## **Temple Kol Tikvah Gets Smarter**

Temple Kol Tikvah continues expanding their educational resources by adding Smart technology to their building. Thanks to the Trustees of the Jewish Federation of Greater Charlotte, Temple Kol Tikvah has been named a recipient of a 2015 Impact and Innovation Fund grant, which will be used to purchase a Smart Board.

The Smart Board will empower teachers to use the latest technology and Smart applications to enhance the religious school education. According to Rabbi Michael Shields, "Technology is often thought of as inhibiting social interaction. However, this doesn't have to be the case. Adding Smart technology to our toolbox allows us to connect faceto-face to Jews across the world,

which we wouldn't otherwise be able to do. This technology can help us building stronger relationships with our members and with Israel."

While the technology doesn't allow Temple Kol Tikvah to beam Jews and their families to the shul "Star Trek" style, Director of Lifelong Learning, Lynn Calnek, says, "I hope that it will connect us with Jews and their families in the Charlotte region and beyond, enticing more souls to find their way to our community."

The Smart board will be up and running by Spring 2015. According to Alec Natt, current president of Temple Kol Tikvah, the purchase of this technology will "add a new dynamic to the teaching at our religious school" and will enhance our partnerships with Davidson Learns and other groups who gather in our building. ❖



## Run for Youth at Temple Kol Tikvah

Temple Kol Tikvah of Lake Norman will have their second annual Run For Youth 5K Run/Walk and 1 mile Fun Run/Walk on March 22. Come out and support the youth in the Lake Norman Area and have some fun while doing it. Experience beautiful Davidson, NC in the Spring, celebrate our youth in the Davidson area, and the Lake Norman Jewish Community.

The race will be partly on the beautiful Randall Kincaid Greenway and is perfect for runners and walkers of all levels, beginner to expert. We will have a 5K (3.1 mile) competitive race/walk and a one-mile fun run/walk.

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All participants who pre-register by March 8 will be guaranteed a cotton short-sleeved t-shirt. Registration fees are non-refundable. 5K: \$20 through March 15, \$25 March 16-21, \$30 on race day; Fun Run: \$10 up to and including race day.

Race Information

The race/walk will start and finish on Mimosa St. right in front of Temple Kol Tikvah at 605 South St., Davidson, NC. The

post-race party will be on the lawn in front of Temple Kol Tikvah with music, free food, and fun activities. Plus you can create a team of four or more participants and win one of the special team awards.

7 AM - registration and packet pick up

7:45 AM - Race day registration closes

8 AM - 5K race starts

9 AM - One mile fun run/walk 9:30 AM - Awards presentation *5K Awards:* 

Top three overall male and female and masters (40+), top three male and female in the following age groups: 13 and under, 14-19, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60-69, 70 and up.

Awards subject to change based on number of participants. *One Mile Fun Run Awards:* 

Every child under 13 will re-

ceive an award

Team Awards:

In addition to the overall and age group awards, individuals can register with a team to be included in the team awards. Awards will be presented to the top winners in the following categories (min. of four individuals per team, no maximum number): Fastest Team, Largest Team, Youngest Team, Oldest Team

Registration:
Omega Sports will host packet pick-up and registration prior to the race on Friday, March 20 from 1–5 PM and on Saturday, March 21 from 4:30-8:30 PM at the Northcross Shopping Center. You can also register or pick up your packet the day of the race at Temple Kol Tikvah starting at 7 AM. Online registration and additional Info at: www.davidsontiming.com.

For questions, contact Wayne Eckert at run4life@bellsouth.net .❖



## Film Festival's Value Added and Personal Appearances Enhance the Experience

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attendance is predicted to double for the third year in a row.

In 2013, non-Jewish students from a local high school were invited to attend a screening of a Holocaust film. The response was so positive that in 2014 the program was expanded to include students



Terre Hamlisch will appear in conjunction with the film "Marvin Hamlisch: What He Did for Love" on February 14

from six different schools to come watch a film and participate in a panel discussion with three diversity experts. This year, the CJFF is expecting a packed house at a special screening of *Nicky's Family*. Another simple side bar event has become part of the CJFF's programming slate and created a meaningful impact with the community:

"Everyone involved from our school is still in awe that we were able to be part of something so rich and meaningful .... Thanks to your efforts, in less than two hours, my students experienced the richness of history and cultural diversity. There is no price tag for that," commented Becky Makla, a teacher from Covenant Day School.

In addition to its most ambitious slate yet, the 2015 CJFF has stepped up again with a terrific lineup of value added programming to enhance the experience of everyone who attends.

Opening Night (February 14, Temple Israel) is always special and this year, is no exception with a love-themed reception following the showing of *Marvin Hamlisch:* What He Did For Love. Additionally, Marvin Hamlisch's wife, Terre will be on hand



Dani Menkin will be on hand to discuss his film "Is That You?" on March 1.

to answer questions after the film.

At Above and Beyond (February 15, Temple Israel), the film's producer, Nancy Spielberg (Steven's sister) will do a talkback with the audience. Ms. Spielberg will also be honored at a special dessert reception that is being sponsored by Patty, Bill, Stacey, Todd, Gabi, Rael, and Marcelle Gorelick.

Nancy Spielberg will also be in attendance the next night at the Mondays at Lake Norman screening of *Above and Beyond* (February 16, Regal Birkdale Stadium 16) and will be honored at a post-film reception at Dressler's Restaurant that is being sponsored by Arlene and Milton Berkman.

Other special events/programs for the 2015 CJFF:

Beneath the Helmet: From High School to the Home Front (February 19, Temple Israel) – Soldier Aviv Regev will do a talk-



Nancy Spielberg will discuss her film, "Above and Beyond," on Feburary 16.

back with the audience.

*Deli Man* (February 22, Regal Ballantyne Village Stadium 5) – There will be a deli tasting after the film.

The Art Dealer (February 28, Regal Ballantyne Village Stadium 5) – There will be a talkback after the film.

*Is That You?* (March 1, Regal Ballantyne Village Stadium 5) - Director Dani Menkin will discuss his film with the au-

dience

Quality Balls (March 1, Regal Ballantyne Village Stadium 5) – There will be a Closing Night dessert reception to help celebrate the end of the CJFF's amazing 11th season.

Please visit charlottejewishfilm.com to purchase tickets or for more details about the 2015 CJFF. ❖

