

A Weekend with Joe Buchanan

By Andrea Kaplan

Temple Kol Tikvah in Davidson had the privilege of spending a weekend listening to the inspiring music of Joe Buchanan last month. Joe is a touring Jewish Americana artist from Texas. He has been heard in communities around the US, at the URJ Biennial and at NewCAJE. His debut album, *Unbroken*, was produced by Jewish Blues pioneer Saul Kaye. Joe's music combines element of country, folk and rock and tells personal stories of both struggle and triumph. His love of Judaism is evident in the passion he brings to each performance. Joe shared his personal story of conversion to Judaism and how that has shaped his music that he shared with the congregation. On Friday evening, he helped lead a song-filled Shabbat service. The next evening, Joe inspired a crowd of families for an outdoor community concert and musical Havdalah service. It was a beautiful sight to watch the young and young at heart join together as one for the evening. During Havdalah, everyone joined together singing the words, "It's a big world, big world, big world outside this light. We're a small town, small town, small town here tonight." As the community sat in lawn chairs, enjoying a beautiful evening with new and old friends, it truly was a small town community feel. On Sunday, Joe joined the religious school students for some Jewish rock. What a treat for all of the students. The children spent time with Joe in small groups and he tailored his songs to the different age groups. It was a perfect weekend of love, inspiration, and community through music. This event was a proud presentation of the Goldring/Woldenberg Institute of Southern Jewish Life and the Jewish Council of Lake Norman.

Don't miss out on some great events coming up at Temple Kol Tikvah. A special Sisterhood Shabbat service will be held on December 9 at 7 PM. On Sunday December 18 at 11 AM, there will be a community Chanukah event



Joe Buchanan (right) entertains Temple Kol Tikvah

sponsored by the Jewish Council of Lake Norman. The event will be held at the Heritage House on 494 E Plaza Dr. in Mooresville. Everyone is welcome. There will be a DJ and games for the children as well as an organized dreidel game for adults. Please join us for a great commu-

nity event. More information can be found at www.templekoltikvah.org or www.jewishcounciloflakenorthern.org. ☆



Menorah Lighting and Carnival in Downtown Waxhaw

Join us for the second annual Menorah lighting in Waxhaw, Wednesday, December 28, 4:30 PM Carnival and Activities; 5:30 PM Menorah lighting.

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