

# SYNAGOGUES & CONGREGATIONS

## Tree New Year Observed

Havurat Tikvah will host a Tu biShevat Seder on January 24, 4 PM, at an undisclosed location.

The event is a revival of ones that have been held in the past and will feature a sit-down meal and service with a focus on the first fruits of the season and the renewal of life after winter. The service will bring in some elements of Kabbalistic thought regarding the seasons of growth.

During the event, attendees will have the opportunity to view two mono prints which were created in early 2015 by a small number of congregational members. Those who wish to do so can bid on the one-of-a-kind works of art.

Space is limited and the event is only open to members and their guests. Havurat Tikvah will cover all costs for the Seder.

The congregation will hold community Shabbat services on January 9, 10 AM, at Avondale Presbyterian Church, Aitken Classroom, 2821 Park Rd. The

community is welcome to attend.

Havurat Tikvah is a warm, supportive and nurturing Jewish Reconstructionist congregation with Shabbat services and a full spectrum of holiday observances, as well as religious educational options for both adults and children. We are a diverse group of families, singles, and Jewish and interfaith couples who participate in projects that promote social justice.

We value and depend upon member participation and leadership for our religious services, spiritual growth and governance.

Havurat Tikvah is an affiliate of the Jewish Reconstructionist Communities, in association with the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College.

For more information on upcoming services, programs, membership or other queries, call 980-225-5330, write to Havurat Tikvah, P.O. Box 12684, Charlotte, NC 28220, email membership@havurattikvah.org or visit havurattikvah.org. Havurat Tikvah is also on Facebook at facebook.com/groups/havurattikvah/.



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## Temple Kol Ami Awarded Federation Impact Fund Grant

Temple Kol Ami of Fort Mill is thrilled to announce that we have been awarded a 2016 Impact and Innovation Fund Grant by the Jewish Federation of Greater Charlotte. Temple Kol Ami intends to use this grant to bring more access to rabbinic leadership and Jewish educational and cultural programming to the Greater York County area, specifically by utilizing the Rabbi on the Road program sponsored by the Institute of Southern Jewish Life. There will be a quarterly Shabbaton sponsored by Temple Kol Ami, each of which will consist of Shabbat service, Torah study, cultural programming and religious school education. We are pleased to announce that our first Shabbaton will be the weekend of January 22-24 and will be led by Rabbi Bruce Aft from Congregation



Rabbi Bruce Aft

Adat Reyim in Springfield, VA. Rabbi Aft was with us last year for a Shabbaton, and we found him to be a wonderful and engaging spiritual leader. We are so excited to welcome Rabbi Aft and his lovely



wife Sue back to York County, and we hope you will join us to partake of what will be an enriching and educational weekend. All events associated with the Shabbaton are free and open to the public. For more information, please see our website www.templekolamisc.org or contact us at yorksynagogue@gmail.com.

Temple Kol Ami is very thankful to the Federation for this opportunity to carry out their mission of bringing "impactful programs and services that support and enrich the greater Charlotte Jewish community." We look forward to building stronger relationships with the Charlotte community and helping to continue to contribute to the growth and sustenance of the York County Jewish community. ☆



## Reverend Barbee, Pastor of Statesville Avenue Presbyterian Church to Deliver MLK Shabbat Sermon at Temple Beth El

Each January, Temple Beth El partners with a local and vibrant African American Church for their celebration of the Shabbat kicking off the Martin Luther King Weekend. On January 15 at 7 PM, Reverend Amantha Barbee will deliver the MLK sermon. Rev. Amantha L Barbee is the pastor at Statesville Avenue Presbyterian Church (USA). She was a Vocal Performance major at Appalachian State University and

University of North Carolina-Charlotte.

Her love of music led her to 20 years of service as a church musician prior to seminary studies at Union Presbyterian Seminary where she earned the E.T. George Award for excellence in Homiletics and Worship and received her Master's Degree in Theology/Theological Studies. As part of the exchange, Rabbi Schindler will be preaching at Statesville Avenue

Presbyterian Church at 11 AM on Sunday, January 17. ☆



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