

LSJL Prepares for Freedom School Scholars

Shalom Park Freedom School scholars are almost here and the LSJL is getting ready for their arrival. Join us as we assemble welcome bags for their arrival during Mitzvah Day 2015.

The LSJL is excited to serve as the Shalom Park Freedom School Mitzvah Day 2015 project sponsor. During Mitzvah Day on Sunday, May 17, volunteers will assemble welcome bags for each scholar. Inside these kits every scholar will receive a swimsuit, towel, goggles, and sunscreen.

This collaboration is the first of many joint efforts between the LSJL and Shalom Park Freedom School while the scholars are on Shalom Park this summer. A major part of Freedom School's mission is maintaining and even increasing literacy for at-risk youth during the summer, thus working with the LSJL is a great fit all summer long.

When the scholars arrive on Shalom Park in June, each will receive his or her personalized welcome bag with everything they

need for swimming at the JCC. For the upcoming summer, an estimated 80 scholars will be visiting the library each week to participate in the summer reading program and to build up their personal library. The opportunity for each scholar to grow their home library is a unique program just for the scholars made possible due to generous donations from the

entire community. The scholars will be given a new book each of the six weeks to bring home with them. These books will be theirs to keep.

The LSJL would like to thank the entire community for their support and help making these programs for the Scholars possible. ☆



Carnegie Deli is Coming to Charlotte

You could have a giant Carnegie Deli cheesecake delivered to your front door.

Want to find out how? The LSJL is selling raffle tickets for this unique opportunity. Each raffle ticket is \$5 and all proceeds will benefit the Levine-Sklut Judaic Library and help us continue providing valuable programming for the entire community. With the purchase of one ticket, we can buy a new children's book. A purchase

of three tickets will add a new DVD to the collection. And five raffle tickets purchased will fund one Jewish Holiday Toolbox. This is just a small sampling of what your raffle tickets will do. Raffle tickets will be on sale at the library May 1-18. Get your friends involved and see who wins. Additional prizes include one \$50 gift certificate to the Cheesecake Factory, a dozen cheesecake pops from Serafina Bakery, or two ginor-



mous lollipop. For more information please contact Nicole Lamparello by calling 704-944-6763 or emailing her at nlamparello@shalomcharlotte.org. May the cheesiest patrons win. ☆



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SYNAGOGUES & CONGREGATIONS

Family Shavuot Celebration

The Ballantyne Jewish Center invites you and your family to join us to hear the Ten Commandments read from the Torah and enjoy a delicious dairy meal in honor of the holiday of Shavuot. Shavuot is the time when we commemorate God's giving of the Torah at Mt. Sinai and a time to celebrate the true heroes of this holiday which are the children. Before God gave the Torah He demanded guarantors.



the reading of the Ten Commandments. In addition, there will be a special program, fun activities and an ice cream party for them to enjoy.

Sunday, May 24
5-6:30 PM

At the South Charlotte Banquet Center, 9009 Bryant Farms Rd.

Open to the community free of charge.

RSVP is appreciated - email info@JewishBallantyne.com or call 704-246-8881.

In addition there will be a minyan and Yizkor service the following morning.

Monday, May 25

At the Ballantyne Jewish Center, 8632 Bryant Farms Rd.

10 AM service begins

11:30 AM Yizkor

Followed by a Kiddush lunch.

For more information visit us online www.JewishBallantyne.com. ☆

The Jewish people made a number of suggestions all rejected by God until they declared, "Our children will be our guarantors that we will cherish and observe the Torah." God immediately accepted them and agreed to give the Torah.

Let us make sure to bring all our "guarantors" along on the first day of Shavuot to be present for



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Hebrew School Registration for the 2015-2016 School Year is now open.

Call 704-246-8881 or email Leah@Jewish-Ballantyne.com, www.Jewish-Ballantyne.com/HebrewSchool.