

Havurat Tikvah January News

As Havurat Tikvah moves into the first cold month of 2015, we celebrate our congregation with several upcoming events.

In December, we got together to learn how to make some jewelry with a theme of Jewish art and culture. It was a great afternoon to just be together and celebrate the upcoming Hanukkah holiday.

Our Hanukkah party, which took place on December 21, was full of family fun and festivities. We lit menorahs, ate latkes, played dreidel, as well as several other games, and even had a trivia quiz on the history of the holiday.

Now that we have moved into January, we are looking forward to even more gatherings.

On January 10, Havurat Tikvah will host community Shabbat services. These will take place at Avondale Church (2821 Park Rd, Charlotte, NC 28209) at 10 AM. For more information, please feel free to contact us at 980-225-5330.

Later this month, our congregation will also host an Israeli comedy night, with movies, laughter, and entertainment.

In the spring of 2015, we are hoping to have even more events

that bring the congregation together and celebrate our Jewish culture and heritage.

Havurat Tikvah is an affiliate of the Jewish Reconstructionist Federation, providing a comfortable, family atmosphere where all Jews can feel welcome. If you are interested, we invite you to visit, get to know us, and to become part of our congregation of nearly 60 households.

For more information about any of our activities, check out our website (www.havurattikvah.org). You can also find Havurat Tikvah and Havurat Tikvah Teens on Facebook. If you have any questions about membership or other aspects of Havurat Tikvah, give us a call at 980-225-5330. ☆



Yom Gemilut Chasadim - Sunday, January 18

A Day of Performing Acts of Loving Kindness at Temple Israel

In support of Temple Israel's vision "to inspire meaningful relationships through traditional and innovative expressions of Judaism," Temple Israel is excited to host *Yom Gemilut Chasadim* – "A Day Performing Acts of Loving Kindness."

Yom Gemilut Chasadim will be a wonderful experience as individuals and families come together to strengthen relationships, and make a positive impact to Jewish and Charlotte communities.

Lynne Sheffer, President of Temple Israel, said, "Our primary goal is to strengthen relationships within the Temple Israel community and throughout the greater Jewish and Charlotte communities. A great way to do so is by performing acts of loving kindness, together."

On *Yom Gemilut Chasadim*, we will be working on projects that provide support to: Jewish Family Services, Israel, Bright Blessings,

Blessings In A Back Pack, The Men's Shelter of Charlotte, Women's Shelter, Room in the Inn, Operation Sandwich, Ronald McDonald House, Sunrise and Carriage Club, Shalom Bayit NC, Huntingtowne Farms Elementary School, and Temple Israel Social Action.

Jonathan Berger, Chairman of Social Action for Temple Israel, said "Our goal during *Yom Gemilut Chasadim* is to bring together the entire Temple Israel community to perform hands on, experiential, and impactful mitzvot linked to Jewish values. Thanks to the dedication of our program leaders, I am confident that we will achieve this goal."

Programs during this exciting Temple Israel Social Action Event are being led by TI Sisterhood, TI Religious School Students, TI B'nai Mitzvah Students, TI Youth Groups, Torah on Tap, TI Children's Choir, TI Congregants, along with TI Social Action lead-

ers responsible for our partnership programs with Huntingtowne Farms Elementary School, Blessings In A Backpack, and Room In The Inn.

Everyone is invited to join Temple Israel as we come together to perform acts of loving kindness through "hands on" mitzvah projects at Temple Israel on Sunday, January 18, (MLK Weekend) from 10 AM-1 PM.

For more information, please contact Jonathan Berger – Chairman, Social Action Temple Israel - email: jbergertisa@gmail.com, or cell: 704-995-1732. ☆



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