

The Jewish Experience

Hear about Jewish history, tradition, and amazing experiences. Donations welcome.

Tikkun Olam in Israel

Sun., Feb. 21, 2010, 10:30 a.m. Linda Frankel. Tikkun Olam, “repairing the world,” includes participating in social activism, advocating for social change, and donating money or time to help those in need. But what does Tikkun Olam look like in Israel, and how can we connect our own efforts with Israeli initiatives? We’ll “tour” inspiring projects that change lives and “repair” the social fabric, explore cultural diversity, and meet individuals who are making a difference.

Rescue and Reunion

Sun., Mar. 14, 2010, 10:30 a.m. Recently, an incredible reunion took place at Carolina Meadows Retirement Community: Hal Meyers, who as a German Jewish child was rescued from a French internment camp; Simone Lipman, a French social worker who tried to save children hunted by the Nazis during the Holocaust; and Cora Meyers, Hal’s wife, whose father played a key role in all of their lives. Please join Simone, Hal and Cora at the Kehillah as they present their story of this incredible history and recent reunion.

NC Museum of Art Judaica Collection

Sun., Apr. 25, 2010, 10:30 a.m. Lani Parker will present the history of the museum’s Judaic Art Gallery and many works in the collection. The NC Museum of Art is the first art museum in the US with a permanent gallery dedicated to Jewish ceremonial art. The collection exemplifies the creative efforts by generations of artists to celebrate and beautify the ceremonial life of the Jewish people. The renovated museum will reopen to the public the weekend of this event.

Jewish Experience continued...

Caring for Each Other in Death

Sun., May 16, 2010, time tba. Howerton & Bryan Funeral Home. Jewish tradition teaches we are made in the divine image, upholding the sacredness of the body in life and in death. This value of sacredness guides our rituals before burial when community members perform *shmírah* (ensuring the body is not left alone from the time of death until burial) and *tahara* (prayers and ritual washing and dressing of the body). Join members of our community to learn how we take care of each other through our Chevra Kaddisha (burial society). We will provide a step by step review of equipment and prayers involved. By creating comfort with this ritual, we can empower ourselves and others to participate in this profound aspect of Jewish life.

The Arts

Read a book, or watch a movie—and then discuss your experience with others!

Kehillah Jewish Book Club

First Thursday of each month. Mar. 4, Apr. 1, May 6, Jun. 3, 2010, 7:30-9 p.m. Hosted in members’ homes. Join fellow Kehillah members in comfortable home settings to discuss a variety of historical and modern Jewish fiction and non-fiction. All who are interested are welcome to participate, even if you haven’t read the book!

Havdalah & Movie Club

Come to the Kehillah to celebrate Havdalah and then watch an inspiring, interesting, and/or intellectually stimulating movie. Spring 2010 docket (Fall 2010 dates to follow):

Sat., Mar. 6, 7 p.m. *When Do We Eat?*

Sat., Apr. 17, 8 p.m. *Pi*

The Sofa will be rescheduled for the fall.

Community Learning & Decision-Making

The Power & Beauty of Shabbat

Sun., Oct. 31, Nov. 7, Nov. 21, Jan. 9, & Jan. 30, 10-11:30 a.m. Rabbi Jen Feldman will lead a series of five engaging study and discussion sessions on the sources, meaning, and spiritual depth of Shabbat practice. Participants will provide crucial input that will help shape an updated Shabbat practice policy for the Kehillah. Open to all!

Holiday Programs

Shavuot Program

Tues., May 18, 2010. 6-8 p.m. Prepare for Shavuot at this experiential study session. Begin the evening by weaving flower crowns which will adorn the Torah on Shavuot morning. Then, share a light potluck dinner and dessert and engage in an adult learning session with Rabbi Jen. Children are welcome to participate in the crown weaving and the communal meal.

Selichot

Sat., Sept. 4, 2010, 9 p.m. Prepare for the High Holy Days with the larger Jewish community at this thought-provoking program. Enjoy an oneg, a special musical program, and then a selichot service.

Kehillah Bat Mitzvah

Fri-Sun., Dec. 3-5, 2010. Well, it isn’t a holiday, but it is the celebration weekend of the Kehillah’s Bat Mitzvah! The celebration will include Shabbat Shira: A Song-ful Shabbat Service, as well as some additional learning and engaging activities for the whole family.

Hebrew and Jewish Studies

Learn and explore everything from Hebrew to *halacha* (Jewish law) to Jewish identity in these multi-session classes and discussion groups.

Introduction to Hebrew

Mon., Mar. 1, 8, 15, and 22, 7-8:30 p.m. Kehillah library. Taught by Rabbi Steve Kirschner. Hebrew has been the language of the Jewish people for over three millennia. This class focuses on the Hebrew alphabet. It is intended for those wishing to learn the Hebrew letters and vowels as a step in their journey of learning Hebrew. \$36/members, \$54/non-members.

Biblical Hebrew, Part I

Mon., Apr. 12, 19, & 26 and May 3, 10, & 17, 7-8:30 p.m. Kehillah library. Taught by Rabbi Steve Kirschner. Even today, despite the internet and publishers such as Artscroll and Metsudah, a huge array of Jewish texts remains untranslated and accessible only to those who can read Hebrew. Even those with but a bit of Hebrew knowledge can unlock nuances in biblical texts and prayers which would otherwise have remained opaque. This course focuses on the grammar, pronunciation, and vocabulary of Biblical Hebrew. Cost: \$54 members / \$72 non-members.

Touchstones of Judaism

Monthly daytime 1.5-hour class with 18 sessions. Taught by Rabbi Jen. This comprehensive course will provide a foundation for building a rich, meaningful Jewish life. Through text study, film, journaling, discussion, and experiential learning, we'll explore Jewish spirituality, history, belief, and practice. Open to those exploring conversion with Rabbi Jen and all who want to enrich their Jewish knowledge.

Jewish Studies continued...

Living our Values: Social Justice in Contemporary Jewish Thought and Practice

Reading and discussion seminar led by Joseph Gindi, UNC Ph.D. student in Religious Studies. You are invited to join other community members, activists, and students to explore how different approaches to Torah, race, God, sexuality, *halacha* (Jewish law), class, and ritual can open up possibilities for living our values. You are invited to sign up for both sessions or just one.

Session 1: Theology and Practice. Sun., Sept. 19, 10 a.m.-noon; Sept. 26, Oct. 10, & Oct. 17, 10-11:30 a.m. How can we build rituals, theologies, and communities that support a meaningful and just life? What is the place of Torah and *halacha* (Jewish Law) in building social justice practices and communities? \$54 members/ \$72 non-members/ \$36 students & under 30.

Session 2: Identity. Sun., Nov. 14, 10 a.m.-noon; Tues., Nov. 30 & Dec. 7, 7-8:30 p.m.; Sun., Dec. 12, 10-11:30 a.m. Many of us feel a deep connection between our Jewish identities, the other components of our identities, our values, and our political commitments, yet they do not always cohere. What will it take to integrate the various components of our identity? How do our identities and social positions impact our Judaism and our politics? \$54 members/ \$72 non-members/ \$36 students & under 30.

Registration information

For specific questions about classes, please contact Melissa Segal, LCSW, Executive Director (execdir@chkehillah.org or 338-2696). All are welcome, and a sliding scale is available. To register, contact the Kehillah office (admin@chkehillah.org or 942-8914).

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Adult Education

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Which is greater—study or practice?

All spoke up and said:

Study is greater, for it leads to practice.

-The Talmud (Kiddushin 40b)



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