

Learn/Kibbutz/Nosh Comes to Temple Kol Tikvah

As a result of a successful application to BJH Foundation for Senior Services, Temple Kol Tikvah of Lake Norman is pleased to announce "Learn, Kibbutz, and Nosh" (LKN). LKN will be offered to the Jewish community 55 and older. Seniors will engage in meaningful learning by participating in dynamic and interactive discussions. The programs will offer an opportunity for seniors to increase their knowledge on topics relevant to their lives, provide an informal venue for social interaction, and a healthy lunch.

The group will meet at monthly at Temple Kol Tikvah, 605 South Street, Davidson, NC from 11:30 AM-1:30 PM.

The first program will be held on Octo-

ber 9. Additional programs will be held on November 13, December 11, January 8, February 12, March 12, and April 14.

No synagogue affiliation is required in order to attend the sessions. Sign up is first come, first served. If you are interested in attending or for more information, please contact Lynn Calnek at 704-987-9980. ☆



The Ark Has Landed

It has traveled to country clubs, event centers, hotels, and churches. The crown and top have been reattached a few times. It is a portable property. It is the ark which has held Temple Or Olam's first Torah most of its life.

Rabbi Barbara Thiede has always emphasized the quality and closeness of Or Olam's community, not the space where we worship. But we have two Torahs now. We needed an ark that would do justice to the beauty of those Torahs and also express the closeness the congregation feels to the earth and the rhythms of Hebrew observances.

In stepped Temple Or Olam's men's group. After lots of discussion about whether to build it, hire it, commission something, how much, how big - they found the perfect ark in Israel, in the shop of custom carver Gabriel Bass. Our new ark is beautiful African walnut overlaid with Israeli olive wood carvings of the seven species. It is big enough for both Torahs to be displayed. It is portable, with a traveling upper

half, lower half for storage, and a rolling base. Temple Or Olam's first ner tamid - an undulating amber glass resting in a hand-carved olive wood - flickers above.

The crates arrived a week before High Holy Days. There could be no better time to dedicate such special pieces than the celebration of a new year and the beginning of Temple Or Olam's second decade. And, of course, everybody had to have new clothes. Both Torahs received new white Dupioni silk mantles, gartels, and a *bein gavra* with beautiful white-on-white embroidery and appliquéd flames.

We celebrated on Erev Rosh Hashanah, in a procession with the two Torahs, then lovingly passing them from adult arm to adult arm on either side of the aisle so that everyone could feel their blessing. The children did the same with their printed Little Torah until the Torahs were returned to the ark.

Each High Holy Day Torah mantle was embroidered with



Rabbi Dr. Barbara Thiede with Temple Or Olam's new ark.

words from Psalm 119: "Your word is a lamp to my feet" (105) and "the words you inscribe give light" (130). The "light" that shows the way is Torah, our support, our guide, and our sustenance.

As were (and are!) the seven species. "The images we see every time we look at the ark are images that have to do with earth's creation," says Rabbi Barbara. "The earth sustains us. Open the ark and we see the Torah, given to sustain us."

Come and visit to see our new ark of the seven species. We'd love to welcome you. www.or-olam.org. ☆



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