

Havurat Tikvah Gears Up for High Holidays

A community Shabbat service will held on September 10, 10 AM, at Avondale Presbyterian Church. Visit the website to learn more.

And, Rabbi Michael Ross, director of lifelong learning at Beth David Synagogue in Greensboro, will return to Havurat Tikvah on September 18, 4 PM, Strawberry Hill Clubhouse, 5101 Strawberry Hill Dr., when he will lead "Teshuvah/Returning to Your Soul," an Elul month seminar warm-up for the High Holidays.

Participants will engage in study of holiday texts and chant songs pertinent to the lead up to Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. Additionally, everyone will be invited to journal, *cheshbon hanefesh* (accounting of the soul), reviewing life's actions of the last year and finding insights to help one improve.

Rabbi Ross is a Reconstructionist rabbi and a Jewish meditation instructor who has developed a number of meditation groups. He directed a private learning center, Hayom, dedicated to "present-tense Judaism" for five years. He also directed Conservative and Reconstructionist synagogue schools in Newark, DE, Allentown, PA, and Malver, PA.

He is a founding member of the cohort of "Rabbis Without Borders."

Rabbi Ross taught Gratz College courses to high school and middle school students in both Jewish Bible Studies and Jewish Education and Rabbinic Texts for six years in the Gratz' Jewish Community High School program in Philadelphia, PA. He is a published curriculum writer and



Rabbi Michael Ross

works as an experienced editor to rabbis, fine-tuning their sermons and blog entries. He co-edited the recent children's prayer-book, "Kol HaNo'ar: The Voice of Children."

He received his ordination from the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College. He obtained his bachelor's degree in literature from the University of Judaism and his master's degree in Jewish education from American Jewish University, both of which are located in CA.

The congregation is engaged in its preparations for the High Holidays and has announced its preliminary schedule of services which will be held at Avondale Presbyterian Church, MacLean Fellowship Hall, 2821 Park Rd.

On October 3 and 4, Havurat Tikvah will have services beginning at 10 AM. Tashlich will be held during the afternoon on October 3.

Kol Nidre services will be held on October 11 at 6:45 PM. On October 12, Yom Kippur services will continue at 10 AM, with the Yizkor/Healing service at approximately 12:30 PM. Services will



conclude during the late afternoon and early evening hours followed by a break-the-fast potluck supper.

Check the website later in September for a full, final schedule. Visitors are welcome. First-timers are able to attend free.

Havurat Tikvah is a warm, supportive and nurturing Jewish Reconstructionist congregation with Shabbat services and a full spectrum of holiday observances, as well as religious educational options for both adults and children. We are a diverse group of families, singles, and Jewish and interfaith couples who participate in projects that promote social justice.

We value and depend upon member participation and leadership for our religious services, spiritual growth, and governance.

Havurat Tikvah is an affiliate of the Jewish Reconstructionist Communities, In Association with the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College.

For more information on upcoming services, programs, membership or other queries, call 980-225-5330, write to Havurat Tikvah, P.O. Box 12684, Charlotte, NC 28220, email membership@havurattikvah.org or visit havurattikvah.org. Havurat Tikvah is also on Facebook at facebook.com/groups/havurattikvah/



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High Holiday Services at Temple Kol Ami of York County

Temple Kol Ami of Fort Mill, SC, is pleased to extend an invitation for our High Holiday Services to all in York County and beyond who wish to observe. Services are held at Unity Presbyterian Church, 303 Tom Hall Street in Fort Mill which is easily accessible to the Ballantyne area as well as the Sun City area. We are thrilled to be led this year by cantorial soloist Sara Sherman as well as our wonderful lay leaders. For those who have been with us in the past, you will recall Sara's beautiful voice and deep knowledge of the liturgy. She is an accomplished professional musician with a degree in piano perform-

ance from the Manhattan School of Music. She has won accolades for her piano presentations at music festivals worldwide and has performed at such iconic venues as Lincoln Center. We are excited to experience the Days of Awe with Sara.

The full schedule of services is posted on our website www.templekolamisc.org. Tickets are required for ages 13 and up and can be purchased on our website as well. This year, tickets are free for Temple Kol Ami members who are aged 60 and over. For more information, please contact us at yorksynagogue@gmail.com or 803-701-0149. Babysitting will be



available for a \$5 donation by reservation only - please contact us at the above e-mail to reserve your spot today. Tickets will not be mailed out - your name will appear on a list at the door at time of services.

Wishing all a sweet, happy and healthy New Year. L'Shana Tova. ✨

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