Inside:

• Cantor’s New Music Program
• Social Action: Room In The Inn
• “Jerusalem” movie screening/scholar lecture
We are always intrigued by the unexpected. Who would have thought that the first day of Hanukkah and Thanksgiving would converge on the same day? After all, it has never happened before.

Jewish comedians and creative minds have tried to cash in on the unique coincidence, proclaiming that first day to be Thanksgivakah. Turkey Menorot, dreidels, and jewelry, designed with Pilgrims and Native Americans are all the rage. But if we think about it carefully, there is a very important lesson in this unique happenstance.

It is very disappointing, to many in the Jewish Community, that Hanukkah has become as commercialized as Christmas. When asked what is special about Hanukkah, most respond, “presents.” Some will speak about candle lighting. Others may answer the latkes and sofganiyot. What is missing, is the real meaning and rationale for the Festival of Lights.

It is surprising that the only liturgical addition during the eight days is the recitation of “Al HaNissim” during the Amidah and the Birkat HaMazon. “We thank You for the miracles, the redemption, the mighty deeds, the salvations, and the victories in battle which You performed for our ancestors in those days, at this time. You championed their cause, judged their claim and avenged their wrong. You delivered the strong into the hands of the weak, the many into the hands of the few…” Hanukkah is a holiday of gratitude. Our ancestors could not envision the possibility of their victory had God not stood by them and facilitated their success.

It is amazing to me that of all the holidays celebrated in America, Thanksgiving has been able to hold onto the basis of the celebration - showing our gratitude to God for the blessings we have received. I would be very happy if Hanukkah would fall closer to Thanksgiving every year. I pray that each of the eight nights on which we light the nerot (candles) of Hanukkah, we will open our gifts with joy and gratitude to God, as well as to those who have lavished gifts upon us.

Enjoy a happy and meaningful Hanukkah and Thanksgiving.

May you be inscribed for a good 5774.

Rabbi Murray Ezring

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**CALENDAR**

**Shabbat Service Times**
- Friday: 6:15pm
- Saturday: 9:30am

**Candle Lighting Times**
- Dec. 6: 4:54pm
- Dec. 13: 4:55pm
- Dec. 20: 4:58pm
- Dec. 27: 5:02pm

**Minyan Times**
- Sunday: 9:00am, 5:30pm
- Monday-Thursday: 7:30pm
- Thursday: 7:30am
- Saturday: 5:30pm

**WEEKLY EVENTS**

Visit our online Calendar (www.templeisraelnc.org) for a complete listing of upcoming events

**Tuesdays**
- Tuesday With Torah, 9:30am
- Temple Israel Religious School, 4:45pm

**Wednesdays**
- Torah Sparks, 12:30pm

**Thursdays**
- Adult B’Nai Mitzvah Class, 6:30pm

**Saturdays**
- Mini Minyan, 10:00am
- Jr. Congregation, 11:00am

**Sundays**
- Temple Israel Religious School, 10:00am

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**CALENDAR NOTICE**

Temple Israel strives to ensure that the calendar information is complete and accurate. However, event information may change.

For up-to-date information, please visit our online calendar on our website, www.templeisraelnc.org. Thank you.

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**CHANGES COMING TO KOL YISRAEL**

Beginning in February 2014, Kol Yisrael will become a bi-monthly (every other month) publication with the release of its February/March issue. What can you expect with the bi-monthly bulletin? You will find more detailed programming & news updates, as well as larger print. Stay tuned...
PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE
by Barry Bobrow

Since the beginning of the Jewish New Year, we’ve held many memorable events at Temple Israel. Our High Holiday services were very moving this year and flowed right into beautiful celebrations of Sukkot and Simchat Torah. While each holiday was unique, they all provided a time for our membership to celebrate important Jewish rituals together. Our scholar-in-residence weekend with the Fields-Meyers in October was outstanding, and all of us who were in attendance enjoyed the opportunity to study and learn from their unique insights. The adult B’nai Mitzvah we celebrated in early November was one of the highlights of my presidency. I was privileged to have a front row seat as five of our congregants inspired us by leading services after two long years of study. During our Kristallnacht 75th anniversary event on November 10th we recalled the horrific events of November 1938, and honored several of our members who were witnesses themselves to the beginning of the holocaust.

While all of these have been wonderful and inspiring events at Temple Israel, for me, a consistent “everyday” highlight, throughout all of these other highlights, has been watching the Temple Israel B’nai Mitzvah class of 5774. You need to see them in action to know why I feel this way. This group embodies all that we could ask for in a class of young people. While many of our B’nai Mitzvah classes in the past have become close friends, in this class the connections appear stronger. The students seem to have come together, as a class, in a way that should make us proud. Week after week, virtually the entire class is coming to Temple and sitting together. They’re not just sitting there politely - they are participating fully in our services. They are supporting their fellow classmates as they each take their turn as B’nai Mitzvah. Often in the past, class attendance dwindles as the B’nai Mitzvah season proceeds. Not so with the class of 5774. I get the sense that they understand and enjoy the responsibility to of supporting their fellow classmates. They are also making the extra effort to attend the parties, which follow each of the events. In short, the class of 5774 is a model class worth celebrating.

I want to use this opportunity, not only to recognize this class, but also to thank them for being such a great group. I also want to thank their parents, who are clearly encouraging and supporting their children by bringing them to services and making sure they attend the celebrations in support of their fellow classmates. The next time you’re in services, I hope you take the opportunity to thank these families yourselves.
Music lovers in Europe throughout the 19th & into the 20th century had a wonderful custom: in France it was called a “Soirée Musicale” and in Germany & Austria, a “Liederabend” (evening of song). Unlike the more formal “recitals”, which took place in concert halls or in castles of the nobility or royalty (often with an audience in the hundreds), these intimate evenings would happen in salons in people’s homes, with an audience of perhaps a dozen friends and fellow music-lovers.

Over my 64 years I have accumulated a repertoire of, maybe, a thousand songs in many different genres, moods & languages. Many of them are Jewish songs I have shared in various informal gatherings of the Sisterhood, Social Club, etc. But there are many others that I have not yet taken the opportunity to share. In order to rectify that situation, beginning in January, I am planning a series of monthly musicales, Cantor & Friends, with accompaniment by Monty Bennett. There will be five programs, each on a Sunday evening at 7:30pm, and each with a theme:

**JANUARY 5TH: FUNNY SONGS**

**FEBRUARY 9TH: LOVE SONGS**

**MARCH 2ND: SONGS OF FAITH & INSPIRATION**

**APRIL 6TH: SONGS THAT TELL A STORY**

**MAY 25TH: SONGS OF TRAINS & TRAVEL**

The programs will take place in the Chapel. Admission is FREE, but seating is limited. I hope you will join me!

*Cantor Elias Roochvarg*

### LIFE EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**OUR CONDOLENCES TO:**

- It is with great sadness that we inform you of the passing of Joyce Haber, mother of Robert Haber, on October 11. Services and Shiva were held in New York.
- It is with great sadness that we inform you of the passing of Sheldon Levine, father of Stacey Selkin, on October 17. Services and Shiva were held in New York.
- It is with great sadness that we inform you of the passing of James Lawson Stanley, father of Julia Greenfield, on October 17. Services and Shiva were held out of town.
- It is with great sadness that we inform you of the passing of Michael Leighton, brother of Deborah Leighton, on October 27. A private service was held on Sunday, November 3.
- It is with great sadness that we inform you of the passing of Lawrence Shapiro, father of Shep Shapiro and Ron Shapiro. Service was held at Temple Israel on November 5.

### BIRTHS

- Ruth Sachs is proud to announce the birth of her great-grandson, David, born on September 27, 2013. Proud parents are Sosia and Shlomo Samsonowitz of Jerusalem, Israel and excited sister is Yael. Thrilled grandparents are Yehuda and Yehudit Dambeck of Jerusalem, Israel.
- Melanie and Eliot Brown joyfully announce the birth of their twins on Monday, October 21, 2013. The proud grandparents are Lyba and Harold Roussou of Charlotte and Michelle Brown and Craig Brown of Cleveland. Proud great grandparents are Mary and Simon Wojnowich and Doris Roussou of Charlotte.
- Benjamin and Alexis Fish welcomed a baby boy, Louis Alexander Fish, into their family on October 23, 2013.
- Alan & Sandy Rosenberg are thrilled to announce the birth of their grandson on Monday, November 4, 2013. He weighed 8 pounds, 2 ounces. Proud parents are Adam & Alison Lewkowitz. Grandparents are Kathy and Herman Lewkowitz of Phoenix, Arizona. Great-grandparents are Robert and Shoshana Tancer and Jerry Lewkowitz of Phoenix, Arizona.
- Rabbi Noam and Tamar Raucher welcomed a baby boy, Elijah Moses, into their family on Tuesday, November 12, 2013. He weighed in at 7 pounds, 2 ounces and measured 20 inches.

### LIFE EVENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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**MINI MINYAN**

Come and enjoy a fun Shabbat experience for Kindergartners through 2nd graders. Service includes songs, prayers and stories.

**SATURDAYS**

**DEC. 7, 14, 21, & 28 AT 10:00AM**
Mitzvot and Jewish values are essential elements of the TIRS curriculum throughout the grades. In order to instill these values deeply and encourage life-long habits of giving and helping others, we not only collect tzedakah in every class, but every grade also participates in a hands-on mitzvah project. In addition, B’nai Mitzvah students are all required to participate in a Mitzvah/Tikkun Olam project – either a longer on-going community service project, or several shorter projects.

For their Mitzvah/Tikkun Olam project, three of our B’nai Mitzvah students - Libby Gray, Gabriel Novack and Landon Stillitano – joined forces to organize the “Fight the Flame” 5K run to support research, education and awareness about Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy. Around 200 people participated in the race on November 3rd, which raised $16,000! Other B’nai Mitzvah students are participating in several of the group projects organized by a parent committee led by Dana Kapustin, Brenda Levin, Stacey Slomka and Liz Winer. Todah Rabbah to the committee for arranging for meaningful projects to support valuable causes and organizations in our community!

In addition, two wonderful liaisons from the Temple Israel Social Action Committee – Hillary Rosenbaum and Kathy Warshaw – organize hands-on projects for each grade. The Gan (Kdg.) and Alef (1st gr.) students brought in Hanukkah gifts and made gift bags and cards to distribute to needy Jewish children through Jewish Family Services. The Bet (2nd gr.) and Gimmel (3rd gr.) students collect books for underprivileged children at our partner school, Huntingtowne Farms ES. Dalet (4th gr.) collects food and household supplies for the JFS pantry. Hey (5th gr.) will do a project focused on animals or the environment. Vav (6th gr.) made Hanukkah cards for Jewish residents of the Carriage Club and will participate in the Blessings in a Backpack project for Huntingtowne Farms.
B’NAI MITZVAH MAZEL TOV TO OUR B’NAI MITZVAH

Jacob Carbuto
December 14, 2013
Parents: David & Deb Strauss
*Jacob is participating in the class mitzvah projects including the Spay and Neuter of Charlotte and Carriage Club of Charlotte to help celebrate with seniors.

Joshua Carbuto
December 14, 2013
Parents: David & Deb Strauss
*Joshua is participating in the class mitzvah projects including the Spay and Neuter of Charlotte and Carriage Club of Charlotte to help celebrate with seniors.

Alyssa Bernstein
December 21, 2013
Parents: Pamela & Robin Bernstein
*For her Bat Mitzvah project, Alyssa volunteers at Sunrise Assisted Living center, interacting with residents and supporting resident activities such as bingo, card games, and helping guests with simple wants or needs.

Jenna Gamlin
December 21, 2013
Parents: Andrea & Dave Gamlin
*Jenna is a 6th grade student at Charlotte Preparatory School, where she is on the cheerleading squad. She enjoys listening to music, playing with the family dog, Maydel, and hanging out with friends. For her Bat Mitzvah project, she will be working on a special project helping animals.

YOUTH EVENTS

To register your child for any program, please contact Ariel Krusch at 704-944-6816 or AKrusch@templeisraelnc.org

FAMILY EVENT - All Ages Welcome

TI-Y FAMILY NIGHT: HAVDALLAH, DINNER & “FIDDLER ON THE ROOF”
Join Temple Israel for an exciting and memorable family evening, as we support our community and Temple Israel members participating in the JCC’s production of “The Fiddler On the Roof.” Tickets include the show, a catered Italian dinner and Havdallah before the play. Tickets are very limited, so make sure and reserve your family’s tickets TODAY!
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7TH
5:00PM-6:30PM - DINNER & HAVDALLAH IN WEINBERG CENTER
7:00PM - “THE FIDDLER ON THE ROOF”
$20/PER PERSON

BONIM YOUTH 6th-8th Grades & GESHER TEENS 9th-12th Grades
The Teen Coalition Presents: MACCA-BLAST 8TH-12TH GRADES
Join your friends from TI-Y, BBYO, LIBERTY, HEBREW HIGH & the JCC, as we celebrate the 7th night of Hanukkah together with an epic lip sync competition. We will also join as a teen community in lighting the Hanukkah, eating delicious sufganiyot, and learning about upcoming trips to Israel in the summer.
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3RD
6:30PM-7:00PM
Gorelick Hall

GOT MITZVAH?
6th-12th Grades
Join other teens in the TI-Y family as we give back to our community through various community service projects. Projects may include making sandwiches, blankets, pillows, and cards for those in need in our local homeless shelters and children’s hospital.
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22ND
3:00-5:00PM

Beauty is...
Aaron Gleiberman  
*Simchat Torah*

Celebration Endowment  
Audrey Madans  
In honor of grandson’s wedding  
By Mrs. Rhoda Gleiberman

Berta Straz  
In honor of birth of grandson, Noah  
By Mrs. Rhoda Gleiberman

Beverly Tirsun  
In memory of Christine Taylor  
By Mrs. Rhoda Gleiberman

Evelyn Nameroff  
In honor of Bat Mitzvah  
By Mrs. Rhoda Gleiberman

Florence Jaffa  
In honor of grandson’s wedding  
By Mrs. Rhoda Gleiberman

Gloria Reeves  
In honor of Bat Mitzvah  
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Happy Birthday  
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Monty Bennett
In honor of becoming a Bar Mitzvah
By Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Stillitano

Stacey & Ira Slomka
In honor of Brenda becoming a Bar Mitzvah
By Morey & Lynne Sheffer

Alene & Samuel Strause
Emergency Endowment Fund
Bob Haber
In memory of Joyce Haber
By Mr. Samuel Strause

Ellis Levinson
Happy Birthday
By Mr. Samuel Strause

Gary Levinson
For a speedy recovery
By Mr. Samuel Strause

Monty Bennett
In honor of Bar Mitzvah
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Stuart F. Ostrow Fund
Brian & Annie Goldsmith
In honor of wedding
By Mr. & Mrs. Alan Rosenberg

Caryn Blank
In memory of Aline Pokrass
By Ms. Lauren Ostrow

Sunday Minyan Breakfast Fund
Marshall Rauch
In honor of Wisdom of Solomon Lifetime Achievement Award
By Samuel Foster & Gloria Peper

Sunday Minyan Scholarship Fund
Shai Richardson
Happy 90th Birthday
By Mr. & Mrs. Alan Rosenberg

Wendy & Frank Rosen
Endowment Fund
Walter Klein
Happy Birthday
By Mrs. Janet Jaffa
By Mr. & Mrs. Frank Rosen

Youth Action Fund
Henry & Susan Rabinovich
In honor of birth of granddaughter, Aeralee
By Mr. & Mrs. Ron Weiner

Ken & Marcia Stern
In honor of birth of grandson
By Mr. & Mrs. Ron Weiner

Laurie Sheinhaus
In memory of mother
By Mr. & Mrs. Bradley Winer

Leonard Madans
By Mrs. Audrey Madans

Louis G. Boxer
By Mrs. Deane Boxer

Maurice Rogovin
By Mrs. Audrey Madans

Michael Fisher
By Mr. & Mrs. E. Jerry Fisher

Paul Vero
By Mrs. Georgeana Rippner

Solomon “Jimmy” Rippner

By Dr. Stuart & Mrs. Jodi Cohen

Staff Sgt. Louis Farber
By Mr. & Mrs. Julius Farber

Sylvia Solow
By Mr. Robert Solow

Saul Tanenbaum
By Ms. Kara Tanenbaum

Temple Israel's Kristallnacht 75th Anniversary Commemoration,
Honoree, Jesse Oxendine (Liberator) (photo: A. Goldberg)
Thank you to all our Kiddush Fund contributors! Interested in co-sponsoring a Shabbat Kiddush with Sisterhood and the synagogue? Call Teresa Brenner at 704-362-1069 for details.

SAVE THE DATE: Monday December 9 @ 7:30pm
On December 9, join Sisterhood and Temple Israel’s Book Club to discuss The Mothers by Jennifer Gilmore. The Mothers is a book that tells the story of a woman’s passion and obsession to become a mother and her interesting journey to adopt a child. This year, Women’s League’s theme is “mishpachah.” This book provides one example of the diversity of the modern Jewish family. No RSVP necessary. Location: Temple Israel.

TEMMPE ISRAEL SISTERHOOD JUDAICA GIFT SHOP
GIFT SHOP HOURS
10 am – 1 pm: Sunday*, Tuesday-Thursday
11 am to 1pm: Friday
CONTACT: Cindy Jennes, cinjenn99@gmail.com

* The Sisterhood Judaica Gift Shop will be continuing Mitzvah Dayze every Sunday, and we will donate 10% of all sales to the Sisterhood Youth Program Fund.

**During December, buy Auto-Bell car wash coupons for $14.99 from the Sisterhood Gift Shop. One-half of the proceeds benefit Sisterhood. No expiration date.

Hanukkah Events

TEMPLE ISRAEL RELIGIOUS SCHOOL (TIRS)
HANUKKAH CANDLE-LIGHTING CEREMONY
On Tuesday, Dec. 3, Temple Israel Religious School will hold a school-wide Hanukkah candle-lighting ceremony during school hour.

8 CRAZY NIGHTS OF HANUKKAH!
Support TEMPLE ISRAEL and have some fun at the same time as we celebrate the “8 CRAZY NIGHTS OF HANUKKAH”! You could be one of 16 LUCKY winners. Each night of Hanukkah, we will pull two tickets for fun-filled prizes for the whole family! Tickets are $5.00 each and can be purchased online (visit main page of www.templeisraelnc.org) or by calling the Temple office at 704-362-2796. The more tickets you buy, the more chances you have to win!

POPPY’S BAGELS and more
More Than Just the Best Bagels
Homemade Soups
Salads
Sandwiches and Panini
Catering for all Occasions
Approved Caterer for Shalom Park

704-366-8146
2921 Providence Road, Suite 102
Charlotte, NC 28211
Torah On Tap
TEMPLE ISRAEL YOUNG PROFESSIONALS

9TH NIGHT: COMMUNITY-WIDE YOUNG ADULT HANUKKAH PARTY
Join us for an evening of good beer, delicious food, and festive holiday trivia at the Charlotte Jewish Community’s Annual Young Adult Hanukkah Party. Enjoy scrumptious hors d’oeuvres, latkes and sufganiyot catered by Serafina.
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5TH AT 6:30PM
Birdsong Brewery in NODA
$10/in advance; $15/at the door.
Purchase tickets at www.nextgencharlotte.org

CHALLAH BAKING CLASS
Are you clueless when it comes to bread-making? Have you ever wanted to wow your friends and family with a delicious homemade Challah straight from the oven? Join Torah On Tap as we learn how to make Challah in this interactive class. One of Charlotte’s top-rated gourmet caterers, Maddy Bixen from Serafina Catering, will lead us step by step through the process!
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19TH FROM 7:00-9:00PM
TEMPLE ISRAEL
$10/PERSON
akrusch@templeisraelnc.org
or 704-944-6816.

ROCK HASHABBAT
FRIDAY DECEMBER 20
6:15 PM
HAVEN’T BEEN TO ROCK HASHABBAT?
Then you’ve been missing one of Temple Israel’s most enjoyable services. The Rock HaShabbat service (in the main sanctuary) is a fast-paced, hour and fifteen minute service led by The Ruach, Temple Israel’s own “house” band. The service includes the music of Rick Recht, Craig Taubman, Dan Nichols, Juda Blue and others, plus original music by The Ruach

THIRD FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH

Java Jews
DECEMBER 30th
Join us on Monday, December 30th from 7:00-8:00pm at Caribou Coffee, 7804 Fairview Rd

This event is FREE & OPEN to all Young Professionals in the Jewish Community. Join us for a café Torah discussion once a month led by a member of Torah On Tap. Come on out—meet & greet over coffee for an hour of lively discussion.

BRINGING SHALOM INTO YOUR HOME with Rabbi Shmuley Boteach
Thursday, December 12th, 2013
7:30 p.m. at Temple Israel
Event Co-Chairs: Amy Augustine and Alison Lerner
Rabbi Shmuley Boteach, who hosted the national TV Show “Shalom in the Home”, is described as “America’s Rabbi.” Called “the most famous Rabbi in America” by The Washington Post and Newsweek, he is one of the world’s leading experts on relationships, values and spirituality. His 29 books have been bestsellers all over the world and have been translated into 20 languages. The winner of the London Times highly prestigious “Preacher of the Year” award, Boteach has lectured and appeared in print, radio, and TV all over the globe.

For more information, please contact the Federation office at 704-944-6757.
Thursday Morning Minyanaires

Do you like to be adventurous? Do you like meeting a fun group of people? Start the day right by coming to the Thursday morning minyan and we will even let you join the minyanaires (and you too could be in this picture). We meet weekly at 7:30 AM and even have time for breakfast (what could be better than that)! Plus, you get mitzvah points (and you know every one could use some of those).

TEMPLE ISRAEL SOCIAL CLUB

We invite couples and singles, 60+, affiliated with Charlotte area synagogues to join. Meet friendly people and enjoy our interesting programs and trips. For more information, contact our co-presidents Irving Bienstock at 704-542-0094 or Ruth Goldberg at 704-366-8903.

UPCOMING EVENT: Hanukkah Party
SUNDAY December 8, 12:30 PM

Have fun at our annual Hanukkah Party at Crown Plaza Hotel (formerly Marriott Hotel) 5700 Westpark Dr. off Tyvola. Enjoy a delicious luncheon buffet and entertainment by Cantor Elias Roohvarg leading a Hanukkah musical program. Cost: $22.00 for members; $27.00 for non-members. If you need transportation to the Hotel or for further information, contact Irving/Lillian Bienstock 704-542-0094.

SOCIAL ACTION

The JFS Food Pantry is running low on several items that are staples in our pantry. Donation drop-offs can be made in the JFS office during normal business hours, Monday – Friday, 9am – 5pm. The following are a list of items currently needed:

- Jelly
- Minestrone Soup
- Condensed milk
- Canned pears
- Canned tuna
- Canned salmon
- Aluminum foil (25ft)
- Cookies
- Raisins
- Popcorn

Thank you we appreciate your support!
Huntingtowne Farms Elementary 5th graders learn about the JCC Butterfly Project at Shalom Park.

ROOM IN THE INN

2014 Dates: January 18, February 1, February 8
Time: 4:00 - 8:30 pm

We are part of a community wide effort to offer the homeless a safe and warm place to sleep during the coldest months of the year. Individuals, families and teens can assist with set up, welcome, prepare and serve dinner on select Saturday evenings to our 12 guests.

*Two men are needed to sleep over in our Social Hall and to serve breakfast on Sunday morning.

*Donations needed: Men’s winter clothing including coats, sweaters, shirts, hats, gloves, socks, underwear and tee shirts. Forty (40) back packs and/or small used luggage on wheels are needed for our guests for all three nights.

TO HELP, PLEASE CONTACT:
Sandro Nascimento
sandman20@carolina.rr.com
Andy Wallach
retiredwrench@gmail.com

ADULT EDUCATION

WALKING WITH JUSTICE
THRU DECEMBER 18, Wednesday evenings, 7-8:30pm

Following the success of Walking With God, Temple Israel presents another college level investigation of Jewish sources provided by the Ziegler School of Rabbinic Studies in Los Angeles. Through small group study and large group discussion, we will experience the development of Jewish Ethics and the directive to ensure social justice. Why should we be concerned with the rights the elderly and disabled? What obligations do we have to the environment? Are we really obligated to be our brother’s keeper?

Cost of Program: $5 per class.
To register, contact the clergy office (704-362-2796).

JERUSALEM
SAVE THE DATE: SUNDAY, JANUARY 26TH
DISCOVERY PLACE, 12:30PM

Join Temple Israel as we go see the new IMAX movie JERUSALEM, which takes audiences on an inspiring and eye-opening tour of one of the world’s oldest and most enigmatic cities. In the film, Professor Jodi Magness is one of two featured archeologists who explore some of the most extraordinary historical sites in the region in order to better understand this crossroads of civilization. Dr. Magness is with the Department of Religious Studies at University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where she is the Kenan Distinguished Professor for Teaching Excellence in Early Judaism. She will be our guest speaker.

Stay tuned for more information

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

“I BELIEVE YOU” - Words to Help and Heal

From screening/discussion of “I Believe You: Faith’s Response To Intimate Partner Violence”.

(Left) Rev. Stephanie Moore Hand of Providence United Methodist Church, Jibril Abdum-Muhaymin of Masjid Ash-Shaheed, Rabbi Noam Raucher and Rev. Glencie Rhedrick, President of Mecklenburg Ministries

For more information on the red flags of unhealthy relationships and how to help see www.shalombayit-nc.org
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JAVA-N-JEANS

Join us on the first Saturday of each month as we learn about prayer, capped off with a lively Torah study discussion over coffee — while wearing your favorite pair of jeans.

SATURDAY DECEMBER 7
10:00AM

Temple Israel Alternative Services

KAVANAH

As we gather each month on the third Saturday, be prepared to not only participate in the beauty of Jewish prayer, but also the wonder and stimulation of an open and honest Torah study during the service.

SATURDAY DECEMBER 21
10:00AM

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