

People are Now Moving to Lake Norman FOR the Jewish Community

Continued Growth and the Addition of a Second Full-Time Jewish Professional

It used to be that when a Jewish family moved to the Lake, they were moving because of Lake Norman or quaint towns like Davidson. The fact that there was some Jewish life was a secondary bonus. Now, a different story is playing out in the Lake Norman region. Jews and their families are now moving for the Jewish community at Temple Kol Tikvah of Lake Norman.

In the past five years, Temple Kol Tikvah has grown from 55 families and 30 children in their religious school to nearly 200 families and more than 130 youth. The synagogue in Davidson was dedicated in April 2013 and in addition to a full roster of Temple Kol Tikvah programming, hosts the Lake Norman Hadassah chapter, local scout troops, and the adult learning non-profit, Davidson Learns.

Rabbi Shields, the first full-time rabbi of the congregation said, "Now, in addition to growth from families moving from the northeast and other parts of the

United States, we are also seeing people choosing to move from the city of Charlotte to Davidson and the surrounding towns because of our shul. A community synagogue that is paving its own way is attractive to many, and we see families with young children, retirees, and everyone in between calling our Temple, 'home.' Temple Kol Tikvah and the town of Davidson can authentically consider itself a hub and second nucleus for vibrant Jewish life in the Greater Charlotte region."

Temple Kol Tikvah completed a nine month capital campaign for their building which was capped by meeting the strictures of a challenge grant from the Leon S. Levine Foundation. In addition, Temple Kol Tikvah received a programming grant from the BJH Foundation for Senior Services. Learn, Kibbitz and Nosh (LKN) will launch in the fall. The eight monthly sessions offer an opportunity for seniors to increase their knowledge on topics relevant to their lives, provide an informal

venue for social interaction, and include a healthy lunch.

The most recent development at Temple Kol Tikvah is the addition of a second full-time Jewish professional team. In response to recent and projected growth, Temple Kol Tikvah hired Lynn Calnek as the Director of Lifelong Learning. She will coordinate the religious school, b'nei mitzvah program, and partner with the Rabbi on adult education and family programming. Ms. Calnek said the following about her new position and the congregation: "I have been involved with the congregation as a member and a teacher in the religious school since very early on its history. It is a supreme honor to assume this new role and have a hand in further shaping this community as it grows."

Temple Kol Tikvah of Lake Norman is a 195 family congregation located in Davidson, North Carolina. Interfaith couples and Jewish families of all forms are welcome. www.templekol-tikvah.org ☆

Temple Kol Tikvah High Holy Days Schedule

Rosh Hashanah Eve - Wednesday, September 4
Fairview United Methodist Church
6 PM - Schmooze and Nosh
6:30 PM - Children's Service
7 PM - Evening Service

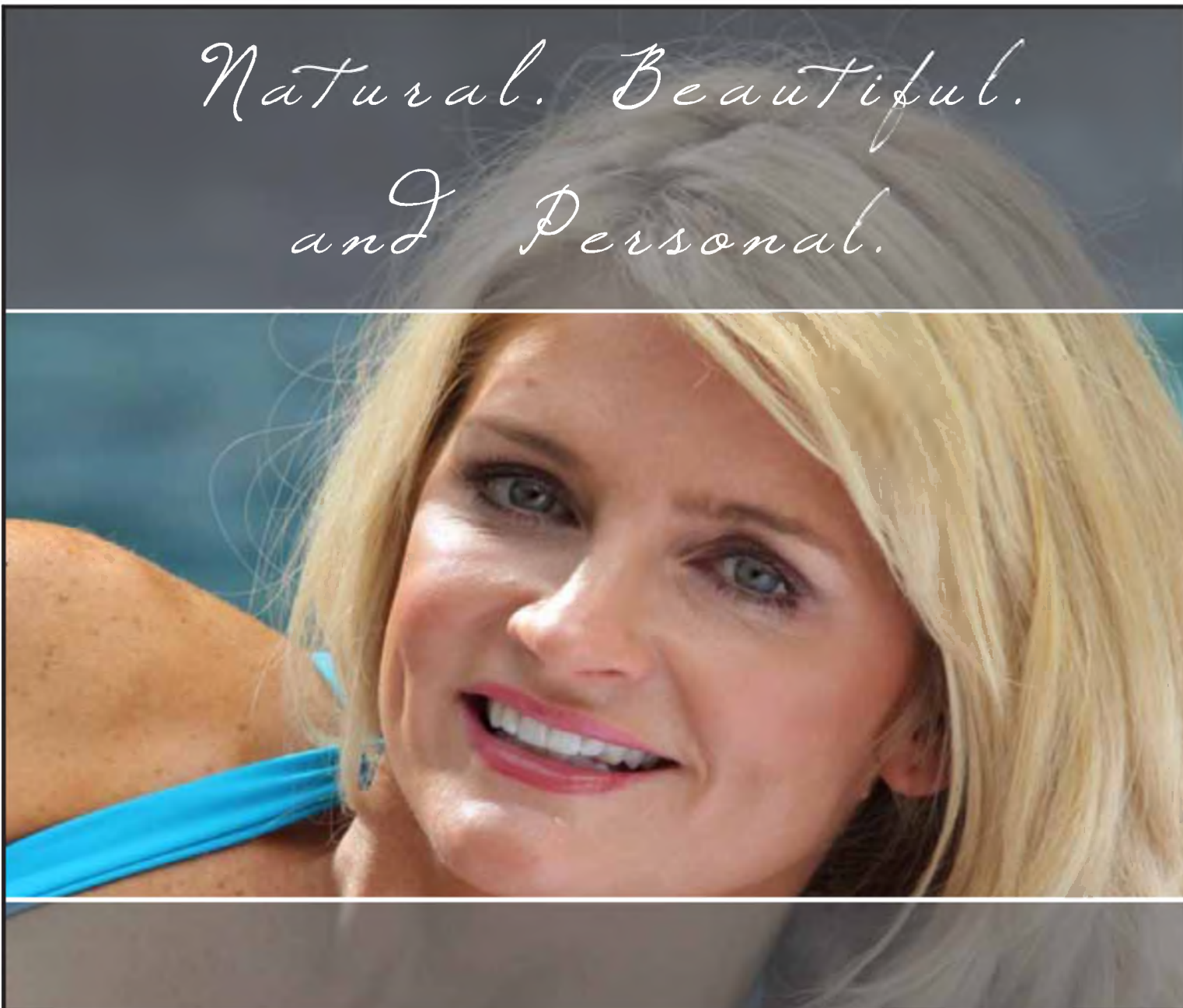
Rosh Hashanah Day 1 - Thursday, September 5
Fairview United Methodist Church
9:15-9:45 AM - Children's Service
9:30-10:30 AM - Community Breakfast
10:30 AM-12:30 PM - Morning Service
1:15 PM - Tashlich at Davidson Lake (BYOL and BYOB - Bring your own lunch and bring bread to toss)

Rosh Hashanah Day 2 - Friday, September 6
Temple Kol Tikvah
10:30 AM-12 noon - Morning Service

Yom Kippur Eve - Friday, September 13
Fairview United Methodist Church
7PM - Kol Nidre

Yom Kippur Day - Saturday, September 14
Fairview United Methodist Church
9:15-9:45 AM - Children's Service
10 AM - Morning Service
12:30 PM - Enrichment Groups; Speaker
3 PM - Afternoon and Healing Service
5:30 PM Yizkor
6 PM - Concluding Service and Havdalah
7 PM - Break-the-Fast

Temple Kol Tikvah, 605 South St, Davidson, NC 28036
Fairview United Methodist Church, 1430 Mecklenburg Hwy, Mooresville, NC 28117 ☆



Temple Kol Tikvah Meets Levine Foundation Challenge Connection Point Capital Campaign Complete

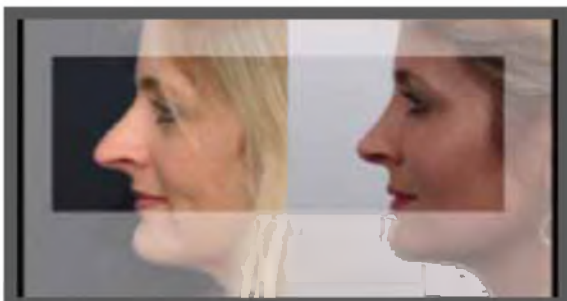
They say that sometimes it takes a village; in this case, the village was made up of 186 families. The story goes something like this:

In 2012 the newly merged Temple Kol Tikvah purchased a building in downtown Davidson to serve as the first synagogue in the Huntersville-Cornelius-Davidson-Mooresville area known collectively as Lake Norman.

The property and renovations required \$750,000 to complete, a seemingly unattainable goal for a community who had never before held a capital campaign. But large goals never intimidated this emerging congregation, and leaders of Temple Kol Tikvah set out to raise the money through the "Connection Point Capital Campaign."

The 185 families who are members of Temple Kol Tikvah started giving, and then one family made an amazing challenge: The Leon Levine Foundation challenged the members to raise \$675,000. In return, they would donate the final \$75,000. It was an extraordinary offer and it energized the Jewish community in Lake Norman.

In less than 12 months, Temple Kol Tikvah members met the



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