Passover Schedule

March 24
Search for Hametz

March 25 - Erev Pesach
7:00am Siyum Bechorim
(Morning Minyan, Study/Breakfast)
9:30am Burn Hametz
1st Seder
Candle Lighting 7:21pm

March 26 - Pesach Day 1
9:30am Services
7:00pm Ma'ariv
7:15pm Community Seder

March 27 - Pesach Day 2
9:30am Services
7:30pm Minyan

March 28 Chol Hamoed Pesach
7:30am Minyan
7:30pm Minyan

March 29
6:15pm Erev Shabbat Services

March 30 Chol Hamoed Pesach
9:30am Shabbat Services
5:30pm Minyan

March 31 Chol Hamoed Pesach
9:00am Minyan
7:30pm Erev 7th Day Pesach Service

April 1 - 7th Day Pesach
9:30am Pesach Services
7:30pm Ma'ariv Service

April 2 - 8th Day Pesach
9:30am Pesach Services
including Yizkor
7:30pm Ma'ariv Services
8:47pm Pesach Ends
9:30pm Hametz is yours
President’s Message by Barry Bobrow

Jewish Spirituality

Some of you may recall the Bill Cosby comedy routine from the 1970’s, in which he gives his impression of a conversation between Noah and God. “NOAH” booms Cosby’s impression of God. “RIIGHHTT – WHAT DO YOU WANT – I’VE BEEN GOOD” responds Noah. “I WANT YOU TO BUILD ME AN ARK” demands the booming voice. “RIIGHHTT – WHAT’S AN ARK?” asks Noah.

And so the conversation goes on between God and Noah, until at last Noah agrees to build the ark and save humanity. What makes the story so funny is the way Cosby imagines a discussion with God in such a human way, complete with God even momentarily forgetting the size of a cubit. Despite the fact that the dialogue is between a man and the supreme being, there is nothing particularly spiritual about the conversation. At times it even feels like God has to get a little heavy handed in order to get what he wants.

I was reflecting on that funny exchange from long ago when Rabbi Larry Hoffman came to Temple Israel last month to talk to us about synagogue renewal. In his discussions he made the point that Jews don’t have the same way of discussing spirituality as many people of other faiths. Many non-Jews speak openly of their personal relationship with God. When Rabbi Hoffman asked a group of people gathered at my house whether they ever had direct dialogue with God, none reported that they had. Then he asked whether anyone present had ever had a profound experience in their life that they could not easily explain without considering the possibility of a divine presence? Many in the room answered that they had, and several shared their experiences. While the stories varied widely, all of them had clearly had a profound impact on the person relating the story, and had given purpose and meaning to their life in a unique and unexpected way. What ensued was a discussion of spirituality from a Jewish perspective. By the end of the evening everyone in the room felt like they had shared something important with their fellow Temple Israel members, and had a positive and spiritual experience in the process.

Rabbi Hoffman’s visit was filled with discussions of how to make our temple more vital, relevant and spiritual in the lives of our members. He referred to Judaism as a 2,000 year running conversation and urged us all to engage in that conversation as a means of transforming our synagogue to meet the needs of the next generation. Rabbi Hoffman taught us that while we don’t always openly discuss spirituality, all of us are seeking meaning and purpose in our lives, and that spiritual experiences and discussions are a way that we can achieve these goals. I learned that creating an environment where spirituality can be nurtured is one of the keys to helping our synagogue thrive and grow in the future. It is critical that we help people understand their own profound experiences, and build a community based on the types of relationships that can come from sharing them with others.

Jewish spirituality turns out to be very different than Bill Cosby’s depiction of God and Noah saving the world. Following Rabbi Hoffman’s vision, we don’t need to hear from God directly in order to have a spiritual experience. I sincerely want Temple Israel to be a place where we can find meaning and relevance in our lives, and that membership at Temple Israel means something very important to all of us because of those experiences.

For those of you who want to watch Bill Cosby in his original routine – go to the link below: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bpudeFGXEjA
Life Events Announcements

Our Condolences to:

David, Brian, Scott, and Danny Meltsner on the passing of their father, Charles Meltsner on January 16.

Shirley Goodman on the passing of her husband, Edwin Goodman, and father of Brett Goodman, Teri Moffett, and Philip Goodman on January 17.

Rachael Weiss on the passing of her father, Sheldon Wilfred Gray on January 31.

Rob Dordick on the passing of his mother, Lillian Dordick, on Saturday, January 26, 2013 in Philadelphia, PA.

Sue Littauer on the passing of her father, Sidney Blumenreich on February 8.

Births:

Jack Morgan Kaufmann was born to Keri and Craig Kaufmann of Atlanta on February 6th. Happy grandparents are Judy and Steve Kaufmann.

Engagements:

Tess and Jonathan Berger are happy to announce the engagement of their son, Aaron to Shannon Burris. Aaron and Shannon live in Charlotte and are planning their wedding for April 2014.

Barbara and Jerry Levin announce the engagement of their grandson, Tuvya Levin, son of Binyamin and Ilana Levin, to Hila Galazon of Israel. A June 2nd wedding is planned in Israel.

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, aged 60 plus, affiliated with Charlotte area Synagogues, to join our group. Meet friendly people and enjoy our interesting programs and trips. For more information please call Irving Bienstock, 704-542-0094 or Ruth Goldberg, 704-366-8903, co-presidents.

Upcoming Event

Thursday, March 14, 2013 at 10:15 am: A Group Tour of the Charlotte Aviation Museum located at the airport. This interesting exhibit includes the “Miracle on the Hudson” plane, old planes and the history of aviation. Museum charge is $7 payable in advance. Deadline for this discounted reservation is March 4. Please send your check to: Douglas Mann, 137 N. Canterbury Rd., Charlotte, N.C. 28211. We will have lunch afterwards. For more information please call Ruth Goldberg, 704-366-8903.

Torah on Tap

Torah on Tap is Temple Israel’s doorway to Judaism for ages 21+ in North Carolina.

Upcoming Event

Passover is one of our most important holidays and it possesses one of the most complex rituals: the Passover Seder. But it doesn’t have to be complex. Join Torah on Tap for Passover 101 conversation.

We’ll discuss the basics of the Passover seder and opportunities to add your own interpretations and spin to this time honored tradition.

When: Thursday March 21, 2013, 7:00 p.m.
Where: Leroy Fox Kitchen and Cocktails
705 S Sharon Amity Rd.
Charlotte, NC 28211
What: Traditional Torah on Tap discussion
Space is limited. Snacks, beer, and drinks will be provided.
Please RSVP: 704-362-2796.

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.

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.
Youth Happenings at Temple Israel

Temple Israel Religious School

By Rabbi Tracy G. Klirs, Education Director

Purim Celebrations - On Sunday, Feb. 24th, TIRS students enjoyed fun, hands-on Purim activities in the classrooms. The Zayin (7th grade) families ran a “Mishloach Manot assembly line” for the younger grades, and then delivered the completed baskets to over 60 Jewish seniors. Sisterhood provided all the supplies, and Jewish Family Services and the JCC provided the names and addresses of the seniors.

After the festivities in the school, families joined their children at the Temple for a Purim Shpiel conceived by the Gimmel-Vav classes. Each class dramatized one or two chapters of the Megillah with wacky themes - Greasers, Teletubbies, M&M’s, Sports, Texting, etc. Temple Israel provided hamantaschen for all.

Shabbat Attendance Recognition The TIRS Advisory Committee launched a new program to encourage better student attendance on Shabbat. We’ve established 3 recognition levels – 6-11 services is the Breisheith (beginning) level, 12-17 services is the Shabbat level, and 18 or more services is the Chai level. A board listing the names of students in each level is on display outside the chapel on Shabbat. In addition, the Shabbat attendance for all TIRS students is posted in the TIRS building. As of the beginning of February, over 70 students had reached the Breisheith level, and over a dozen made it to the Shabbat level. Anyone who reaches the Chai level (18 is the required minimum number of services 3rd-7th graders are required to attend) will be honored on the bimah on a Shabbat morning, and presented with a specially-designed “Chai” lapel pin by Rabbi Ezring.

Ethan Schimelman
March 2, 2013
Parents: Beth & Daniel Schimelman
Participating in Group Mitzvah Projects. Will be helping to spruce up grounds at Spay Neuter Charlotte, and child development center.

Gordon Rogelberg
March 9, 2013
Parents: Steven & Sandra Rogelberg
Gordon has volunteered at the Dilworth Soup Kitchen, Blessings, and also for Spay Neuter Charlotte.

Benjamin Davis Winer
March 9, 2013
Parents: Elizabeth and Brad Winer
Ben worked with Bright Blessings, he put together kids birthday packages to be delivered to homeless shelters in the Charlotte area.

Sabrina Fischel
March 16, 2013
Parents: Richard & Cynthia Fischel
Sabrina has been participating in the B’nai Mitzvah Social Action projects such as: Birthday Party for Homeless Children at the Children’s Attention Home in Rock Hill, Spay Neuter Charlotte, and Carriage Club activities.

The B’nai Mitzvah Class Fundraiser
We raised $344.00 dollars for Spay Neuter Charlotte. The team did a great job selling bracelets and Donuts!
Youth Group Events

Ti-Youth Events

3/5 Jr. Kadima Lounge Night, 6:15pm
3/10 Jr. Kadima Event, 6:15pm
3/12 Kadima Lounge Night, 6:15pm
3/24 Kadima Event, 12:00pm
3/20 USY Bistro Night, 6:00pm

For more information:
Contact Senior Youth Advisor, Reuven Green at rgreen@templeisraelnc.org.

Children’s Services

Mini Minyan
Saturdays: March 2, 9, 16, & 23
Join us on Saturday morning at 11:00am for songs prayers and stories for K-2nd graders.

Jr. Congregation
(3rd-6th graders)
Saturdays
March 2, 9, 16 & 23 at 11:00am

Torah Tots Adventures By: Temple Israel

This comic strip was created at MakeBeliefsComix.com. Go there to make one yourself!

Volunteer Opportunity

The Shalom Park Freedom School is looking for energetic teens (rising 10th through 12th grades) who would like to spend three weeks this summer participating on the Shalom Park Freedom School Teen Board. Teens will be engaged with elementary school children of poverty in literacy and enrichment activities. If you are interested in applying for a position on the Teen Board, please contact Tracy Brown at tracybrown2@mac.com and she will send you an application.

Trees for Israel
Ruth Richardson
704-366-2441

www.templeisraelnc.org
Cantor’s Column

Why We Love Our Choir  By: Cantor Elias Roochvarg

On the Festivals, while the congregation sings the melodies of the Hallel and Torah service, the Choir sings lovely harmonies. And on the High Holidays, the Choir adds great choral masterpieces, adding another inspiring dimension of expression to our services. Many people come forward each year after High Holidays to say how much the Choir’s participation enhanced their prayer experience.

In order to do its job, the Choir needs at least 2 or 3 people on each voice part (i.e., sopranos, altos, tenors and basses) for the best blend. We are now in dire need of sopranos and serious need of tenors and basses.

Choir Notes ☻

☻ Though reading music is a desirable skill, it is not required.
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☻ The Choir sings one day of each of the 3 major Festivals, plus Yom Kippur, & the 1st day of Rosh Hashanah, or a total of 5 days throughout the year, plus Thursday night rehearsals.

So if you like to sing, and are willing to make the modest time commitment, and especially if you’re a soprano, please contact the Cantor or Monty Bennett at 704-362-2796.

Sisterhood News

Mazel tov!

A heartfelt thank you to Karen Brodsky for chairing Sisterhood’s involvement in Our People’s Shabbat weekend.

Passover Seder at Temple Israel Religious School

Interested in volunteering to provide, prepare or serve food at a Passover Seder to our children in TIRS? Contact Cindy Jennes or Teresa Brenner.

Torah Fund

Consider a charitable contribution of $6.11 to Women’s League Torah Fund to support the education of rabbinical and lay leaders. Mail checks to Sisterhood’s attention at the synagogue’s address. Questions to Bunny Bramson, Torah Fund Chair.

Temple Israel Sisterhood Judaica Gift Shop

Look for a coupon for a Passover item in your mail!
10am to 1pm on Sundays, Wednesdays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays
11am to 1 pm on Fridays. Other times by appointment
Mitzvah Days on Sundays---10% of profits to Temple Israel Sisterhood Youth Fund, Credit cards accepted. Fully staffed and operated by Sisterhood volunteers

Accessories: Vintage Style—Everything Old is New Again
Sunday, March 17 from Noon to 4 p.m. in the Sandra and Leon Levine Social Hall, accessories will be offered for sale. Nosh and coffee provided. No admission; donations appreciated. Profits used to equally support Temple Israel Sisterhood Youth Fund and Temple Israel Religious School.

Men’s Club News

The Passover Kosher Wine Sale from The Mens Club is not happening this year due to problems with our supplier. We are looking at new sources for delicious kosher Passover wine for next year. To meet your festival needs, kosher Passover wines are available at Gliebermans, Trader Joe’s, Total Wine & More, Vintner’s Wine Market, Harris Teeter, kosherwine.com, and other area locations. We apologize for any inconvenience and we encourage you to “Save the Golan.”

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Sonny Addison

You will always be remembered for the things that you did here. Thanks for your 42 years of hard work and dedication.

Congratulations on your retirement on March 31st!

Wishing you all the best from your Temple Israel Family

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Siddur Sim Shalom Book
Memory of Aunt Batia and Uncle Yona Berman, Tzipora Berman, Haia Berman, & Moshe Berman
By: Marvin Barman

Ashendorf-Citron-Boxer Medical Endowment Fund
Brian Meltsner
Memory of Charles Meltsner
By: Deane Boxer
Sam Kaplan
Memory of wife, Berta Kaplan
By: Deane Boxer
Shirley Goodman
Memory of Eddie Goodman
By: Deane Boxer

Boots Strauss
Memory of Eddie Goodman
By: Deane Boxer

Assistant Rabbi Tzedakah Fund
Honor of Rabbi Noam Raucher
By: Darren, Staci Mond & Family
The Feldman Family
The Nalibotsky Family

Building Endowment
Memory of Eddie Goodman
By: Ann Langman
The Meltsner Family
Memory of Charles Meltsner
By: Ann Langman
Mattye & Marc Silverman
Birth of granddaughter
By: Leon & Sandra Levine
Marshall Rauch
Birthday
By: Leon & Sandra Levine
Rachel Goodman
Birthday
By: Leon & Sandra Levine
Memory of Charles Meltsner
By: Leon & Sandra Levine
Memory of Max Ravitz
By: Leon & Sandra Levine
Memory of Eddie Goodman
By: Leon & Sandra Levine

Cantor’s Music Fund
Honor of Cantor Elias Roehvarg
By: Darren & Staci Mond
The Feldman Family
Honor of Cantor Elias Roehvarg
By: The Nalibotsky Family
Brian Meltsner
Memory of Charles Meltsner
By: Richard & Barbara Herd
Memory of Bill Bennett
By: Jill Mandell

Education Endowment
Steve & Judy Kaufmann
Birth of grandson
By: Marvin Barman
Brian Meltsner
Memory of Charles Meltsner
By: Marvin Barman
Rob Dordick
Memory of mother
By: Joel & Wendi Reichard

Sue Littauer
Memory of father, Sidney Blumenreich
By: Audrey Madans
Rick & Lisa Shapiro

Gerald Aronoff
in memory of Rita Aronoff
By: Audrey Madans

Shirley Goodman
Memory of Eddie Goodman
By: Audrey Madans

Memory of Albert H. Mandell
By: Filipino International Community Church
The Kaplan Family
Memory of Berta Kaplan
By: Gary & Jodi Michel

Rob Dordick
Memory of mother Lillian
By: Gary & Jodi Michel

Rachel Greenfeld
Memory of Berta Kaplan
By: Gary & Jodi Michel

Ed Karp
Memory of Yetta Karp
By: Edwin & Jill Newman

The Meltsner Family
Memory of Charles Meltsner
By: Edwin & Jill Newman
Brett Goodman
Memory of Eddie Goodman
By: Allan & Marcelle Oxman

Bob Kipnis
in memory of Paula Kipnis
By: David & Karen Ransenberg

David Brigham
Memory of Mary Brigham
By: Gloria Reeves

Ed Karp
Memory of Yetta Karp
By: Steven & Barbara Weiner

Memory of Edna Monique Ciento
By: Richard & Charlene Muller

Aaron Gleiberman Simchat Torah Celebration Endowment Fund
Richard & Paula Klein
Birthday of grandson
By: Rhoda Gleiberman

Brian Meltsner
Memory of Charles Meltsner
By: Rhoda Gleiberman

Shirley Goodman
Memory of Eddie Goodman
By: Rhoda Gleiberman

Bob Kipnis & Family
Memory of Paula Kipnis
By: Rhoda Gleiberman

Shelton Gorelick Family Endowment
The Meltsner Family
Memory of Charles Meltsner
By: Jeffrey & Barry Gorelick
Sue Littauer
Memory of Sidney Blumenreich
By: Scott & Dana Gorelick

Brian Meltsner
Memory of Charles Meltsner
By: Scott & Dana Gorelick

Shirley Goodman
Memory of Eddie Goodman
By: Scott & Dana Gorelick
Brett Goodman
Memory of Eddie Goodman
By: Scott & Dana Gorelick

William & Patricia Gorelick Membership Endowment
Malka Me-Zahav
Birthday
By: Bill & Patty Gorelick

Gerald Aronoff
Memory of Rita Aronoff
By: Marcella Gorelick

Brian Meltsner
Memory of Charles Meltsner
By: Bill & Patty Gorelick
Shirley Goodman
Memory of husband, Eddie Goodman
By: Bill & Patty Gorelick

Danny Meltsner
Memory of Charles Meltsner
By: Bill & Patty Gorelick
Scott Meltsner
Memory of Charles Meltsner
By: Bill & Patty Gorelick

Etta & Louis Greenspon Celebrating Life Senior Endowment Fund
Eddie Goodman
By: Keith Greenspon
Memory of Charles Meltsner
By: Keith Greenspon

Celia Scher Holocaust Fund
Malka MeZahav
Birthday
By: Margi Goldstein

Barbara & Jerry Levin Religious School Endowment Fund
Sue Littauer
Memory of Sidney Blumenreich
By: Jerry & Barbara Levin

The Meltsner Family
Memory of Charles Meltsner
By: Jerry & Barbara Levin

Shirley Goodman
Memory of Eddie Goodman
By: Jerry & Barbara Levin

Bernice Roberts
Birthday
By: Jerry & Barbara Levin

Lee Kitzer
Birthday
By: Jerry & Barbara Levin

Barbara & Jerry Levin
Honor of grandchildren’s engagements
By: Paula Musler

Stuart Ostrow Youth Fund
Logan Vitale
Birthday
By: Paul & Connie Ostrow
Debbie & Rory Vitale
Anniversary
By: Paul & Connie Ostrow
Honor of Lynn Jeffries
By: Paul & Connie Ostrow
Rory Vitale
Birthday
By: Paul & Connie Ostrow

Shelton Gorelick
Speedy recovery
By: Paul & Connie Ostrow

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Rabbi’s Tzedakah Fund
Honor of Rabbi Murray Erzing
By: The Feldman Family
Darren & Staci Mond
The Nalibotsky Family

Diane Schwartz
Birthday
By: Allan & Marcelle Oxman

Dan Coblenz
Birthday
By: Allan & Marcelle Oxman

Ed Karp
Memory of mother
By: Ralph & Sonni Besnoy

Wendy Cohen
Memory of Nancy Offenberg
By: Ralph & Sonni Besnoy

Robert Kipnis
Memory of Paula Kipnis
By: Barry Bobrow & Karen Knoble

Scott Meltser
Memory of Charles Meltser
By: Marcelle Gorelick

Brian Meltser
Memory of Charles Meltser
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Sam Kaplan
Memory of Berta Kaplan
By: Steven & Sharon Hockfield

Memory of Arnold Rosenberg
By: Steven & Sharon Hockfield

Gerald Aronoff
Memory of Rita Arooff
By: Stephen & Shari Marcus
By: Allan & Marcelle Oxman

Memory of Eddie Goodman
By: Leonard & Judi Strause

Mary Reel
Memory of father
By: Leonard & Judi Strause

Ed Karp
Memory of Yetta Karp
By: Leonard & Judi Strause

Memory of Charles Meltser
By: Leonard & Judi Strause

Memory of Edward Kronsburg
By: Paul Kronsburg

Pransky Family Camp
Ramah Scholarship Fund
Steve & Judy Kaufmann
Birth of grandson
By: Donald & Sheli Herbstman

Rock HaRuach
Band Fund
Memory of Albert H. Mandell
By: Victoria N. Ancheta
Judy & Steve Kaufmann
Birth of grandson
By: Daniel & Toby Ruda

Frank & Wendy Rosen
Endowment for
Rabbinic Programming
Bernice Roberts
Birthday
By: Janet Jaffa

Berta Kaplan
Memory of Berta Kaplan
By: Walter & Elizabeth Klein

Shirley Goodman
Memory of husband, Eddie Goodman
By: Frank & Wendy Rosen

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Sadie Starr Silver Fund
Marvin Shapiro
Honor of retirement
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Ed & Jill Newman
Grandson’s Bar Mitzvah
By: Marvin & Anita Shapiro

Harvey & Adrienne Gesseit
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Memory of Charles Meltser
By: Marvin & Anita Shapiro

Sue Littauer
Memory of Sidney Blumenreich
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Dr. & Mrs. Mark Perlin
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By: Alan & Jan Raznick

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By: Sam Strause

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Memory of father, Charles Meltser
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Ann Slesinger
Education Fund
Leonard Slesinger
Birthday
By: Meg Slesinger

Cathy Slesinger

Mona Radiloff

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Sunday Morning Minyan Fund
Memory of Rebecca Raznick
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Albert & Phyllis Garten

Maurice A. and Rosa B. Weinstein Adult Education Endowment Fund
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Birth of grandson
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The Meltser Family
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Yahrzeit Donations
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Rabbi Noam Raucher (second from left) attended a performance of the Whipping Man at the Charlotte Actor’s Theater and sat on the discussion panel with the cast and representative from the Levine Museum of the New South.
## Week of March 1

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