered on world liberty. To reserve a place at the Shabbaton, please send your check to: 6619 Sardis Road, Charlotte, NC 28270 or visit our website at: chabadnc.org. The cost is \$18/person and \$50/family. For a guaranteed reservation, payment must be received by June 17. For more information, please contact our office at 704-366-3984. ✪

Car Raffle Reminder

Chabad of North Carolina's raffle drawing will be on June 2 at 5 PM at SouthPark Mall. Tickets are available on-line at: chabadnc.org/drive until June 1 or at the mall on June 2. Don't miss your chance to win a 2013 Camero, a Dream Trip for 2 to Israel or \$1,800. ✪



The Charlotte Jewish Calendar

Chabad of North Carolina is currently working on next year's edition of the Charlotte Jewish Calendar. Over 4,000 copies of the calendar are sent out in time for the Jewish New Year. If you would be interested in advertising in the calendar, please contact us at: rabbicohen@chabadnc.org or call 704-366-3984. ✪

Respecting the Wicked Child: Putting Conventional Wisdom Aside

Conventional wisdom holds that one doesn't discuss politics or religion in polite company. Havurat Tikvah, however, will start the summer by doing just that with a discussion of Mitchell Silver's *Respecting the Wicked Child*. Silver's book explores the question of why modern, enlightened, and often secular American Jews should bother with Judaism and with passing Jewish heritage to the next generation. UNC Charlotte Political Science Professor Saul Brenner will facilitate our discussion on June 1 at 7:30 PM. We invite you to join us for what promises to be a stimulating evening of lively conversation. Visit our website or contact us (see below) for details

on event location.

Summer plans also include our Annual Congregational Meeting on Sunday, June 23. We'll gather in the Fellowship Hall on the Avondale Presbyterian Church campus (2821 Park Road, Charlotte) from 3 to 5 PM to vote on a new Havurat Tikvah Board and to share ideas and plans for the upcoming year.

The summer months find us continuing a number of ongoing Havurat Tikvah activities. Mostly Monthly Minyan can be scheduled at a member's request; this evening service is designed for mourners, those observing a yahrzeit, or any member who would like to daven and enjoy a

little Havurah fellowship. When a death occurs in a member's family, we are always willing to schedule a special minyan at the family's home, one of our usual minyan homes, or another appropriate location. Call 704-332-4880 for more information about this month's gathering.

Social action activities don't stop with the summer months either. We encourage you to join us for Project Linus as we craft blankets (no experience necessary) for seriously ill, traumatized, or needy children. And if you're interested in volunteering with the Dilworth Soup Kitchen, you can find their facebook page at: [www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=771341](http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=77134194660)

94660). For teens interested in social action, contact us (see information below) to learn more about our group Mitzvahs in Action.

Havurat Tikvah is an affiliate of the Jewish Reconstructionist Movement and provides 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 become part of our congregation of nearly 50 households.

For more information about Havurat Tikvah – and information about activities and worship services – go to our website www.havurattikvah.org or contact new member chair, Brian Feinglass through e-mail (



ship@havurattikvah.org) or by phone at (980-225-5330). You can also find Havurat Tikvah and Havurat Teens Charlotte on Facebook. ✪

A Hebrew School Where Kids Don't Want to Miss a Day

Imagine a Hebrew School where kids don't want to miss a day. They come in with a smile and leave humming a Hebrew song. Walking through the halls, you can hear the sounds of lively discussion, of singing, laughter, and prayer. Imagine a child who feels the warmth and spirit of Judaism and then imagine the pride of his/her parents.

Our school's most underlying approach is for the children to enjoy the time spent at Hebrew School so that they are left with positive feelings and fond memories of their Jewish education. Our program is thus carefully blended with songs, games, incentives, arts and crafts, dramatics, field trips, family celebrations, and other exciting co-curricular activities.

We encourage parents to get involved, ask questions and keep in touch with our school. You may very well discover that your child's Hebrew School education at the Ballantyne Jewish Center will add an enriching spiritual dimension to the lives of your entire family.

Our Curriculum

The lessons are multi-sensory and hands-on, ensuring that the

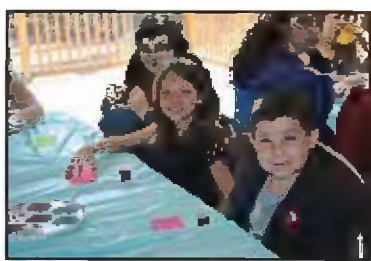
students truly experience what they are being taught. Chabad Hebrew School is an affiliate of the Chabad International Hebrew Education Network, who stand at the forefront of Jewish education worldwide, providing our children with the highest level of Jewish education possible, in a Sunday and Hebrew School setting.

To find out more about our Hebrew School visit our website www.Jewish-Ballantyne.com/HebrewSchool.

Don't live in the Ballantyne area? Talmud Torah is our partner school – check them out www.TalmudTorah.net. ✪



Myla Madden shows off her "flower" that she planted on Israel Day.



Kayla Enav and Nathan Manning enjoy our "Silly Model Seder"



Distinctive Member Reception

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this program helps to ensure that the Levine JCC continues to thrive through the years allowing our children and their children to have the same vibrant and nurturing community that exists today.

We are so grateful to our Distinctive Members and Legacy Gift Givers. We appreciate all they do

for our community and the vision they hold for the future of our community. If you would like more information about either of these wonderful opportunities to make a difference in someone's life, please contact Karen Maniloff at 704-944-6801 or Karen.maniloff@charlottejcc.org. ✪

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