

## Greensboro's Rabbi Ross to Lead Torah Study

Rabbi Michael Ross, director of lifelong learning at Beth David Synagogue in Greensboro, will lead Torah study on June 12, 10:30 AM at Strawberry Hill Clubhouse, 5101 Strawberry Hill Dr.

The focus of Torah study is centered around themes from the Book of Ruth.

In addition to study, the congregation will have a Yizkor service

and a dairy lunch in celebration of Shavuot.

Rabbi Ross is a Reconstructionist rabbi and a Jewish meditation instructor who has developed a number of meditation groups. He directed a private learning center, Hayom, dedicated to "present-tense Judaism" for five years. He also directed Conservative and Reconstructionist synagogue schools in Newark, DE, Allen-

town, PA, and Malver, PA.

He is a member of the founding cohort of "Rabbis Without Borders."

Rabbi Ross taught Gratz College courses to high school and middle school students in both Jewish Bible Studies and Jewish Education and Rabbinic Texts for six years in the Gratz' Jewish Community High School program in Philadelphia, PA. He is a published curriculum writer and works as an experienced editor to rabbis, fine-tuning their sermons and blog entries. He co-edited the recent children's prayer-book, "Kol HaNo'ar: The Voice of Children."

He received his ordination from the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College. He obtained his bachelor's degree in literature from the University of Judaism and his master's degree in Jewish education from American Jewish University, both of which are located in California.

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.



Rabbi Michael Ross



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/.

## Annual 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 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 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.

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**\$5/person**  
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\*for children 2 yrs to 100 lbs

Register at [www.NEXTGENCharlotte.org](http://www.NEXTGENCharlotte.org)

Questions?  
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