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Fourth Annual Global Day of Jewish Learning Set for Sunday, November 11

Charlotte's fourth Global Day of Jewish Learning will continue this year on Sunday, November 11. Organized by the Aleph Society and Rabbi Adin Even-Israel Steinsaltz, the Global Day of Jewish Learning is an annual event where Jewish communities across the globe study a shared theme from a variety of perspectives rooted in Jewish texts. This year's theme is: Extraordinary Passages – Texts and Travels.

This year's Global Day of Jewish Learning will feature two Israeli authors who will share their journeys with our community.

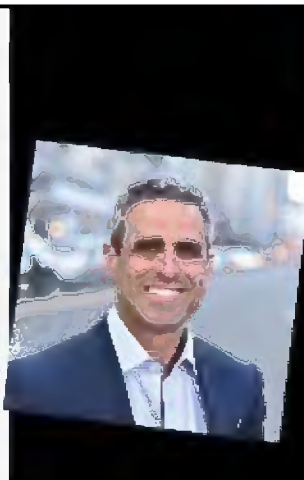
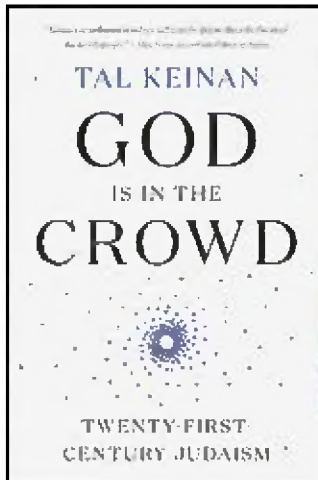
Aryeh Green, author of *My Israel Trail: Finding Peace in the Promised Land* will talk about his fascinating journey walking the land of Israel, his love for the land and the people, and his spiritual

transformation after this 42-day hike.

In his book, *God Is in the Crowd*, financier and former Israeli combat pilot Tal Keinan reflects on a lifetime of varied experiences with his Jewish identity, providing a heartfelt, well-reasoned reflection on the Jewish people.

Participants will also have the option to choose from a variety of workshops on extraordinary passages with local rabbis. Families with young children could embark on their own journey with PJ Library's "Dinosaur's Journey to Israel."

This year's Global Day of Jewish Learning is spearheaded by



the Center for Jewish Education. This program is supported by a Jewish Federation's Impact and Innovation Grant and is in collaboration with multiple local Jewish Synagogues and organizations.

For more information and reg-

istration visit: www.jewishcharlotte.org/gdjl. ☆



SAVE THE DATE
80th ANNIVERSARY of KRISTALLNACHT
 NIGHT of the BROKEN GLASS
COMMEMORATION
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2018
7 P.M.
 Temple Israel

Kristallnacht: 80th Anniversary Commemoration

November 7, 7 PM at Temple Israel

Eighty years ago, overnight November 9/10, 1938, Hitler's war against the Jewish People began. That night, Nazi brown-shirted storm troopers, supported by local citizens rioted through the city streets of Germany and Austria. Their rampage damaged or destroyed Jewish homes, schools, businesses and synagogues. The broken glass strewn across Germany and Austria provided the appellation that has remained connected to that date - Kristallnacht - Night of Broken Glass. The destruction on that November night included 7,500 Jewish homes and businesses, 267 synagogues, 100 Jews had been murdered, and 30,000 men arrested and sent to concentration camps previously used for crimi-

nals who had broken the law.

The night of violence and destruction marked the beginning of the Holocaust, Hitler's plan to systematically eliminate the Jewish people. Suly Chenkin, survivor, educator, and member of Temple Israel, explains: "When the glass broke, shards blew everywhere and blinded people..." She adds: "Our role is to bring the shards together again, *l'taken et ha'olam*, to repair the world and make it whole again."

Every five years, we gather to remember the fear and terror that afflicted the Jewish people until the end of the Nazis' rule over Europe and Germany.

The hatred which condemned our people under the Hitler regime still echoes throughout our

world and in the streets of our United States of America. The White Supremacists' march on Charlottesville, VA, the recent desecration of App State's Sukkah, the anti-semitic graffiti in the university's tunnel, and the desecration of the JCC in Virginia prove that the hatred behind Kristallnacht still exists to threaten us and others who are the targets of blind, baseless hatred.

The Kristallnacht Commemoration Committee and Temple Israel wish to thank Jewish Family Services of Greater Charlotte, the Butterfly Project, and the Stan Greenspon Center for Peace and Social justice for their collaboration and partnership. ☆

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Public Menorah Lightings for Chanukah

SouthPark Mall – December 2 at 6 PM. See page 22.
 StoneCrest – December 3 at 5:30 PM. See page 19.
 Downtown Waxhaw – December 4 at 5:30 PM. See page 19.