

Temple Israel News

Back by popular demand ... second semester of "Put a Little God in Your Life: Choosing Ethical Options" from Temple Israel's Academy of Jewish Studies. Looking for the missing piece? Try

these sessions beginning Tuesday nights January 13 from 8-9:30 PM.
January 13 - All in the Family?: Jewish Family Ethics
January 20 - What's Up Doc?: Take Two on Medical Ethics

January 27 - There's a Torah in My Briefcase!: Economic Justice
February 3 - Give a Little, Take a Little: Charity and Poverty
February 10 - All for One or All for Me?: Pluralism in the Jewish World
February 17 - Many Paths Up the Mountain: Ethics of Religion
February 24 - Does God Belong in the Synagogue?

For more information or to sign up, please contact Nell in Rabbi Ezring's office at 704-362-2796. Questions? Contact Rabbis Ezring or Sunshine.

Chanting from the Torah

Temple Israel's Academy of Jewish Studies presents "Chanting from the Torah" beginning Wednesday nights after minyan, January 7-28.

If you've ever listened to one of our many proficient Torah readers and thought, "Gee, I wish I could do that," well you can. This ancient skill can be acquired by anyone who can read Hebrew and can carry a tune. No additional skills are required. At the first session, January 7, materials will be distributed, and at subsequent classes we will work on absorbing and applying the skill to the text.

Please join us as we begin our Adult Education series "Chanting from the Torah" led by Cantor Elias Roochvarg on Wednesday evenings after minyan, 7:45-9 PM

beginning January 7. For more information or to sign up, please contact Nell at 704-362-2796.

2nd Annual PALS Lights and Latkes

Come join us for an exciting play, some wonderful latkes, and terrific crafts on Sunday, December 14, 2-4 PM at Temple Israel. Cost is \$3 per person.

For more information about PALS or Lights and Latkes, please contact Stephanie Tuckman, 704-588-6048, email: stephanietuckman@carolina.rr.com; Allison

Temple Israel, Sunday, January 11, 4-6 PM. Stay tuned for more information. Contact the leaders of PACK if you have any questions or would like to volunteer: Tracy Brown, tbrown@carolina.rr.com; Jodi Michel, jodimm@aol.com; Allie Lerner, ericallie@aol.com; Donna Birnberg, tbirnberg@carolina.rr.com; Liz Winer, lswiner@hotmail.com; Amy Adler, amyadler@bellsouth.net.

Family Shabbat Dinner

Please join us Friday, December 20, to celebrate family Shabbat and the Bat Mitzvah of Sophie Gainer. Service is at 6:15 PM and dinner is at 7:00 PM. The cost of the meal is \$14 for adults and \$7 for children under 12 except for chicken nugget dinners, which are \$12 for adults and \$6.50 for children under 12. Please send your check to Temple Israel, 4901 Providence Rd., Charlotte, NC 28226. Deadline for reservations is December 11. ☆

Lion of Judah Luncheon

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I see women wearing their pin, my heart swells because I know that we share the same spirit, commitment and dedication to Judaism."

For information on how you can become a Lion of Judah, please call Sue Littauer, Campaign Director, at the Jewish Federation office at 704-944-6758. ☆

Karp, 704-947-6141, email: akarp@mindspring.com; Margaret Musa, 704-845-0907, email: musafamily@msn.com.

Please send your payment for Lights and Latkes to Temple Israel, 4901 Providence Rd., Charlotte, NC 28226. Include family members' names, phone number, and email address. Reservation deadline is December 5.

Parents and Cool Kids (PACK) Present Game Night

A new group of first, second and third graders and their parents (PACK) presents Game Night at



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"Me in a new Mercedes? Who would have thought?"

— Tracy Boggs
 Owner, Root Bound Salon

The first Mercedes-Benz in Tracy Boggs' life was a pre-owned 1997 C-280. Her experience was so positive, there was no question where she'd turn when it was time for something new. Based on the service she received at Beck Imports and the engineering and reputation of Mercedes, she recently decided to buy a new 2003 C-240. Thanks to its smooth ride, sporty feel and affordability, she couldn't be happier with her choice. Now when she glances at the hood ornament on the C-240 as she cruises down the street, her feeling of pride is almost overwhelming. "I feel like I've truly arrived." You have, Tracy.

C-Class from \$26,950



Temple Israel Book Club Abraham: A Journey to the Heart of Three Faiths By Bruce Feiler WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 7:45 PM AT TEMPLE ISRAEL; DISCUSSION LEADER: DR. DAN BIBER

Abraham - the accepted "father" of Judaism, Christianity and Islam - is beautifully portrayed in Feiler's book. Anyone who reads this bestseller is sure to gain an understanding of the goals and dogma of these three faiths. The discussion - led by Dan Biber, an instructor of varied college

religion courses - will be informative and stimulating.

The meeting is open to the entire Jewish community, and those who have not read the book are also welcome to attend. For additional information call Linda Levy at 704-366-6362 or Sandra Hirschman at 704-867-7051. ☆

Havurat Tikvah News

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Inquisition, public history and a personal journey had merged.

"I've lived abroad for half of my life," Estelle said, "and I've had to broaden myself and take chances to meet that challenge, drawing on my own well of identity. I think that's what allowed me to have these Jewish discoveries."

Estelle, who is starting a practice in transpersonal psychotherapy (a holistic approach of body, mind and spirit), hopes to bring a traveling tapestry to Charlotte for International Women's Day.

December

December 13 — Shabbat Services, 10 AM. Kaplan home at 2900 Somerset Dr. Bring a kosher dish for the kiddush lunch (vegetarian or dairy).

December 20 — Hanukkah Party featuring a musical holiday play, in the style of Gilbert and

Sullivan, and talent show. Fun begins at 6:30 PM, Fellowship Hall of Avondale Presbyterian Church, 2821 Park Rd. Bring-a-dish dinner (kosher only, vegetarian or dairy) and menorah lighting after havdalah.

January

January 10 — Shabbat Services, 10 AM. Woollen home at 4301 Belknap Rd. Bring-a-kosher-dish kiddush lunch (vegetarian or dairy).

Havurat Tikvah, an affiliate of the Jewish Reconstructionist Federation, offers monthly services, adult study, holiday celebrations, special minyans, and a cooperative Religious School. For more information, visit the Havurat Tikvah website (<http://free.prohosting.com/~hatikva/>) or call Karen Rubin, member services, at 704-825-3421. ☆