

# Catch the Spirit with High Holidays at Ohr HaTorah



“Seek God when you can find Him, call on Him when He is near.” These are the famous words of Isaiah speaking to the people of Israel.

Maimonides writes that these words of Isaiah refer to the first 10 days of the year, beginning with Rosh Hashanah and culminating with Yom Kippur.

The statement is a powerful testament to the spiritual meaning of these days of Awe. As our souls feel a longing to connect with our source and to get recharged Jewishly.

The key to unlocking the divine beauty of these days is by opening our hearts and minds to the deep mystical spirit that emanates during these special days.

When these days are experienced in a genuine way, they can have an positive impact on our lives and our Jewish life.

Attending services at Ohr HaTorah during Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur is a way to tap in to this divine experience. The services at OHT convey a deeper meaning to the words read and, accompanied by the passion felt at the service, they create a special connection with God and the community.

The heartfelt words read by Rabbi Binyomin Weiss and his melodious voice inspire the participant and allow for the heart to open to the spirit of these days.

This awesome experience begins at midnight of Saturday night September 5, with the *Selichot* service. That is when the feeling of the days of awe envelops the community with a sincere call to God. A pre-*Selichot* *Farbrengen*

which will set the mood for the upcoming service and the High Holidays will begin at 11 PM.

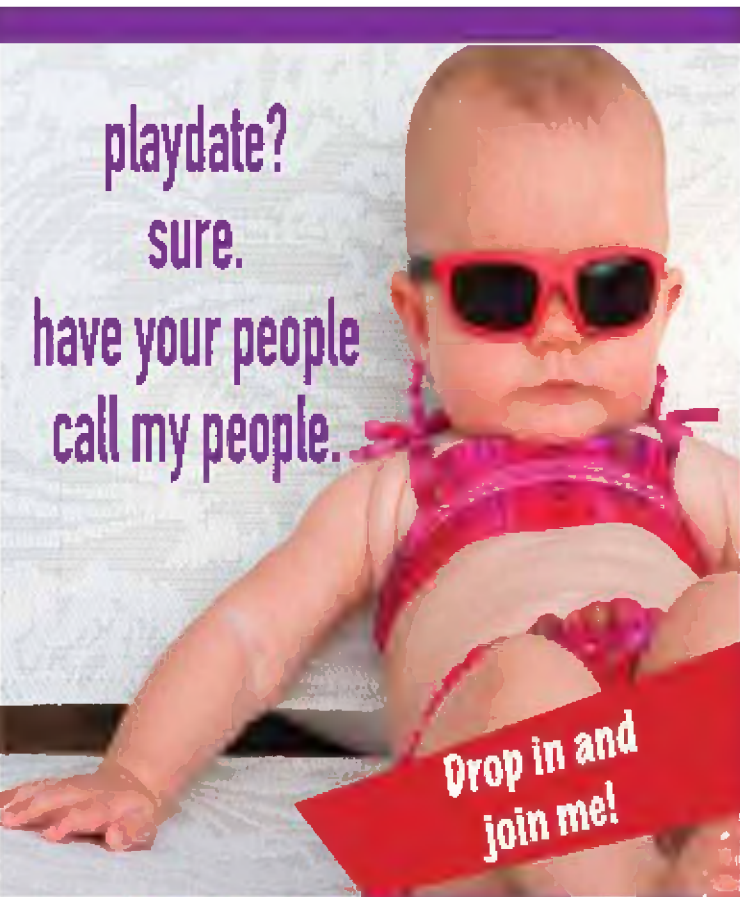
The High Holiday services at Ohr HaTorah are a journey of the soul seeking to connect to the inner soul of the Jewish experience. Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur are pivotal to the entire year and they present an extraordinary opportunity to bond with God and with community in a momentous and spiritual way.

Those of you who are searching to explore the deeper meaning of the High Holidays and seek to touch the Divine will find the Ohr HaTorah experience truly rewarding. The High Holiday service is in a sense a learning activity as Rabbi Yossi Groner provides short and succinct commentaries on the liturgy and expounds on the mystical significance of many of the rituals observed on Rosh Hashanah. The atmosphere in the synagogue reflects the spirituality of the Holy Days and it helps shape the total experience.

Ohr HaTorah is a welcoming

synagogue which helps congregants form friendships and excels with its joyous and uplifting service. One of the distinctive advantages at Ohr HaTorah is that it allows for worshippers to engage in their prayers at their own pace and to truly connect to God in a meaningful way.

Rosh Hashanah begins on the evening of September 13. The service schedule at Congregation Ohr HaTorah is as follows: Evening services at 7:15 PM and morning services at 9 AM. Kol Nidrei services on Tuesday night, September 22, is at 7 PM. Yom Kippur morning services, September 23, is at 9 AM. Evening services begins at 5:30 PM. Tickets are not required to attend services. For more information please call our office at 704-366-3984 or visit our website [chabadnc.org](http://chabadnc.org).



Drop in and join me!

## COME PLAY!

**WHO:** For ages 0 - 2 and their caregivers

**WHEN:** Wednesday Mornings, 9:30 - 10:30 am\*

**WHERE:** Family Place at the Levine JCC

\*beginning August 12



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## Hold The Date



The entire Charlotte Jewish Community will join over 400 communities across the globe on the morning of **Sunday, November 15** as we come together for the Global Day of Jewish Learning.

# P2G COMMUNITY TEEN LEADERSHIP EXCHANGE - JUNE/JULY 2016

In collaboration with the Jewish Federation, Temple Beth El, Temple Israel and Consolidated High School of Jewish Studies

**PART I CHARLOTTE:** Welcome Hadera teens and introduce them to the American way of life. Together they will explore Charlotte's Jewish community and all the Queen city has to offer to learn about our cultural differences, *tzedakah* and leadership.



Special discount for early registration.



Want to hear experiences first hand? Just ask Ari Rabinovich, David Rabinovich, Katy Smith, Jessica Soto or Joey Kelso to share their stories with you!



**PART II HADERA:** Journey to Israel with teens from across the Southeast and spend two weeks with students from Hadera. Travel the country, engage in *tikkun olam* projects and learn about Israel's politics, culture and society. Enjoy Israeli hospitality and teen life.

Cost for all 4 weeks is \$2,800\*, which includes a subsidy from the Jewish Federation of Greater Charlotte.  
\*Rates may vary according to cost of flight

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