Bring Your Friends to Temple Israel’s
Grown-ups Purim Carnival

Saturday, February 23
7:30pm-11:00pm
Temple Israel

$36 per person includes:
- Prizes
- Raffles
- Contests
- And Fun

hors d’oeuvres, beer, wine, soda, dessert, starter supply of chips, and 1 raffle ticket.

Bonus Chips for making reservations by February 8
and/or wearing a Purim Costume!

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News and Events

Temple Israel Friday Night Shabbat Dinners

Come celebrate Shabbat at Temple Israel. All meals have a vegetarian alternative. Red and white wines are available with meals. Prices: $15 each for ages 13 and up, and $7.50 per child.

Scheduled Dinner Dates:
Feb. 15, Mar. 15, Apr. 19 and May 17

RSVP online at www.templeisraelnc.org, or via email at tcathcart@templeisraelnc.org. Please make your reservation the Friday preceding the scheduled dinner. Shabbat Services begin at 6:15pm. Shabbat Dinner begins at 7:00pm. For more information, please call 704-362-2796.

February 2013 Temple Israel Event Calendar

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

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

Candle Lighting Times
2/1 5:33pm
2/8 5:40pm
2/15 5:47pm
2/22 5:54pm

Weekly Events
Tuesdays
Tuesday with Torah, 9:30am
Temple Israel Religious School, 4:45pm (Does not meet 2/17)
Conversion Class, 7:45pm

Wednesdays
Torah Sparks, 12:30pm

Thursdays
Adult B’nai Mitzvah Class, 6:30pm

Saturdays
Jr. Congregation, 10:00am (Does not meet 2/16)

Sundays
Temple Israel Religious School, 10:00am

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. Thank you.

Upcoming Events
2/2  Room In The Inn, 4:00pm
2/3  World Wide Wrap, 8:30am
2/4  Board of Trustees Meeting, 6:30pm
2/11  TI Social Club Meeting, 3:00pm
2/12  Points of View, 1:00pm
2/16  Rosh Chodesh, 1:00pm
2/17  TI Social Paid Up Luncheon, 12:30pm
2/17  Torah on Tap, 4:00pm
2/21  Celebrating Life, 10:30am
2/26  Points of View, 1:00pm
2/18  TI Executive Meeting, 6:30pm
2/23  Excerpts of Megillah Reading, 7:00pm
2/23  Grown-ups Purim Carnival, 7:30pm
2/24  Minyan and Traditional Megillah Reading, 9:00am
2/24  TIRS Student Led Participatory Purim Shpiel, 11:15am

Alternative Services
2/2  Java & Jeans, 10:00am
2/15  Rock HaShabbat, 6:15pm
2/16  Kavanah Services, 10:00am

Children’s Services
Mini Minyan 2/2, 9, and 23 11:00am
Torah Tots 2/8 at 5:45pm and 2/23 at 10:00am

TI-Youth Events
2/5  Jr. Kadima Lounge Night, 6:15pm
2/16-17  Jr. Kadima Overnight Event, 12:00pm
2/12  Kadima Lounge Night, 6:15pm
2/24  Kadima at Purim Carnival Event, 12:00pm
2/17  USY Event, 1:00pm
2/26  USY Bistro Night, 6:00pm

B’nai Mitzvah
2/9 Becker Bar Mitzvah 9:30am
2/9 Ditesheim Bat Mitzvah 5:30pm
2/16 Rubin Bat Mitzvah 9:30am

USY had a great time at Inner Peaks in January!
Temple Israel’s youth program, TI-Y is having lots of fun this Winter and Spring! We have planned a variety of fantastic programs such as overnights, bowling, glass arts and skating. (just to name a few)! See events on calendar. Please contact Reuven Green at 704-944-6816 or rgreen@templeisraelnc.org for more information!

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Rabbi Ezring’s Column

Jewish culture often emphasizes the serious side of life. Because of this focus on life and death, right and wrong, and righteousness and evil, we fail to see the joyful life that Judaism tries to instill in us. Our heritage teaches us the importance of proper behavior and helping each other. At special times, we celebrate with abandon. We dance and sing on Simchat Torah. There is one incomparable day on which we masquerade and create our own carnival.

On Halloween, the secular world dresses up to try to fool spirits and demons that want to harm us. The masks that we wear are to hide our identities, making it easier to take part in harmful practical jokes. “Trick or Treating” still holds the threat of reprisal that filled times before ours. Yet our children still celebrate the All Hallows’ Eve by begging for candy or other treats.

Purim is a joyous holiday. We wear costumes, not to hide our identities but to enjoy ourselves. It is a custom that seems to have begun in the late Middle Ages in reaction to Italian carnivals. Our Rabbis suggest that the costuming reflects God. We always attempt to imitate the Divine. As we read Megilat Esther, we are quick to notice that God is not mentioned. Yet the survival of our ancestors was miraculous. Therefore our ancestors believed that God is hidden in the story of Esther wearing a mask to hide the Holy One’s presence. Rather than running around begging for candy under threat of tricks, we go out and deliver plates of sweets to our friends and neighbors.

Purim is a most joyous holiday. This year, the celebration begins on Saturday night February 23, 2013. Join us as we journey back to ancient Shushan and visit A Royal Casino, Ahasueros style at our adult carnival. Parallel programming for children will also take place. Enjoy Purim, Divinely costumed.

Chag Purim Sameach

Have a Happy Purim!

President’s Message by Barry Bobrow

Find Yourself at Temple Israel

When I spoke from the Bimah this past Kol Nidre, I referred to Shalom Park as a beautiful mezuzah at the center of Jewish life in Charlotte, with Temple Israel as the scroll inside that mezuzah. Temple Israel is what gives sustenance, purpose, and continuity to our Jewish lives in Charlotte. It is where we can find God, and where the words that have bound our people together for so many centuries live fresh every day, and give identity and purpose to the next generation. Just as the letters and words of the mezuzah scroll are all required for it to be complete, all of us need to play our role as members for our temple to thrive. Belonging, giving of ourselves, praying together, and celebrating together are the essence of our community and our purpose. We all have the opportunity to find ourselves and our path to spirituality and Jewish community at Temple Israel.

Temple Israel, like all synagogues today, must adapt to the changing needs and wants of our members. We continue to honor our Conservative Jewish traditions, but we at Temple Israel have chosen to embrace the increasing diversity of our members’ interests by broadening our offerings. Examples include alternative religious services, highly diverse educational offerings, and a broad array of social action activities. These programs and services require us to invest more of our time and resources. The Board of Trustees, the Clergy and the staff of Temple Israel feel that the direction we have chosen is beginning to show great progress, as measured by the engagement levels of all of the different groups that make up Temple Israel. The challenge of building a unique Jewish community at Temple Israel, where everyone can find their place, is a great one, and one that we are eager to continue pursuing.

Three years ago, in the midst of the worst recession since the Great Depression, we experienced a significant drop in our membership contributions. Our liquidity problems were avoided primarily through the contributions of our members, spurred by the generous challenge grant offered by the families of Leon and Sandra Levine, Howard and Julie Levine, and Eric and Lori Sklut. By matching the increases of our members dollar for dollar up to $150,000 for each of three years, these families helped us stabilize our finances. As a result, we have been able to use the past three years to invest our time and resources in a way that improves our membership experience.

When our next fiscal year begins this coming July, we will no longer receive the $150,000 matching grant. Though our membership contributions have grown, and we have sought to be prudent in how we spend, I anticipate that without any changes to our expenses or membership contributions we will experience a budget shortfall of $150,000. This represents a significant portion of our $1.7 million annual budget.

That is why we cannot wait for our annual membership cycle this summer to begin discussing our challenges. Starting in February, we will begin conversations with all of you regarding Temple Israel and its strategy and direction. We want to explain our current situation and how we plan to address it, and make sure we have your continued support.

We need to be sure that our Temple’s sacred space will be maintained; that the vital and vibrant services and activities will be continued; and that new and innovative programming can and will be established for members of all ages. Our plans include moving beyond the difficult financial conditions of the past few years, and building our budget in a way that allows us to invest to make our temple even stronger.

Beginning in February we will be inviting you to have a conversation about our strategy. We will be asking for your support, so that each of you can find yourself at Temple Israel, now and in the future.

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Room In the Inn

We Open our Temple Home to Others

“What’s yours is yours and what’s mine is yours”

A volunteer opportunity for teens, families and adults. Temple Israel is part of a community wide effort to help the homeless find a warm place to sleep during the winter months. Room In the Inn is a program coordinated by the Urban Ministry Center (UMC). On three Saturday evenings this winter, we will provide dinner and beds to 12 guests from UMC.

Volunteers are needed from 4:00pm-8:30pm to help with set up, meal preparation, serving dinner, joining our guests for a friendly dinner and making bagged lunches for the next day.

Next Date: Saturday, February 2

To volunteer please contact Sandro Nascimento sandman20@carolina.rr.com 704.650.9731 or Andy Wallach retiredwrench@gmail.com 252.945.1661. If you cannot volunteer but would like to help out, donations of men’s large size tee shirts are needed.

Mazel Tov to our B’nai Mitzvah

Max Becker
February 9, 2013
Parents: Bruce & Jamie Becker
For his Bar Mitzvah Project, Max participated in drum STRONG by raising money and drumming to beat out cancer.

Anna Ditesheim
February 9, 2013
Parents: Jeffrey & Dana Ditesheim
For her Bat Mitzvah Project she has participated in Bright Blessings, Blessings in a Backpack, Friendship Circle and has volunteered at the homeless shelter.

Dana Rubin
February 16, 2013
Parents: Craig Rubin & Robin Husney
For her Bat Mitzvah project Dana is helping an elderly neighbor who is facing health problems with daily tasks, such as bringing trash out to the street and taking mail and newspaper up to house.

Happy Purim!

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Life Events and Announcements

Our Condolences to:

Robert Kipnis, on the passing of his mother, Paula Kipnis, grandmother to Michael, Joshua, Noah and Daniel Kipnis on December 22.

Sam Kaplan, on the passing of his wife, Berta Kaplan, mother of Becky, Dorita, Rachel, and Eli, and sister of Sonia Luski on December 23.

David Brigham on the passing of his mother, Mary Brigham, grandmother to Alicia, Nathan, Charity, Aleyah, Elizabeth, and Amber on December 25.

Jill Mandel, on the passing of her husband, Al Mandel, on December 26.

Wendy Cohen on the passing of her mother, Nancy Offenberg, mother-in-law to Wayne Cohen, grandmother to Samuel and Mick Cohen on December 28. Services and Shiva Minyan were held in Bangor, Maine.

Irene Share, on the passing of her sister, Doris Bierman on January 5. The funeral was held in Scotland.

Thank You:

Thank you for the many kind expressions of sympathy on the loss of my brother, and for the many donations made in his name. The warmth and love shown by my Temple Israel family was beyond measure. Thank you from the family of Linwood Shields.

Gloria Reeves

Births:


Engagements:

Heidi and Stephen Kramer are pleased to announce the engagement of their son, Benjamin, to Erin Duggan. Ben and Erin live in NYC. An August 3, 2013, wedding will be in Rockport, Maine.

Mr. and Mrs. Joel Kweskin of Charlotte, NC and Rabbi and Mrs. Mordechai Weiss of West Hartford, CT, are happy to announce the engagement of their children, Paula Kweskin of Jerusalem, Israel (originally of Charlotte, NC) and Yoni Weiss of Givat Shmuel, Israel (originally of Margate, NJ).

Paula received a BA and JD from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She is a film producer at a non-profit documentary film organization in Jerusalem.

Yoni received a BA in Accounting and Economics from Bar-Ilan University. He is the Associate Director of Mergers and Acquisitions at Grant Thornton Israel.

The wedding is scheduled to take place in Jerusalem.

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.

Social Club News

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.

Sunday, February 17, 2013 at 12:30 pm: Paid up Membership Luncheon and Program at Temple Israel. Deadline is February 8. Please send your dues of $18 per person to Douglas Mann, 137 N. Canterbury Rd. Charlotte, NC 28211. For more information please call Ruth Goldberg, 704-366-8903.

Torah on Tap is Temple Israel’s doorway to Judaism for ages 21+ in North Carolina. Each month we get together to hang out, learn something new, get to know one another, and even celebrate Shabbat with a home cooked meal! Show up for a good time and stay for the friendships. For more information about Torah on Tap or to get on the e-vite list contact: RabbiRaucher@Templeisraelnc.org, or 704-362-2796.

Upcoming Event

’Cuz this is just the way we ROLL…..10, that is! Join us on Sunday, February 17th from 4:00-6:00pm at Roll 10 at 10 Park Lanes (1700 Montford Drive, Charlotte) for an afternoon of bowling. Bring your family, bring your friends, and bring your friendly-competitive edge. We’ve reserved six lanes and will make “bumper guards” available for your little ones if you choose to bring them. Negotiated rate will be $12/person/game (adults). RSVP’s are appreciated.

Shalom Bayit—Please come to us if you think you are in an unhealthy relationship. We are here to help.

Abuse is about one partner trying to control the other. It can be as obvious as a slap or as subtle as an insult. It can include humiliation and bullying, control of finances, isolation from friends and family. Learn more at www.shalombayit-nc.org.

Charlotte Jewish Film Festival

The Ninth Annual, award winning Charlotte Jewish Film Festival will be gracing Charlotte area movie screens from March 2-17. From Hollywood and around the world, these films run the gamut from romantic comedy to searing drama, from imaginative story-telling to original documentary. And, for the first time, the Festival is pleased to present children’s programming. The venues will also include three screenings in the Lake Norman area.

As in past years, there is an All-Festival Pass that provides access to all ticketed films (including those in Lake Norman) for $85, a savings of $30. Tickets can be purchased at www.charlottejewishfilm.com. You may also stop by the Levine-Sklut Judaic Library at The Levine Jewish Community Center during their normal business hours to have someone assist you with the online purchase. Tickets will be sold, as well, in The J lobby from 12 Noon-3 PM, Sunday, February 24.

Voted a prestigious BOB (Best of the Best) Award by Charlotte Magazine as the area’s leading film festival, the CJFF has become a significant event on the Queen City’s cultural scene. Visit www.charlottejewishfilm.com for complete listing of films (including trailers), times and theater locations.
MECHINA – PREPARING FAMILIES FOR A MORE MEANINGFUL BAR/BAT MITZVAH EXPERIENCE
By Rabbi Tracy G. Klirs, Director

When a young person becomes a bar or bat mitzvah, it’s not only the 13 year old who undergoes a transition, but the entire family. That’s why at Temple Israel we involve the parents and children in a special family education program called Mechina, which is Hebrew for “preparation,” when the students are in the Vav class, or 6th grade. The program, led by Rabbi Raucher and myself, was designed to: “Prepare students and families spiritually, mentally and emotionally for their upcoming bar/bat mitzvah; build strong bonds between students and families; and strengthen relationships amongst community members.”

In December the Mechina families were introduced to the program with a session addressing the question: “Why Bar or Bat Mitzvah?” They also were introduced to a significant aspect of becoming a bar or bat mitzvah, and that is participating in meaningful volunteer work through one or more mitzvah projects.

In January our Mechina students and parents learned about the whys and wherefores and the ins and outs of the mitzvot of Tallit and T’fillin. These two Torah-mandated symbols are amongst our most ancient, and yet they are in keeping with the latest research on how people learn. It turns out that the most deeply-embedded habits and memories are those which employ several of the senses, and which are repeated frequently. The purpose of the tallit and t’fillin (as well as of the mezuzah) is to serve as constant reminders of the mitzvot. These symbols are also meant to be used frequently. The mezuzot on our doorposts serve as reminders of the mitzvot every time we walk through a door – potentially multiple times a day. The tallit is supposed to be worn during morning prayers, every single day of the year, with the one exception of Tisha B’Av. T’fillin are supposed to be put on every morning during prayer, except for on Shabbat and biblical holidays. Those who perform these rituals regularly often find them to be very comforting, and also find they become automatic, part of the “muscle memory.” But to get to that level takes practice, which is why we don’t simply spend one session on teaching these skills. On February 3rd, all the Mechina families, as well as the Etgar families (the B’nei Mitzvah class and their parents) join the Men’s Club for the World Wide Wrap, a movement-wide event to encourage more Conservative Jews to learn and adopt the mitzvah of t’fillin. Both in the preliminary Mechina program in January and at the World Wide Wrap, many Men’s Club volunteers, as well as several of our High School students, helped (or will help) demonstrate and teach others how to wrap t’fillin. We are especially grateful for the leadership and help of Michael Abadi, Mike Eisner and Nicholas Rose.

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TIRS On-Time Raffle Winners

Congratulations to our December winners in the ‘On time Raffle’ We’ve noticed an increase in on time attendance thanks to this new initiative and we couldn’t be happier! Thanks to all the parents that have been getting our students to TIRS on time!

Sisterhood News

Upcoming Events

Purim Mishloach Manot Baskets
Sisterhood will be selling Mishloach Manot Baskets again this year for $10 each. Flyers were mailed and are available online at www.templeisraelnc.org. Deadline to order is February 13. To volunteer, contact Tess Berger tberger4@carolina.rr.com or Teresa Brenner tbrenner@carolina.rr.com. Ordered baskets will be available for pick up on February 22 and 24 at Temple Israel.

Accessories: Vintage Style
What’s Old is New Again
Donate your vintage, new or “gently used” designer accessories--jewelry, purses, belts, scarves and hats. On March 17, donations will be offered for sale at an evening event so “save the date”. Profits from this fundraiser will be donated equally to Sisterhood Youth Fund and Temple Israel Religious School. Donations to Teresa Brenner. Call 704-352-1069 or email at tbrenner@carolina.rr.com.

Mazel Tov!
Women’s League awarded Temple Israel’s Sisterhood the Emerald Crown Jewel Award at the bi-annual national convention, which was held in Las Vegas in early December. Barbara Ezring attended the convention and accepted the award on our behalf. This award recognizes the highest level of achievement for a Sisterhood and is based on membership, programming, social action, social events, educational outreach, and fundraising for Sisterhoods during the previous two-year period. Mazel tov to Lisa Strunin, immediate past President, and her leadership team for this outstanding achievement.

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Ashendorf-Citron-Boxer Medical Endowment Fund
Eddie Goodman
Speedy recovery
By: Deane Boxer

Helene Levine
Birthday
By: Deane Boxer

Fay Sinkoe
Memory of son, Randy Sinkoe
By: Deane Boxer

Mary Wojnowich
Memory of Berta Kaplan
By: Eddie & Shirley Goodman

Sonia Luski
Memory of sister, Berta Kaplan
By: Eddie & Shirley Goodman

Sam Kaplan
Memory of Berta Kaplan
By: Eddie & Shirley Goodman

Memory of Jerrold Feldman
By: Greg & Margaret Musa

Assistant Rabbi Tzedakah Fund
Peggy Gartner
Birthday
By: Ellen Dubin

Judah Raucher
Birthday
By: Ellen Dubin

Lynne & Morey Sheffer
Birth of grandson
By: Richard & Barbara Herd

Building Endowment
Judith Van Glish
Birthday
By: Leon & Sandra Levine

Sam Kaplan
Memory of Berta Kaplan
By: Leon & Sandra Levine

Memory of Mamie Ravitz
By: Leon & Sandra Levine

Cantor's Music Fund
Cantor Elias Roocvarg
Honorary Doctorate Degree from JTS
By: Ellen Dubin

David & Judy Lecker
Marcia Solomon

Audrey Madans
Birthday
By: Ellen Dubin

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Karen Brodsky
Birthday
By: Ellen Dubin

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David Brigham
Birthday
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Sonia Luski
Memory of sister, Berta Kaplan
By: Leon & Sandra Levine

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Birthday
By: Richard & Barbara Herd

General Fund
Zoya Volynsky
Birthday
By: Jared & Diane Schwartz

Maxine Silverstein
Birthday
By: Jared & Diane Schwartz

Marcelle Oxman
Birthday
By: Jared & Diane Schwartz

Trudy Kaplan
Speedy recovery
By: Abe & Rose Luski

Steve & Penni Powell
Birth of grandchild
By: Stuart & Sarise Breidbart

Lynne & Morey Sheffer
Birth of grandson
By: Stuart & Sarise Breidbart

The Sinkoe Family
Memory of Randy Sinkoe
By: Bernard & Teri Ackerman

Rose Weisman
Memory of daughter, Sherry Levick
By: Bernard & Teri Ackerman

Mark & Cindy McManus

Robert Kipnis
Memory of mother, Paula Kipnis
By: Samuel & Nancy Bernstein

Alan & Ruth Goldberg

Matthew Luftglass & Meg Goldberg
Audrey Madans

Allan & Marcelle Oxman

Fern Sanderson
Sam Kaplan

Memory of wife, Berta Kaplan
By: Ralph & Sonni Besnoy

Sam & Nancy Bernstein

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Alvin & Helene Levine

Ann Langman

Audrey Madans

David & Judy Miller

Jared & Diane Schwartz

Barbara Sklut

Judy Tager

Morton & Eleanor Turk

Steven & Barbara Weiner

The Kaplan Family
Memory of Berta Kaplan
By: Eric & Lori Slikut

Stephanie Tuckman
Memory of sister, Teresa Zambrano
By: Ralph & Sonni Besnoy

Memory of Lottie B. and David Lefkowitz
By: Jerry & Sheila Fisher

Sonia Luski
Memory of sister, Berta Kaplan
By: Alan & Ruth Goldberg

Kevin Levine & Louis Sinkoe
Memory of Randy Sinkoe
By: Margi Goldberg

Richard & Paula Klein

Birth of grandson
By: Abe & Rose Luski

Gloria Reeves
Memory of brother, Linwood Shields
By: Marcia Solomon

Audrey Madans

Carol Shafrank

Memory of Paul Shafrank
By: Mark & Cindy McManus

The Wojnowich Family
Memory of Berta Kaplan
By: David & Judy Miller

Ken Stern
Memory of Ernest Stern
By: George & Lois Schneider

General Fund
Daniel Coblenz
Birthday
By: Jared & Diane Schwartz

Dorita Arnold
Memory of mother, Berta Kaplan
By: Eric & Lori Slikut

Memory of Barbara Leven Levine
By: Eric & Lori Slikut

Robert Kipnis & Family
Memory of mother, Paula Kipnis
By: Eric & Lori Slikut

Diane Rosenberg
in memory of husband, Arnold Rosenberg
By: Morton & Eleanor Turk

Steven & Barbara Weiner

Aaron Gleiberman Simchat Torah Celebration
Endowment Fund
David Brigham
Memory of mother, Mary Brigham
By: Jeffrey & Marcia Gleiberman

Bob Kipnis
Memory of mother, Paula Kipnis
By: Jeffrey & Marcia Gleiberman

Robert Kipnis
Memory of mother, Paula Kipnis
By: Jeffrey & Bari Gorelick

Etta & Louis Greenspon Celebrating Life Senior Endowment Fund
Memory of Berta Kaplan
By: Keith Greenspon

Sandy Benjamin
Birthday
By: Stanley Greenspon

Honor of Sandy Benjamin
By: Stanley Greenspon

Hospice Fund
Ken Stern
Memory of Ernest Stern
By: Ron & Janice Weiner

Barbara & Jerry Levin Religious School Endowment Fund
Honor of Kuya & Jacob Swartz
B'nai Mitzvah
By: Harvey & Shellee Barer

Leonard Slesinger
Birthday
By: Jerome & Barbara Levin

Bob Kipnis
Memory of mother, Paula Kipnis
By: Eddie & Shirley Goodman

Ethel Gordon
Memory of Allen Gordon
By: Jerome & Barbara Levin

Bob Kipnis
Memory of mother, Paula Kipnis
By: David & Judy Miller

Morton & Eleanor Turk

Stuart Ostrow Youth Fund
Eileen Michiel
Memory of brother
By: Paul & Connie Ostrow

Gerald Kaminsky
Memory of sister-in-law
By: Paul & Connie Ostrow

Margo & Tom Mohr
Birth of grandchild
By: Paul & Connie Ostrow

Sam Kaplan
Memory of Berta Kaplan
By: Paul & Connie Ostrow

Rabbi’s Tzedakah Fund
Rabbi Murray Erzinger
Special thanks
By: Alan & Deborah Hirsch

Kenneth & Marcia Stern

Rabbi Murray Erzinger
Speedy recovery
By: Ellen Dubin

Gloria Reeves

Evelyn Berger
Speedy recovery
By: Dorothy Schulman

Richard & Paula Klein
Birth of grandson
By: Allan & Marcelle Oxman

Marcelle Oxman
Speedy recovery
By: Stuart & Jodi Cohen

Marc & Mattye Silverman
Birth of granddaughter
By: George & Ruthy Hall

Aliyah Tyndall
Baby naming
By: David & Judy Lecker

Bob Kipnis
Memory of mother, Paula Kipnis
By: Stuart & Jodi Cohen

Aileen Herbstman
Memory of Nathan Herbstman
By: Julius & Natalie Farber

Memory of Arnold Rosenberg
By: Ralph & Sonni Besnoy

Bob Kipnis
Memory of mother, Paula Kipnis
By: Robert & Linda Isser

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Diane Rosenberg
Memory of husband, Arnold Rosenberg
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By: Paul & Connie Ostrow

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Memory of sister-in-law
By: Paul & Connie Ostrow

Margo & Tom Mohr
Birth of grandchild
By: Paul & Connie Ostrow

Sam Kaplan
Memory of Berta Kaplan
By: Paul & Connie Ostrow

Building Endowment
Judith Van Glish
Birthday
By: Leon & Sandra Levine

Sam Kaplan
Memory of Berta Kaplan
By: Leon & Sandra Levine

Memory of Mamie Ravitz
By: Leon & Sandra Levine

Cantor’s Music Fund
Cantor Elias Roocvarg
Honorary Doctorate Degree from JTS
By: Ellen Dubin

David & Judy Lecker
Marcia Solomon

Audrey Madans
Birthday
By: Ellen Dubin

Marcia Solomon

Karen Brodsky
Birthday
By: Ellen Dubin

Marcia Solomon

Sheillie Barer
Speedy recovery
By: Thursday Morning Minyan

Richard Herd
Speedy recovery
By: Thursday Morning Minyan

Rabbi Murray Erzinger
Speedy recovery
By: Marcia Solomon

Gloria Reeves
Memory of Linwood M Shields
By: Harvey & Shellee Barer

Ellen Dubin

Education Endowment
Lynne & Morey Sheffer
Birth of grandson
By: Ron & Janice Weiner

Sam Kaplan
Memory of wife, Berta Kaplan
By: Marvin Barman

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**Rock HaRuach Band Fund**

**The Berger Family**
Happy New Year
By: Daniel & Toby Ruda

**The Levinson Family**
Happy New Year
By: Daniel & Toby Ruda

**The Schuler Family**
Happy New Year
By: Daniel & Toby Ruda

**The Ezing Family**
By: Daniel & Toby Ruda

**Frank & Wendy Rosen Endowment for Rabbinic Programming**

Leonard Slesinger
Birthday
By: Janet Jaffa

Jerry Levin
Speedy recovery
By: Janet Jaffa

Robert Kipnis
Memory of mother, Paula Kipnis
By: Janet Jaffa

Ellis Levinson
Birth of great-grandson, Abram Sheffer
By: Janet Jaffa

Eddie Goodman
Speedy recovery
By: Janet Jaffa

Sam Kaplan
Memory of wife, Berta Kaplan
By: Sam Strouse

Judie Peacock
Memory of Jerry Peacock
By: Sam Strouse

Danielle Simon
Memory of mother
By: Sam Strouse

Robert Kipnis
Memory of mother, Paula Kipnis
By: Samuel Strouse

Ann Slesinger Education Fund
Leonard Slesinger
Birth of grandson
By: Marji Goldstein

Richard & Paula Klein
Birth of grandson
By: Bob & Leigh Jacobson

The Sheffers
Birth of grandson
By: Bob & Leigh Jacobson

Honor of the Nascimento Family
By: Bob & Leigh Jacobson

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**Hebrew Cemetery Challenge Met Through Community Support and Leadership**

By: Sandra Goldman

At the Annual Memorial Service, The Leon Levine Foundation Challenge was launched to encourage our community to support the Hebrew Cemetery by offering a $100,000 matching gift grant. Three months later, donations made by new donors – or donations that represented an increased gift by a current donor – were matched dollar for dollar. Our community met the challenge.

The Hebrew Cemetery would like to express gratitude to Sandra and Leon Levine and the Leon Levine Foundation for encouraging our community once again to reach beyond and complete the challenge. Great appreciation for their collective vision and generosity goes also to Lori and Eric Sklut, Julie and Howard Levine, Patty and Bill Gorelick, Mattye and Marc Silverman, and the Berlin Family, all donors of $100,000 or more.

Seeing the Greater Charlotte Jewish population come together in support of the cemetery made me think about what imprints a community and what defines its leadership. Leadership has been described as a process of social influence or a way of organizing people to achieve a common goal. German sociologist Ferdinand Tönnies distinguished between two types of human association: community and society. Tönnies argued that community is perceived to be a tighter and more cohesive social entity, due to the presence of a ‘unity of will.’

Tönnies notes that family and kinship are the perfect expressions of community, but that other shared characteristics, such as place or belief, vision and values, also result in community.

Not everyone in the community needs to be a leader, but everyone needs to be committed in order to make the community flourish.

Donald Bernstein is a fine example of community and leadership as he explains, “When we moved from the Chicago area to Charlotte in 1978, we were a young family with children. We had no cemetery plots and that was a detail left undone in our estate plan. As Charlotte became our home, and we were reviewing our estate plan, we recognized that we should not leave that detail for our children. We have been [Hebrew Cemetery Association] members since the membership program started, recognizing that establishing and maintaining a Jewish cemetery is one of the first priorities of a Jewish community.’

This thought leads me to think of another great supporting family, Lori and Eric Sklut, “We have been supporters of the Hebrew Cemetery for more than 25 years,” says Mr. Sklut. “As we’ve watched our community grow and thrive, it has become evident that cemetery improvements were needed. The Memorial Building will give our members a place for quiet reflection, a way to memorialize loved ones, and for those who desire graveside services, a more comfortable setting.”

Mr. Bernstein adds, “We recognize there are many needs in a vibrant Jewish community. If we just each do our share, we are confident Charlotte and the Jewish community of Charlotte will be among the best places to live in the country,”

In listening to these families describe why they chose to support the Hebrew Cemetery’s expansion, I cannot help but conclude that community and leadership are connected. One cannot exist without the other.

To receive more information about the cemetery’s expansion or membership, please contact Sandra Goldman at 704-576-1859 or director@hebrewcemetery.org.
Week of February 8

Jack Ashendorf*
Florence Bennett
Lena Berlin
Lillian Berman
Ruth Birmbach
Bert Bodenheimer
Louis Bodner
Max Bressman*
Irwin Burack
Jacob "Jake" Burgen
Miriam Daumit
Gussie Mendelson Doorbov*
Arthur Epner
Bessie Feinberg
Arthur Frank*
Tovya Fuchs*
Samuel Goldberg*

Week of February 15

Riva Baicovitz*
Sophie Barer
Louis Belsky*
Eliezer Benjamine
Theresa Brier
David Cathcart
Leila Chernotsky
Isaac Goldberg*
Pauline Dolgin
Cecilia Feldman
Benjamin Fratkin*
Marilyn Freiman*
Sadie Friedman
Abraham Gallender
Horty Gendzier
Marian Glasser*

Week of February 22

Shelby Alter
Blondell Arazie*
Ruth Ascher
Isaac Ashendorf*
Bryan Barker
Benjamin Bedrick*
Leonard Berger*
Ellis Berlin*
Robert Berman
David Blecher
Pauline Burgen*
Dr. Fillmore Coblenz
Ferdinand Coblenz
Abe Cohen
Ike Cohen*
Sam Cooper
Janet Baumrind Crawford
Florence Dreiser
LeRoy Diamond
Tillye Eisman*
Edith Ely*

Week of February 1

Louis Abramovitz*
Marjorie Bazar*
Abe Berlin*
Max Bierman*
Barry Bukatman*
Daniel Cherqui
Edna Monique Clentino*
Albert Cohen*
Florence Dulberg
Theodore Fischel
Ed Goldberg
Mildred Goldfarb
Claire Goldfarb*

Reuben Goldman
Rebecca Goldman
Bernard Gottlieb*
Adelle Heeney*
Abraham Helbein*
Moses Jaffa*
Abner Katlowitz*
Rose Knopf
Rae Gingold Labovitz*
Pauline Levine*
Herman Levine*
Betty Lippmann*
Richard Lowell
Pauline Madans*
Tess Mann*
Rita Migdel
Willa Miller*
Arnon Mond
William Moody
Morris Nagel
Esther Naumoff*
Nannette B. Pickens*
Harry Prosono
Celia Rabinowitz*
Fannie Rafkin
Samuel Raichison
Nathan Rice*
Miriam Richardson
Alfred Schonwalter
Frank Schuster*
Joseph Porter Sims
Marie Steiner*
Arline Warshauer
Rachel Weinstein
Milton Wirth

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The 2013 Charlotte Area Jewish Community Directory

The 2013 Charlotte Area Jewish Community Directory debuts at the Purim Carnival at the Sandra and Leon Levine Jewish Community Center on Sunday, February 24th! The 66th edition contains listings of our greater Charlotte area Jewish residents. Directories will be available at the Hadassah table for $25 each. We are grateful to all our patrons and advertisers for their continuing support of this major fundraiser for Hadassah medical research.

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Birthdays

2/1
Tami Bernat
Bonnie Bornstein
Zoe Kaufman
Michelle Perlmutter
Liza Simon

2/2
Wilma Israel
Noah Kipnis
Judith Nascimento
Marshall Rauch
Terri Roth
Tara Schimelman
Louis Sinkevicius
Spector

2/3
Fayne Fischer
Adеле Gordon
David Kraus
Raymond Iverson
Jonah Weiss

2/4
Emery Eiser
Stephen Fishman
Michael Holland
Jenny Meiselman
Ellen Tacher

2/5
Abraham Bober
Brett Goodman
Kim Wojnowich

2/6
Craig Balick
Stephanie Freedman
Barbara Lovejoy
David Sommerstein

2/7
Sheilie Barer
Jake Goldman
Evan Klein
Dion Knafle
Barbara Rosenfeld
Mason Sklut

2/8
Noah Levi
Rachel Orange
Teri Seidman
Michele Silverman
Art Tuckman

2/9
Anna Ditesheim
Rachel Fine
Kyle Lan
Trevor Lan
Deborah Silton

2/10
Zviya-Crystal
Ben-Yoahman
Paula Brower
Donna Greenspon
Susan Kanterman
Anna Levine
Susan Mayo
Suzanne Silverman
Ashley Warshauer

2/11
Liat Hubara
Karen Ransenberg
Daniel Rosenbaum
Rachel Spector

2/12
Jeffrey Marcus
Dorothy Segal
Julie Slade

2/13
Amy Choffin
Rebecca Goodman
Terrie Karlin
David Levi
Bernice Roberts
Jeffrey Schramm
Alexandra Zelin

2/14
Malcolm Branson
Ty Fischer
Renee Flash

2/15
Joshua Gorenick
Adrienne Kronovet
Darren Mond
Shai Scheinson
Capri Zirhan

2/16
Cathy Breitman
Alexis Fish
Emily Ganem
Amy Sobel
Rachel Wolitzky

2/17
Jared Birnberg
Arlene Davis
M. "Marty" Husney
Edward Knarman
Helen Knafo
Benjamin Spiegler
Susan Tomcan
Jason Typrin
David Weiss

2/18
Andrea Becker
David Luckey
Ethan Schimelman
Joseph Spill
Emily Turk

2/19
Ian Mazur
Alexander Ransenberg

2/20
Summer Lan
Joshua Leovenstein
Robert Seidman
Hayley Spitz

2/21
Edna Bermanke
Joshua Bornstein
Dana Stoogenke

2/22
Ann Abel
Daniel Bernstein
Daniel Reich
Joel Reishard
Rachel Zucker

2/23
Adelaide Gorenick
Natalie Udell

2/24
Benjamin Baum
Shaia Gleiberman
Barbara Herd
Richard Roskind
Madelyn Typrin

2/25
Cindy Levinson
Michael Littauer
Jacob Scheinson
Samuel Waldman

2/26
Rachel Guchenour
Noah Good
Illana yman
Bruce Kagan
Marilyn Swimmer

2/27
Jean Kirsch
Brandon Lavitt
Jason Lecker

2/28
Sue Littauer
Beth Stillitano
Anne Weiss

2/29
Florence Jaffa

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Anniversaries

Robert & Marilyn Milden 2/7
Stuart & Sarise Bredbart 2/12
David & Terry Waldinger 2/14
David & Cynthia Wolitzky 2/14
Leonard & Anita Holland 2/15
Michael & Jordan Cigrer 2/19
Dana & Leslie Goldfarb 2/19
Lee & Wendy Pake 2/19
Clive & Andrew Mary Schewitz 2/20
Michael & Sue Littauer 2/21
Craig & Erica Cobenzli 2/22
Robert & Joyce Stoll 2/22
Myer & Patricia Leonard 2/25
Thomas & Zahava Rosenberg 2/26
David & Irene Share 2/26
Jeff & Emily Vaughan 2/27
David & Karen Rosenthal 2/29
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– DAVID SWIMMER
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