

Beth El Temple hosts Second Annual Tour de Shuls Community Bike/Walk/Run Event, June 19 - Entertainment

WEST HARTFORD - Beth El Temple West Hartford, is hosting this year's Second Annual Tour de Shuls. Together with over 20 participating synagogues, including day schools and youth groups throughout Connecticut and parts of Massachusetts, the Tour de Shuls is a bike, walk and run that brings the community together to raise money for special needs campers participating in Camp Ramah of New England's Tikvah Program.

Since 1970, Camp Ramah, Palmer, Mass., has offered the special Tikvah Program to meet the social and religious needs of developmentally challenged Jewish adolescents. The Tikvah Program (meaning «hope» in Hebrew) provides campers with the full Camp Ramah experience - swimming, boating, sports, arts, dance, dramatics and more - under the supervision of specially trained staff. Tikvah campers are fully integrated into camp life, participating in all camp wide programs and daily events - meals, religious services, evening activities and special events.

Register now for the Tour de Shuls on Sunday, June 19, and help special needs campers have a meaningful camp and life experience. You'll meet Josh, a former Tikvah camper with Williams Syndrome, a rare genetic disorder, who will be enthusiastically handing out snacks and water at one of the rest stops along the route.

Tour de Shuls begins and ends at Beth El Temple, located at 2626 Albany Avenue, West Hartford, and the event will kick off with Beth El's Rabbi James Rosen leading the send off and then participating in the 5K run. There are five different distances to choose for the ride, walk or run. Start Father's Day off with some healthful cycling, walking or running. Log onto www.tdsct.com to register or for more in-

formation. Lunch and entertainment by The Klezmen will be provided between 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The 2011 Tour de Shuls event is sponsored by Hebrew Health Care, New England Region of the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs and the following organizations:

Participating Temples:

Beth David Synagogue, West Hartford

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Beth Hillel Synagogue, Bloomfield

Beth Sholom B'nai Israel, Manchester [Continued...](#)

Congregation Adath Israel, Middletown

Congregation Beth Ahm, Windsor

Congregation Beth Israel, West Hartford

Congregation B'nai Israel, Northampton, Mass.

Congregation B'nai Sholom, Newington

Congregation Rodeph Sholom, Bridgeport

Congregation Tikvoh Chadoshoh, Bloomfield

Emanuel Synagogue, West Hartford

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Temple Beth El, Torrington

Temple Beth Sholom, Hamden

Temple Beth Tefilah, East Hartford

Temple Beth Hillel, South Windsor

Temple Sinai, Newington

Participating Day Schools:

Bess & Paul Sigel Hebrew Academy, Bloomfield

Hebrew High School - New England, West Hartford

Solomon Schechter Day School, West Hartford

Yachad Community High School, West Hartford
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Participating Youth Group:

Beth El USY, West Hartford

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