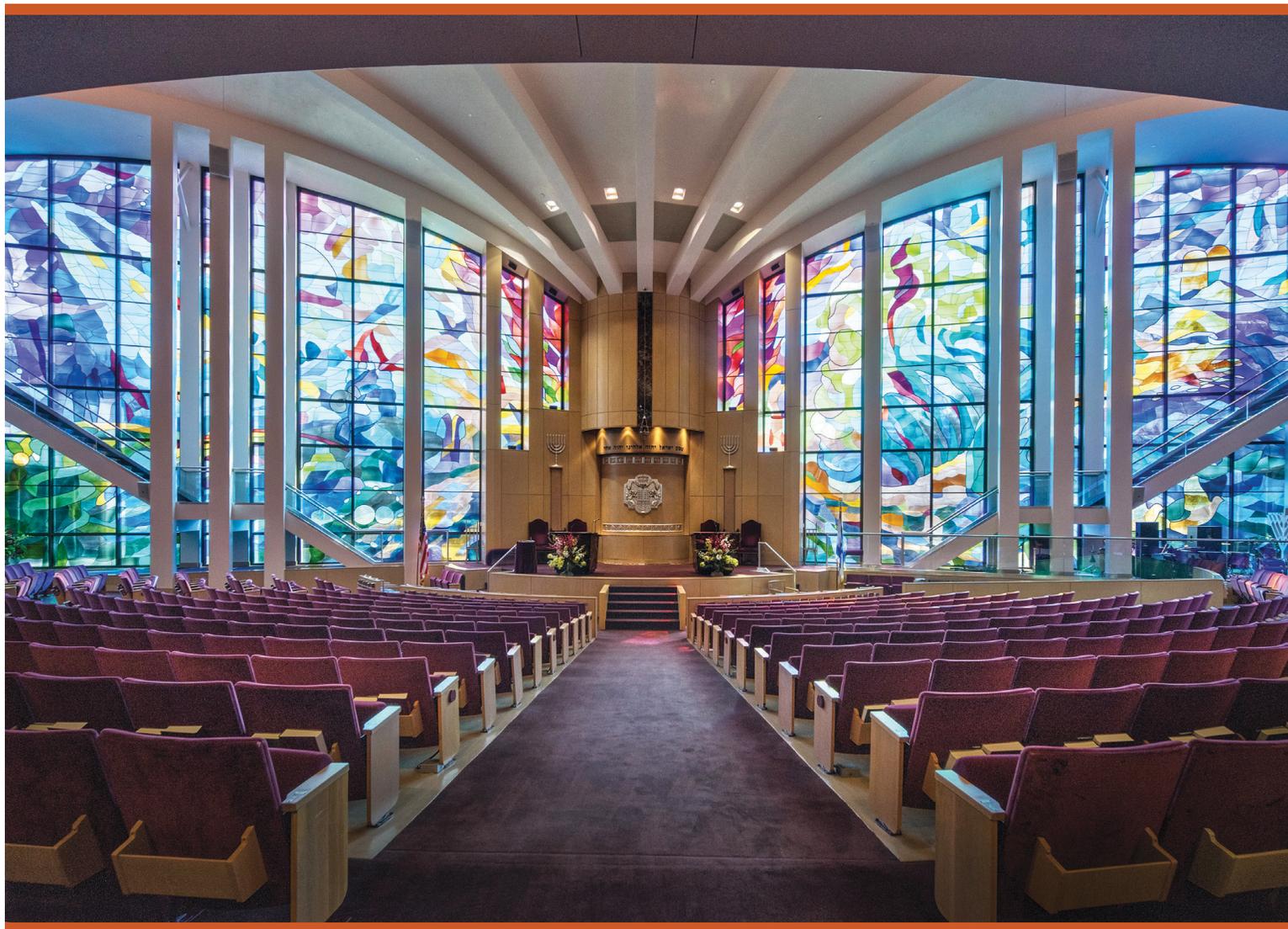




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ANNUAL REPORT

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TEMPLE ISRAEL ANNUAL MEETING

Sunday, May 19, 2019 10:45 AM

Leon & Sandra Levine Social Hall, Temple Israel, Charlotte, NC

AGENDA

Call to Order - David Rosenthal

1) D'var Torah - Rabbi Murray Ezring

2) Reading of the minutes from the
previous Annual Meeting - Adina Loewensteiner

3) Treasurer's Report - Tom Bock

4) Reports of the Professionals - Glenda Bernhardt

5) Report of the President - David Rosenthal

6) Reports of Committee Chairs and
Presidents of Affiliated Temple Organizations

7) Old Business

8) New Business

9) Nominations and Election of Officers and
Members of the Board of Trustees - Sam Bernstein

10) Adjournment - David Rosenthal

PRESIDENT'S REPORT



”בן הוא הא אומר, לפום צערא אנרא.”

Ben Hei Hei said, “According to the effort is the reward.”

Ben Hei Hei, Pirkei Avot (*Ethics of the Fathers*), 5:23

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, it is my honor, privilege and pleasure to present Temple Israel’s 124th Annual Report.

With humility and a profound thank you to all of you, I am pleased to report 5779/5780 (2018/2019) has been a remarkable year of growth, service, joy and support for our kehilla kedisha (holy community). The effort of our clergy and professional teams, Board of Trustees, extensive corps of volunteers as well as each and every one of you has been rewarding. Opting-in and devoting your time, energy and capital

creates momentum and great results as we aspire to be the center of Conservative Jewish life for many in Charlotte, committed to shifting the American Jewish paradigm from one of scarcity and surviving to one of abundance and thriving. Our collective efforts span generations. Our calling is to honor the legacy of our visionary founders and perpetuate this shared legacy, creating a stronger, healthier Conservative Jewish community serving all generations, fostering a passion for Judaism in our children and grandchildren, our future leaders and congregants.

Our focus is on your personal experience, actively nurturing a thriving, vibrant Jewish culture and life infused with music, inspiring all to enjoy meaningful connections with one another, the broader community, Torah and God through traditional and innovative expressions of Judaism in the 21st century.

Enclosed in this report, you will see details regarding our many activities and accomplishments. I encourage you to thoroughly review these materials. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer in any capacity, please feel welcome to reach out. Our success depends on you, working together, daring together collectively to achieve the aforementioned aspirations.

Finally, you should celebrate our many blessings and stand proud of Temple Israel and your community. You should be confident that Temple Israel is in excellent financial health. All funds entrusted to Temple Israel are managed with great fiduciary care, supervised by the Board of Trustees and professionally managed by the Foundation for the Carolinas/Foundation for the Charlotte Jewish Community. Temple Israel stands above many of its peers on many levels!

While appropriate to reflect on the past as we approach this Annual Meeting, we must focus on the future, a bright one! These are exciting times for Temple Israel, a time of transition, and I look forward to sharing another year of progress and accomplishment with each of you.

May you all be blessed for the many contributions you make to our thriving congregation and for being present!

David Rosenthal
President, 5779/5780



CLERGY OFFICE REPORT



The Clergy have had a successful year with new ideas, bringing the synagogue closer together. In October we officially welcomed Cantor Shira Lissek with an exciting and profound Installation service. There was a celebratory ceremony, which included her world renown

musical colleagues. The congregation continues to remark at how tremendous the Installation was.

With great effort and tenacity, the clergy team introduced new Adult Education courses to the temple. These classes were titled: Talmud in the Tech Age, Ethics of Fathers, and Exploring and Deepening Jewish Prayer. Cantor Lissek introduced a Trope Class for the Temple Israel Religious School which taught the students how to chant Torah, Haftarah, and Megillah. She also led the schoolwide Shira T'fillah on Sunday mornings teaching melodies for Shacharit and new songs for the liturgy. We are beginning to re-imagine worship services on Friday nights, one of the new additions has incorporated Friday evening guest instrumentalists which have been well accepted by our community. We also offered a musical Selichot service to introduce and teach new High Holiday Music.

Temple Israel was able to strengthen our community by deeper engagement in holiday observances. The Purim spiel brought the community together in a spectacular way and got many of our new members involved in the performance. Engagement such as

this helps the foundation for the community as well Temple Israel.

Being involved in our community is a huge part of our clergy participation. Cantor Lissek was one of the leaders of an Interfaith Prayer Vigil at First Baptist Church-West following the Pittsburgh Massacre. She co-officiated Shabbat Shira on Martin Luther King, Jr. weekend with Reverend Amantha Barbee. These two women believed it was vital to come together to address the importance of commonality; to engage in a musical Shabbat, and to be able to correlate the Exodus Story with current events of today and the civil rights movement.

Because of the positive achievements within the Temple, doors to the community have opened on a larger scale than we ever thought possible. Our congregants have showed considerable appreciation of the classes and overall growth in community engagement by increased attendance.

Highlights of the Year

- Our clergy officiated three weddings this past year
- They officiated two Britot Milah
- Over 20 B'nai Mitzvah were celebrated
- Over 500 visitations over the year from our Clergy
- The Lifelong Learning courses averaged 5 or more students per class
- Temple Israel has started to build bridges with community leaders
- Raising community awareness of Temple Israel
- Calls are made to our members on their anniversaries and birthdays

Rabbi Murray Ezring

REPORT OF THE PROFESSIONALS



Each year, when I pause to think about all we have experienced and accomplished as a community since our last Congregational Meeting, I am amazed. A few highlights from the past twelve months include celebrating Cantor Elias Roochvarg and his many contributions to our kehillah over 23 years, welcoming Cantor Shira Lissek and her family to Charlotte and installing her as our new Cantor with a special concert involving many of her talented friends and mentors, many (MANY!) services, holiday programs, social action initiatives, lifelong learning classes, and social and cultural events enjoyed by the various communities within our community (Torah Tots, Torah on Tap, Women of Temple Israel, Men's Club, Empty Nesters, Social Club, Social

Action, Temple Israel Religious School, Chavurot, etc.), and at the end of this month, we will say l'hitraot to Rabbi Murray Ezring after 25 years of dedicated service to and leadership of our congregation.

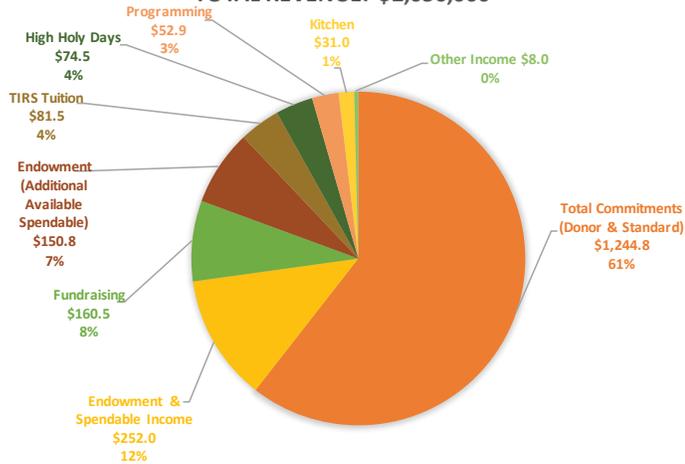
It continues to be the goal of your professional team to work in partnership with our lay leaders and volunteers to provide meaningful and engaging experiences that create opportunities for the members of our congregational community to connect with one another and with G-d. We are always striving to strengthen your relationships with each other and to improve and enhance your experience as a member of our kehillah.

Thank you for your continued involvement and investment in our congregational community. Together, we will ensure that Temple Israel goes from strength to strength and sustains its reputation as one of our region's most warm, vibrant, and innovative Conservative synagogues.

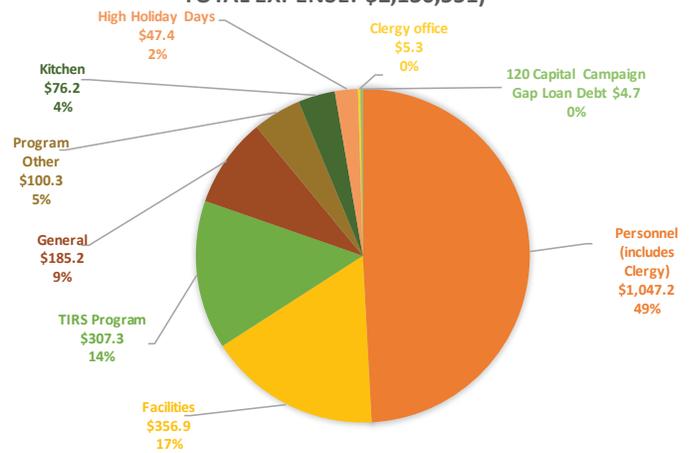
Glenda Bernhardt

TREASURER'S REPORT

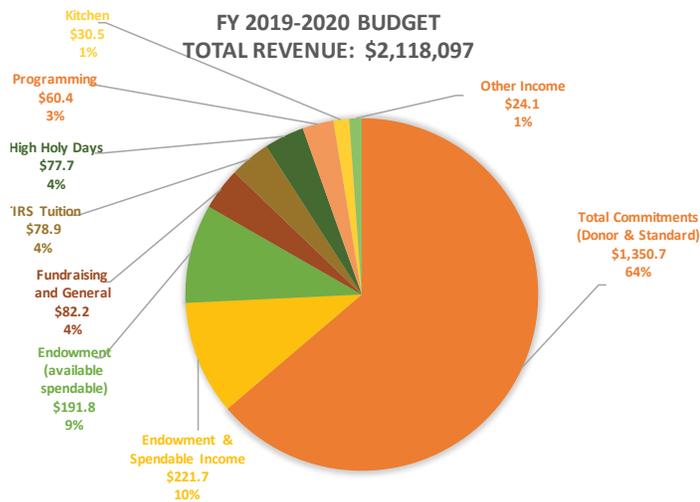
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FY 2018-2019 ACTUAL + FORECAST (03/31/2019)
TOTAL REVENUE: \$2,056,000



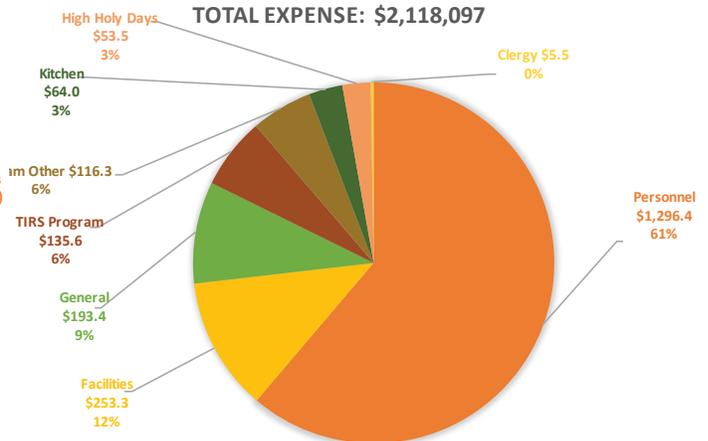
TEMPLE ISRAEL EXPENSE (000s)
FY 2018-2019 ACTUAL + FORECAST (03/31/2019)
TOTAL EXPENSE: \$2,130,551



TEMPLE ISRAEL REVENUE
FY 2019-2020 BUDGET
TOTAL REVENUE: \$2,118,097



TEMPLE ISRAEL EXPENSE
FY 2019-2020 BUDGET
TOTAL EXPENSE: \$2,118,097



TEMPLE ISRAEL RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

This year we had 127 students in our wonderful religious school. We had the opportunity to welcome 20 new families into the school community.

This year was filled with many exciting and engaging learning opportunities! We completed the second year of using the Mitkadem Hebrew program and our weekday Experiential Education class. This year Cantor Lissek led the school's weekly Tefillah/Shira service and the students' knowledge of Shabbat services and their ability to lead services increased exponentially.

Our students in the Trope class learned to chant Megillat Esther and did so at the annual Temple Israel Purim celebration. It was wonderful to see our students do this for the first time! Another new addition to the school this year is that the students in the upper grades (5th-7th), led the beginning of the Shabbat morning service. There was a fantastic turnout of students and their families at both Yom Gemilut Hasadim and the World Wide Wrap. We continued to have great attendance at the Class Family Education programs and Class Shabbat services.

Rabbi Helene Kornsgold

Gan



Alef



Gimmel



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TEMPLE ISRAEL YOUTH GROUPS

Thank you all for another successful year!

Our youth department has gone through exciting changes this past year.

- We have switched our region for USY and Kadima from Seaboard to HaNegev to have better access to conventions.
- Our five-person USY Executive Board led by President Eliana Harr, elected to change our chapter name to Ir Ha-Malka (The Queen City) and have been hard at work deciding on events, reaching out to other USY Chapters, and finding ways to continue our growth from 8th-12th grade.
- Our four-person Kadima Council helped to find exciting ideas for programming and learn how to be leaders in our Shul.

Our goal is to make sure our youth feel connected to TI, the Jewish community, and have fun in a safe environment. A Jewish value is discussed before every USY Board and Kadima Council meeting, along with how it can help them as leaders. Our events range from the Chocolate Seder to going to Big Air to play with friends. This year, we restarted the Youth Advisory Committee to help boost membership, get more involvement in USY, and let parents have a voice in our programming. The College Outreach Program was also able to provide college students with four care packages for Rosh Hashanah, Hanukkah, Purim, and one for the end of the year prefinals boost.

The Youth Department would like to thank Women of Temple Israel for their continued support from the Youth Fund. The Youth Fund was set up by WOTI to help offset costs for programming and travel for Mahar, Kadima, and Ir Ha-Malka USY. To help keep the Youth Fund going, please purchase and donate to the WOTI Gift Shop!

Alan Johnathan



HEBREW HIGH

- Temple Israel had 29 8th-12th grade students at Hebrew High this year
- Five Temple Israel members served as teachers at Hebrew High
- Temple Israel had 3 members on the Hebrew High Advisory Board
- Temple Israel students filled 5 of the 9 spots on Hebrew High's Student Council

What sets us apart?

Hebrew High continues to be a safe haven for our students. With low student/teacher ratios, we notice when students miss classes or don't seem themselves. They are an extension of our own families and we are vested in their wellbeing.

We have initiated more "all school" programs to promote relationships between temples. This has proved to promote the "consolidated" in our name.

Special Events:

- **Julie Buckner** – Julie shared the story of her son who passed away from combining alcohol and Adderall. Students learned an important and lifesaving lesson on peer pressure, drinking, drugs and the value of one's life.
- **8th and 9th grade retreat** - We moved the retreat off campus to Kinetic Heights to provide a new experience for students. The goal was to learn how to work with, and rely on, your peers. All events of the retreat explored the idea of Kehillah (the importance of the community in Judaism). Students worked with team leaders who emphasized that relationships are built on trust and trust and relying on each other and coming together to complete a common goal.
- **Purim Party** – Temple Israel students joined Temple Beth El students to decorate masks for Oasis, make edible Groggers, and make over 100 sandwiches for Operation Sandwich.
- **First Annual Hebrew High Cup** – The First Annual Hebrew High Cup was held on Wednesday, April 3, 2019. The games brought together over 50 athletes comprised of both Temple Beth El and Temple Israel students who competed in various activities.

Under the leadership of Blue Team Captain Jason Schechter and Red Team Captain Sam Swire, athletes were divided up randomly. The team with the most points at the end of the games would win the cup with extra points awarded for good sportsmanship and going the extra mile.

Competition started with relay races and dodge ball. Referee Stephanie Garner made sure all rules were followed. Smiles and laughter abounded as the athletes couldn't contain how much fun they were having.

Each team was then divided into two smaller teams for the next two activities. First was the Jewish Iron Chef Charoset Competition. Teams had a variety of ingredients to combine to make a one-of-a-kind charoset dish. Points were awarded for creatively combining eggs, chopped apples, dried fruit, spices and seasonings, along with writing out their recipes and plating their creations.



Next was the Mitzvah portion where athletes showcased different skills by decorating Passover Bags for clients of Jewish Family Services (JFS). Teams were judged on their creativity and originality. JFS clients will be all smiles when they receive their bags!

The closing ceremonies were held in Gorelick Hall with the winning trophy awarded to the Blue Team. We can't wait for the Second Annual Hebrew High Cup. Stayed tuned!

- **Open House for Rising 8th graders** – Again this year we incorporated our open house during Hebrew High hours (as opposed to having it on a different night of the week). Students participated in elective classes with current students and parents had a Q & A with Megan Harkavy, our director. We had 13 (out of 32) Temple Israel families sign up for the Open House. This number is a big increase over previous years.

Confirmation and Post Confirmation

This year Temple Israel had 8 (out of 34) 10th graders in Confirmation class and 2 (out of 20) Post Confirmation students.

Core Classes:

Temple Israel had 10 (out of 28) 8th graders and 9 (out of 39) 9th graders. This year we limited our modules to two times. Temple Israel conducted the module in the second half of the year. This brings all core students from both temples into one big classroom to learn together.

Electives (just a few examples):

Madrichim – an important class offered to 8th grade students. Amy Montoni taught Madrichim tools to help Hebrew school teachers with their classes. Temple Israel students are required to take this class.

Cooking for a Cause - Led by Janice Zacks, this is a great experience! Students get to make and eat amazing Jewish food and interact with other Jewish teens.

The theme of the overall session is "Think Globally, Act Locally" and the cooking class title is "Cooking for a Cause." Each week we package our baked goods to sell to the other teens, staff, and families in car pool line. Money raised will go to The Friendship Circle and to The Jewish Refugee Initiative.

Jews and the Environment – We explored our history with the environment, why it is important for us to sustain our planet, and what we can do in our own lives to care for the environment, part of Social Justice. In Green Jewish Living we took this to another level by helping and caring for the environment around us, while learning how to be sustainable at home and in our communities.

Megan Harkavy

LIFELONG LEARNING

Talmud in the Tech Age

Rabbi Ezring taught an introduction to the Talmud and explained how these writings are relevant to us today. The classes were given after Shabbat services from 12:30 on and were attended by an average of 20 to 30 students. Rabbi Ezring explained Talmudic reasoning and argumentation as well as Talmudic dialectic, enhancing of the richness and diversity of Jewish thought as expressed in these writings.

The Ethical Life: Jewish Values in an Age of Choice

Rabbi Ezring provided a solid understanding of how Jewish ethics can inform our discussions and decisions about critical questions of the day drawing wisdom from classical Jewish texts, including:

- Foundational Issues: Mitzvot and the Ethical Life
- Ethics of Global Citizenship and the Public Good: Ethical dimensions of food production, mass incarceration, a "just war", etc.
- Personal and Interpersonal Ethics: Ethics of inclusion, relationships, care for the elderly.

Rabbi Ezring taught this class Wednesday evenings October through March, with his Sabbatical break in December and January. Attendance was 10 to 15 persons. Study guides, books and videos, prepared by the JTS, were provided as supplemental to Rabbi Ezring's teaching.

Lunchtime Series:

Our clergy led popular classes at lunchtime. Rabbi Ezring's popular Torah Sparks was joined by a new class following Shabbat kiddush, Talmud in the Tech Age. Cantor Lissek taught Exploring and Deepening Jewish Prayer, while Rabbi Kornsgold explored Pirkei Avot in her class, Ethics of the Fathers.

David Thrope

TORAH ON TAP

Torah on Tap has been an integral part of our young adult community in Charlotte. We have organized and/or promoted 20 events this last year, with approximately 450 people participating in such varied activities as volunteering at Ronald McDonald House, breaking the Yom Kippur fast or learning about hot topics in Judaism.

One of our highlights this year was our Vodka Latke Hanukkah at the Camden Gallery Clubhouse. Getting together to share our Jewish experience through our stomachs and conversation was very rewarding. Our Thanksgiving food drive scavenger hunt was also something special. It was a fantastic way to collect food items for a worthy organization, while having fun with friends.

Torah on Tap members range from those in their 20's to 30's.

Exploring our Jewish identities and being an essential part of the Temple Israel community growing and flourishing is what Torah on Tap is about.

Eric Cohen



TALMUD IN THE TECH AGE
Saturdays, 12:30-1:30
Beginning February 1

Rabbi Ezring will teach an introduction to Talmudic commentaries and analysis (Gemara) from both the Jerusalem Talmud and explain how these are relevant to us today.

The classes will provide those with little background the skills required to understand and appreciate Talmudic argumentation. Similarly, those with familiarity in the program will provide an enhancement of the study of Jewish thought as expressed in these texts.

The course is a benefit of Membership to Temple Israel. Admission for non-members is \$18. To register, contact: David Thrope (dthrope@templeisrael.org) or 704.375.1100. For further information, please contact Rabbi Ezring (rabie@templeisrael.org) or David Thrope (dthrope@templeisrael.org).

The Ethical Life: JEWISH VALUES IN AN AGE OF CHOICE

The complex issues of modern society are, at their core, issues of ethical and moral concern. In this program, "The Ethical Life: Jewish Values in an Age of Choice," Rabbi Ezring will provide a solid understanding of how Jewish ethics can inform our discussions and decisions about the critical questions of the day drawing wisdom from our classical Jewish texts.

THE PROGRAM WILL COVER THREE MAIN AREAS:
Foundational Issues (Mitzvot and the Ethical Life, and Sources of Jewish Ethics)
Ethics of Global Citizenship and the Public Good (Ethical dimensions of food production, fracking, mass incarceration, modern day slavery and "a just war")
Personal and Interpersonal Ethics (Ethics of Inclusion, Relationships, Care for Parents)

This class will be offered in three sessions, beginning with a full session of six classes.

THE ETHICAL LIFE: JEWISH VALUES IN AN AGE OF CHOICE
Wednesdays, October 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, and November 14
7-9 p.m. (with break for Minyan)
Location: Leon and Sarah's Levine Social Hall.
Cost: \$36/ Temple Israel congregants and \$44/general admission

Cost includes study guides, books, videos, and other course materials developed and published by the Jewish Theological Seminary.

For further information, please contact: Rabbi Ezring (rabie@templeisrael.org) and David Thrope (dthrope@templeisrael.org).

Please register with David Thrope (dthrope@templeisrael.org) of the Clergy Office.

*The course continues through the spring, 2018.

TEMPLE ISRAEL SOCIAL CLUB

The Temple Israel Social Club has 120 members. The club welcomes all Jewish adults 55 and older from Charlotte and the surrounding areas. The Social Club holds a variety of activities for its members during most months of the year. This organization offers an opportunity to make new friends with existing members. New members of Temple Israel are called and invited to attend events. Members receive monthly flyers, and articles appear regularly in Kol Yisrael, weekly e-blasts, and Shabbat announcements.

Highlights from 2018-2019

- L'Chayim to Welcome the New year 5779, a wine, cheese, and dessert party, featuring the musical entertainment of John Leon Lewis. 58 members attended and had such a good time that he was invited to perform a patriotic music program for our Memorial Day program, "An Old Fashioned Ice Cream Party."
- Annual Holiday celebrations included 44 members who attended the Dinner in the Sukkah, with Dr. Kevin Soden speaking on "Medical News You Can Use" and 65 members attended the Hanukkah Luncheon with candle lighting led by Cantor Shira Lissek and her children.
- We travelled to CPCC and the Matthews Playhouse to see two different musicals. 21 members went to see "South Pacific" and 24 members enjoyed "Music of the Night: The Music of Andrew Lloyd Webber." These programs were followed by dinners at nearby restaurants.

Members dues in the Social Club are \$20 per person per calendar year. For information about joining the Social Club or future programs, please contact one of the Club's Co-Presidents: Ruth Goldberg 704-366-8903 or Irving Bienstock 704-542-0094.

Ruth Goldberg and Irving Bienstock



SOCIAL ACTION UPDATE

Men's Shelter

Under the direction of David Thrope and Jonathan Berger, Temple Israel continued its tradition of feeding and donating clothing/amenities to the Men's Shelter just before Thanksgiving and on Christmas Eve.

- For the pre-Thanksgiving Day meal, on the Sunday before Thanksgiving, more than 25 adult and children volunteers prepared a healthy meal, made donated clothing and prepared amenity kits, served the food and distributed the shopping bags. We served about 120 guests that night.
- For Christmas Eve, we served a healthy chicken dinner and distributed donated hand-sewn backpacks which were filled with warm hats, gloves and amenity kits. About 15 volunteers of all ages donated their time to serve dinner and distribute the backpacks. We served over 100 shelter guests.
- On April 14, 2019 we prepared a delicious pasta lunch at the North Tryon Street facility for over 100 men. Eight adult volunteers and five children assisted in the preparation and serving of the meal.

Yom Gemilut Hasadim

OVER 200 people showed up to the 5th Annual Yom Gemilut Hasadim to take part in acts of loving kindness.

Here is a breakdown of the day:

- One beautiful multigenerational minyan!
- Over 200 baked goods made and delivered to four fire houses and two police stations!
- Cookies and cards delivered to 30 Shalom Park and Temple Israel team members!
- 15 units of blood collected for Community Blood Center of the Carolinas, helping 45 individuals!
- One awesome Torah Tots puppet show teaching the importance of kindness, thanks to Ms. Debby!
- More dog and cat toys than we can count!
- 60+ sandwiches made and delivered to Urban Ministry Center, Charlotte!
- 30+ goody bags made and delivered to Ronald McDonald House of Charlotte!
- Over 100 inspirational cards made for Women of Temple Israel (WoTI)'s project: DIGNITY!
- Over 200 postcards written to local representatives, advocating against gun violence (Return Home Supplies)!
- 80+ cards written to ALL the teachers of Huntingtowne Farms Elementary School!

- 120 bags packed for Blessings in a Backpack!
- 1 beautiful banner for Charlotte Freedom School Partners!
- Dozens of cards and challah rolls (made and bagged) for our clergy to bring to seniors!
- Over 20 fleece blankets and sun-catchers made and delivered to Levine Children's!
- Tons of community members with more knowledge about recycling and our impact on the earth thanks to Shalom Green: Shalom Park Environmental Initiative and Republic Services!
- Countless seed bombs and upcycle projects made in honor of Tu B'shvat!
- Over 20 delicious meals baked and packaged, ready for TI congregants in need of some TLC!
- One spotless Ronald McDonald House thanks to Torah on Tap of Temple Israel NC!
- Many happy residents of Waltonwood Cotswold thanks to Temple Israel Religious School - TIRS (Kitah Zayin and family) and Jessica Weill (taught accessible Zumba)!
- Some great volunteer work accomplished for Jewish Family Services of Greater Charlotte!
- Over \$1000 raised for Temple Israel's Social Action Fund thanks to those who gave tzedakah and an anonymous match!

Special thanks to Izzy's Catering and an anonymous donor for providing free food to the masses!

This day would not have been possible without the hard work of multiple members of Temple Israel's staff team, dozens of volunteers and our anonymous donor for providing support, time and funding to make YGH 2019 happen!



Huntingtowne Farms Elementary School

- Nearly 20 congregants are involved in providing support to Huntingtowne Farms Elementary School students and faculty.
- This year a new dimension of assistance has been added. ReadCharlotte tutors, who have taken a three-hour training session, work individually with 3 students for 15 minutes each with the Helping Early Literacy with Practice Strategies (HELPS) Program. This important program is geared to helping third graders pass the critical End of Grade (EOG) tests.
- The Book A-Palooza event, coordinated by Casey Topol, provided 3 free books to all the youngsters. What a delight it was to see the expressions of joy as the students selected their age and reading level appropriate books!.
- Generous donors once more supported the annual 5th grade trip to Washington, D.C. Our nearly \$3,000 contribution was a needed supplement to the \$300 cost per student for the 3-day trip.
- A welcome-back breakfast in August, lunchtime snacks on a teacher work day, plus thank you letters to all the teachers at our Yom Gemilut Hasidim program showed how our congregation appreciates the dedication of the HFES teachers.
- Thank you to Deb Porter and Margaret Musa in providing "snacks in a backpack" to needy HFES students every weekend!

Do you want to gain that satisfaction of doing something important that makes a difference? Sign up to be a volunteer at Huntingtowne Farms Elementary School. Contact Linda Levy levyollie@aol.com or 704-366-6362 for more information.



Anti-Semitism Committee

The Anti-Semitism Committee was established and completed some preliminary tasks to implement our core goals: to inform our co-Congregants about the many manifestations of Anti-Semitism: symbolic, verbal or violent, in order to motivate them and others to stand up to and actively oppose Anti-Semitism in any form. The committee consists of seven people, with two new persons who have expressed an interest in becoming involved.

The Committee will be working with Laurel Grauer at the Jewish Federation of Greater Charlotte to determine how to best disseminate information to the community. This will include links to current information and resources on Anti-Semitism and Anti-Semitic events. Those wishing to become more directly involved in this work can contact David Thrope. One example of committee action to date was sending letters to our State Representative to ask for his vote for a compulsory Holocaust education bill in North Carolina.

We hope to provide events such as seminars, speakers, classes, etc. to educate and motivate as well as provide opportunities to involve a larger part of the community in our mission.

Steven Cohen, co-chair
David Thrope, co-chair





MEN'S CLUB

We have had another successful year of programs and camaraderie at your Men's Club.

- The Men's Club won awards at the JCC Labor Day Barbecue.
- We built and disassembled the synagogue's Sukkah, which included our traditional Scotch and Cigars event.
- Our Hanukkah Dance was record-setting, as was the celebration of the 20th Anniversary World Wide Wrap with parents and children of TIRS.
- Our year concluded with a beautiful Men's Club Shabbat and the participation in the Community Yom HaShoah program with our candles.
- We also had a joint program at Top Golf with Temple Beth El Brotherhood.

Early this summer we will elect a new Board of Directors, which includes some of our younger members, who continue to be involved in creating and contributing to our programs. Our nominee for President is Mark Greenberg, who is enthusiastic about our prospects for this coming year. Please join me in wishing Mark a Yashir Koach and best of success for the coming two years! We wish to thank our Temple staff have been very helpful in coordinating our activities, as we continue to move from strength to strength.

We also wish to thank all our members for your continued interest and support this year. If you are not yet a member, please contact Mark if you would like to get involved, as there is always room for you and your ideas. We strive to create camaraderie among the men of our Congregation of any age, while contributing at the same time to the continued evolution of the Conservative/Masorti movement, building on our pillars of leadership, innovation and community.

Michael Abadi, President

WOMEN OF TEMPLE ISRAEL

Women of Temple Israel (WoTI) is the arm of Temple Israel which was formerly called Sisterhood. We are still a member of Women's League for Conservative Judaism. As such, our mission is enhancing Jewish knowledge, engaging in Jewish life, expanding communal involvement, and supporting klal Yisrael.

- We have attracted many more members. Our events have attracted women of various ages, ranging from 20's to 80's and have fulfilled our goal of engaging many more women in synagogue based life.
- We have subsidized youth programs through our Youth Fund.
- We have helped victims of domestic violence through project Dignity.
- We have helped a Jewish family in Wilmington who had lost everything to Hurricane Florence.
- We have contributed money, as well as hamantaschen, to Jewish Family Services.
- We have accomplished all this while having fun and building friendships.

We would like to remind all Temple Israel members that our Youth Fund depends on individual donations as well as profits from our gift shop, The Rose Room. WoTI asks all TI members to stop by the Rose Room first when looking for gifts or items for your own use.

Shellie Barer



MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Temple Israel has been a vibrant congregation for over 120 years. Since July 1, 2018 Temple Israel has welcomed 34 families into our congregation.

- We continue to be unique among houses of worship of all faiths in that while most congregations are aging, ours remains young—our average age is 43 years!
- Temple Israel has 557 family units comprising 1,534 individuals, ranging in age from just a few days old to 98 years young!

You are what make Temple Israel the vibrant mishpacha it is, and will continue to be, for the generations to come. L'dor v'dor.

Monty Bennett

Welcoming our Newest Members

Randy & Jennifer Abrams
Gerald & Allison Berkowitz
David & Rebecca Burack
Allison Chalecki (Brayden, Kyla)
Abigail Cohen
Jodi Cohen (Rita)
Daniel Dunaief & Janice Reznick (Rebecca, Adam)
Marcelo & Vera Felberg (Daniel)
Amy Fine
Hank & Caryn Finley (Madeline)
Bill & Karen Futtersak
David & Jill Harries
Yale Haymond
Jeffrey & Lorrie Horn (Jonah)
Alan Johnathan & Michelle Rusgo
Cantor Shira Lissek (Reuben Lissek Nerenberg, Maayan Lissek Nerenberg)
Jeffrey & Barbra Marcus (Elizabeth, Noah, Sarah)
Yoni Marx & Sophie Jacobs
Lisa Nagel
Jill Pickett (Quinn, Reid)
Bobby & Jodi Pittenger (Rupert, David, Joshua, Warren, Leah, Hannah, Emma)
Jacklynn Price
Ken & Melissa Prushik (Mikayla, Nicole)
Bruce Robkoff & Karen Hauser
Doug & Jennifer Samson
Derek & Michelle Schumann (Elias, Simon)
Amy Share
Jonathan & Barbara Shraga (Mia, Carly, Rachel, Ava)
Jay & Deanna Silverman (Jarred, Alexa, Joshua, Justin)
Cathy & Meg Slesinger
Steve Thorpe
Erik & Jodi Wind (Abigail)
Mort Wise
Aaron & Lawrence Zucker (Sophie)



Phoebe Lane Kunkes

Celebrating Temple Israel's Youngest Members

Sydney Esther Goldsmith 9/19/2018
Evan Mark DiDonato 10/13/2019
Phoebe Lane Kunkes 11/26/2018
Isadore Francisco Shammai Cooper 12/21/2018
Grey Vernon Rosen 5/11/19

Remembering the Temple Israel Members We Loved

Maxine Moore 12/26/2018
Simon Wojnowich 1/20/2019
Rhoda Gleiberman 2/20/2019
Sonia Luski 2/24/2019
Larry Schaen 4/23/19

Todah Rabah!

Without all the hardworking volunteers of Temple Israel, we would not be able to function as a Kehilla Kadosha, a sacred community. A heartfelt thank you for the faithful dedication of our Thursday Morning and Sunday Morning Minyanaires, Roshei Minyan, Chevra Kadisha, Shomrim, and Greeters. Your work makes our house your home.

Temple Israel Legacy Society

Jewish tradition teaches that one of our key duties is to make the world a better place for future generations. When you create your Jewish Legacy, you reflect what is most important and meaningful to you and help ensure our community's Jewish future will be bright. Will you join the 112 families who have made a legacy gift? It's much easier than you think! If you are interested in joining these Legacy Donors, please contact Monty Bennett in the temple office.

Thank you to the following people who have included Temple Israel in their estate plans:

Anonymous (6)	Keith Greenspon	Jan & Alan Raznick
Ann & Bob Abel	Stan Greenspon	Wendy & Frank Rosen
Teri & Bernie Ackerman	Roz Greenspon	David & Karen Rosenthal & Family
Michele & Harvey Barer	Barbara & Richard Herd	Dan & Toby Ruda
Michael & Meredith Baumstein	Sharon & Steven Hockfield	Mark Sahn (OBM)
Sanford & Lois Benjamin	Linda & Robert Isser	Fern Sanderson
R. Monty Bennett	Susan & Donald Jacobs	Barbara & Gerald Schapiro
Glenda & Brian Bernhardt	Florence Jaffa	Michael Scharf
Nancy & Samuel Bernstein	Janet (OBM) & Sol (OBM) Jaffa	Elaine & Marty Schefflin
Lillian & Irving Bienstock	Dana & Andrew Kapustin	Dorothy (OBM) & Albert (OBM) Segal
Karen Knoble & Barry Bobrow	Nancy & Bob Kipnis	Melvin Segal
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Bunny Bramson	Lorrie & Barry Klemons	Ruth Silverman
Justin & Diana Bregman	Sheila (OBM) & Lee Kritzer	Gary & Maxine (OBM) Silverstein
Barry Brodsky	Dale Lederer	Lori & Eric Sklut
Doris (OBM) Cagle	Gloria & Harry Lerner	Leonard (OBM) & Ann (OBM) Slesinger
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Albert & Phyllis Garten	Linda & Sam Levy	Eleanor & Morton (OBM) Turk
Aaron (OBM) & Rhoda Gleiberman (OBM)	Adina & Josh Loewensteiner	Amy & Ross Udoff
Ruth & Alan Goldberg	Rose (OBM) & Abe (OBM) Luski	Debra & David Van Glish
Mark & Linda Goldsmith	Audrey Madans	Judie & Michael Van Glish
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Rebecca & Scott Goodman, MD	Debora & Ed Pizer	
Patty (OBM) & Bill Gorelick	Baila & John (OBM) Pransky	

This list is not all inclusive. We know there are members who have included Temple Israel in their estate plans but have chosen not to make their plans public at this time. We thank them as well!



Create Your Jewish Legacy is an initiative of the Foundation for the Charlotte Jewish Community (FCJC) to build a strong, vibrant community with bequests for permanent endowments. It promotes the message that all of us, regardless of age, wealth, or affiliation, have the ability to make a difference for future Jewish generations.

Our Legacy Shabbat is a special service to honor the individuals and families who have created a legacy gift and named Temple Israel as a beneficiary. These individuals are honored in the Book of Life Society with other members of our Jewish community for their gifts to support the future.

BIOGRAPHIES OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES OFFICER AND MEMBER NOMINEES

David Rosenthal - President

I have served our congregation in various positions and capacities since 2004: President, 1st Vice President; Treasurer; Chair, Finance Committee; 120th Anniversary Renovation Committee; Strategic Planning Task Force; Ritual Committee; Men's Club; Masorti/Conservative Judaism Task Force; and numerous other committees/task forces. I previously chaired our Yom Gemilut Hasadim event; serve on a committee exploring the development of a senior living community on our property; and since 2015, oversee the management of our single-family residence portfolio. I also served as Temple Israel's representative on the Foundation for the Charlotte Jewish Community (FCJC) Board. In the greater Charlotte community, I am involved in conversations formulating solutions to Charlotte's affordable housing and socio-economic challenges; serve on Urban Land Institute's Membership Committee; advocate for the Charlotte Entrepreneur Think Tank; and, volunteer for the Excel2Fitness program. In the past, I have served in various capacities with the Providence Senior High School Band Boosters Club, including its President. I am also an active alumnus of Kenyon College serving in many roles over the last 32+ years.

I am passionate about and dedicated to: progressing our congregation's vision and mission as an exemplary Conservative Jewish congregation in North America; educating our community across generations; objectivity, keeping our community's best interest in mind; moving the Jewish paradigm from one of surviving and succumbing to the conclusions of the 2013 Pew(wee) Study, to one celebrating and embracing our heritage, values and legacy, one of the longest enduring civilizations rooted in ethical monotheism and known to humankind; applying our collective knowledge, skillsets and vast experiences to assuring Temple Israel's legacy for future generations of Conservative Jews in Charlotte; and, creating connectivity amongst our congregants, the Charlotte Jewish community, the Greater Charlotte community and the world. In short moving the Conservative Jewish paradigm from one of surviving and scarcity to one of thriving and abundance.

I look forward to coming together, celebrating our many blessings, evolving and daring together!

Teresa Brenner - 1st Vice President

I currently am the Treasurer of the Temple Israel Board of Trustees, serving under David Rosenthal. As President of the Women of Temple Israel, I sat on the temple Board while Barry Bobrow was President. I twice chaired the Nominating Committee of Board of Trustees where I successfully completed slates of officers and trustees and revised the process, with an ad hoc committee, for our Annual Meeting. As President of the Women of Temple Israel, I successfully increased membership over 100%, increased programming and participation, so that we received the Emerald Award from Women's League (I was personally awarded the Light of Torah Award). While on the Women of Temple Israel board, I was the Social Action Chair, Torah Fund Chair, and the Sisterhood Shabbat Chair.

In the Charlotte community, I have served as:

- Board Member, Jewish Family Services
- Chairperson, Vice Chair, Board Member, Right Moves for Youth, a partnership with CMS to help middle school and high school students become successful in school and life
- Chairperson, Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, Director, Corporate Counsel Section, NC Bar Association
- Chairperson, Board Member, Founding Board Member, Citizen Lawyers Committee, NC Bar Association
- Board Member, Secretary, Association of Corporate Counsel (Greater Charlotte Chapter)
- Chairperson, Banking Law Committee, Business Law Section, NC Bar Association
- Chairperson, Law Firm Division, United Way (Charlotte)
- Founding Member, Parent Diversity Council, Charlotte Country Day School
- Founding Board Member, NC LEAP, a pro bono initiative for corporate lawyers (now a part of NCBA)
- Founding Board Member, Hispanic/Latino Outreach Task Force, an alliance for pro bono legal services among Bank of America, Legal Services of the Southern Piedmont and Moore and Van Allen

I want to be the 1st Vice President because it would be an honor and a privilege to do so. I have been a member of Temple Israel my entire Jewish life, which started 28 years ago when I was 27. We have celebrated many "life cycle" events at Temple Israel with our synagogue family---our wedding, a baby naming, a bris, B'nai Mitzvah, and confirmation. Our children attended CJP, TIRS, Hebrew High, and Camp Mindy. It is my obligation to be of service to Temple Israel, which has given so much to my family, to help insure that Temple Israel will survive and prosper for the current and future generations of Jewish families in our greater Charlotte community.

Stephanie Meadow - 2nd Vice President

I have led an active life in the Conservative Movement. Prior to moving to Charlotte in 2018 from Central Connecticut, I was an involved leader at Congregation Adath Israel in Middletown, CT, completing a successful term as Co-President. I also served on the Ritual and Education committees, as well as Chair of the Personnel Committee. I was responsible for helping design and maintain content on CAI's website and continues to publish the weekly digital newsletter. Being heavily involved with fundraising activities, such as running the gift shop and our Scrip program, I was also involved with programming, helping plan and run multiple events including our Community Seders. I also helped plan honors for the High Holidays and was a greeter for High Holiday services.

I worked at Camp Ramah in New England for 14 years in multiple roles, including Rosh Sport and Rosh Outdoor Adventure, Dining Hall Manager (two summers), and I continue to serve on the Site Planning committee. I previously worked at Solomon Schechter in West Hartford (Pre-school teacher, 2nd grade math teacher, office) and as Office Manager for JT Connect - the Community Hebrew High program of Greater Hartford (two years).

I look forward to serving on the Board and getting involved where needed in the Charlotte Jewish Community and Temple Israel.

Adina Loewensteiner - Secretary

I currently serve as the Presidential-appointed Interim Temple Israel Board Secretary, and am on the Torah Tots Committee, WOTI Nosh, Cook, and Kibbitz planning committee, and Co-Chair of WOTI Shabbat. I formerly chaired the Young Couples Club where I helped it transition to a Young Adult Group (Torah on Tap).

In the Charlotte Jewish community, I chair the CJP Sunshine Committee (part of the PTO), am a Graduate of then Bernstein Leadership Group where I also Co-Chaired it the following year.

I am excited to continue working in a leadership role at Temple Israel. I am looking forward to learning more about Temple Israel's needs and our congregants needs, and helping these needs be met. Temple Israel has been my synagogue since 2005, and I look forward to many, many more years here at TI, including a future bar and bat mitzvah of my now preschool age children (k'ninah hurrah poo, poo, poo).

Nikki Sacks - Treasurer

I have been on various committees at Charlotte Jewish Preschool when my children were there. This includes serving as Treasurer of the CJP PTO. Being a part of an engaged and vibrant Jewish community is incredibly important to me. I grew up with that, having gone to a Jewish Day School. I traveled to Israel many times, including a semester there in college, and was very involved in a Jewish youth group. I want my family, and especially my children, to feel a connection to a synagogue as a place that they want to go to regularly, where we feel we are a part of a community, have friends, and can get knowledge and inspiration. I want to do what I can to help ensure that this community exists and is thriving, not only for my family but for the benefit of the broader community. We have been a part of Temple Israel for about five years, and I am encouraged by the direction it is going and want to become more involved and contribute more.

Specific to the role of treasurer, I have an MBA from Duke and work in a finance-related field, and I am very comfortable analyzing financial statements.

Thomas "Tom" Bock - Board Member

I am currently serving on the Temple Israel Board and the Rabbi Search Committee and have been on the Finance Committee for several years. I was also on the CJP Board and Finance Committee for three years.

I would like to continue on the Temple Israel Board because we all have a duty to serve, to make our community better and stronger for our children and for us. I am a finance professional and am aim to provide depth to the Board in that area.

Eric Cohen - Board Member

I served as a Board member of Torah on Tap (2015-2016) and as Torah on Tap President (2017-2018). As Torah on Tap President, I worked with the Board of Trustees to institute a new membership structure for young professionals to help foster new membership and helped grow Torah on Tap to be a well-known and respected organization within the Temple Israel Community

I want to give the young professional community a voice in the greater Temple Israel community. Through my years as president of Torah on Tap I have learned the needs and wants of our community. With this knowledge I hope to provide a fresh perspective to the board on how to better engage my demographic and strengthen the Temple Israel community as a whole.

Josh Feldman - Board Member

At Temple Israel, I have served on the Torah on Tap leadership board for two years. I want to serve on the Temple Israel Board because I feel the synagogue is the center of local Jewish life in the diaspora, and I hope to continue to grow our community while showcasing the value and importance of being a part of Temple Israel for Charlotte Jews.

Stephen Moore - Board Member

I am completing a one-year term on the Temple Israel Board, am actively involved with the Temple Israel Men's Club and serve on their Board of Directors.

I want to continue as a Temple Israel Board member because Conservative Judaism, and the congregation in which I grew up, has provided me an education, a comprehensive set of core values and moral direction, and a sense of belonging—no matter what synagogue I walk into or what services I attend. Service on Temple Israel's Board of Trustees this past year has afforded me an opportunity to give back to my community, to participate actively in the Jewish experience, and to help guide our Temple Israel through great and positive transition. Additional years on the Board of Trustees will allow me to continue giving back to our community while getting more involved in committee assignments and leadership roles.

Amy Udoff - Board Member

I am currently serving as the Senior Rabbi Search Co-Chair. It is a lot of exciting work! I have been speaking to all candidates, setting up interviews, and helping to arrange a schedule for Candidate visits to Temple Israel. I have worked with Rabbi Kornsgold, and Ariel DiDonato to increase attendance at Torah Tots and plan preschool activities. I have been communicating with different families at the Charlotte Jewish Preschool in hopes of their family joining Temple Israel.

I am a Charlotte native who grew up at Temple Israel and enjoyed all the programs this Temple has to offer. I was the President of Kadima in the early 90's! In the Charlotte community, I have served in the following positions:

- City Director for BBYO in Charlotte
- Bernstein Leadership Group- Charlotte Jewish Federation
- "YAD" (Young Adult Division) Committee Chair of Charlotte Jewish Federation
- Charlotte Jewish Preschool Open House Committee
- PJ Library Committee for Charlotte Jewish Federation
- Charlotte Jewish Preschool PTO Vice President

I am excited to serve on the Temple Israel Board! Temple Israel is so special to me. My Great- Grandfather, Harry Roth, was one of the founding members of Hebrew United Brotherhood, which became Temple Israel. My Great-Grandparents were one of the first documented Jewish weddings in Charlotte. On their 50th wedding anniversary, Temple Israel presented them with a wine glass that I used at my wedding under the chuppah at Temple Israel. My mother had her Bat Mitzvah at Temple Israel, my parents were married there and were the first presidents of the Temple Israel Young Couples club! I was born in Charlotte and had my baby naming at the Temple! I received (& continue) my Jewish Studies at Temple Israel with attendance at Hebrew School, Junior Congregation, and Sunday school. I had my Bat Mitzvah with Rabbi Ezring and Cantor Roochvarg, and later was Confirmed and attended Hebrew High School.

I returned to Temple Israel with my now, husband, Ross, and Rabbi Ezring and Cantor Roochvarg created a beautiful wedding ceremony on the bema of Temple Israel. My daughter, Olivia (2), had her baby naming and my son, Jacob (1) had his bris at Temple Israel with Rabbi Ezring and Cantor Roochvarg, officiating. We are so proud to call Temple Israel our synagogue home.

Temple Israel Annual Meeting

June 3, 2018 • Mindy Ellen Levine Chapel, Temple Israel

1. Meeting CALLED TO ORDER – R. Weiner

The meeting was called to order at 10:53 a.m. by Ron Weiner, President. Ron welcomed everyone and expressed appreciation for the time he has served as President.

2. D'var Torah – Rabbi Ezring

Ron asked that he be allowed to reorder the agenda to proceed with the nomination and election of officers at this point in the meeting. Steve Cohen moved with a 2nd from Audrey Madans. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Nomination and Election of Officers and Members of the Board of Trustees – R. Weiner

Ron Weiner, Chair of the Nominating Committee thanked the members of the committee for their service. After the confirmation of a quorum, Ron presented the slate of Officers (1-year-term) and individuals who have been nominated to serve as Trustees for a 2-year term:

David Rosenthal	President
Marc Titlebaum	1st Vice-President
Steven Cohen	2nd Vice-President
Teresa Brenner	Treasurer
Ruben Sidranski	Secretary

Board of Trustees (two-year term)

Brian Ablitz
Melanie Brown
Justin Levine
Jessica Weill

Ron asked for any additional nominations from the floor. Hearing none, Ron asked for a motion to accept the slate by acclimation. Bunny Bramson moved with a 2nd from Hilary Rosenbaum. The motion was approved by an overwhelming majority of those in attendance. One opposition vote was registered by Lloyd Scher.

4. Reading of the Minutes from the Previous Annual Meeting – R. Sidranski

Newly elected Secretary, Ruben Sidranski was called upon to read the minutes of the 2017 meeting. Ruben referred those in attendance to the handout that was distributed upon entering the chapel and asked for a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes. Steven Cohen moved with a 2nd by Harvey Barer that we approve the minutes without reading them. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Treasurer's Report – D. Rosenthal

David took a moment to thank Graig Harr for this service as Treasurer for the last two years as well as the members of the Finance Committee including Justin Bregman, Richard Freiberg, Hilary Rosenbaum, and Eric Wisotsky. He also gave a special thank you to Glenda Bernhardt and Barbara Paterek.

David then referred the congregants to the pie charts that were distributed as a handout and show a comparison of the 2017-2018 budget to the 2018-2019 budget. The budget approved by the Board of Trustees for 2018-2019 is balanced, thanks to ambitious assumptions related to income sources as well as the use of both a typical endowment draw and a supplemental draw, based on budgeted but unused endowment funds from the last two years.

Lloyd Scher posed specific questions about the budget, including why a breakdown of individual salary information was not distributed to the congregation, and David stated that this practice is not appropriate for this forum. However, he offered to make himself available to anyone who is interested in a more detailed overview of the budget.

6. Report of the Professionals – G. Bernhardt

Glenda shared several highlights from 2017-2018 and presented a slide show with photos of various events throughout the year, before and after photos from the 120th renovation, Temple Israel Religious School children and the activities of several Temple Israel auxiliary groups and committees. Glenda said that both the slide show and the 2018 Annual Report will be placed on the website.

7. President's Report – R. Weiner

Ron thanked everyone for the honor and privilege of serving as President of Temple Israel. He shared that Judaism is the most important value in his life and Temple Israel is the most important Jewish institution to him and his family. He stated that the temple is in good shape both financially and in terms of staff and lay leadership. He shared that based on what he has seen and learned during his term as President, the future of Conservative Judaism is bright and offers relevance to the issues we face today.

Ron said that he was proud to have been a part of the group that selected and hired Cantor Shira Lissek as our next Cantor and he is excited about the future. Ron reminded everyone present that Temple Israel's success is due to the commitment of all those who love it and its continued success will depend on the efforts of many.

Ron thanked and recognized those rolling off the Board: Barry Bobrow, Peggy Gartner, Neal Golub, Graig Harr, Gary Michel, Lynne Sheffer, David Thrope and Debby Weiss.

8. Reports of Committee Chairs and Affiliated Temple Organizations – G. Bernhardt

Glenda Bernhardt shared a few highlights from the temple's auxiliary organizations and committees from the past year and thanked the leaders of these groups. She stated that additional information and pictures describing the activities of the past year would be included in the Annual Report that will be emailed to the congregation and posted on the Temple Israel website in the coming week. Glenda also thanked Margi Goldstein for nearly two decades of service to the High Holy Day Seating Committee.

9. Old Business – R. Weiner

Bunny Bramson asked if there were any updates related to the senior living project that was discussed at last year's Annual Meeting and Barry Bobrow provided an update on the project. Barry stated that the project is still moving forward, and conversations continue with other Jewish organizations on Shalom Park and Aldersgate regarding a potential Jewish senior community on the land owned by Temple Israel. Barry shared that there should be a final decision regarding how to proceed by the end of the calendar year.

10. New Business – R. Weiner

Lloyd Scher asked the Board to look into how to make the back row of the Morris & Sylvia Speizman Sanctuary more accessible to those with physical disabilities. He stated that he has brought this issue up in the past and he hopes this will soon be addressed.

Ron then called upon David Rosenthal, newly elected President of Temple Israel to make a few remarks. David shared his vision and plans for his term as Board President. He stated that under his leadership, the Board of Trustees will be focused on the following priorities and initiatives:

- Continuing to invest in our professionals, both clergy and staff, including the successful transition and integration of Cantor Shira Lissek into our congregational family and home, and hiring a new Senior Rabbi.
- Evolving into a more nimble, agile kehillah through a holistic, intentional and deliberate revision of Temple Israel's By-Laws, and impactful governance.
- Implementation of a leadership development program based on the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism's Sulam for Current Leaders curriculum.
- Continuing to invest in and improve our physical surroundings.
- Growing our congregational family and moving to a sustainable financial model, a thriving, flourishing Jewish community.

Having no further business to be brought before the congregation, the meeting was adjourned at 12:04 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Ruben Sidranski, Secretary







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