Temple Israel Installs Rabbi Noam Raucher
April 20-21, 2012

Temple Israel welcomed Rabbi Noam Raucher this past July as the Assistant Rabbi. Since joining the TI Clergy Staff, he has been very active facilitating Java & Jeans, Torah on Tap, Kavanah Services, Torah Tots, Tuesdays with Torah and Conversion Classes. He has been providing pastoral care and helping to build and develop synagogue leadership. He teaches our 8th, 9th and 10th graders at Hebrew High along with being a resource for our youth and USYers.

Join us for the installation of Rabbi Raucher during the weekend of April 20. Our guest Scholar-in-Residence, Rabbi Deborah Silver will be giving a sermon and performing Rabbi Raucher’s installation on Saturday morning. She will be speaking on the following three topics: Creating The World, Standing at Sinai, and Experiencing Wholeness.

Rabbi Deborah Silver was ordained at the Ziegler School of Rabbinic Studies, Los Angeles, in 2010. She holds an M.A. in Hebrew Studies from the University of Cambridge and a further M.A. in Literary Translation from the University of Essex, both in England. Prior to the rabbinate, she co-edited the Oxford English/Hebrew Dictionary of Current Usage: she then qualified as an attorney, working first as a litigator with Mishcon de Reya in London and then as Assistant Professor at BPP Law School. She is a published translator, as well as the co-editor, with Rabbi Bradley Shavit Artson, of the Walking With... series published by the Ziegler School. The challenges of prayer, its subtleties and its transformative potential continue to fascinate her as she serves as the Assistant Rabbi at Adat Ari El, Valley Village, California.

Installation Weekend Event Schedule

Thursday, April 5
Search for Hametz After Sundown

Friday, April 6
Siyum Bekhorim (Fast of First Born)
7:30am Minyan, Study & Breakfast
Last Chance to Sell Hametz, 9:00am
Bi’ur (Burning) Hametz, 9:30am
Candle Lighting, 7:31pm
No Evening Minyan--First Seder

Saturday, April 7
1st Day Pesach
Pesach Morning Services, 9:30am
Pesach Evening Services, 7:30pm
Second Seder, 7:45pm

Temple Israel Community Passover Seder
(By Reservation only)

Sunday, April 8
2nd Day Pesach
Pesach Morning Services, 9:30am
Minyan, 7:30pm

Monday, April 9
Hol Ha’Mo-ed Pesach
Minyan, 7:30am
Minyan, 7:30pm

Tuesday, April 10
Hol Ha’Mo-ed Pesach
Minyan, 7:30pm

Wednesday, April 11
Hol Ha’Mo-ed Pesach
Minyan, 7:30pm

Thursday, April 12
Hol Ha’Mo-ed Pesach
Minyan, 7:30am
Pesach Evening Service, 6:15pm
Candle Lighting, 7:36pm

Friday, April 13
7th Day Pesach
Morning Services, 9:30am
Shabbat Services, 6:15pm
Candle Lighting, 7:37pm

Saturday, April 14
8th Day Pesach
Pesach Morning Services, 9:30am
Yizkor (Approx.) 11:00am
Minyan, 7:30pm
HOSPITAL VISITS & SICK INFORMATION

HIPAA policies affect the hospitals release of patient lists and information.

Please remember, our clergy or any of the office staff cannot access information on our congregants who may be in the hospital. The hospitals are NO LONGER able to call us if you or a family member is a patient.

Because of this, it is more important than ever that you contact the Rabbi’s office directly when a family member is hospitalized.

Please also remember that office staff may no longer share information regarding the health of congregants with other congregants.

If you wish for updates on a congregant, please call their family. We are sorry for this inconvenience, but due to security and HIPAA, we must adhere to this policy. Thank you for your help, understanding and cooperation.
Rabbi Ezring’s Column

Sefardi Jews begin the Seder with creative traditions to remind us of the joy of the Divine redemption from slavery. As they read “this is the bread of poverty that our ancestors ate in Egypt… their children, carrying large bags, representing the heavy labor of slavery, march around the table. As they do so, their parents act like they are whipping their “slaves” with green scallions. In another country, they run out of the house quickly while calling out, “so our ancestors left Egypt in a hurry.” Always, the story is the same. We must preserve our freedom while working to secure the freedom of all.

Passover has always been my favorite holiday. As I was growing up, I was intrigued with the American historical experience, especially the battles our forbearers fought to secure our freedom. I always believe that America is the distant echo of the Israelite flight for freedom and the wilderness struggles through which we learned what that freedom meant. For centuries our ancestors labored in ancient Israel to establish a nation that was different from all others that preceded it and coexisted with it. The great judges Ehud, Devorah, Samson, and Yiftach, and the nearly mythical kings Saul, David and Solomon were the giants of my imagination. Who could compare to them?

I believe that the American Dream is a parallel to the Passover Story and the history of Israel. Our Founding Fathers guided us along the path they believed led to a new utopian democratic reality. George Washington, Thomas Jefferson and John Adams, stood shoulder to shoulder with the great visionaries of the Bible. Our pathfinders blazed a road to the future through the forested mountains of the Appalachian Mountains and the Great Smokies. Men like Daniel Boone, Davy Crockett, Andrew Jackson, and even the unbelievably complicated Jean LaFitte fought to maintain our nation’s freedom from Britain and Mexico.

Sam Houston, Abe Lincoln, and Teddy Roosevelt guided us to our perceived manifest destiny, filling this continent from ocean to ocean with a brave experimental march to understand freedom. They paralleled the great prophet Elijah and our heroic Rabbis Elazar ben Azariah, Akiba, Hillel, and Tarfon. Our belief that every human being is made B’tzelem Elohim, in the image of God and our celebration of Passover continues our Jewish search for ways to guarantee liberty and justice for all, American morality strives to ensure that all men are “endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

This year’s election campaigns have opened up the doors of religious bullying of those who disagree with the teachings of fundamentalist religious tradition. Here in North Carolina, the attempt to legislate bigotry and enslave a minority population is highlighted by the attempt to pass Amendment One. If we really believe that we should protect the rights of all people to live in a free and open society; if we truly believe in the dictum that we are all made in the image of God; if we believe that America is an experiment in freedom; and if we as Jews believe that our religious tradition demands “Never Again,” how can we allow ourselves or anyone to suffer the hatred of bigotry and prejudice that seeks to strip them of their right to the pursuit of happiness? We must understand that the lessons of Passover and the Great American Experiment demand that Amendment One be voted down. As long as one group of people is denied freedom, none of us is truly free.

Now is the time to stand up and be heroic. Now is the time for each of us to accept the mantle of courage that was worn by prophets and great kings, by Rabbis of Israel, and the Founding Fathers of the United States. Now is the time to vote not by conscience, but by the heartfelt knowledge that in this land of the free, the rights of all citizens must be secure. Join me by helping to ensure the right to happiness and recognition of loving relationships. Vote “NO” on Amendment One.

TI Honors Rabbi Murray Ezring

On the weekend of May 25 and 26, 2012, we will be having a special Shabbat to thank Rabbi Ezring for his leadership and dedication to Temple Israel and its congregants for the past 18 years. The weekend will include a fabulous Shabbat dinner at Temple following Friday Evening services as well as a Kiddush Luncheon following services on Saturday.

To further honor Rabbi Ezring, we have asked several religious leaders in the Charlotte community who have worked with him to speak to our congregation.
Just What Happened at the USY Convention in Chattanooga?
By: Reuven Green
Senior TI Youth Advisor

On a very early Friday morning last month, amid threats of storms and tornadoes, and the reality of a seven hour drive, a van loaded with six USY members, two Youth Advisors, and about a ton of snacks, backpacks, and luggage drove out of the Temple’s parking lot bound for the latest USY Ein Gedi Sub Regional convention in Chattanooga. Among the group were two “seasoned” USY members that had attended many conventions before and four for whom it was their first. The enthusiasm was high and the anticipation about the weekend was great. As the newer members started to get to know the long term members better, the older ones described what the convention was going to be like, who was going to be there, what type of activities we were going to do, guarantees of how much fun this was going to be, and how to get the most out of the experience. Every word of it proved to be true!

After the long drive and several practical jokes, (played primarily on the Senior Youth Advisor), we arrived at our destination. The first person to greet us was none other than our old and dear friend, Jason Cathcart!

He and his congregation were our hosts for the weekend. After a brief reunion with Jason and his family, we got down to business! To put it mildly, the atmosphere was incredible for all of us from the very beginning. There were more than 100 USYers, many advisors and organizers and members of the host congregation there. The interaction among all present was a rare thing to see. Several generations talking and eating Shabbat dinner together and singing zemirot was fantastic!

The weekend included Shabbat services led entirely by the kids, mixers for them to make new friends, art competitions, social action projects, and lots and lots of singing and hanging out with each other.

There were also two sichot (classes/discussions) over Shabbat. In one of these, Israel and the issues and problems it faces was the featured topic. The kids explored this from their own unique perspectives and began to have a stronger understanding of what our cousins there have to deal with on a daily basis. The discussions were frank and not always what you might expect, showing time and time again how thoughtful and insightful our perspectives and advisors and organizers and members of the host congregation there. The interaction among all present was a rare thing to see. Several generations talking and eating Shabbat dinner together and singing zemirot was fantastic!

The other sicha featured the topic of Jewish identity in the Diaspora and its relation to the land of Israel. We discussed the development of the Law of Return and how it affected us in North America. Again, our kids encountered many different ideas and opinions from each other that made them feel more connected to the Jewish people and homeland.

Then after more food, schmoozing, singing, and a couple of hours of free time, it was time to end Shabbat. Most of us in the community have experienced Havdallah with different tunes and customs, but nothing can quite compare to more than 100 teenagers doing it at the top of their lungs! It is always one of the highlights of the weekend as they sing and dance around with their own unique tunes and blend of each chapter’s customs. The pride and commitment that our kids put into these convention activities is quite amazing!

Following Havdallah, one of the other great traditions of any USY “subs” convention occurs, the DANCE. Again, as you can imagine, the decibel level is high, and the kids have a great time and usually dress according to a set theme. This one was the 80’s and 90’s, it was hilarious to see what some of our USYers thought we dressed like back then!

Sunday morning brought one of the more emotional moments of the weekend, as the outgoing Sub Regional Board gave their departing remarks. Several of these USYers are going to college next year and it was an emotional farewell for them. Their speeches were filled with tears and positive advice for those staying behind and the future of USY. Even the adults were moved.

As the convention neared its close, it was time for two other traditions in our region’s chapters, namely, the collection of tzedakah, and the “slinky” competitions. For the uninitiated, these are not exactly what you may assume! The way tzedakah is collected is not just passing the pushke around, no, nothing like that. During the morning, any personal belonging that is left around, such as your jacket, tallit, name tag, etc. is fair game to be picked up and used to collect “TKO” (tikkun olam) money. If you are not careful, your favorite coat may be held for ransom to collect some tzedakah! They raised several hundred dollars that morning! The “slinky” competition has nothing to do with the toy. It is actually the name for the skits that each attending chapter writes and performs. Some of these are very funny, and some are a bit unusual, but all of them are creative and fun. A prize is awarded for the most original.

After long goodbyes and hopes to see each other at the next convention in Orlando, we piled back in the van for the long drive back to Charlotte, exhausted but energized and eager for the next one!

Please Note: Reuven Green's new contact number is 704-944-6816
Thank you to our Religious School Advisory Committee chaired by Beth Listhaus. Tara Hubara is the newly appointed PTO chair person.

Other members include Jordan Forsythe, Malka MeZahav, Stacy Baum, Stacy Mond, Lori Rosenthal and Deborah Leighton. Lisa Nagel is the teacher representative.

This group helps to support the efforts of our Director Stephanie Alfieri in providing an outstanding Jewish education to the children in our religious school.
President’s Column

To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under heaven.

Ecclesiastes 3:1

Between Passover and Shavuot we will celebrate our dedicated and caring clergy team. We are indeed fortunate to have such a dedicated and talented team.

Our Assistant Rabbi Noam Raucher, who joined us last July following his ordination from the Ziegler School of Rabbinic Studies in Los Angeles, will be formally installed during the weekend of April 20-21. His friend and colleague, Rabbi Deborah Silver, will be our Scholar-in-Residence that weekend. She is a brilliant and engaging speaker and we encourage you to take advantage of each opportunity to hear her. Rabbi Silver will speak at Shabbat Dinner on Friday, April 20 and will be delivering the sermon and performing Rabbi Raucher’s installation on Saturday morning, April 21. Along with Pastoral care, Rabbi Raucher has been facilitating our Java & Jeans and our Kavanah alternative Shabbat Services, Torah on Tap, TorahTots, Tuesdays with Torah, and our Conversion Classes. He also teaches our 8th, 9th and 10th graders at Hebrew High along with being a resource for our youth and USYers.

On May 25 and 26 we will be honoring Rabbi Murray Ezring for 18 years (and counting) of dedicated service to Temple Israel. Since becoming the spiritual leader of Temple Israel in the Summer of 1994, Rabbi Ezring has inspired and assisted countless individuals and families on their spiritual journeys and with life cycle events through personal conversations, counseling and support. Rabbi Ezring is respected and admired for his energy and enthusiasm and his exceptional dedication to our congregation. He constantly inspires and motivates us with his insights and spirituality. He continues to find new ways to engage and motivate. Rabbi Ezring is widely respected in the Charlotte community and is also a sought after mentor within the Conservative/Masorti movement.

While we won’t have a special occasion to honor Cantor Elias Roochvarg at this time (since he joined us 17 years ago), he honors us with his continued devotion and dedication. It’s hard to imagine that any other Cantor has as large a cadre of willing Torah and Haftorah readers whom he has trained and regularly calls on to chant Torah and Haftorah. Cantor Roochvarg’s devotion to pastoral care, to teaching adult education classes, and to preparing B’nai Mitzvah students is exemplary. And for a taste of his sense of humor, the following quote from the introduction to his book, Well-Versed in Scripture:

“The Torah is read publicly, each week a certain section In synagogues throughout the world, of every complexion. But when you get past the stories of Genesis and Exodus, The reading gets more difficult because of how complex it is!”

Temple Israel is indeed fortunate to have such a dedicated and caring clergy team available to assist each of us on our spiritual journey through personal conversations, classes, counseling and support.

B’Shalom,
Stuart Breidbart

Cantor’s Column

By: Cantor Elias Roochvarg

A FASCINATING EXHIBIT

A few weeks ago I attended a fascinating “Museum of the Bible” exhibit at Gordon-Conwell, one of several theological seminaries in Charlotte. There is a millionaire named Steve Green, who has assembled, in less than three years, the world’s largest private collection of biblical texts and artifacts.

A very small portion of the “Green Collection” was on view in this traveling exhibit. It included about a dozen historic Torah scrolls. Some of these were from the 13th Century, which means that they were old enough to have survived not only the Holocaust, but the Inquisition (14th Century)! If they could talk, what a story they would have to tell! Though most of the parchments were the same color as our Torah scrolls, others were reddish-orange. They were not all from Europe: One was from Yemen and one from North Africa. There was also an authentic fragment from the Dead Sea Scrolls, as well as facsimiles of other fragments. There were several artifacts of the Holocaust, i.e., swaths of scrolls that had been (ab)used to make wallpaper, slippers, and a knapsack.

There were also sacred papyri, from the post-biblical period, containing excerpts from Hebrew and Christian scripture. Lastly, the most recent items were illuminated manuscripts from medieval times, and Bibles from the 16th and early 17th Centuries, the most recent being from 1611--401 years ago! A larger number of artifacts from the Green Collection are on view through mid-May in Atlanta, near the Perimeter Mall. For more information visit www.explorepassages.com.

It was very exciting to be in close proximity to so many artifacts from our history….right here in Charlotte, NC!
Mazel Tov to our B’not Mitzvah

Carly Lerner, daughter of Alison & Mark Lerner, will become a Bat Mitzvah on April 28, 2012. She is the granddaughter of Michelle & Barry Goodman, Lynn & Paul Edelstein and the late Sam Lerner. She is the great granddaughter of the late Helga & Hugo Rosenberger.

Carly is a 6th grader at Charlotte Country Day School and has one brother, Sean, 14.

She enjoys spending time with friends and playing field hockey. Carly graduated from the Charlotte Jewish Day School and attended camp Ramah for the past five years.

Talia Weinstein, daughter of Amy and Leonard Weinstein, will become a Bat Mitzvah on April 28, 2012. She is in 7th grade and attends Mint Hill Middle School and is in their honors program. She has one brother, Benjamin, 15, and a sister, Samantha, 9. Her grandparents are the late Toby and Marvin Halperin, Marsha Weinstein of Tamarac, Florida and the late Karl Weinstein.

Her interests include Girl Scouts and dancing, especially Tap and Jazz. She is a member of Kadima and on the Kadima Leadership Board, attends TIRS, went to Camp Mindy and is working on her Bat Mitzvah project with the MS Society in the beloved memory of her name sake and maternal grandmother: Toby Halperin.

TI Alternative Services

Java & Jeans
April 7, 2012 at 10:00am
Java and Jeans is an alternative Shabbat morning service that includes: learning and experimenting with Jewish prayer, and a lively and meaningful Torah discussion. Join us for everything you wanted to know about Jewish prayer but were afraid to ask. If you’ve ever felt like you wanted a deeper meaning behind the prayers, or if you are just looking for something different from the main sanctuary service then join us. Wear your jeans, come as you are, and drink some coffee. This service is facilitated by Rabbi Noam Raucher.

Kavanah
April 28, at 10:00am
The Kavanah service is an experience in focused Jewish prayer, which combines tradition, meditation and the rhythm of Jewish prayer. Anyone searching for a sense of the spiritual in Jewish prayer is welcome. Be prepared not only to experience the beauty of Jewish prayer but also the wonder and stimulation of open and honest discussion. Facilitated by Rabbi Noam Raucher.

Save the Date!
Rock HaShabbat Contemporary Services
Friday, April 20, 2012
7:45pm

Join us for a Multi-Generational Contemporary Service welcoming Shabbat featuring the TI Band and singers. Shabbat Services will begin at 5:30pm and Shabbat Dinner will begin at 6:00pm.

Pictured back row left to right: Peter Levinson, Stacy Schuler, Nancy Good, Monty Bennett, Jill Levinson Front row left to right: Gil Ezring and Josh Good
For more information, please call 704-362-2796.

Photo courtesy of Alan Goldberg

Temple Israel Reminders

Shabbat Babysitting
Sponsored by Sisterhood
Saturday mornings at 9:30am and is located in the Board Room. Babysitting is for children aged 1-4.

Minyan Notice
Your attendance is needed to help others say Kaddish. Minyan is held at Temple Israel Monday-Thursday at 7:30pm, Saturday at 5:30pm and Sunday at 5:30pm; also Thursday at 7:30am and Sunday at 9:00am.
Our Condolences to:

Deaths

Lloyd Scher on the passing of Harold Polakov, uncle on March 5, 2012. Services were held in Buffalo, NY.

Mazel Tov to:

Wendy and Jeff Kornegay joyfully announce the birth of their twin grandchildren, Benjamin Joseph and Ellie Cate on February 25, 2012. The proud parents are Jason and Jill Kaplan and big brother, Jake, of Sandy Springs, GA. The proud great grandmother is Barbara Sklut of Charlotte.

Jessica & Scott Riley welcomed a baby boy, Owen William, into their family on March 14, 2012. His grandparents are Elaine & Alan Dinerman and great grandmother is Rose Weisman.

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“Figments and Fragments”

You are invited to the forthcoming exhibition of original prints by Florence Jaffa at the Jeanne Rauch Gallery at Gaston College. The show titled “Figments and Fragments” consists of a collection of work hand printed by the artist using many different techniques inspired by figments of the imagination as well as fragments of reality. The exhibition will be on display April 23- June 21 with a reception on Thursday, May 3 from 5:30pm-7:30pm in the Jeanne Rauch Gallery, Rauch Science and Fine Arts Building, Gaston College, 201 Highway 321 South, Dallas, NC. Gallery hours: Monday-Thursday 9:00am-5:00pm and Friday 9:00-2:00pm. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Children’s Services

Mini Minyan at Temple Israel
Saturdays: April 21 & 28
10:00am-11:00am
A Shabbat Experience for kindergartners through second graders. Join us for songs, prayers and stories.

Life Events Announcements

If you would like to have your happy event, wedding, engagement, or birth announcement published In the Kol Yisrael, please submit your written information via email to candylove@templeisraelnc.org or fax it to 704-362-1098 Attn: Candy Love. If you have an illness or a death in the family, please contact the Clergy Office at 704-362-2796.

Temple Israel Life Events/Announcements

“To Everything There Is A Season....” Ecclesiastes 3:1

Temple Israel Social Club

We invite couples and singles, affiliated with Charlotte area synagogues, to join our group.

Meet friendly people and enjoy our interesting programs and trips. For more information, please call Irving Bienstock, 704-542-0094, or Ruth Goldberg, 704-366-8903, co-presidents.

Upcoming Event:

Tuesday, April 17
Tour “Violins of Hope” at the UNCC Uptown campus, visit the exhibits “Courage and Compassion-the Bielski Brothers” story and “Down Home-Jewish Life in North Carolina at Levine Museum of the New South. Transportation by LJCC vans will leave at 1:00pm. $10 per person for van; non-members of the Levine Museum will pay $5 at the door. Deadline for van reservations is April 4. Mail $10 check to: Douglas Mann, 137 N. Canterbury Road, Charlotte, NC 28211.

Torah on Tap

Please join Temple Israel’s young adult group (20’s, 30’s and 40’s) for Torah on Tap on Thursday, April 19 at 7:00pm at the home of David and Julie Sheffer. The topic will be “Who wrote the Bible?” Discussion is led by Rabbi Noam Raucher. Snacks, beer, and beverages will be provided. We will be collecting children’s books for the Huntingtowne Farms Elementary School Book Drive.

Please RSVP to clergyoffice@templeisraelnc.org. You can also have your email address added to the Evite list.

Temple Israel Book Club

Tuesday, May 29 7:30pm
Nemesis by Philip Roth
Discussion Leader: Jay Jacoby

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Copies of Nemesis are available at the Levine-Sklut Judaic Library, the public library, and at local bookstores and on-line for $15.

The meeting is open to the entire community, even those who haven’t read the book. Contact Linda Levy levyollie@aol.com 704-366-6362 for additional information.

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April has always been my favorite month. One reason is that April 3 is my birthday (as well as Russ Greenfield, Baila Pransky, and Amanda Bynes, among others). Another reason is that March Madness has finally come to an end, freeing up time for more important things. Really, though, April often holds Passover, my favorite holiday. It also is the month that I most associate to all the best things about the State of Israel.

For the Men’s Club, April is important for many of these same reasons. We begin with our Kosher Passover wine sale on April 1, which gives our congregation the opportunity to enjoy fine wines that are specifically Kosher-for-Passover. We hope that this makes the enjoyment of the Festival of our Freedom a little sweeter.

This April we will also continue our long tradition of distributing special yellow Holocaust Memorial candles to our entire congregation. Some went home with our religious school students and others will be delivered by your fellow congregants on Sunday, April 15. A specially-marked yellow bag with the candle will be placed on your door—don’t worry, we aren’t ringing your bell to ask for a donation (that’s in the enclosed letter). While many congregations cut back on how many candles they distribute, the Men’s Club feels that the very act of receiving a candle requires thinking about the Holocaust. Lighting the candle and placing it where it can be seen by your neighbors is symbolic of our survival as a People and gives us the chance to teach and learn about this unspeakable tragedy.

As for celebrating Israel’s Independence Day on April 26, here are just a few positive things coming out of our Homeland that have nothing to do with politics or war:

1. Scientists in Israel found that the brackish water, drilled from underground desert aquifers hundreds of feet deep, could be used to raise warm-water fish. The geothermal water, less than one-tenth as saline as sea water, free of pollutants, and a toasty 98 degrees on average, proves an ideal environment;

2. Israeli-developed designer-eyeglasses, promise mobile phone and iPod users a personalized, high-tech video display. Lumus-Optical’s lightweight and fashionable video eyeglasses, feature a large transparent screen, floating in front of the viewer’s face that projects their choice of movie, TV show, or video game.

3. When Stephen Hawking recently visited Israel, the world’s most renowned victim of amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), or Lou Gehrig’s disease also learned about the Israeli Association for ALS’s advanced work in both embryonic and adult stem cell research, as well as its proven track record with neuro-degenerative diseases. The Israeli research community is well on its way to finding a treatment for this fatal disease, which affects 30,000 Americans.

4. Israeli start-up Veterix has developed an innovative new electronic capsule that sits in the stomach of a cow, sheep, or goat, sending out real-time information on the health of the herd, to the farmer via email or cell phone. The e-capsule, which also sends out alerts if animals are distressed, injured, or lost is now being tested on a herd of cows, in the hopes that the device will lead to tastier and healthier meat and milk supplies.

5. The millions of Skype users worldwide have access to the newly developed KishKish lie-detector. This free internet service, based on voice stress analysis (a technique, commonly used in criminal investigations) can measure just how truthful that person on the other end of the line really is.

6. Beating cardiac tissue has been created in a lab from human embryonic stem cells by researchers at the Rappaport Medical Faculty and the Technion - Israeli institute of Technology’s biomedical engineering facility. The work of Dr. Shulamit Levenberg and Prof. Lior Gepstein, has also led to the creation of tiny blood vessels within the tissue, making possible its implantation in a human heart.

7. Israel’s Magal Security Systems is a worldwide leader in computerized security systems, with products used in more than 70 countries around the world, protecting anything from national borders to nuclear facilities, refineries, and airports. The company’s latest product, DreamBox, a state-of-the-art security system that includes Intelligent video, audio and sensor management, is now being used by a major water authority on the US East Coast to safeguard the utility’s sites.

8. It is common knowledge that dogs have better night vision than humans and a vastly superior sense of smell and hearing. Israel’s Bio-Sense Technologies recently delved further and electronically analyzed 350 different barks. Finding that dogs of all breeds and sizes, bark the same alarm when they sense a threat, the firm has designed the dog bark-reader, a sensor that can pick up a dog’s alarm bark, and alert the human operators. This is just one of a batch of innovative security systems to emerge from Israel which Forbes calls “the go-to country for anti-terrorism technologies.”

9. Israeli company BioControl Medical, sold its first electrical stimulator to treat urinary incontinence to a US company for $50 Million. Now, it is working on CardioFit, which uses electrical nerve stimulation to treat congestive heart failure. With nearly five million Americans presently affected by heart failure, and more than 400,000 new cases diagnosed yearly, the CardioFit is already generating a great deal of excitement as the first device with the potential to halt this deadly disease.

10. One year after Norway’s Socialist Left Party launched its Boycott Israel campaign, the importing of Israeli goods has increased by 15%, the strongest increase in many years, statistics Norway reports.

Enjoying birthdays, celebrating the Festival of our Freedom, thinking about Israel in a positive light to mark the anniversary of her becoming a State are all things I love about April. On behalf of the more than 120 members of our Mens Club, I would like to wish our entire Temple Israel family a fantastic Passover. Chag Sameach!

Mike
Michael Eisner
President
Sisterhood News

TI Sisterhood wishes you a Happy Passover!

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Rosh Chodesh
Celebrating the new month - traditionally is a women’s holiday. All women are invited to join the Temple Israel Rosh Chodesh Study Group. This year we’re discovering Hiddur Mitzvah - enhancing our performance of mitzvot - through our holidays. Please join us on Shabbat mornings, following Kiddush at 1:00pm.

Event Date: April 28 - The topic will be Shavuot

Torah Fund
What better way to celebrate the secular New Year than to be able to report that the Women’s League for Conservative Judaism’s Torah Fund campaign broke through the $1 million ceiling, surpassing last fiscal year’s total by 20 percent. So far this fiscal year, Temple Israel’s Sisterhood has contributed over $4,000 to the Torah Fund. Women’s League and Temple Israel’s Sisterhood are so very grateful for all that you do to support the students and programs at the Jewish Theological Seminary and related schools. It is not too late to participate in this year’s Torah Fund campaign and to perform your own Hiddur Mitzvah by participating in the mitzvah of giving. Any amount is most appreciated. Please mail your check made out to “Torah Fund” to Hilary Rosenbaum, Treasurer, Temple Israel Sisterhood, 4901 Providence Road, Charlotte, NC 28226.

Thank you to our Kiddush Fund Donors:

Kenneth & Audrey Ashkin
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Ellen Goldberg
Steven & Talia Goldman
Jay Goldstein
Mary & Leslie Gordon
Jeffrey & Bari Gorelick
Sarah Grossman
Shannon Crystal and Robert Haber
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Sandra Hirschman
Sharon & Steven Hockfield
Evelyn Hochstat
Martin & Roslyn Husney
Florence Jaffa
Irene Jayson
Paula & Richard Klein
Michelle Bramford & William Kwiatkowski
Judith & Stephen Kaufmann

Mah Jong
Interested in learning to play or reconnect with Mah Jong? Lessons will be held at Temple Israel on Thursdays from 1:00 – 3:00 pm. Classes are free and open to the community.

To register, please email Judy Kaufmann at steveka@att.net. Please put Mah Jong in the subject line.
Temple Israel Endowment Funds

Endowments

Aaron Gleiberman Simchat Torah Celebration Fund
To be used for Simchat Torah celebrations.

Albert and Mary Kathleen Miller Endowment Fund
To provide school tuition and assistance for other programs for children of our Religious School.

Alene and Samuel Strause Emergency Endowment Fund
To be used for subsidizing emergency needs of food, housing, medical, and other necessities of life.

Ann Slesinger Education Endowment Fund
To be used to provide scholarships and other special educational needs for children who cannot afford tuition, etc.

Ashendorf/Citron/Boxer Medical Endowment Fund
To be used to assist with medical expenses.

Barbara and Jerry Levin Religious School Endowment Fund - To provide tuition scholarships for the Religious School.

David Silverman School Scholarship Endowment Fund
To be used for Religious School scholarships.

Doris and Albert S. Rousso Endowment Fund
To be used for Purim celebrations.

Etta & Louis Greenspon Celebrating Life Senior Endowment Fund - For the “Celebrating Life” Senior Program

Harold and Bette Wolfson Schapiro
To help subsidize senior citizen programming.

Harry and Mickey Schwartz Endowment Fund - To provide scholarships for Religious School and travel to Israel.

Maurice A. and Rosa B. Weinstein Adult Education Endowment Fund - To provide Adult Education programming.

Michael Meiselman Endowment Fund
To provide general operating support for Temple Israel.

Pearl and Ralph Kier Endowment Fund
To be used for Sukkot and Holiday programs.

Shelton Gorelick Family Endowment Fund
To provide for youth programs, trips, and Israel experiences.

Shirley and Sol Levine Religious School Teacher Endowment Fund - To provide teacher educational opportunities.

Temple Israel Building Fund Endowment
To be used to maintain the Temple building.

Temple Israel General Fund
To provide funding as needed for the upkeep of Temple Israel.

Wendy and Frank Rosen Endowment Fund for Rabbinic Programming
To provide for Adult programming.

William and Patricia Gorelick Membership Endowment Fund
To be used to subsidize memberships in Temple Israel.

Funds

Cantor’s Music Fund
To provide for musical programs and activities.

Celia Scher Holocaust Fund
To commemorate Yom Hashoah.

Fred and Ilse Bergen Prayer Book Fund
Donations go toward the purchase of prayer books.

Hebrew High Scholarship Fund
To provide scholarships for Hebrew High School.

Kiddush Fund - To help supplement Oneg Shabbats.

Norman Steinberger Yahrzeit Fund - To be used to offset the cost of the Book of Rememberance, as well as assist families that would like part of the purchase price of a memorial plaque underwritten by the Fund.

Pransky Family Camp Ramah Scholarship Fund
To provide religious school students with an opportunity to attend Camp Ramah.

Rabbi Ezring's Tzedakah Fund
To be used by the Rabbi at his discretion.

Rabbi Raucher’s Tzedakah Fund
To be used by the Rabbi at his discretion.

Religious School Fund - For Religious School operations.

Sadie Starr Silver Fund
To provide funding for the Silver Fund for the kitchen.

Sam Lerner Sukkah Garden Fund
To be used for Sukkah and the Sukkah Garden.

Sick and Visitation Fund - To help bring meals and other programs to those who have been hospitalized or are house bound.

Sisterhood Youth Program Fund To provide annual subsidies to “TI Youth” for special events or trips, affordable to all participants.

Social Action Fund
For Social Action needs, RFTI and Homeless Shelter.

Stuart Kornstein Building Fund
To be used for the upkeep of the building.

Stuart Ostrow Youth Fund
To provide funding for youth activities.

Sunday Morning Minyan Breakfast Fund
To be used to supplement costs of breakfast, etc.

Sunday Morning Minyan Scholarship Fund
To help children attend Jewish camps.

Prayerbooks Available for Purchase:
Etz Chaim $60 each
Daily Minyan Prayerbook $36 each
Temple Israel Gratefully Acknowledges These Donations

Etz Chaim Chumash
Bob Solow
Birthday
By: Irving & Lillian Bienstock

Daily Minyan Prayerbook
Honor of Marty & Alice Rouff
By: Irving & Sylvia Swartz
Bob Solow
Birthday
By: Alan & Ruth Goldberg

Assistant
Rabbi Tzedakah Fund
Rabbi Noam Raucher
Installation
By: Stephen & Beth Stillitano
Audrey Madans
Speedy recovery
By: Richard & Barbara Herd
Memory of Howard F. Campbell
Memory of Sanford Wruble
By: Howard & Phyllis Campbell

Cantor’s Music Fund
Honor of Cantor Elias Roochvarg
By: Robert & Nancy Kipnis
Ruth Goldberg
Birthday
By: Robert Solow
Audrey Madans
Speedy recovery
By: Samuel & Linda Levy

Education Endowment
Memory of Harold Polakov
By: Ron & Janice Weiner

General Fund
Fiorence Jaffa
Birthday
By: Monty Bennett
Daniel & Toby Ruda
Joanna Rose
Bat mitzvah
By: Daniel & Toby Ruda
The Kramer Family
Honor of daughter’s engagement
By: Stefan & Renate Berger
Marilyn Shapiro
Speedy recovery
By: Mark & Cindy McManus
Margi Goldstein
Birthday
By: Monty Bennett
Ruth Goldberg
Birthday
By: Monty Bennett
Stephanie Tuckman
Speedy recovery
By: Monty Bennett
Audrey Madans
Birthday
By: Joel & Sandy Hirschman
Memory of Goldie Weinreb
By: Lewis & Toby Spitzer
Memory of Alex Levy
By: Ruth Strassburger
Ellen Goldberg
Memory of father, Ed Goldberg
By: Allan & Marcelle Oxman
David & Rebecca Burack
Lloyd Scher
Memory of uncle, Harold Polakov
By: Allan & Marcelle Oxman
Memory of Nelson Sfredro
By: Monty Bennett
Memory of Anne Gross
By: Leon & Ellyn Gross
Memory of Alvin Rosenthal
By: Pearl Rosenthal

Aaron Gleiberman Simchat Torah Celebration Fund
Audrey Madans
Speedy recovery
By: Rhoda Gleiberman
Monty Bennett
Lee Marx
Birthday
By: Audrey Madans
Margi Goldstein
Birthday
By: Audrey Madans
Ruth Goldberg
Birthday
By: Audrey Madans
Ellen Goldberg
Memory of father, Ed Goldberg
By: Rhoda Gleiberman

Etta & Louis Greenspon
Celebrating Life Senior Endowment Fund
Burton Horowitz
Speedy recovery
By: Stanley Greenspon
Mina Sue Pearlman
Speedy recovery
By: Stanley Greenspon
Herbert Engel
Birthday
By: Stanley Greenspon
Frances Goldstein
Birthday
By: Stanley Greenspon
Alan Horwitz
Engagement
By: Stanley Greenspon
Honor of Rachel Puttermann
By: Stanley Greenspon
Honor of Barry Greenspon
By: Stanley Greenspon
Buddy Christensen
Memory of father
By: Stanley Greenspon
Memory of Rita Mond
By: Stanley Greenspon

Shirley and Sol Levine Religious School Teacher Endowment Fund
Amy Liesman
Memory of father
By: Marc & Kim Wojnowich

Stuart Ostrow Youth Fund
Danny Ostrow
Birthday
By: Paul & Connie Ostrow
Laurie Teiger
Birthday
By: Paul & Connie Ostrow
Paul Ostrow
Our Anniversary
By: Connie Ostrow
Sue & Jerry Fine
Anniversary
By: Paul & Connie Ostrow
Tom Mohr
Memory of loved one, Papa Sego
By: Paul & Connie Ostrow
Memory of Paul Spil
By: Cindy Spil

Rabbi’s Tzedakah Fund
Honor of Temple Israel
By: David & Beth Thrope
Linda Lesack
Birth of grandchild
By: Richard & Barbara Herd
Honor of Louis Sinkoe
By: Long Creek Presbyterian Church
Temple Israel Donations  Received between 2/24/2012-3/19/2012

Rabbi’s Tzedakah Fund
Rose Weisman
Birth of great grandson
By: Abe & Rose Luski

Barbara Sklut
Birth of twin great grandchildren
By: Allan & Marcelle Oxman

Ellen Goldberg
Memory of father, Ed Goldberg
By: Andy & Tamara Cohen

In Honor of Rabbi Murray Ezring
By: Georgeanna Rippner

Memory of Henry Leven
By: Eric & Lori Sklut

Memory of Muriel Kronsburg
By: Paul Kronsburg

Memory of Joseph Kaplan
By: Andy & Tamara Cohen

Frank & Wendy Rosen
Endowment for Rabbinic Programming
Barbara Sklut
Birth of great grandchildren
By: Frank & Wendy Rosen

Wendy & Jeff Kornegay
Birth of grandchild
By: Frank & Wendy Rosen

Audrey Madans
Speedy recovery
By: Janet Jaffa

Sisterhood Youth Program Fund
The Kramer Family
Honor of daughter’s engagement
By: Tess & Jonathan Berger

Abe Luski
Speedy recovery
By: Ivan & Lisa Strunin

Audrey Madans
Speedy recovery
By: Ivan & Lisa Strunin

Ellen Goldberg
Memory of father, Ed Goldberg
By: Tess & Jonathan Berger

Temple Sisterhood
Ivan & Lisa Strunin

Sadie Starr Silver Fund
Marvin Shapiro
Speedy recovery
By: Margi Goldstein

Milton & Arlene Goldstein

Memory of Sadie Starr
By: Anita & Marvin Shapiro

Toby & Kalman Gordon and families

Ellen Goldberg
Memory of father, Ed Goldberg
By: Lee & Wendy Pake

Alene & Samuel Strause
Endowment Fund
Anita Grey
Birthday
By: Samuel Strause

Barbara Sklut
Birth of great grandchildren
By: Samuel Strause

Pransky Family Camp
Ramah Fund
Linda Lesack
Birth of grandson
By: Irving & Sylvia Swartz

Bob Solow
Birthday
By: Donald & Shevi Herbstman

The Kramer Family
Honor of daughter’s engagement
By: Donald & Shevi Herbstman

Jon & Stephanie Simon
Birth of son
By: Ron & Janice Weiner

Abe Luski
Speedy recovery
By: Biala Pransky

Audrey Madans
Speedy recovery
By: Biala Pransky

Memory of John Pransky
By: Biala Pransky

Sick & Visitation Fund
Bette Bober
Speedy recovery
By: Irving & Sylvia Swartz

Bob Solow
Birthday
By: Norman Steinberger

Sunday Morning Minyan Scholarship
Memory of Louis A. Goldberg
Frances R. Abrams
By: Alan & Ruth Goldberg

Maurice A. and Rosa B. Weinstein Adult Education Endowment Fund
Memory of Elsie Benn
By: Rob & Adrienne Weinstein

Norman Steinberger
Yahrzeit Fund
Memory of Harry Levine
By: Leon & Sandra Levine

Celia & Samuel Rabinowitz
By: Rhoda Gleiberman

Memory of Clara Rogovin
By: Audrey Madans

Celebrate Your Simcha with Temple Israel

Recognize a birthday, anniversary or other Simcha by participating in Simcha Shabbat.

You can celebrate your special event by a donation toward the Saturday morning Kiddush.

Your sponsorship will be noted in our Shabbat Announcements bulletin.

By supporting Simcha Shabbat, you will strengthen yourself, your family, and our congregation.

Please contact Terri Cathcart at 704-362-2796 to reserve your date.

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April Birthdays & Anniversaries

4/1
William Bagdan
Joshua Baker
Lisa Block
Roberta Bograd
Benjamin Coblenz
Samuel Coblenz
Craig Goldstein
Jacob Goldstein
Shirley Gorelick
Linda Levy
Daniel Stern
Talia Weinstein
Florence Widis

4/2
Frances Cohen
Richard Fischel
Zachary Gamlin
James Shearer

4/3
Daniel Ben-Yohanan
Sheila Coffey
Michael Eisner
Russell Greenfield
Dmitry Nerdinsky
Baila Pransky
David Reichard
Susan Rubenstein
David Stiefel
Andrew Wallach

4/4
Gary Schuler
Matyie Silverman

4/5
Lisa Bayer Carpenter
Stephen Kahn
Sophie Levinson
Haley Shafranek
Norman Snyder

4/6
Hopefawn Anderson
Claudia Cohen
Stacy Gorelick
Richard Gross
Jordan Haber
Ian Milden
Ryan Ostrow
Moshe Usadi

4/7
Robin Becker
Ralph Besnay
Elyssa Gorelick
Emily Hollander
Brielle Stone
Phillip Widis

4/8
David Bornstein
Muri Corzin
Carol Horowitz
Sandra Rogelberg

4/9
Stacy Strauch

4/10
Beth Schimmel
Stephanie Seitlin
Dana Sheinman
Robert Speizman
Jason Spiegler
Richard Willenzik

4/11
Alison Lerner
Samara Luckey

4/12
Jacob Bobrow
Sheldon Bobrow
Barbara Sklut
Rebecca Strunin

4/13
Adam Greenhagen
Brian Meltsner
Robert Milden
Sasha Rogelberg
David Swimmer
Karen Turk

4/14
Emma Barman
Robert Comen
Asher Eskind
Lauren Fine
Ofer Hubara
Edwin Newman
Susan Shure
Kathy Warshaw

4/15
Jeremy Abel
Benjamin Gordon
Hannah Ross

4/16
Michelle Bamford
Wendy Berglass
Elliot Dordick
Robert Jacobson
Jonathan Rubin
George Schneider
Carol Speizman

4/17
Stephanie Cohen
Jerrold Feldman
Wilbur Gorelick
Henry Rabinovich
Nathaniel Ross
Martin Rouff

4/18
Andy Cohen
Roberta Malickson
Tonya Meltser
David Rotberg
Rick Shapiro
Shelley Typrin
David Warshaw

4/19
Evelyn Berger
Nicki Fisher
Jessica Goldfarb
Robin Husney
Alison Koehler
Zeev Zrihan

4/20
Bette Bayer
Judy Bider
Richard Pomerantz
Gregory Rose

4/21
Patricia Gorelick
Garret Mann
David Wolitzky

4/22
Geneva Boxer
Myra Brinn
Bryce Frankel
Wendy Kornegay
Jacob Lavitt
Jodi Michel

4/23
Lilian Bienstock
Elizabeth Greenhagen
Craig Rubin
Aaron Weiner

4/24
Jeri Gertzman
Janet Gorelick
Susan Hader
Stephanie Simon
Marcia Solomon

4/25
Benjamin Kramer
Miles Levine
Marc Willenzik
Luke Wilson

4/26
Tess Berger
Rachel Gordon
Henry Gorelick
Joshua Listhaus
Nathan Nalibotsky
Benjamin Petricof
Sandy Rosenberg

4/27
Franklin Kaunitz
Harper Moskowitz
William Prystowsky
Alan Rosenberg

4/28
Mara Michel
Robert Saltzmann
Bruce Sheinhaus

4/29
Ivan Cooper
Jay Goldstein
Josh Klemens
Manette McCranie
Albert Nalibotsky
Denise Sussman

4/30
Harry Chernotsky

Anniversaries
John & Deborah Formica 4/1
Scott & Tamara Silverstein 4/1
Rael & Gabi Gorelick 4/3
C. David & Rita Miller 4/4
Jered & Elizabeth Mond 4/4
Bruce & Jill Fremderman 4/5
Lee & Irena Riemler 4/7
David & Sandie Rousso 4/8
Fred & Lisa Block 4/10
Larry & Lissette Scheinson 4/13
Jeff & Stacy Strauch 4/15
Gordon Hull & Maya Socolovsky 4/16
Eric & Lisa Seitlin 4/17
Dan & Judy Biber 4/20
Daniel & Jennifer Margulis 4/20
Arthur & Terri Roth 4/21
Brian & Lori Rosenthal 4/22
Gary & Bonnie Wilson 4/25
Jonathan & Jennifer Lahn 4/29
Simon & Susan Estoff 4/30
Robert & Ellie Valenstein 4/30
May Their Memories be a Blessing

Week of April 6
Benjamin Bornstein
Lilian Cantor
Leeza Cherniak
Sam Cohen
Rose Cohen*
Eleanor Fischer
Ida Fligel*
Isadore Freidman
Lewis Goldsticker*
Anna Gropper
Tobye Hirsh*
Dave Lerner*
Fannie Levenkrone*
Nina Levy
Harold Lingel
Sidney Peck
Abraham Richmond
Pauline Rift*
Jean Rosen
Margaret Sass
Eleanor Schlager*
Otto Schneider*
Freyda Siegel
Morton Silverstein*
Hattie Smith Sinkoe*
Morry Sterling
Pauline R. Susskind*
Murray Van Glish
Anna Watt
Joe Weiser
Selma Widis*

Week of April 13
Joseph Bachenheimer*
Elisa Joy Barman
Lillian Brown
Jack Bursack
S. I. “Sam” Citron*
Sarah Gladys Cohen
David Daumit
Doris Day
Harry Diamond*
Flora M. El-Kodsi*
Fanny Epstein
Annie Ikin Estroff
Tillie Farber*
Helene Feldman
Paul Fixman*
Andrew Fox*
Yetta Frahm
Celia Gaynor
Ethel Goodhart*
Samuel Greenspan*
Charles Halle
Lewis Halpert*
Albert Heumann
Eugenie Heumann
Irving Hirsch*
Sol Jaffa*
Herbert Kandall
Pesah Katzin
June Cooper Knight
Irene Kossove*
Charles Levinson*
Daniel Litwak*
Robert Lurie*
Wilhelmina Newman Mackler*
Esther Meiselman*
Carlo Michel
Christopher Newman*
Emil Oppenheimer*
Bessie Oxer*
Gertrude “Polly” Pressman*
Salomon Reichenberg*
Samuel Ringold
Michael Roehvarg*
Ben Rosenberg
Harold Ross*
Kristiana Rouff
Seymour Schnitzer*
Esther Schwartz*
Victor Schwartz*
Sarah Schwartz*
Dorothy Seidman
Doris Baumrind Shewitz
Belle S. Smith*
Cyril Speitzman*
Gertrude Tilly
Oren Weissman
Henry Zucker

Week of April 20
Ignaz Ascher
Jacob Baikovitz*
Louis Bober
Sheldon Bobrow
Sandor Bock
Henry Colodney
Irving Epstein
Jacob Feldman
Charles Ginsberg*
Gabriel Gleiberman*
Beatrice Goodman
Arthur Gordon*
Florence Green*
Audrey Greenspan
Walter Heskins*
Irving Hochstat*
Phillip Katzen*
Julius M. Katzen*
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Libby Levinson*
Fred Levy
Florence Liss
Gerry Litwak
Michael Meiselman*
Bette Miller
Harry M. Naccimben*
Philip Nabibotsky
Harry Nelson*
Dora Nelson*
Helen Reichard
Rachel Rosenbaum
Adrian Rosenberg
Rosa Rosenfeld
Louis Rotker*
Nathan Saferstein
Maymie Schaffer*
Ira H. Schulman*
Mary Sfreddo
Sheppard Shapiro*
Shirley Silverstein*
Johanna Simons*
Mildred Slosberg
Elizabeth Small*
Helen Weinstein
Herman Winokuer
Gary Witt
Harry Wolfert*

Week of April 27
Dora Abel*
Lottie Ashendorf*
Aaron L. Berman*
Moisey Blyakher
Ruth Bograd
Sadie Boyce
Gertrude Posner Cohen*
Steven Barry Cole
Esther Dorris
Tresa Epstein
Dorris Esther
Harry Farber*
Charles Fine*
Abe Finkelstein
Selma Firestone*
Rebecca Fishman
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Leona Gartner
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Helga Rosenberger*
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Henry Seid*
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Meyer Silverman
Meyer David Silverman*
Rachel Sinkoe*
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Yetta Weiss*
Joseph H. Wernick
Mary G. Wurzak
Bryana Zeleorman

* Denotes a plaque
TI 2012 Slate of Officers and Trustees

Recommended by the Nominating Committee

Officers (1 year terms)

President: Barry Bobrow
1st VP: Lynne Sheffer
2nd VP: Adam Petricoff
Treasurer: Kevin Levine
Secretary: Michael Eisner
Immediate Past President: Stuart Breidbart
(not an elected position)

Trustees (2 year terms)

Michael Koss
Stacey Schuler
Steven Starr
Margi Goldstein

The 2012 Temple Israel Annual Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, May 6, 2012 at 10am, in the Social Hall of Temple Israel. At this meeting we will be voting on the new Slate of Officers and Trustees.

Please note that any member of the Congregation may make additional nominations by notifying the Chair of the Nominating Committee, provided that the person to be nominated has consented to the nomination in writing. Dan Ruda is the Nomination Chair and may be contacted at: 5215 Chinley Court, Charlotte, NC 28226 or by cell phone: 704/839-5353 or email to: djrsg@aol.com The form is attached for your convenience and is subject to editing for brevity and consistency. Additional nominations received shall be distributed to the Congregation at least ten (10) days prior to the date of the election, scheduled for May 6, 2012.

Additional nominations may be made from the floor of the meeting by any member of the congregation, subject to the Bylaws. It is recommended, not a requirement, those being so nominated present their short biography to the Chair of the Nominating Committee to be read during the meeting.

Temple Israel Nomination Profile

A nominee must be a member, twenty-one (21) years of age or older, who has been a member of the Congregation for one (1) year or more, and who is not in arrears for the previous fiscal year in his or her dues, assessments or donations, shall be eligible to serve as an elective officer or trustee; provided however, that only one (1) member from any household membership as defined in Article IV, Section 2(a) (of the Temple Israel Bylaws) may be eligible for nomination as an elective officer or trustee in any one (1) election.

Please list any names that you would like the committee to consider, along with a brief statement as to why you think this person would make a good Board member for the Temple.

If you are nominated by another member or through a self-nomination for a leadership role it is recommended, but not a requirement, to complete the candidate profile below. Note: The responses are subject to editing for brevity and consistency with other candidate profiles.

Please return this completed form to the Chair of the Nominating Committee at the email address below by Thursday, April 26, 2012 for distribution to the congregation. After this date, the profile will be available during the annual meeting.

Thank you.

Dan Ruda,
Temple Israel Nominating Committee Chair
djrsg@aol.com

Name:

Nominated for what position:

List the Offices, Committee Chairs or Co-Chairs you have held at Temple Israel (include key accomplishments or deliverables):

[Example: Chaired Kitchen Committee – Established new catering policies]

Other Committees:
Israel Memorial Day

ISRAEL MEMORIAL DAY

Yom Hazikaron

Wednesday, April 25
6:00 - 7:00 pm
Sam Lerner Center for Cultural Arts
(Pizza will be sold prior to ceremony)

Israel Independence Day

Yom Ha’atzmaut

Sunday, April 29
4:00 - 6:00 pm
Camp Mindy at Shalom Park

Israeli Performer YUVAL HALAF
Authentic Israeli Cookout
and Other Fun Activities

For more information, please contact Mor Green, Community Shlicha (emissary), at 704.944.6757.
February 8, 2012

Rabbi Ezring & Mr. Stuart Breidbart
Temple Israel
4901 Providence Road
Charlotte, NC 28226

Dear Rabbi Ezring & Mr. Breidbart

On behalf of the students, teachers and families at Huntingtowne Farms, I would like to extend a warm thank you for the many ways that Temple Israel helps our children grow and flourish socially and academically.

As I reflect on the past several months, we are so very thankful for our partnership with Temple Israel and the passionate leadership of Lynne Sheffer. Your congregation has truly stepped up and helped to ensure that our children’s holidays were filled with joy. With a student population of over 880 students, over 700 children receive either free or reduced lunch and face economic challenges and struggles. Because of the thoughtful actions of your congregation, nearly 30 children and families received holiday gifts. These children would most likely not have received anything for the holiday, however, because of your congregation, they did. One of our families served had a tragic death of parent and was evicted the week before Christmas and received gifts from the Temple.

Each time one of the volunteers mentors one of our students, tutors a child with their reading, assists a teacher in preparing materials, serves as a lunch buddy, helps complete the behind the scenes paper work for teachers, brings additional school supplies, books and snacks or spends quality time with our children—our children’s lives are forever enriched. Because of your deep and consistent volunteer commitment, our children have greater resiliency and opportunities for success in life.

Thank you for the thousands of hours invested in our children and school.

This partnership is important. You are connecting experienced, compassionate and dedicated volunteers to deeply impact the lives of children with limited resources. I recall speaking to one volunteer, a gentleman, who has worked consistently for five years with the same teacher. This consistency is greatly needed. Our goal is to close the academic achievement gap between groups of students—this can happen when we have anchored community support embodied in our partnership with Temple Israel along with effective teaching.

When I talk with some of our volunteers, I see their commitment to making the world a better place and improving the lives of our children. One child at a time, we will continue on our journey together to nurture our children and grow the relationship between Huntingtowne Farms and Temple Israel.

With much appreciation,

Carolyn Rodd
Principal
# Temple Israel Shabbat Dinners

**Shabbat Dinners**

You Belong at our Table!

Come celebrate Shabbat & Birthdays at Temple Israel!

*Please note Dinner and Service Time Changes*

## Family Shabbat Service 5:30 pm

## Family Shabbat Dinner 6:15 pm

**Fri., Apr. 20, 2012**

**For 4/20 only--Dinner Begins at 6:00pm**

**Fri., May 18, 2012**

WINE now available to enjoy with your Shabbat meal.

*All Meals have a vegetarian alternative*

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## Shabbat Dinner Reservation Form

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**TOTAL COST**

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**For 4/20 only--Dinner Begins at 6:00pm**

Your choice of Kosher wines. All wines are $15.00 per bottle.

- A. Baron Herzog Chardonnay
- B. Baron Herzog Sauvignon Blanc
- C. Baron Herzog Merlot

Please mark your selection of A, B, or C on your reservation, if applicable.

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Temple Israel
4901 Providence Rd.
Charlotte, NC 28226
704-362-2796

**Reservations are required.**

Reservations and wine orders may be made online at: www.cart.templeisraelnc.com
OR you may mail your reservation to Temple Israel, 4901 Providence Rd., Charlotte, NC 28226, Attn: Terri Cathcart.

**Deadline: Friday preceding the scheduled dinner.**
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Save the Date!
Temple Israel’s Annual Meeting
Sunday, May 6, 2012
10:00am

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Join us to vote on the Slate of Officers and Trustees!
It is hard to believe that we are already four months into the year. Spring has arrived, and with the blooming of the trees, comes change.

Over the past few months, the cemetery grounds gradually have evolved once again into striking green pastures. Likewise, the Hebrew Cemetery Association (HCA) is transforming and moving ahead. We look forward to sharing with you our plans to expand the cemetery and to construct a beautiful, new memorial building.

As part of the cemetery’s transformation, the HCA recently adopted a new logo – a soft, leaning Tree of Life, which wraps itself around the property. The Hebrew Cemetery Association also placed three powerful words at the core of our holy grounds: HONOR – CELEBRATE – EMBRACE. We feel that these words capture the essence of the cemetery’s purpose: to honor the past, to celebrate the present, and to embrace the future.

**Honor:** Treasurer Bill Gorelick states: “Showing respect for our ancestors is the right thing to do. We need to stress the significance of the Hebrew Cemetery. We should honor our loved ones, and hopefully, our loved ones will honor us.” Gorelick cites not only the cemetery’s personal significance, but also the Board’s commitment to its future. “My parents and my wife’s parents are buried here. Our hope is to have a wonderful Hebrew Cemetery for the Jewish Community as well as for ourselves, our children and our grandchildren”.

**Celebrate:** Judaism emphasizes the cycle of life and celebrates its major stages with rituals, including Brit Milah, Bar or Bat Mitzvah, wedding and funeral rites. Through a commitment to the Hebrew Cemetery, one remembers the many good deeds (Mitzvot) of the departed souls. Executive Board Member, Marc Silverman puts it this way: “The cemetery is a place where we can formally celebrate our loved ones and their lives.”

**Embrace:** A person reaches in three directions – to oneself, upwards to G’d and out to others.

The miracle of life is that in truly reaching in any one direction, one embraces all three. As Board President, Kevin Levine explains: “Part of embracing life is an acceptance of our own eventual death. We embrace those dearest to us when we plan for the end of life. Joining the Hebrew Cemetery Association is a positive, healthy way Jews can prepare for that future.”

Jewish Law emphasizes that we should pre-arrange our final resting places and be buried in a Jewish cemetery. But as the months move on, many of us continue to procrastinate when it comes to developing some sort of master plan.

One widow recently brought it into perspective: “I am thankful that my husband pre-planned our final resting place many years before. He died suddenly and unexpectedly,” she explained. “I continue to be so glad that I did not have to deal with planning his funeral.”

Another family said, “All we needed to do was to inform the cemetery about her passing and you took care of the rest. We didn’t need to view plots and deal with the financial burden when all we wanted to do was just grieve.”

The Hebrew Cemetery is such a vital part of the Jewish community. As its director, it is such an honor to be part of each family’s planning process. I invite you to contact me if you wish to visit the cemetery or to discuss pre-planning.

Sandra Goldman can be contacted by phone at 704.576.1859 or by email at director@hebrewcemetery.org. Meetings can be arranged either onsite at 1801 Statesville Avenue or in the office at 5007 Providence Road, Suite 105. Information about the history of the cemetery and updates about the cemetery’s expansion and construction are available online at www.hebrewcemetery.org.

Sandra Goldman
Director, Hebrew Cemetery

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**Consolidated High School of Jewish Studies**

**The Sweetness and Sadness of Teen Relationships**

Hebrew High students munched candy, reminding themselves how sweet relationships can be, while sporting purple pins in support of fellow teens in unhealthy or abusive relationships. It all happened in honor of Teen Violence Awareness Month on February 15th and was co-sponsored by the Student Council of Hebrew High and Shalom Bayit-NC, a group of volunteers dedicated to fighting domestic abuse in our Greater Charlotte Jewish community.

Incredibly it is estimated that one in three teens may be in an unhealthy relationship and one in four in an abusive one. It might be constant, unrelenting texting, demanding moment-by-moment accounting of actions; outrageous jealousy being misinterpreted as love; control of dress, social interactions and whereabouts. Verbal, mental, and sexual abuse inflicts as much serious and long-lasting wounds as physical.

“We at Hebrew High are making an extra effort, and encourage you as well, to take time to become educated and aware about dating abuse, the signs of unhealthy relationships, and how to communicate and dialogue with our teens on an ongoing basis,” said Roz Cooper, Director of Hebrew High.

Sites of particular help to the Jewish community include www.shalombayit-nc.org and www.jwi.org.
## Temple Israel Office Hours

**Monday-Thursday**
9:00am-5:00pm

**Friday**
9:00am-3:30pm

## Shabbat Service Times

**Fridays 6:15pm**
7:31pm Candle lighting
Office Closed

**Passover Begins**

**Saturday 9:30am**

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## Daily Minyan
**Evening Minyan**
Mon. - Thurs. at 7:30 pm
Sat. & Sun. at 5:30 pm

**Morning Minyan**
Sunday at 9:00 am
Thursday at 7:30 am

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