

“NEWCOMER SCHMOOZE”

New City, New Friends, New Way of Life

SUNDAY, AUGUST 21, 2016

11:00 am - 12:00 pm

WEINBERG CENTER

at the Levine Jewish Community Center

Learn about the Charlotte Jewish Community while meeting new friends!

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Carolina Chabad Rabbis and Families to Meet in Charlotte on August 7

There are 30 Chabad rabbinic families who serve the Carolinas as emissaries of the Lubavitcher Rebbe in communities from Asheville to Wilmington and from Raleigh to Charleston. With 16 Chabad centers, synagogues, and schools Chabad has been providing quality Jewish programming to many Jewish Carolinians and enriching Jewish life in their local communities.

Charlotte Chabad, the first Chabad center in the Carolinas with the arrival of Rabbi Yossi and Mariashi Groner in 1980, serves as the flagship of all the Carolina Chabad centers. In that vein, the Carolina Chabad families will gather in Charlotte on August 7, for a one day conference to talk about common issues in Carolina Jewish life and how to invigorate the Jewish communities served by Chabad.

This will also be an opportunity

to socialize as one big family with programs for the Chabad children and a chance for the grownups to catch up on recent developments in each local community.

Some of the more recent Chabad Centers are a new Chabad student center near Elon University in the Burlington area with the arrival of Rabbi Mendy and Rivka Minkowitz. A new Chabad Young Professionals in uptown Charlotte directed by Rabbi Motti and Chaya Groner opened last fall.

Chabad centers offer an array of Jewish educational programs geared to beginners and to the scholars, run preschools and day camps, as well as day schools in some of the Carolina communities. The Rabbi and Rebbetzins of Chabad are non-judgmental and seek to connect with each person in a personal and meaningful way.

Members of the Jewish com-



community are invited to stop by and get acquainted with the Chabad families and learn about the wealth of Jewish resources available right here in Charlotte and the other Carolina communities.

The Carolina Communities that have Chabad centers are: Charlotte with three centers, Sardis Road, Ballantyne and Uptown; Asheville, Cary, Chapel Hill, Durham, Elon, Greensboro, Raleigh, and Wilmington in North Carolina; Charleston (Mt. Pleasant), Columbia (2), Greenville, and Myrtle Beach in South Carolina. For more info on Chabad in the Carolinas please visit our website at chabadnc.net. ✨

Commemorating Tisha b'Av August 14

Israel is always close to our hearts. The center of Israel is Jerusalem where the Majestic Temple stood atop the Temple Mount in the Old City. Once a year we gather to lament its destruction which began with Jews being exiled from the Holy Land and wandering in foreign lands for close to two thousand years, enduring persecutions, discrimination and expulsions.

The day designated for the lamentation is the 9th of Av this year pushed off by one day to the 10th of Av – August 14 - as the 9th of Av falls on Shabbat. The 9th of Av is the day when both the first Temple 422 BCE and the 2nd Temple 69 CE were destroyed with subsequent murder and expulsion of the majority of the Jews

from Israel.

The 9th of Av is a 24-hour fast beginning on Shabbat night at 8:13 PM and concluding on Sunday at 8:39 PM. It is the culmination of a three-week period which is devoted to the memory of Jerusalem. (The three-week period also starts with a fast day on July 24 called the fast of the 17th of Tammuz).

This day is a day of reflection and introspection on what was the cause for the destruction of Jerusalem and the exile that followed. Ohr HaTorah will have a special service on Saturday night August 13, at 9 PM with the reading of the Book of Lamentations. A special video presentation and discussion will be held on Sunday August 14, at 7 PM followed by



Mincha services.

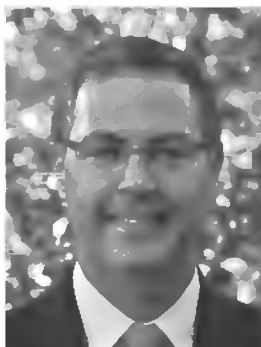
The purpose of these days of reflection is to help us recalibrate our connection to Israel and Jerusalem and its values that illuminated the entire Middle East in its day with Divine spiritual and moral light. Our Sages have taught that those who lament the destruction of Jerusalem will merit to see and rejoice with her rebuilding. May that happen speedily with the arrival of Moshiach. ✨



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Siblings Celebrate B'nai Mitzvah Together

The B'nai Mitzvah of Isaac and Anna Garrison will take place on August 20, 10 AM at Avondale Presbyterian Church, MacLean Fellowship Hall, 2821 Park Rd.

A kiddush luncheon will follow services.

Isaac and Anna are the children of Marguerita Sitrin Garrison.

A community Shabbat service will held on September 10, 10 AM at Avondale Presbyterian Church. Visit the website to learn more.

And, Rabbi Michael Ross, director of lifelong learning at Beth David Synagogue in Greensboro, NC, will return to Havurat Tikvah on September 18, 4 PM, when he will lead “Teshuvah/Returning to Your Soul,” an Elul month seminar warm-up for the High Holidays.

Participants will engage in study of holiday texts and chant songs pertinent to the lead up to Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. Additionally, everyone will be invited to journal, *cheshbon hanefesh* (accounting of the soul), reviewing life's actions of the last

year and finding insights to help one improve.

More details, including location, will be available in the next issue of *The Charlotte Jewish News*.

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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