

Sadie Levin Scholar-in-Residence is Dr. Rachel Dulin

Professor at the Spertus Institute for Jewish Learning and Leadership

February 7-8

"Dr. Rachel Dulin is a brilliant scholar who has the ability to make Bible study come to life. She weaves together ancient culture, history, and mythology and gives her students new ways to understand Bible and new ideas to consider. Her dramatic and dynamic presentation and delightful sense of humor make learning a pleasure." - Susan Jacobs, Temple Beth El's Director of Education

"Everyone has one teacher in their life that makes learning come alive for them. For me, that

teacher is Rachel Dulin. Her devotion to the study of bible is contagious. Rachel approaches our sacred texts without sentimentality, but with respect and an amazing depth of knowledge. I can't wait to learn from her again." - Roz Cooper, Director of the Consolidated High School of Jewish Studies

Friday, February 7 - 8 PM
* Late at Eight Shabbat Experience

"Introduction to Exceptional Biblical Characters"
Saturday, February 9



Dr. Rachel Dulin

Themes Surrounding Politics, Gender, Faith, and Action"

* Dvar Torah at our Congregational Shabbat Service at 11 AM

* Havdalah at 5 PM: "Purim Katan" ☆

* Shabbat Morning Workshop at 9 AM
"The Book of Esther and Its



Superheroes and Judaism

Temple Beth El University

7 PM on Wednesdays, February 5, 12, 19 at Temple Beth El

Join Rabbi Jonathan Freirich and Hebrew High teacher Sara Bryan Markovits for a multimedia exploration of the Jewish imagination's expression in the realm of superheroes. From demon-conquering rabbis, the Golem, and the Dybbuk, to Superman, Batman, X-Men, Spiderman, and the Avengers; from hundred year folk tales told to frighten grandchildren, to modern comic books and graphic novels, to movies, TV shows, and contemporary fiction; from the Bible and the Talmud, to Hasidic tales, Shalom Aleichem, Jerry Siegel, Stan Lee, Michael Chabon, and J. J. Abrams; the supernatural and superhuman fascinate Jews of all

ages and times.

The powerless understandably imagine what it would be like to have power - what is different and unique about Jews' approaches to these ideas? As authors and purveyors of the original David and Goliath story we devote ourselves to justice in the face of bullies. Is there something quintessentially Jewish about these stories? Is there a superhero with no Jewish flavor at all? Come learn, discuss, explore - up, up, and away! ☆



Welcome to Our New Communications Specialist

TBE welcomes Nancy Thomason, our new Communications Specialist. She will be working part time under Executive Director Sara Schreibman producing the Voice and Whisper publications, helping facilitate the website makeover and providing writing and editing services.

Nancy currently works for the Charlotte Observer as a correspondent, and is regularly published in the *South Charlotte News* and *ShopTalk*. She has also been published in *Our State* magazine. A graduate of Queens College with a degree in studio art and a M.Ed. in Library Science/Media, Nancy has worked as a scriptwriter for educational programs, a copywriter, and a

website designer.

A native of Philadelphia, Nancy has lived in NC for more than 40 years although she still is not considered a southerner. She is has been married to husband Max for 39 years. She has two children, Rebecca, who is a Ph.D. in cell and developmental biology, and son Max, III, who is a mechanical engineer. ☆



A Warm Night at Temple Beth El

Temple Beth El is opening the doors of our synagogue for the 2013-14 Urban Ministry Center outreach program Room in the Inn. We have been in active in the program for the last 18 years and this year is our Chai. Herm Zeigler, TBE member who organizes this Mitzvah at Shalom Park and has done so since its inception, says we have planned a total of 13 evenings at Shalom Park this win-

ter; seven of them at TBE.

TBE volunteers host about 12 homeless each of these nights, providing them with a warm bed, hot meals and companionship. "We are grateful to our volunteers, who serve over and over again to fulfill a commandment that in itself is so rewarding," said Zeigler.

"If you could see the look on the faces of the homeless when they leave, it is pure gratitude."

Volunteers needed for Saturday, March 1, 2014. Contact Herm Zeigler at 704-364-1632. ☆



PJ Havdalah

Join Temple Beth El and PJ Library February 15 at 4-6 PM.

Free for Preschool through Third Grade kids and their parents.

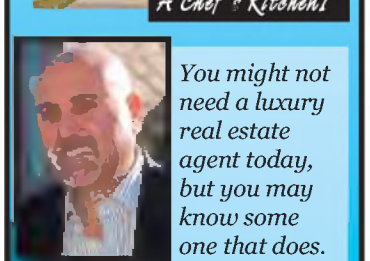
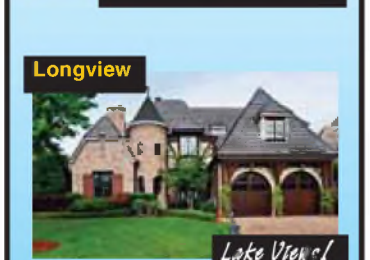
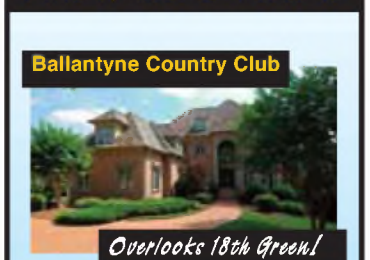
Wear your favorite PJs, bring a cuddly blanket and pillow and join the TBE and PJ Library for a story, havdalah, and a movie. We will start the evening off by reading a book from the PJ library about the Jewish immigrant experience and then watch "An American Tale," the classic animated

film about a mouse named Feivel who immigrates to the United States with his family from the old country.

Our program will conclude with havdalah as we say goodbye to a sweet Shabbat and wonderful evening with friends and family. This is a free event and snacks will be provided. Children must attend with a parent or caregiver. Siblings are welcome. RSVP by February 10 at www.NextGenCharlotte.org. ☆



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