

Youth Visions

Hebrew High Director Attends NAACCHHS in Memphis

A Conference Full of Pride and Joy

The North American Association of Community and Congregational Hebrew High Schools (NAACCHHS) held its annual conference and professional development learning sessions in Memphis, TN from June 14-16 at Beth Shalom Synagogue. NAACCHHS (pronounced like the Yiddish word for "pride"), now in its 10th year, is an organization of Jewish content-based schools and programs for Jewish adolescents. The participants, directors, and administrators representing 15 different Jewish teen learning programs in 12 states, shared best practices, and learning sessions with area scholars, educators, facilitators, and executive coaches from Memphis and beyond. The conference focused on engaging Jewish teens in tikkun olam through service learning, social action, and values clarification through a Jewish lens.

Roz Cooper from Hebrew High in Charlotte, participated in the program, which used the history of Memphis and its Jewish community as a laboratory to explore dynamic ways to engage teens in learning and acting on important



The NAACCHHS attendees sightseeing in Memphis.

issues in the contemporary world. Participants experimented with games, role playing, text study, outdoor sensory activities, and meditation with expert facilitators from Facing History and Ourselves, the Good People Fund, and Better Together providing the training and materials. "I enjoyed engaging with actual programs we can bring to our students," said Melissa Schreiber of Buffalo, NY's High School of Jewish Studies. The participants also toured the Civil Rights Museum and the Blues Hall of Fame, as well as Beale Street. "The Civil Rights Museum was incredibly powerful," said Sarah Harlan, di-

rector of the High School of Jewish Studies of Louisville KY.

"Once again, the NAACCHHS conference reinforced the quality of our program, made me aware of cutting edge strategies and curricula available for teen learners, and helped to create a chevra of like-minded educators who will be available to our school long after the conference is over," Roz commented.

For more information about NAACCHHS and its member programs, visit www.NAACCHHS.org or contact Shari Weinberger at shari@naacchhs.org.

ADULT STUDENTS WANTED

Hebrew High will be holding a special two-session class in the fall of 2016. "Better Together" will explore intergenerational Jewish issues with the Hebrew High students and older adults.

We are seeking participants from our community. Parents, grandparents, uncles and aunts, grown-ups looking for a way to connect to students.

Adults will be asked to attend approximately every other week from September through February.

Please call the Hebrew High office at 704-944-6782.

SYNAGOGUES & CONGREGATIONS

Save the Date for a Mega Challah Bake

Ladies - Save the date for a Charlotte Mega Challah Bake. Join over 200 Jewish women and bake Challah together just in time for Rosh Hashanah. We will be baking for ourselves plus one extra for Jewish Family Services to distribute.

The halachic definition of challah is a reference to a positive Mitzvah. It entails separating a section of dough from your kneading and giving it to a kohen. This piece of dough is called "challah." Any dough which is made of wheat, barley, spelt, oat, or rye is obligated in this mitzvah.

Biblically speaking, the mitzvah of challah is observed only in the Land of Israel. Furthermore, according to most halachic authorities, the mitzvah of challah was a

requirement only in the times of the Temple. Today, no Temple, no challah. But the rabbis reinstated the practice of challah — even outside the Land of Israel — to commemorate this special mitzvah. Jewish women through the centuries knead homemade dough, and then separate a piece of the dough and burn it. All kosher bakeries do the same — they separate a piece of dough from each batch, and throw it on the floor of the oven.



When the challah is separated a blessing is recited. This is a special time to ask God for anything that you need, blessings for your family, friends, and community. Imagine what we can accomplish by joining together with over 200 Jewish women to make challah and say the blessing.

Thursday, September 22, 7:30 PM at Lerner Hall. \$25 per person. Visit www.cltmegachallah.com for more info. ☆



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Responsibilities include:

- Database Management
- Assist in organizing and implementing Federation outreach events and programs
- Administrative support for Federation outreach initiatives

Job requirements:

- 10 hours per week with flexible schedule, including some nights and weekends
- Engaging interpersonal skills with the ability to build relationships with a wide variety of young adults and young families
- Strong attention to detail and accuracy
- Knowledge and understanding of Jewish practices, customs, and culture

For more information and a job description, see www.jewishcharlotte.org.

Send cover letter and resume to tair.giudice@jewishcharlotte.org.



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