

"I wish it were Sunday School!"

Charly (Shaya) Bombardier
...on **Monday** morning.

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A Note from Reb Barbara

HHD's and the New Year



High Holy Days were reflective this year. We heard Reb Zusia's message about becoming more of our best selves. We watched the innkeeper who worried about his prayers magically glide across a river on a handkerchief. We discovered Moses digesting a tad too much literature in the heavenly library, and we accompanied the exiles from a ruined Jerusalem. We fasted and prayed and wrote about our own journeys. We ended the last service with a relieved and happy circle dance.

One mitzvah leads to another, the rabbis say, so just after praying Neilah and our break fast Ralf Thiede and Stan Mace hammered two pieces of wood together in front of happy and well-fed congregants and guests. No time to waste, when it comes to the next good deed – building Cabarrus County's first full-size sukkah (at least, as far as we know).

October is filled with celebratory opportunities. Feel free to glance through those described here, and join us for a beautiful start to our new year.

L'shalom,

Reb Barbara

A Shabbat Singalong Service Under the Sukkah

October 18



[see our video](#) on
YouTube

Seen our sukkah yet? Head to the address above for a gorgeous and inspiring video produced by Jody and Kyla Mace. You'll get to see just how Cabarrus County got its first full-sized sukkah. Many, many thanks to Stan Mace for creating the design and supports and our Utterly Amazing and Totally Talented schoolchildren for making the decorations and helping us hang and place them.



Feel free to let us know if you'd like to join us at the Thiede residence this next Shabbat for a singalong morning service under (and around) our most beautiful sukkah. If you are coming, you need to R.S.V.P. because parking is limited.

Please bring something for our brunch after the singalong. Bagels? Lox? We'll nosh on the deck and on the grass and do a little of what comes naturally on Shabbat – relaxing!

Event: Shabbat Singalong Under the Sukkah

Date: October 18, 2008

Time: 10:30 a.m.- 12:30 p.m.

Location: Thiede Residence, Concord
<RSVP>



Simchat Torah Service *and* Celebration

October 24, 2008

It's Fourth Friday *and* Simchat Torah. Very cool combination, so we're going to take advantage of that fact.

This service celebration will be entirely family-friendly, so guests with young children should feel welcome to join us. We'll read from the last bit of Torah and the first bit, unwrap our Torah (carefully) and parade her around the sanctuary. We'll have sweet activities available for the kids, a little Israeli dancing, and lots and lots of music.

Event: Fourth Friday Family Service - Simchat Torah

Date: October 24, 2008

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: McGill Baptist Church
5300 Poplar Tent Rd.
Concord NC 28027 -9757 [map](#) [directions](#)



The New School for All Things Jewish

What a year we are having!

Pages of self-created midrash, discovering suffixes and prefixes, journaling, bibliodrama, practicing how to ask each other our Hebrew names, singing prayers and songs, making welcome banners for the congregation and and and...

Golly, we just *started* school a little over a month ago!

And what's in store is awesome, from field trips to festival dramas to all manner of all things fun and wonderful and real.

Just imagine such a school -- our kids learn so much more than Hebrew (and their Hebrew learning is includes more hands-on activities and games than ever – from memory games to build-a-word fun to tossing our own aleph bet dice in a game of alphabet chance).

A reminder: Our school has extended its reach. We are holding a weekly Torah discussion designed for teens *and* adults. If you're interested in learning more about this class, please [let Parent Liaison Jody Mace know \(jody@jodymace.com\)](#) or [write Reb Barbara at rabbi@or-olam.org](#).

Musika Olam's First DVD

Temple Or Olam's band, *Musika Olam* (Hebrew for Music of/for/to the world/universe/eternity), has created a DVD recording from our first Beatles Service.

So if others want a copy, we're ready for a mere \$18. [Let us know](#) if you're interested by replying to this email and we'll be happy to oblige.



Yahrzeits for October/Tishre

We would like to acknowledge donations made in memory of Pearl Commike, who died October 4. Pearl was a loving wife and mother and we know her name will be for a blessing. Our heartfelt condolences to the Commike family.

If you would like to make donations in the memory or in honor of someone you love, please send them to:

Julie Gardner
5339 Bendix Ct.
Harrisburg, NC 28075-3902



**Lena Shapiro (Harriet
Commike's mother)**

**Esther Handelman
(grandmother of Julie
Gardner)**

**Jeanette Lillian Jacob
Horowitz (mother of
Alexander Horowitz)**

The links again, for your convenience - click

to learn more about our New School For All Things Jewish: [Jody Mace](#), [Reb Barbara](#)
[To RSVP for the Singalong Under the Sukkah](#)
[to reserve a calendar](#)
[to order a Musika Olam DVD \(Beatles Service\)](#)

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