

# SYNAGOGUES & CONGREGATIONS

## Purim in Italy

Join us for a Purim Celebration in Italy right here in town. Our annual Purim parties are famous for being fabulous, delicious, and a great time for all ages. It will be an unforgettable evening of fun and great food at an experience you won't want to miss. Listen to the traditional reading of the Megillah scroll of Esther, which

depicts the age old story of Purim. Enjoy an entertaining slideshow illustrating the historical events, a bingo game to keep you guessing, and your kids will each receive an activity bag to engage them during the reading.

Dress up Italian style and take part in a delicious Italian buffet dinner and Hamentashen. Don't

forget to enjoy all the activities like crafts, taking awesome pics in the photo booth, and making your own Purim Basket to give to a friend. Adults will enjoy Purim Drinks while everyone has a fantastic time. Don't miss out on this great

event and celebrate Purim with friends and family.

*Sunday, March 12*  
5 PM-Megillah Reading  
5:30 PM-Dinner and Party  
Brookhaven Clubhouse, 3001 Stanbury Dr., Matthews, NC 28105

\$15 per person or \$45 per family

For more info or to RSVP contact Rabbi Yisrael and Leah Levin, 704-246-8881 or info@JewishBallantyne.com or visit our website www.Jewish-Ballantyne.com.

There will also be a megillah reading Saturday night, March 11, at 7:30 PM at the Ballantyne Jewish Center: 8632 Bryant Farms Rd. Free of charge. ☆



## Pre-Pesach Food Demonstration and Tasting

Join us for a pre-passover cooking demo and tasting, with chef par excellence and magazine editor, Shifra Klein.

Shifra uses the finest ingredients to prepare healthy, fresh, gourmet meals, quickly and efficiently.

Watch as she prepares the entire meal in front of you and taste the incredible results.

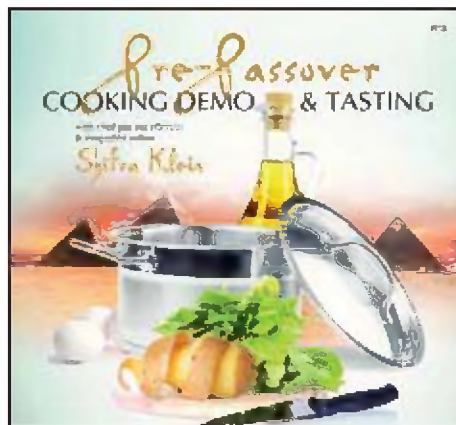
Shifra is the editor-in-chief and co-founder of the Joy of Kosher, a gourmet kosher cooking magazine, which celebrates Kosher in a modern, revolutionary way. A self-taught cook, Shifra is all

about having fun in the kitchen and cooking flavorful and mouthwatering food in a simple and approachable way.

*Wednesday, March 15*  
7 PM at the home of Margie Bower, 1049 Bromley Dr., Weddington, NC 28104

Couvert: \$36

Limited space available. To RSVP email Leah@JewishBallantyne.com, call 704-246-8881, or visit our website www.JewishBallantyne.com. ☆



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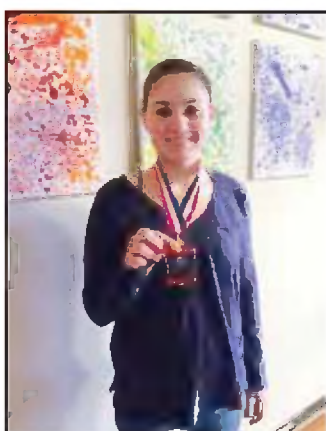
## Temple Kol Ami Member Rebecca Adams Brings Home the Gold

Rebecca Adams may seem like a sweet, quiet 13-year old, but you wouldn't want to get in the taekwondo sparring ring with her. Rebecca, daughter of Chris and Adena Adams of Lake Wylie, SC, is a second degree black-belt in taekwondo and has won numerous regional competitions. On January 31, she captured her first international gold medal at the US Open in Las Vegas. Rebecca has her sights set on the 2020 Summer Olympics in Tokyo, Japan, but before then she will be traveling the world to compete in qualifying matches including the Canada Open and the Israel Open.



Rebecca competing.

Rebecca recently celebrated her Bat Mitzvah and is now a madricha at TKARS. Temple Kol Ami is so proud of Rebecca's accomplishment as well as her commitment to Judaism. Mazal Tov, Rebecca. ☆



Rebecca showing off her medal.

Rebecca and her family are very active members of Temple Kol Ami. Mom, Adena, has served as president in the past and is currently one of the co-directors of the TKA Religious School.

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