

SYNAGOGUES & CONGREGATIONS

Temple Israel Men's Club P.A.L.S. - Come Be A Part Outreach

High heat and humidity can be devastating to the health of elderly people who cannot afford air conditioning. By installing donated air conditioners, the Temple Israel Men's Club provided an important Mitzvah. The men who volunteered their time, under the direction of Michael Abadi and Alan Sussman, have truly been lifesavers. Community Building and Neighborhood Development, a division of United Family



Services, and the Men's Club have worked together this year to provide these air conditioners to the Brookhill Community Association.

Since families are at the heart of Jewish life, the Temple Israel has formed its newest group, P.A.L.S. (Parents and Little Ones Schmoozing). Under the professional guidance of Rabbi Ari Sunshine and leadership of Allison Karp, Margaret Musa and Stephanie Tuckman, families with children seven and younger will gather to schmooze, play, celebrate, learn and ultimately spark our children's love of their Jewish



community.

Because Sukkot is the time for hospitality, we have chosen it as the occasion of our first gathering. We will dress comfortably and meet on September 25 at 5:45 PM in Temple Israel's Sukkah for a festive evening of "Pizza in the Hut." Rabbi Sunshine will share a story and teach some songs, we will make a Sukkot craft and enjoy a meal of pizza with all the trimmings.

If you want to attend "Pizza in the Hut," volunteer to help or just want more information, please call Allison Karp at 704-847-6141, Margaret Musa at 704-845-0907, Stephanie Tuckman at 704-588-6048, or Rabbi Sunshine at 704-362-2796. \$

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Be Inspired on the High Holidays at Ohr HaTorah

Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur are the most important days on the Jewish calendar. This is the time of year when we renew our commitment to God, and God renews his commitment to the world. It is no wonder why an overwhelming majority of Jews make an effort to attend services at the synagogue during the Holy

Congregation Ohr HaTorah offers traditional Orthodox services and is open to all Jews in the greater Charlotte area. The services will be lead by Rabbi Binyomin Weiss with his melodious voice. Rabbi Yossi Groner will insert brief meditations during the service, to help worshippers with the flow of the service. The High Holiday experience at Ohr at Ohr HaTorah allows the participants to feel the deep meaning of these days in a spiritual and fulfilling way that leaves a lasting affect.

Junior Congregation at Ohr HaTorah is a wonderful opportunity for children to participate in the services of the holidays. Children will learn about the significance of the day through stories and illustrations. Baby-sitting will also be available for younger children. High Holiday services are held evenings at 7:30 PM and



mornings at 9:00 AM. All services will be held at Congregation Ohr HaTorah, 6619 Sardis Road in Charlotte.

After Yom Kippur, the community makes the joyous transition to celebrate the festival of Sukkot. Ohr HaTorah will host a family Sukkot party on Tuesday, September 24 at the synagogue's giant Sukkah on Sardis Road. A full holiday picnic will be served, and there will also be entertainment for children.

Saturday night, September 28, is Simchat Torah night, the happiest day in Judaism. The celebration will begin at 7:30 PM with a holiday service and a festive holiday meal, followed by the Hakofot - dancing with the Torah. Simchat Torah at Ohr HaTorah has earned a reputation for genuine unadulterated and expressive joy experienced by adults and children. It is a night to revel in happiness and merriment in our connection to the Torah and our

Sisterhood is Excited about the **Coming Year**

A New Year of Programming and Events

Welcome Rabbi Barras

Everyone is invited to meet Rabbi Jeremy Barras up close and personal at a dessert reception in his honor on Thursday evening, September 26 at 7:00 PM. Our newest clergy will give us a brief overview of himself and what led him to where he is today, then answer our questions about his fondest hopes and dreams for the future of Temple Beth El.

Rosh Chodesh

Help yourself to spiritually grow with other women by observing this ancient tradition of celebrating the new moon. At Temple Beth El, Rabbi Schindler will lead other women of Temple Beth El in this come-as-you-are lunch and learn to be held on Rosh Chodesh of each month

Fundraising The Art Auction will return. Tennis enthusiasts wanted.

Meetings

New and improved. To be held the 2nd Sunday of each month at

Each meeting will begin with a special speaker and then a short planning meeting with coffee, tea and snack provided.

Contact Kelly Markiewitz at 704-841-7240 or rmarkiewit@aol.com.



Social Action

Team up for two worthy causes Charlotte Komen Race for the Cure - October 5th

Register now to join Temple Beth El's team, and help find a cure for breast cancer. The Charlotte Komen Race for the Cure is a fun-filled day of competitive and non-competitive walk/run events for the whole family, and the money raised provides funding for breast cancer research and education both locally and nationally. Registration deadline is September 20. Visit www.charlotterftc.org, select "Team Registration," and look for the Temple Beth El team. Registration is \$20 with a \$1 pro-

cessing fee. You may choose to donate additional funds, or to collect pledges from family and friends. For information on the Charlotte Komen Race for the Cure on Saturday, October 5, contact Linda Siegel at 704-374-4123 (w) or 704-643-3546 (h).

Charlotte CROP Walk-

October 20

Once again, we will organize a team to participate in this annual 10K walk to raise funds to feed the hungry in the local community and around the world. The CROP Walk is designed as a fun, easy event for participants of all ages, and TBE hopes to have its biggest turnout ever this year. The Walk begins at 2 PM on Sunday, October 20, at Memorial Stadium downtown Charlotte. Participants are encouraged to solicit sponsorships from friends and coworkers. You can register in advance or on the day of the Walk. For information, or to receive registration packets, contact TBE Team Captain Bobby Pesakoff at 704-364-7755 (h), 704-557-9710 (w), or at bpesakoff@finsvcs.com. \$\pi\$

