

Tashlich Sunset Cruise on Lake Norman

Come and join us with your family for a beautiful Sunset Cruise on Lake Norman. Enjoy a delicious buffet dinner, tropical drinks and smoothies, socializing with friends, special activities for the kids, gorgeous views, and an unbelievable experience for everyone.

Rabbi Yisrael Levin will begin the cruise with the short Tashlich prayer. Tashlich is the ancient Jewish tradition of casting all of the negative energies that built up over the year into the open sea, making room for the possibilities of greatness in the coming new year.

Tuesday, September 10, 6 PM

We will be loading beginning at 5:30 PM at the Peninsula Yacht Club, 18501 Harbor Light Blvd., Cornelius, NC 28031.

\$15 per person
\$50 max per family
RSVP required - limited space available.

For more details or to RSVP: info@JewishBallantyne.com or 704-246-8881 or visit our website www.JewishBallantyne.com. ☆



Simchat Torah - Let's See You Dance

Join us for a grand Torah celebration especially for kids. Enjoy a delicious dinner in the Sukkah followed by dancing with the Torah kid style including dance competitions and flags for everyone. Simchat Torah is all about unbridled joy, which surpasses even the joy of Sukkot. The joy reaches its climax on Simchat Torah, when we celebrate the conclusion – and restart – of the annual Torah-reading cycle.

This event is open to the com-

munity and free of charge. RSVP is appreciated.

Wednesday September 25, 5:30-7 PM.

At the Ballantyne Jewish Center, 8632 Bryant Farms Rd.

To RSVP or for more information, contact Rabbi Yisrael and Leah Levin, info@JewishBallantyne.com or 704 246 8881 or visit us online www.JewishBallantyne.com.

Simchat Torah Chabad Style will take place Thursday, Septem-

ber 26, 7:45 PM at the Ballantyne Jewish Center, 8632 Bryant Farm Rd. ☆



Jewish Programming in Sun City Carolina Lakes

Thanks to the Jewish Federation of Greater Charlotte Community Impact Fund, Jewish programming in Sun City is thriving. Lunch 'N Learns, Shabbat Dinners, Holiday Events, Adult Education, Jewish Women's Programming, we are keeping busy.

If you live in Sun City, or know someone who does, make sure to

visit www.JewishBallantyne.com/SunCity and subscribe to our Sun City email list.

Coming up next:

- Lunch in the Sukkah, Tuesday, September 24

- Fall Shabbat Dinner, Friday, November 8

- Chanukah Candle Making (Jewish Women Connected),



Wednesday, November 13

- Chanukah Party, December 4
- Lunch 'N Learns and Regular Classes will resume in October

For more information call 704-246-8881, email Rabbi@JewishBallantyne.com or visit our website at www.JewishBallantyne.com/SunCity. ☆

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Charlotte Torah Center and Jewish Women's Renaissance Project

Our Own Personal, Yet Collective, "Nesiya" (Journey)

By Jayme Kreitman

Thanks to the Charlotte Torah Center, 18 Charlotte women were able to take a personal *nesiya* (journey) to Israel this summer as part of the Jewish Women's Renaissance Project. We left our families, our homes, our jobs, and the mundane tasks of everyday life to

focus on our own personal connection with the Jewish Homeland, with Judaism, and how we can positively affect our families and our community.

The JWRP trip is difficult to explain if you haven't had the experience. This personal, yet still collective, adventure in Israel was one part touring, one part Torah study with a focus on the Jewish woman, one part volunteerism, one part Israel activism, and one part celebratory with the emphasis on bonding with other women.

When I returned, everyone wanted to know where I went and what I did, but my answers really didn't begin to summarize the experience. Yes, we toured Israel and traveled North to Tiberias and Tsfat. We went to Masada and the Dead Sea and we explored all the inner alleyways of the Old City in Jerusalem and even shared profound experiences at the Kotel. But none of that really explains the trip.

We became fully immersed in lectures to learn about ourselves, our marriage, our children, and our family – all based on Torah teachings. We learned about Shabbat and its most important tenet – to connect you must disconnect. But most importantly, we were able to celebrate Shabbat in Israel with our new family of "sisters."

The JWRP Shabbat celebration in Israel is unparalleled. All 180 women from 10 different cities danced together at the Kotel wall. As we sang L'Cha Dodi to welcome in Shabbat, complete strangers joined in with our magnetic group. Tears welled up in our eyes as we locked arms with female Israeli soldiers to sing the Hatikvah. We were disconnected

from technology and from our families here, but we were truly connected to the people we were with, with Judaism, and with God.

But the trip is more than the sum of its parts. Each lecture, each place we toured, and each meal together was more about building and maintaining relationships – a relationship with Israel and support of Israel; a relationship with Torah study and our heritage; a relationship with our families; and perhaps equally as important, a relationship with the other women who came on the trip together.

None of this would have happened here in Charlotte, despite our best efforts. Distractions of our daily lives would have forced us to be only partially present during the tours, the lectures, and the opportunities to help others. We all needed a retreat, and Israel was the only place that could have accomplished the goals. Again, we had to disconnect to connect.

After traveling to Israel this summer, we now understand firsthand why it's important to support Israel and its people in whatever way we can. We see how learning Torah in Israel with other women can be applied daily in our lives here in Charlotte. We celebrated Shabbat together in Israel and now have felt the positive interactions with family and friends as we experienced the joy of Shabbat in our own homes, some of us for the first time.

The goal of Charlotte Torah Center's sponsorship of the JWRP is to strengthen all of those relationships and bring back the knowledge and enthusiasm to our

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