Community News

Annual Tu biShvat and Tree Planting at Hebrew Cemetery

By Mike Littauer, president, Hebrew Cemetery Association

On February 12, from 2-4 PM, we will celebrate Tu biShvat at the Hebrew Cemetery with our third annual tree planting in cooperation with Trees Charlotte. We will plant 50 trees as part of our cemetery beautification program and commitment to increase the tree canopy in Charlotte. We hope you, your family, and your friends will join with us at the Hebrew Cemetery on Statesville Road to celebrate and contribute to the beauty of our Cemetery. As always, this is a family friendly event so bring your children. Please use the following link or call Sandra Goldman at the cemetery office to RSVP. www.tfaforms.com/ 458746.

This year our program will be led by our community Shlicha, Inbal Ozeri, who will share some of her personal stories of growing up in Israel where Tu biShvat is Israel's equivalent of Arbor Day. Inbal is a wonderful part of our community and I know you will be entertained and educated with her stories.

Our first 50 RSVPs will get a free tee shirt commemorating the event and will get to pick out and

take home a free tree from the Trees Charlotte Tree Store that will be on-site. Choices will include three different evergreens, Yoshino cherry trees, and some oaks. This is a \$700 value.

This is a fun day with a wonderful contribution to our cemetery and I encourage all that are able to attend.

CJL and the Hebrew Cemetery

Create a Jewish Legacy or CJL has become a critically important part of our Jewish community's future and sustainability. I want to take just a moment to thank our donors who have endowed a CJL gift to the Hebrew Cemetery so generously and thoughtfully. I also want to encourage those who are thinking about a planned gift to contact Sandra Goldman, our Cemetery Director or Jill Blumenthal, our CJL Chairperson, and let them take you through the benefits of CJL. Thank you. ❖



Moishe House Events for February

Moishe House is a nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting community among Jewish young adults in their twenties and early thirties. Moishe House looks to fill the void that often exists after graduating college and prior to settling down. The organization brings together groups of three to five Jewish adults who live together and plan local programs, both home-based and external, for other young Jewish adults. There are currently 93 Moishe Houses in 22 countries around the world.

Moishe House Charlotte began in August 2013 and since then has hosted 130+ events ranging from service projects to social events to Jewish learning and more. We are always happy to see new and returning faces, so be sure to join us. We are pleased to share with you our exciting events for this February:

Event 1: Cookie Exchange and Hot Chocolate Bar - Thursday, February 2 at 7 PM at Moishe House

Do you like cookies and hot chocolate? Moishe House will be hosting its first ever cookie exchange. Bring a dozen or so of your favorite cookies to trade. We will also have a hot chocolate bar, so get ready for a sweet night.

Event 2: Friday Night Services at Temple Beth-El + Pizza Party at MoHo - Friday, February 10 at 7 PM at Shalom Park, 5007 Providence Rd.

Want to hear of a fun and relaxing way to end your week? Come hang with Moishe House at Temple Beth El for a Friday night service. We know it's an early start but join when you can. Services should go from 7-9 and then we'll head over to the Moishe House for some pizza and drinks.

Event 3: Galentine + Palentine's Day Dinner - Monday, February 13 at 7 PM at Kid Cashew

Valentine's Day is typically reserved for a romantic evening with your significant other. That leaves the day before Valentine's Day wide open for dinner with your gals and pals. To celebrate Galentine and Palentine's Day, Moishe House has a reservation at Kid Cashew, a fantastic local restaurant. Lock down your spot soon by emailing mohocharlotte@gmail.com as there are limited spots on the reservation!

Event 4: Benefit Happy Hour at TBD - Thursday, February 16 at 7 PM at Charlotte

Come out and Share the Love! to benefit The American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC). Our Moishe friend Elana

Congress traveled in Ukraine through a JDC service-learning trip and wants your help to support the Jewish communities there. Enjoy appetizers on us and a chance to learn about the work of the JDC. Beer and wine for sale. \$10 suggested contribution. Email mohocharlotte@gmail.com for the exact location.

Event 5: MoHo Does Laser Tag - Wednesday, February 22 at 7:30 PM at Sports Connection, 10930 Granite St., Charlotte

Tag you're it! Come out to Sports Connection for Laser Tag with your favorite Moishe House crew. MoHo is going to cover the cost of the first game for the first 15 participants that email mohocharlotte@gmail.com. Additional games are \$8/each.

To learn more about Moishe House Charlotte, visit us at www.moishehousecharlotte.org/houses/charlotte or check us out on facebook: www.facebook.com/MoisheHouseCharlotte. To contact us, please e-mail mohocharlotte@gmail.com.\$\pi\$





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