Temple Israel Honors Rabbi Murray Ezring

On the weekend of May 25 and 26, 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 (by reservations only) after 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. We hope that all of you will participate and join us for this special Simcha. For more information, contact the TI Office at 704-362-2796 or visit www.templeisraelnc.org.

5772 Confirmation Class, Dinner and Shavuot Study Session Saturday, May 26, 2012

Come join us as we celebrate Confirmation and Shavuot, Services begin at 6:15pm followed by a Dairy Dinner (by reservations only). At 8:15pm we will do our Tikkun Leil Shavuot Study session. This year we will study the Book of Ruth - poetry, Bible, and Midrash. For more information, please contact Terri Cathcart at 704-362-2796. See page 19 for reservation form.

Baccalaureate Program June 2, 2012

Temple Israel will honor our high school seniors during Shabbat Services. For more information, please contact Denise Johnson at 704-362-2796.

Save the Date! Rock HaShabbat Contemporary Services Friday, May 18, 2012 8:00pm

Join us for a Multi-Generational Contemporary Service welcoming Shabbat featuring the TI Band and singers. Shabbat Services will begin at 6:15pm followed by Shabbat Dinner.

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

TI Alternative Services

Java & Jeans Saturday, May 5, 2012 at 10:00am

Do you have questions about Jewish prayer that you have never been able to ask? Do you want a deeper meaning behind the prayers? Are you looking for something different from the main sanctuary service? Join us for Java and Jeans, where you can learn about and experiment with prayer, capped off with lively Torah study and discussion.

Kavanah Service Saturday, May 19, 2012 at 10:00am

The Kavanah service is an experience in focused Jewish prayer, which combines tradition, meditation, and the rhythm of lively spiritual expression. Be prepared not only to participate in the beauty of Jewish prayer, but also the wonder and stimulation of open and honest Torah study during the service.

TI Annual Meeting Sunday, May 6, 2012 10:00am
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.

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Mission Statement

Temple Israel is a welcoming, egalitarian and progressive conservative Jewish congregation that fosters study, spirituality, worship, mitzvot, human well-being, and fellowship in order to further Jewish ideals, identity and community.

Kol Yisrael
The Voice of Temple Israel

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Rabbi Ezring’s Column

From Passover to Shavu’ot, we count. We count 7 weeks of days, for a total of 49 days until we reach the Feast of Weeks. We are all aware that 7 is the Jewish number of Holiness. Shabbat is sanctified by the recitation of the long Kiddush. Shavu’ot is also sanctified by a long Kiddush. The Shabbat Kiddush reminds us of Creation and the Exodus from Egypt. The holiday Kiddush reminds us that God chose to speak to us at Sinai. Why did the Rabbis of old choose Creation, Exodus and Covenant to initiate the holiness of special days? What is Holy about them?

Creation gave us life. The Exodus provided our freedom and independence. The Covenant at Sinai and the Holidays, separate us from other people and create a unique relationship for us to share with God. These wonderful gifts provide us reasons to be grateful to God. In fact, I believe that the counting of the Omer is meant to give us pause. I believe that our Rabbis wanted us to take a moment out of our busy lives each day to acknowledge all the great things in our lives for which we should be thankful. Many of us have lost jobs, pensions and homes during the current recession. I am sure that all of us have reasons to be unhappy and perhaps even question God.

Yet, if we are able to set aside a moment every day to count the days and the blessings that we still have, we can discover the great blessings that make life beautiful. For those of us who have suffered economic hardship: Do we still recognize the importance and stability that having family provides us? Do we have our health? Are our dreams still ours? Are we still capable of moving and joining our community at Temple Israel? Can we still pray and acknowledge all of these blessings?

In Rashi’s commentary we read: “God said to Moses, Say to Aaron, Take your staff and stretch out your hand over the waters of Egypt and they shall become blood.” (Ex 7:19) Why didn’t Moses initiate this plague? The river had protected Moses when he was set afloat as an infant. His gratitude prevented him from hurting the water. Alan Moranis reminds us of what Mordecai Gifter taught. “We humans have a tendency to always want more. Therefore, it is easy to forget to feel grateful and happy for all the good that we have.” Our inability to experience joy with all that we have destroys us spiritually.

As we count the Omer, let our counting of the days lead us to count our blessings.

Chag Shavu’ot Sameach.

Rabbi Murray Ezring
It is hard to believe that the school year is coming to an end in just over a month! It seems that TI-Y, the Temple's youth program, just got started a few weeks ago, instead a few months ago! In just that short period of time, we have begun to revitalize our youth programming, and are already planning for next year. Over the last several months since I took up the position of Senior Youth Advisor, I have gotten to know so many of our kids, and I am truly convinced that we have outstanding youth! Their enthusiasm is contagious. It truly makes me look forward to coming in to the Temple each day to interact with them and help to make their connections to Jewish life and each other stronger and positive through our activities.

We have held a variety of programs over the last several months for each of our chapters, Jr.Kadima, Kadima, and USY, that ranged in scope from a Laser Tag tournament between the Kadimaniks and the Temple’s clergy, afternoons of rock climbing, bowling, Judaic arts and crafts, Master Chef competitions, indoor “campings”, and traveling to out of town conventions, just to name a few of our events, not to mention our regular Lounge and Bistro nights. Each of these events have allowed our kids to interact with each other and in the case of our out of town conventions, with Jewish youth from around the Southeast, all the while having a great time. Looking forward to next year, we are already planning a new and exciting calendar of events, which will include talent shows, overnights, out of town trips, conventions, local fun activities, social action projects, programming with other Jewish youth groups, as well as our continuing traditions of Lounge and Bistro Nights, camp-ins, etc. During the summer we will be launching a membership drive to involve as many of our youth as possible, and we are looking forward to hearing from you with ideas for our program. Please feel free to contact me or a member of our Youth Committee to offer suggestions or become more involved.

Reuven Green
Senior Youth Advisor

Upcoming Event Dates for May 2012

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Please Note: Reuven Green's new contact number is 704-944-6816

APRIL 7, 2012 PESACH PROCLAMATION OF THE TEMPLE ISRAEL BOARD OF TRUSTEES

WHEREAS THE TORAH TEACHES US THAT ALL HUMAN BEINGS ARE CREATED IN THE IMAGE OF GOD;

AND WHEREAS THE TORAH ALSO TEACHES US TO LOVE OUR NEIGHBOR AND THE STRANGER;

AND WHEREAS THE TORAH TEACHES US TO PURSUE JUSTICE AND RIGHTEOUS BEHAVIOR;

AND WHEREAS RABBINIC LEGAL PRINCIPLES TEACH US NOT TO SUSPECT OR THEREFORE INVESTIGATE A PERSON’S SEXUAL ORIENTATION;

AND WHEREAS THE UNITED STATES WAS FOUNDED ON THE CONCEPT OF AN INDIVIDUAL’S HUMAN RIGHTS, SAID RIGHTS BEING PROTECTED BY THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES;

AND WHEREAS OUR FOUNDING FATHERS STIPULATED THAT “ALL MEN ARE ENDOWED BY THEIR CREATOR WITH CERTAIN UNALIENABLE RIGHTS, AMONG WHICH ARE LIFE, LIBERTY AND THE PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS”;

WE, THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF TEMPLE ISRAEL DO HEREBY RESOLVE THAT THE PROPOSED MARRIAGE AMENDMENT ON THE PRIMARY BALLOT MAY 8TH, IS PREJUDICIAL AND BIASED AGAINST THE LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL AND TRANSEXUAL COMMUNITY WHICH RESIDES IN NORTH CAROLINA.

WE FURTHER RESOLVE THAT THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT IS NEITHER NECESSARY NOR MORAL.

FINALLY, WE RESOLVE TO URGE OUR CONGREGATION, WITH ALL OTHERS OF GOOD MORAL CONSCIENCE, TO OPPOSE THE PASSAGE OF SAID AMENDMENT AND VOTE NO ON MAY 8TH.
So many exciting things have been going on TIRS this spring.

I can’t believe the school year is coming to an end. The last day of school is Sunday, May 20th. As I look back and recollect on the highlights of the past year, I remember nine months ago meeting many new and wonderful families. Now I look forward to each new school day, as the halls buzz and chatter with the din of smiling, excited children with whom I am privileged to share stories and accomplishments. I cherish every hug and smile and even sometimes a tear.

I am privileged to work with an excellent, knowledgeable and dedicated staff. I firmly believe that a director is only as effective as her staff is; meaning a director can do all that she can to run a great school, but can only succeed if her staff is excellent. Todah Rabah and lots of love to all our superb teachers for all their patience, effort, hard work, and especially all their support. I also want to thank the TIRS advisory committee. Without the dedication of Beth Listhaus and the rest of the members, our school wouldn’t be what it is. We are so lucky to have some really terrific caring parents that eagerly help out as well under the leadership of PTO president, Tara Hubara.

There are two men who quietly lend their support and advice to me regularly. It is not unheard of for many Rabbis to keep their distance from the Religious School, but Rabbi Ezring and Rabbi Raucher make it their business. They play an integral role in our children’s Jewish education. They willingly work with our staff and are delighted to go into the classrooms any time to discuss any topic, theme or holiday.

With so many wonderful things going on at TIRS I can only expect that it will continue next year. I am sad that I won’t be able to share the journey with all of you for another year. I can’t thank you all enough for making my first year so rewarding.

Stephanie Glasser-Alfieri
TIRS Education Director

A Message from the High Holy Days Honor Committee

As the summer holidays approach, we at Temple Israel start thinking about the High Holy Days, which will be upon us before we know it. For the upcoming year 5773, Rosh Hashanah will fall on September 17th and 18th, while Yom Kippur will fall on September 26th.

As we receive many questions concerning the honors for such Holy Days during the year, I believe it is timely to explain the reasoning our Committee follows in assigning the different honors. Please bear in mind that while this is just a general guideline, and not intended to cover every individual situation, it is intended to clarify many such questions.

The following are the primary criteria our Committee follows to select people who we believe are entitled to the honors, in no particular order:

-Extent and frequency of donations to the Temple or any of its arms
-Volunteering for the Temple or any of its arms
-Attendance to services during the year
-Volunteering or distinction for the Temple during the past year (e.g. all Board Members get an honor)
-Volunteering or distinction for the Community as a whole during the past year
-Having had an honor on the previous year (see explanation below)

Please also note we assign the honors on a three-year rotational basis, which means that a person who has been honored in a given year cannot have the same honor for the next two years. This is so that every Temple member can get an honor in the three-year cycle. Since there are approximately 260 honors to be assigned (the exact number varies according to the calendar), in three years there will be about 780 honors, which roughly corresponds to our number of members.

By custom, we generally do not assign honors to both spouses in a family, in the interest of having as many people as possible honored in a given year. The exception to this rule is when both spouses deserve them in their own right; for example, if one spouse is a donor and the other a notable volunteer.

We also wish to clarify that there are no special categories of honors. An honor is an honor and it is no more or less special than another honor.

Please bear in mind we wish to make your High Holy Day experience a meaningful one. If you have any questions pertaining to the assignments, please feel free to address them to me and we shall be glad to answer them.

Michael Abadi
High Holy Days Honors Committee
abadim7470@aol.com
President's Column

“May you live in interesting times.”

This ancient Chinese admonition which is often described as an ancient curse is really a blessing. Living in “interesting times” provides a basis for creativity, for renewed energy and enthusiasm, and for bringing things into sharper focus.

The past two years have certainly been interesting. As I prepare to ride off into the sunset on my camel, I thank you for the privilege of allowing me to serve as President of Temple Israel during such interesting times.

We have tried to envision Judaism for the 21st Century that is engaging, relevant, compelling and appropriate for Charlotte, North Carolina. We are extremely fortunate that those who came before us set such a strong foundation. Building on that foundation we have worked to do more – to be more compelling, more member-focused, more spiritual, and more relevant to our daily lives. We have preserved our sacred traditions while embracing innovation. We have sought alternative ways of engaging adults and children at varying stages on their spiritual journey with a spirituality of welcoming as the bedrock on which to transform and revitalize our sacred community. Because we have such an energetic and innovative clergy team we have been able to offer alternative services including Kavanah, Java and Jeans, Rock HaShabbat, Mini Miynyan and Torah on Tap. Through the energy and hard work of our volunteers we have deepened our commitment to social action and social justice. We have had lively musical programs including Joshua Nelson’s Kosher Gospel, Craig Taubman, Neshama Carlebach with members of the Green Pastures Baptist Church choir, and Eleanor Reissa. We have had brilliant and engaging Scholars in Residence including Rabbi Naomi Levy, Professor Elliot Dorff, Rabbi Steven Wernick, Rabbi Charles Simon, and Rabbi Deborah Silver.

We are grateful for the cadre of outstanding officers and trustees who have dedicated themselves to serving this congregation as well as to the committee chairs and members and all who have volunteered their time. And we are grateful to our dedicated staff for all that they do with grace and good spirit. The incoming team led by Barry Bobrow is strong and dedicated and will do an outstanding job. They deserve our support.

In the face of financial challenges confronting congregations throughout the country, we are extremely fortunate to be the recipient of a very generous challenge grant to assist us in bridging the gap in our efforts to achieve financial stability. We are deeply grateful to Leon and Sandra Levine, Eric and Lori Sklut, and Howard and Julie Levine, who have pledged a total of up to $150,000 per year for three years to the extent that Temple Israel can raise membership contributions collectively by that amount compared to such contributions for the fiscal year which ended June 30, 2010. As we conclude the second year, we are grateful to each of our congregants who support Temple Israel with their generous financial contributions and by contributing their time and energy.

We have also been fortunate for the legacy of Michael Meiselman whose generosity to the congregation where he grew up will live on. His inspiring bequest has made so much possible.

Congregations are communities. There is so much more to do. What we each do makes a difference. Make a choice to make a difference. Volunteer your time and your talent. Participate. Contribute. Take a step up so together we can step forward to become the congregation we envision.

May you be blessed to live in interesting times.

B’Shalom,
Stuart Breidbart
Mazel Tov to our B’nai Mitzvah

Leah Porter, daughter of Bill and Debbie Porter will become a Bat Mitzvah on May 5, 2012.

She attends Weddington School and has two brothers, Jonah, 9 and Joshua, 6.

She is the granddaughter of Barbara and Peter Stein of West Palm Beach, FL and the late Don and Jane Porter of Bloomfield Hills, MI.

Leah’s interests are art and dance. For her Bat Mitzvah project Leah collected books for the Hemby Children’s Hospital.

Adah Lillian Farbman, daughter of Mark and Melinda Farbman will become a Bat Mitzvah on May 12, 2012. She is a 6th grader at Charlotte Country Day School and has one brother, Jonathan, aged 6.

She is the granddaughter of Sherry & Ted Putney of Albany, NY, the late Marcia Farbman and Edwin Farbman of Waxhaw, NC. She is the great granddaughter of the late Sam and Lillian Farbman, the late David and Ruth Farbman, the late Adelaide and Freeman Putney and the late Gerald and Josephine Scott.

She enjoys being with friends and running. Adah attended Camp Mindy, attended TIRS, graduated from Jewish Preschool on Sardis, will attend Camp Barney Medintz, completed mitzvah projects at the Carriage House with her religious school class for Hanukkah and Pesach.

Jeremy Berglass, son of Wendy & Michael Berglass will become a Bar Mitzvah on May 12, 2012. He is an eighth grader at Marvin Ridge Middle School and has two sisters Michelle, 10 and Sarah 7.

He is the grandson of Donald & Elise Orenstein and Jeffrey & Beverly Berglass all of Charlotte. He is the great grandson of Hilda Laskar of New York.

Jeremy enjoys sports, especially tennis. He attends Hebrew High School. He attends the Blue Star sleep away camp that helps with daily reinforcement of Jewish traditions.

Anna Wilson daughter of Bonnie and Gary Wilson will become a Bat Mitzvah May 5, 2012.

She is a 7th grade at JM Robinson Middle School and has one brother, Luke Wilson, 11.

She is the granddaughter of : Irene and Joseph Perl of Boca Raton, Florida and Martha Wilson of Lee’s Summit, Missouri and the late Richard Wilson.

Anna is an avid volleyball player at Carolina Juniors Volleyball. Anna has been dancing since she was 3 years old and does Hip Hop at Steps In Motion.

Anna attends Temple Israel Religious School and will be returning for her fourth summer to Camp Barney Medintz in Georgia. Anna started her fundraising efforts for the Levine Children’s Hospital in Charlotte when she was 10 years old and has been captain of a Hopebuilders 5k team since 2010. To date her teams have raised over $21,000 for the Levine Children’s Hospital.

Will Moskowitz, son of Marnie and Scott Moskowitz, will become a Bar Mitzvah on May 19, 2012.

His grandparents are Terry and Robert Cherniak of Atlanta, GA and Sandy Moskowitz and the late Herbert Moskowitz, of Wilmington, NC.

Will is a 7th grader at Carmel Middle School and has one sister, Harper, 16.

He enjoys basketball, tennis, golf and listening to music. Will attends TIRS and has attended Camp Barney Medintz for the last 5 years. For his mitzvah project, Will and Seth Williams participated in a basketball tournament to benefit Seeds of Hope, which helps fund education for children in under-served communities.

Seth Williams son of Marcie and Chris Williams will become a Bar Mitzvah on May 19, 2012.

He is a 7th grader at South Charlotte Middle School and has has one sister, Avery, 15.

He is the grandson of Marilyn and Jay Wilensky of Raleigh, NC and Fran and Herb Williams of Raleigh, NC.

Seth’s interests includes basketball and music. He has attended Camp Barney Medintz for five years and plans on attending this summer. For Seth’s Bar Mitzvah project, he participated in a basketball tournament to benefit Seeds of Hope, which helps fund education for children in under-served communities.
Life Events Announcements
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As a result of and in recognition of Michael’s efforts, the mission members created the Michael Abadi Latin American Scholarship fund. This fund will provide needed scholarships to the FJMC Convention or needed Spanish educational materials for these developing communities.

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Dear Temple Israel Family,

Leading the Men’s Club the past two years has been something like coaching a sports team. The coach gives full credit for victories to his or her players and takes all the blame for a loss. This is as it should be, and so it is with the Men’s Club. Our team of men have been wonderfully involved in Charlotte’s Jewish life, and through their involvement we have played a small part in making Temple Israel a better Kehillah Kedosha—a holy community.

Our co-sponsorship of the Congregational Break-Fast on Yom Kippur starts the year on the right tastebud. By leading more than 40 families and other volunteers in the building of our Sukkah and collecting Schach to cover it, we have helped spread the story of Sukkot. By serving a delicious steak dinner in the Sukkah we further enhanced the celebration of the Festival. Aiming many of our efforts at younger families and members of Temple Israel has also served us and the entire congregation well.

Our Hanukkah Father/Daughter Dance has quickly become a very popular event, and serving breakfast on the first day of our religious school gives families a chance to reconnect and get to know each other. I hope these traditions will continue for many years to come. Giving families the opportunity to meet Israeli NBA player Omri Caspi at a Bobcats game was also a lot of fun for the 40 parents and children who attended.

The Men’s Club’s commitment to social action and, perhaps more importantly, to social justice was on display as we provided volunteers for the NC Dental Society’s free dental care event; we fed and clothed the homeless at the Men’s Shelter of Charlotte as well as Room-in-the-Inn at Temple Israel and we raised awareness and collected money for starving people in Africa and medical relief in Israel. At each and every one of these programs, participants agreed: “This is what the Men’s Club should be doing.”

We were also able to continue some of our oldest Men’s Club traditions. The World Wide Wrap, which is an effort to keep the ritual and wonder of Tefillin alive for our future generations continued, although not on nearly a large enough scale. Look for an enhanced program next year on Super Bowl Sunday. Our Kosher-for-Passover wine sale made a profit for the club and helped around 40 families to have a tastier Festival. We also tried a new method of delivering Holocaust Memorial candles in order to allow us to maintain the important tradition of giving as many Temple Israel members as possible an opportunity to “Light a Candle and Preserve a Memory.” There were bumps in this home delivery program, and I apologize to anyone who didn’t receive a candle, but we will look for ways to do better next time.

One traditional program we were not able to accomplish this year was the 6th grade class trip to Washington, DC and the US Holocaust Museum and Memorial. Among other reasons, this is the first time in 15 years that Memorial Day weekend falls during the Festival of Shavuot, making the trip that weekend impossible. Our Temple leadership is implementing new ways to teach the history and lessons of the Holocaust to our children while providing ways for families to create lasting memories and friendships.

Another “loss” that I take full responsibility for is not getting even more men involved. One of the reasons that our Men’s Club exists is to give our men a way to connect, have fun, learn, and live more Jewish lives. There are so many ways to get men involved in Jewish life—discussions for young dads of toddlers and the challenges they face led by a parenting expert, talks for and with new empty-nesters, workshops on the changing roles between father and son as the dad ages—these and more are ways that we can “Hear Men’s Voices” that I sincerely regret not getting to in my time as president. I am also sorry that I didn’t get more men involved with the operation of the Men’s Club. I needed to do a better job of asking individual men to help write newsletters, to lead discussions, to plan menus and go grocery shopping, to work with the Temple Israel staff on a variety of functions. I did find that when something needed to be done, and I asked for help, I was never turned down by our outstanding members. I needed to ask more men more often to get more involved.

Why am I listing both successes and failures of my presidency? I want to give as much help to incoming president Nick Rose as possible. Perhaps this letter will help remind Nick that he isn’t alone. The task of leading a successful club is not overwhelming—just a lot of work! By simply asking people to be involved, by giving them something to do that is worthy of both their time and their interests and abilities, and by remembering to thank them and have fun, that our Men’s Club will continue to be one of the best clubs in the Federation of Jewish Men’s Clubs.

I want to publicly thank Nick for being like Nachshon at the Red Sea and taking the leap of faith into the waters of Men’s Club leadership. Of course, like the other brave men before him, nobody has drowned yet! I became Mens Club president to serve—to help make Temple Israel a better place, and to share my love of Judaism and of helping others with the Men of Temple Israel. The new friendships, the wisdom and experience I have gained, and the fun I have had during the past two years have been a great gift presented to me. I am looking forward to continuing to be involved in making our holy community the best it can be through my role as Secretary of the Board of Trustees and anything else I can do for our Temple community.

I am now pleased to assume the title that my entire family has been looking forward to—Immediate Past President of the Men’s Club. I am very thankful to everyone at my home in Pineville and my spiritual home at Temple Israel for allowing me this amazing experience.

Mike Eisner
Immediate Past President, Temple Israel Mens Club
Sisterhood News

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.

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Save the Date!

Sisterhood Election & Installation

Thursday, May 17, 2012
7:00pm

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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 can’t 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.

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- **Etz Chaim**: $60 each
- **Daily Minyan Prayerbook**: $36 each
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Medical Endowment Fund
Margi Goldstein
Birthday
By: Deane Boxer

Marvin Shapiro
Speedy recovery
By: Deane Boxer

Memory of Bella Boxer
By: Deane Boxer

Memory of Isaac Ashendorf
By: Deane Boxer

Assistant
Rabbi Tzedakah Fund
Rabbi Noam Raucher
Honor of Installation
By: Monty Bennett

Harvey & Shellie Barer
Marvin Barman
David & Deborah Block
Barry Bobrow & Karen Knoble
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Daniel & Hilary Rosenbaum
Darren & Staci Mond
David & Kathy Warshaw

Memory of Elisa Joy Barman
By: Marvin Barman

Memory of Florence Green
By: Marvin Barman

Cantor’s Music Fund
Ira Madans
Speedy recovery
By: Audrey Madans

Norman Snyder
Birthday
By: Monty Bennett

Honor of Cantor Elias Roochvarg
By: Gary & Maxine Silverstein
Lawrence & Carol Horowitz
Marla Shapiro

Education Endowment
Donald & Susan Jacobs
Birth of granddaughter
By: Ron & Janice Weiner

Florence Jaffa
Birth of great-granddaughter
By: Ron & Janice Weiner

Memory of Doris Idelson
By: Marc & Kim Wojnowich

Honor of Stacy Baum
By: Darren & Staci Mond

General Fund
Bob Solow
Birthday
By: Ed & Roberta Bograd

Florence Jaffa
Birth of great-granddaughter
By: Irving & Lillian Bienstock

General Fund
Honor of Rabbi Murray Ezring
By: Marcia Solomon & Leah Solomon

Susan & Donald Jacobs
Birth of granddaughter
By: Irving & Lillian Bienstock

Bob Jacobson
Birthday
By: Audrey Madans

Evelyn Berger
Honor of new home
By: Audrey Madans

Lillian Bienstock
Birthday
By: Audrey Madans

Memory of Mary Sfreddo
By: Monty Bennett

Roth Family
Anniversary
By: Audrey Madans

Bob Solow
Birthday
By: Ruth Silverman
Irving & Sylvia Swartz

Emily Vaughan
Memory of mother, Ethel Montag
By: Audrey Madans

Honor of Men’s Club Shabbat Aliyah
By: Andrew & Sharon Bodenheimer

Honor of Aliyah
By: Joel & Wendy Kвесkin

Linda Levy
Birthday
By: Audrey Madans

Susan & Donald Jacobs
Birth of granddaughter
By: Audrey Madans

Larry Horowitz
Memory of mother, Shirle Horowitz
By: Bunny Bramson
David & Judy Miller
Irving & Lillian Bienstock
Franklin & Ruth Paul

Memory of Ed Goldberg
By: Philip & Edna Bernanke

Jim Montag
Memory of wife, Ethel Montag
By: Audrey Madans

Aaron Gleiberman Simchat Torah Celebration Fund
Abe Luski
Speedy recovery
By: Rhoda Gleiberman

Etta & Louis Greenspon
Celebrating Life Senior Endowment Fund
Audrey Madans
Speedy recovery
By: Evelyn Berger
Stanley Greenspon
Memory of Joel Fleishman
By: Stanley Greenspon

Joel Cohen
Speedy recovery
By: Stanley Greenspon

Marilyn Shapiro
Speedy recovery
By: Stanley Greenspon

Shelton Gorelick Family Endowment Fund
Larry Horowitz
Memory of mother, Shirle Horowitz
By: Scott & Dana Gorelick

Kiddush Fund
The Goldmans
Anniversary
By: David & Judy Miller

Florence Jaffa
Birthday
By: Harvey & Shellie Barer

Barbara and Jerry Levin Religious School Endowment Fund
Barbara Sklut
Birth of twin great grandchildren
By: Jerry & Barbara Levin

Marvin Shapiro
Speedy recovery
By: Jerry & Barbara Levin

Stuart Ostrow Youth Fund
Connie & Paul Ostrow
Anniversary
By: Lauren Ostrow

Rabbi’s Tzedakah Fund
Audrey Madans
Speedy recovery
By: Robert & Joyce Stoll

Bob Solow
Birthday
By: Joel & Sandy Hirschman

Alan Bickler
Memory of loved one, Flora Eisenberg
By: Julius & Natalie Farber

Amy Liesman
Memory of Richard Fine
By: George & Ruthy Hall

The Kramer Family
Honor of daughter’s engagement
By: Julius & Natalie Farber

Rabbi Murray Ezring
Honor of 18th anniversary
By: Daniel & Hilary Rosenbaum

Memory of Ira Schulman
By: Dorothy Schulman

Aaron & Elise Pas
Birth of daughter
By: Mark & Jean Kirsch

Jeff Epstein
Birthday
By: Jeffrey & Aviva Stein
Rabbi’s Tzedakah Fund
Andy Cohen
Birthday
By: Jeffrey & Aviva Stein

Stephanie Simon
Birthday
By: Jeffrey & Aviva Stein

Dana Shapiro
Bat Mitzvah
By: Marla Shapiro

Dana Shapiro
Bat mitzvah
By: Andrew & Dana Kapustin

Donald & Susan Jacobs
Birth of granddaughter
By: Allan & Marcelle Oxman

Florence Jaffa
Birth of great granddaughter
By: Allan & Marcelle Oxman

Larry Horowitz
Memory of mother, Shirle Horowitz
By: Allan & Wendy Rosen

Frank & Wendy Rosen
Endowment for Rabbinic Programming
Florence Jaffa
Birth of great granddaughter
By: Frank & Wendy Rosen

Susan & Donald Jacobs
Birth of granddaughter
By: Frank & Wendy Rosen

Audrey Madans
Speedy recovery
By: Janet Jaffa

Larry Horowitz
Memory of mother, Shirle Horowitz
By: Frank & Wendy Rosen

Celia Scher
Holocaust Fund
Margi Goldstein
Birthday
By: Harvey & Shellie Barer

Sadie Starr Silver Fund
Adrienne Gossett
Birthday
By: Marvin & Anita Shapiro

Carol Speizman
Birthday
By: Marvin & Anita Shapiro

Dale Polsky
Birthday
By: Marvin & Anita Shapiro

Diane LeRoy
Birthday
By: Marvin & Anita Shapiro

Sadie Starr Silver Fund
Marc & Mattye Silverman
Memory of son, David Silverman
By: Marvin & Anita Shapiro

Marilyn Shapiro
Honor of granddaughter’s Bat Mitzvah
By: Marvin & Anita Shapiro

Patty Gorelick
Birthday
By: Marvin & Anita Shapiro

Jim Montag
Memory of wife, Ethel Montag
By: Mark & Jean Kirsch

Michele & Barry Pos
Birth of granddaughter
By: Mark & Jean Kirsch

Ann Slesinger Education Endowment Fund
Bob Jacobson
Birthday
By: Leonard Slesinger & Mona Radiloff

Bob Solow
Birthday
By: Leonard Slesinger

Pransky Family Camp
Ramah Fund
Larry Horowitz
Memory of mother, Shirle Horowitz
By: Donald & Shevi Herbstman

Sunday Morning Minyan Scholarship
Bob Solow
Birthday
By: Alan & Jan Raznick

Norman Steinberger Yahrezeit Fund
Minnie Levine
Stan Poliakoff
Max Ravitz
By: Leon & Sandra Levine
Beatrice Goodman
By: Barry & Michelle Goodman
Lewis Goldsticker
By: Stuart & Jodi Cohen
Otto Schneider
By: George & Lois Schneider
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By: Marvin Barman
Hyman Ludensky
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Irene Kossove
By: David & Kathryn Kossove

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Please contact Terri Cathcart at 704-362-2796 to reserve your date.
May Birthdays & Anniversaries

5/1
Adelle Bedrick
Sydney Frankel
Jacques Ganem
Karen Kopp
Rachel Marx
Max Rimler
Gerald Rosen
Jamie Straz

5/2
Adah Farbman
Mark Kirsch
Jordan Klemons
Brian Levine
Helen Pollack
Marc Rosenthal
Cheri Tittlebaum
Aaron Weiner
Bonnie Wilson

5/3
Ruth Ben-Joseph
David Burack
Rabbi Murray Ezring
Brian Goldsmith
Laun Kamman
Evelyn Krieger
Barry Reich
Gary Wilson

5/4
Joseph Barrocas
Phyllis Garten
Rachel McConkey
Lissette Scheinsson

5/5
David Hirsch
Douglas Mann
Jack Meltser
Rachel Puterman
Joshua Rubenstein
Hannah Tuckman
Ilya Volynsky

5/6
Mitchell Gartner
Lawrence Horowitz
Mitch Lebowitz
Tatyana Shokurova

5/7
Briana Bernstein
Ginger Blumenthal
Julie Fisher
Patricia Gorelick
Beatrice Kleinman
Elizabeth Mond

5/8
David Block
Tracy Brown
Taylor Glickman
Stan Grey
Marshall Rosenfeld
Alana Schusterman
Norman Steinberger

5/9
Rachael Capelouto
Shelly Fasciana
Tracy Goldsmith
Ethan Jackowitz
Lori Jackowitz

5/10
Irena Rimler
Lindsey Rosenbaum
Melvyn Labovitz
Jane Lowell
Tyler Mandel
Mindy McShane
Benjamin Nevid
Nicholas Bolger
Thomas Milden
Will Moskowitz
Linda Ashendorf
Thomas Lebowitz
Albert Mandell
Alaina McManus
Stacey Schuler
Marjorie Sigal
Gerson - Isael
Martha Brenner
Edward Bressman
Robert Friedman
Robert Kornfeld
Samuel Krieger
Abigail Smallman
Avery Williams

5/11
Hope Luczynski
Gary Michèl
Robert Siesson
Jeffrey Turk
Rachél Vaughan
Alex Comen
Richard Klein
Allie Michèl
Alexis Moffett
Ginny Shumaker
Julia Winer
Elana Berger
Stacy Gordon
Irene Jayson
Adina Loewensteiner
Adina Peck
Leah Porter
Elissa Levine
Nat Roberts
Tamara Silverstein
Michael Denenberg
Michael Hochman
Jordyn Miller
Richard Sweet

5/12
Stefan Berger
Sarise Breidbart
Marcelle Gorelick
Lily Hader
Barry Klemons
Arthur Roth
David Brenner
Abigail Cohen
Arléne Goldstein
Leslie Gordan
Jonathan Lahn
Susan Meyer
Elaine Moody
Kenneth Ashkin
Edward Karp
Lorrie Klemons
Ruth Richardson
Jenny Rosenthal
Herbert Stern
Beth Sussman
Eric Formica
Scott Jaben
Mark Lecker
Rebecca Weiner
Eván Wisotsky

5/13
Sandy Brenner
Donna Greene
Marci Goldberg
Lily Slightka
Aaron Snyder

5/14
Natalie Barrocas
Jacob Baumstein
Nancy Bernstein
Rachel Denenberg
Stuart Goldstein
Tamara Koltun
Zack Lishuas
Risa Miller
Emma Nascimento
Leah Newman
Stephen Stillifian
Jennifer Wilkeniz
Kerryn Zulman

5/15
Elliot Gartner
David Greenman
Herb Greenman
Evan Levine
Diane Rosenberg
Barry Sobel

5/16
Beth Sussman
Herbert Stern
Jenny Rosenthal
Ruth Richardson
Lorrie Klemons
Leslie Gordan
Jonathan Lahn
Susan Meyer
Elaine Moody

5/17
Barbara Levin
Noah Ribakove
David Strauss

5/18
Michael Denenberg
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Richard Sweet
Natalie Cohen
Alex Feiler
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Cindy McManus
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5/19
Michael Cigler
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Donald Herbstman

5/20
Rabbi Murray Ezring
Ruth Ben-Joseph
5/25
Marci Goldberg
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5/26
Natalie Barrocas
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5/27
Elliot Gartner
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5/28
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5/29
Barbara Levin
Noah Ribakove
David Strauss

5/30
Michael Cigler
Davis Greefe
Donald Herbstman

5/31
Mona Radloff
Tamar Raucher

Anniversaries
Rob & Fran Dordick
Marshall & Barbara Rosenfeld
Steve & Julie Novack
David & Teresa Brigham
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Norman & Jean Steinman
Frank & Wendy Rosen
Marc & Kim Wojnowich
George & Ruthy Hall
Joel & Sandy Hirschman
Dan & Stacy Levinson
Joshua & Adina Loewensteiner
Arnold & Ginger Snitzi
David & Rachel Cohen
Jim Bolger & Bart Caplan-Bolger
Albert & Janice Naibotsky
Ken & Melissa Zelin
Kenneth & Lori Jackowitz
Cantor Elias & Linda Roochvarg
Jeffrey & Aviva Stein
David & Rebecca Burack
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Scott & Julie Smallman
Rob & Pamela Bernstein
Hyman & Susan Bruck
David & Rebecca Burack
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Eugene & Elena Zilber
Scott & Marnie Moskowitz
Jonathan & Julie Fisher
Phillip & Marci Goldberg
Todd & Stacy Gorelick
Marvin & Anita Shapiro
Jason & Karen Spiegler

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May Their Memories be a Blessing

Week of May 4
Sally Albertson*
Terry Aron*
Nathan Becker
Melvin Berman*
Isadore Aleck Brand
Melissa F. Brenner
Carol Cowen
Rachel Deletetsky
Roberta Farb-Kapiloff
Marcia Farbman
Harold N. Friedman
Morris Gilbert
Dora Gleiberman*
Emmanuel Goldfarb
Stanley Goldstein
Bernard Goodman
Robert Greenberg
Thebe Halle
Celia Heskins*
Morris Kauffman*
Rebecca Kirschbaum*
Stuart Kornstein*
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Leiza Lichtin
Milton Robert Olshan
Emmanuel Pezarker
Dorothy Poliakoff*
Abram Pransky
Hugo Rosenberger*
Ruth Scharf*
Julius Schneiderat*
Milton Shumaker*
Florence Soll
Rebecca Starer*
Shirley Waldman

Week of May 11
Tillie Arenson*
Sidonie Ascher
Wolf Ashendorf*
Bella Seeherman Berger*
Bernard Bernhardt*
Ida Blitzer*
Dorothy Collins*
Estelle Corenblum
Allan Fellows
Jacob Fishman*
Hyman Frank*
Andrew Fredericks
Cantor Jonas Garfinkel
Ann Ginsburg
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Anna Glassman
Herbert C. Goldsmith*
Aaron Hirschman
Sophia Hoodin Jacobson
Miriam Jomsky*
Max Kaminsky
Milton Kantor*
Simon Edward Langman*
Joseph Leighton
Davide Limentanti
Eleanore Littauer
Ray H. London*
Hyman Perlowitz*
Bessie Richmond
Charles Rosenfeld
Rae Rotherberg
Hadie Schiff
Sylvia Schonwalter
Jeanette Schwartz*
George Seff
Annie Goldberg Shapiro*
Frieda Shepard*
Abraham Shomstein
Benjamin Silverstein*
Ann Simon
Etta Smallen
Peyser Sobel*
Alene Strause*
Clara Waga*
Leonard Walder
Mae Wallsh
Hyman Weingart*
Boris Wojnowich*
Doris Zippel
Rose Zucker*

Week of May 18
George Ackerman*
Adele Arazie-Heiney
Milton J. “Mickey”* Bayer*
Hyman Berlin*
David Berson
Belle Brand
Erwin Alexander Brown
Nettye Bruck*
Mortimer A. Cohen
Harriet Colodny
Bernard Dans*
Samuel Davidson
Goldie Davidson
Herman Dunn*
Norman Engelberg*
Irving Epley
Gilda Finkelstein
Dina Frank
Simon Frohman
Alex Grabiner
Anne Greenspon
Ida Hirschmann*
Cecile Horn
Ezra Husney
Frances Jacobs*
Frieda Kaplan*
Helen Klein*
Dora Krasner Krinetsky
Harry Lavitt*
Leon Lerner
Minnie Levine
Simon Levy
Gustave Luftglass*
I. Madalia*
Sophia Madans*
Ruth Markmann
Joseph Miller
Miriam Millman
Herbert Moskowitz
Jacqueline Newman*
Samuel Oberman*
Edith Pearlman
Larry Rapport*
Tillie Wohl Rauch*
CecileRose*
Bernard Rose*
Elena Rotker*
Berta Oppenheimer*
Iakov Mogilevsky

Week of May 25
Isaac Abadi
Sylvia Berger*
Sidney Klein
Rose Klein
Harry Sidney Cohen*
Laurie Comen
Harvey Diamond*
Nazi El-Kodsi*
Myron Fuerstenma
Sally Ginsberg*
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David Speizman*
Eric Sternberg*
Albert Szatmary
Jerome Teener
Rosalyn Tirsun*
Jacob Tuffner
Ida Weinstock
Joseph Weissman*
Gilbert Wunsch

Trees for Israel:
Ruth Richardson
704-366-2441

* Denotes a plaque
Social Action News

Social Action - Shalom Park Freedom School
June 18 - July 27 2012
Eight Jewish agencies including Temple Israel will host the second Freedom School on the campus of Shalom Park again this summer. We will be working with Freedom School Partners, a local Charlotte agency to offer a 6 week literacy program. This includes literacy training every morning, afternoon enrichment activities and field trips for 50 elementary school students. The students are from Temple Israel's partnership school, Huntingtowne Farms Elementary and Temple Beth El's partnership Sterling Elementary.

Twelve teens have been selected from within the Jewish and broader community for the Freedom School Teen Board. They will work in the classrooms, and assist with enrichment activities and field trips. Each teen will volunteer for a minimum of three weeks. This board includes three teens from Temple Israel: Elyse Bodenheimer, Annie Brown and Jeremy Denenburg.

Fun Volunteer Opportunities for Adults and Teens!
• Do you have a skill, talent, or craft you could share with students on an afternoon for 45 - 90 minutes?
• Would you like to help with field trips?
• Volunteer to shop weekly for needed supplies and help organize supply drives.
• July 10 - many volunteers are needed for field day. Students from other freedom schools will be joining us at Shalom Park.
• July 12 Harambee breakfast event 8:00am

Contact Shirley Rosen to volunteer - shalomparkfreedomschool@yahoo.com or 704.372.3315
Contact Tracy Brown about the Teen board - tracybrown2@mac.com

G’milut Chasadim - Acts of Loving Kindness
Our vision is to live Jewish values as we help those in need

Please consider making a donation to Temple Israel's “Social Action Fund” in memory of or in honor of someone or to recognize a birthday or special event. These fund helps us to support our social action projects and partnerships.

Your donations help us to:
• Provide Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners for homeless individuals living in shelters.
• Provide dinner, breakfast and bagged lunches for our guests during 3 nights in which we host Room In The Inn.
• Provide for needs of students living in poverty from our partnership school - Huntingtowne Farms Elementary.

Thank you for remembering this fund when you wish to make a donation!

Temple Israel Book Drive
For
Huntingtowne Farms Elementary School
(Temple Israel’s Sister School)

Clean out your book shelves and do a mitzvah!!
April 25th-May 20th

The Bet Class at TIRS is collecting new and gently used books for students in grades Kindergarten-5th at Huntingtowne Farms Elementary School. There is a huge need for books as the school is hoping to fill their classroom book shelves with books for their students to read.

You can drop off your books at these locations:
• Coat Closet in the Temple Lobby-by the Office
• Outside the TIRS Office
• Outside the Bet Classroom on the 3rd Floor of TIRS

Questions: Contact Kathy Warshaw- kewarshaw@yahoo.com or Margaret Musa – mmusa@carolina.rr.com

It's easy-just donate your books and help our sister school!
April 2, 2012

Rabbi Judy Schindler
Temple Beth El
5101 Providence Road
Charlotte, NC 28226

Dear Rabbi Schindler:
The Board of Trustees of Temple Israel has asked me to extend Congratulations and Best Wishes to you on behalf of the entire Temple Israel family on being honored as “Charlotte Woman of the Year.”

This well-deserved award recognizes your extraordinary contribution to the community for your work in leading Temple Beth El, in social justice and social action, inclusion, LGBT issues and in the realm of moral courage.

As your partner on Shalom Park we are keenly aware of your contributions and of the fact that without your passion and devotion we would not have had a Shalom Park Freedom School.

Your work on building interfaith understanding through Mecklenburg Ministries and in direct dialogue with Christian and Muslim congregations has contributed greatly to community building in Charlotte.

We look forward to many more years of working with you and Temple Beth El.

Thank you for all that you do.

Sincerely,

Stuart R. Breidbart
President

Cc: Moira Quinn Klein

4901 Providence Road, Charlotte, NC 28226  704-362-2796
Temple Israel Book Club Meeting

Tuesday, May 29  7:30 at Temple Israel

*Nemesis* By Philip Roth

Discussion Leader, English Prof. Dr. Jay Jacoby

Set in a Newark, New Jersey neighborhood during the terrifying polio outbreak of July 1944, “Nemesis is a wrenching examination of the force of circumstances on our lives.” The protagonist Bucky Cantor is unlike the typical wisecracking, sex-crazed characters in many Roth novels. He is an altogether dutiful 23 year old physical education instructor and a dedicated, caring playground supervisor in that eventful summer. Excused from serving in the military because of vision problems, Bucky faces down a gang of toughs who threaten to bring the dreaded polio germs from their side of town.

When Bucky heeds the advice of his fiancée and spends the summer in a Poconos summer camp, he hopes to escape the ravages of polio, but polio and guilt follow Bucky at the camp. “Nemesis tenderly and startlingly depicts the condition of childhood, Bucky’s passage into personal disaster, and the painful effect that the wartime polio epidemic has on a closely-knit, family-oriented Newark community and its children.”

Leading the discussion of this engrossing novella is Asheville English Professor Jay Jacoby. The Temple Israel book club is looking forward to Jay’s annual leadership!

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

Temple Israel book club meetings are open to the entire community. “Drop-ins” are welcome, even those who haven’t read the book, but the illustrious Philip Roth novella is well worth reading and under Jay’s skilled leadership, the discussion will add to the attendees’ literary enjoyment.

For additional information contact Linda Levy at 704-366-6362 or levyollie@aol.com.

Hebrew High Ends Year with Great Programs

Instead of just quietly winding down, the Hebrew High 5772 school year is ending with series of special programs that are exciting, educational and fun!

•On March 28th, the entire school participated in a Hunger Banquet. This pre-Passover program is designed to teach the students about global hunger and the cycle of poverty. Upon entry, each student was given a card that determined his or her socio-economic class. The meal they were served and the details of their lives were defined by this status. As we approached our own Passover feasts it was important for us to remember that more than 50% of the world’s population lives in poverty. Middle class, according to world standards, is over $12,000 annually for a family of 4.

•On April 11th, the student body heard Assa Bielski Weinstein speak about her father’s experiences with the Partisans during World War II. Mr. Bielski’s story was highlighted in the movie “Defiance.” Students will have the opportunity to ask questions about their lives while living in the forests of Belorussia avoiding detection by the Nazis.

•J-Serve this year is going to be a really great event! The Teen Coalition is putting on a spring carnival for underprivileged and special needs children. There will be games, balloons, food, prizes, and more. All of this is the Charlotte way of participating in a nationwide day of Jewish teen service!

•A taste of Hebrew High is a new event this year. All Jewish, rising 8th graders and their parents are invited to come and try out some of our most popular Hebrew high classes. The students and adults will experience art, text study, Israeli advocacy, and some surprises. They will surely learn that Hebrew High is the place for Jewish teens to be on Wednesday nights!

At Hebrew High, Charlotte’s Jewish teens, extend their Jewish knowledge, develop Jewish pride, and learn to live by Jewish values. Don’t let your student miss the opportunity to participate. For more information about the 5773 (2012-2013) school year call Roz at 707-944-6782 or email rcooper@shalomcharlotte.org.
Temple Israel Shabbat Dinners

Shabbat Dinners
You Belong at our Table!

Family Shabbat Service 6:15 pm
Family Shabbat Dinner 7:00 pm

Come celebrate Shabbat & Birthdays at Temple Israel!
Fri., May 18, 2012

WINE now available to enjoy with your Shabbat meal.
*All Meals have a vegetarian alternative

Shabbat Dinner Reservation Form

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Deadline: Friday preceding the scheduled dinner.

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

Temple Israel Social Club Out and About

Temple Israel Social Club members viewed the Violins of Hope at UNCC Center City Campus on April 17, 2012. This collection contains 18 violins rescued from the Holocaust and restored by Amnon Weinstein of Tel Aviv.

Members also visited the Levine Museum of the New South to see the following exhibits: “Courage and Compassion--The Bilski Brothers”; “Down Home--Jewish Life in North Carolina”; “All That Remains”- -photos/biographies of Charlotte Jewish Holocaust Survivors.

The Social Club traveled to uptown on JCC minibuses.

Photo: Baila Pransky boarding the bus
Photo by: Alan Goldberg
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Donating an Old Cell Phone Can Save a Life

Our Temple, in conjunction with Shalom Bayit and United Family Services’ Victim Assistance Program, is collecting cell phones for victims – or potential victims – of domestic violence. Unwanted cell phones will be reprogrammed to call 911 and used in the event of an emergency. Simply bring the cell phone and battery charger (in a bag or box, if possible) and to bring it by the office for collection. For more information check www.shalombayit-nc.org.

How Healthy is Your Relationship?

Do you feel controlled by your partner? Do you constantly experience insults, humiliation, threatening acts or gestures, bullying? Does your partner control the finances, isolate you from friends and family, treat you like a servant, make everything your fault. Is there violence? Up to 25% of all Jewish women, teens, and even some men are currently in abusive situations. Shalom Bayit-NC is working to end domestic abuse in our Jewish community by raising awareness, offering education and providing services to people suffering at the hands of intimate partners. Call 704-756-9209 for more information. LEARN HOW TO HELP and GET HELP at www.shalombayit-nc.org.

Temple Israel Data Sheet Request

We are currently updating the Family Data Sheets that we have received back so far. If you have not yet returned your updated sheet, there is still time to get it in. We are working hard to maintain an accurate data base for our members. You can help us by returning your sheet confirming your information. We thank you for helping us keep our records current.

Mention this ad and Vintner Wine Market will donate 10% of your non sale purchase to the the Rabbi’s Tzedakah Fund.

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Hadassah Celebrates 65 years of Providing Community Directory

Hadassah is proud to present the 65th edition of the Charlotte Area Jewish Community Directory. For 65 years Hadassah has been providing the Jewish community with a single source for connecting with our friends and loved ones. These directories reflect the rich history of our city, our Jewish community and the women of Hadassah. This year’s directory is available for purchase at the front desk of the Jewish Community Center and at the Gift Shops of Temple Beth El and Temple Israel. Be sure to pick yours up soon.

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2012 will be a momentous year for the Hebrew Cemetery Association. What is in store? In the year ahead, the cemetery will embark on an impressive expansion that nearly doubles the number of existing plots and will create a lovely new building to grace the site.

The project includes surveying, grading a new building, laying out new grave areas, landscaping and other grounds improvements for the remaining 6 acres of the 11-acre property. The land, which is located near the heart of Center City, was purchased by the cemetery’s founders in 1867.

A vital part of the expansion is the construction of a beautiful Memorial Building. Bill Gorelick and Marc Silverman, co-chairs of the Building and Capital Campaign Committee, say that the need for the building became apparent when the Hebrew Cemetery Board listened to requests from the Jewish community.

The Memorial Building, designed by the architectural firm, LS3P, will provide space for smaller funerals, memorials and unveilings. The new building also will include bathrooms, a base for the caretakers, maintenance equipment storage and a protected area in case of inclement weather.

A large portion of the funds required for the expansion have already been raised. Marc Silverman notes, “The board continues to be so appreciative of the community’s generous commitment to the Hebrew Cemetery.”

Late this spring the cemetery board will launch the public phase of the capital campaign. “Participation in and care of the Hebrew Cemetery demonstrate a deep faith in the future of the Jewish community. It’s just the right thing to do,” shares Bill Gorelick.

Kevin Levine, Hebrew Cemetery Board President, adds, “The completion of the site and new offerings make it more inviting for more Jewish families to become Hebrew Cemetery Association members and is part of a well thought-out Master Plan that will carry the cemetery through the next decades.”

The Hebrew Cemetery Association was the first Jewish organization established in Charlotte. Today the Hebrew Cemetery serves the Greater Charlotte area, including parts of North and South Carolina, and remains a vital player in the life of our Jewish community.

The cemetery provides care for families at the moment of their greatest need and of their greatest loss. One cannot imagine a Jewish community that did not have such a cemetery at work, fulfilling its sacred mission.

But one doesn’t have to wait for a loss to contact the cemetery. Every week the cemetery advises families on pre-planning their ceremonies and helps families understand their end-of-life options. Through the pre-planning process, these important decisions, made years in advance of any need, can reflect the individual’s wishes and create peace of mind.

In a similar vein, the Hebrew Cemetery is currently doing its part to help our Jewish community plan for its own longevity. This year’s cemetery expansion and building construction celebrate the growth of Charlotte’s vibrant Jewish community.

These efforts and the community’s generous contributions will help create a Jewish resting place for future generations. In the months ahead, the Hebrew Cemetery Association board looks forward to sharing with you the progress of this expansion.

To learn more about pre-planning or to arrange a personal tour of the cemetery, please contact the Hebrew Cemetery Director, Sandra Goldman, 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.
# Temple Israel Office Hours

**Monday-Thursday**

9:00am-5:00pm

**Friday**

9:00am-3:30pm

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**Temple Israel May 2012 Events**

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