120th ANNIVERSARY
CELEBRATION WEEKEND
featuring Past Temple Israel Clergy

Friday, May 20 – Sunday, May 22
Please join us as we continue our 120th anniversary celebration in May!

Special guests confirmed!
Both Rabbi Richard Rocklin and Rabbi Dov Kentof have confirmed that they will be joining us for the weekend, and each will be participating in our services on Friday night and Saturday morning.

Festivities will include a Pre-Shabbat Oneg, Shabbat services, featuring former clergy and B’nai Mitzvah alumni, a special Shabbat Dinner, a 120th Anniversary Torah Tots program, a special B’nai Mitzvah Reunion Kiddush, a Farewell Brunch, and (NEW) Jewish Community Afternoon with the Charlotte Knights, and more!

*Reservations are currently being accepted for Friday Shabbat Dinner, Saturday Kiddush (no cost), and Sunday Closing Brunch (no cost). And Sponsorships are available! Visit templeisraelnc.org.
## APRIL 2016

**SATURDAY, APRIL 2**  
Bat Mitzvah of Jordyn Miller, 9:30am  
Java N’ Jeans, 10:00am  

**SUNDAY, APRIL 3**  
Social Club: Wine/Cheese/Dessert Party, 2:00pm  

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6**  
TI Youth: Gesh “Casino” Lounge Night, 6:00pm  
Lifelong Learning: SEDER? B’SEDER!, 7:00pm  

**FRIDAY, APRIL 8**  
Torah Tots, 10:00am  

**SATURDAY, APRIL 9**  
B’nai Mitzvah of Emily Ganem and Molly Simon, 9:30am  
Rosh Chodesh Study Group, 1:00pm  

**SATURDAY, APRIL 16**  
Kavanah, 9:30am  
B’nai Mitzvah of Jacob Goldstein and Zachary Schuler, 9:30am  
Torah On Tap: Take Me Out To Havdallah, 6:05pm  

**SATURDAY, APRIL 17**  
TI Youth: MAHAR Jumps Sky High, 12:15pm  
TI Youth: GESHER Messy Day, 1:00pm  

**SATURDAY, APRIL 23**  
Torah Tots (Passover special), 10:00am  

**MONDAY, APRIL 25**  
Torah On Tap: JAVA JEWS-Going Against The Grain, 7:00pm  

**SATURDAY, APRIL 30**  
Beyond B’nai Mitzvah, 9:30am  
Torah On Tap: Out With The Matzo, In With The Mozarella, 7:30pm  

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## MAY 2016

**SUNDAY, MAY 1**  
Etgar Book Burial, 10:00am  
Teen Coalition: J-Serve, 2:00pm  
Community Yom HaShoah Memorial Program, 4:00pm  

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 4**  
Lifelong Learning: What Does Islam Look Like?, 7:00pm  

**SATURDAY, MAY 7**  
B’nai Mitzvah of Max Rimler and Marc Rosenthal, 9:30am  
Java N’ Jeans, 10:00am  
Bat Mitzvah of Lilah Peck, 5:30pm  

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 11**  
Lifelong Learning: What Does Islam Look Like?, 7:00pm  

**FRIDAY, MAY 13**  
Torah Tots, 5:45pm (Israel special)  

**SATURDAY, MAY 14**  
Bat Mitzvah of Emma Barman, 9:30am  
Rosh Chodesh Study Group, 1:00pm  
Torah On Tap: Young Adult Film Night at CJFF, time tbd  

**SUNDAY, MAY 15**  
Temple Israel Annual Meeting, 10:00am  
TI-Youth: End-Of-Year Banquet, 4:30pm  

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 18**  
Lifelong Learning: What Does Islam Look Like?, 7:00pm  

**FRIDAY, MAY 20**  
Pre-Shabbat Services Oneg, 5:15pm  
120 Celebration Shabbat Dinner, 7:30pm (RSVP required)  

**SATURDAY, MAY 21**  
Torah Tots (120th Anniversary special), 10:00am  
120 Celebration/B’nai Mitzvah Reunion Kiddush, 12:15pm  
Torah On Tap: Third Annual Lag B’Omer Backyard Cookout, 7:30pm  

**SUNDAY, MAY 22**  
120 Celebration Farewell Brunch, 10:00am (RSVP requested)  

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 25**  
Lifelong Learning: What Does Islam Look Like?, 7:00pm  

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## PASSOVER SERVICE SCHEDULE

**FRIDAY, APRIL 22**  
(Office Closes, 1:00pm)  
Siyyum Bekhorim (Fast of the First Born), 7:30am  
Candle Lighting, 7:44pm  
No Evening Minyan  
First Seder  

**SATURDAY, APRIL 23**  
1st Day Pesach  
Shabbat/Pesach Morning Service, 9:30am  
Pesach Evening Service, 5:30pm  
Temple Israel Community Cooperative Seder, 6:00pm (by reservation only)  

**SUNDAY, APRIL 24**  
2nd Day Pesach  
Pesach Morning Service, 9:30am  
Minyan, 5:30pm  
Havdallah, 8:45pm  

**MONDAY, APRIL 25**  
Hol Ha’Mo-ed Pesach  
Minyan, 7:30pm  

**TUESDAY, APRIL 26**  
Hol Ha’Mo-ed Pesach  
Minyan, 7:30pm  

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27**  
Hol Ha’Mo-ed Pesach  
Minyan, 7:30pm  

**THURSDAY, APRIL 28**  
Hol Ha’Mo-ed Pesach  (Office closes, 1:00pm)  
Minyan, 7:30am  
Evening Service, 7:30pm  
Candle Lighting, 7:49pm  

**FRIDAY, APRIL 29**  
7th Day Pesach  
Morning Service, 9:30am  
Shabbat/Pesach Evening Service, 6:15pm  
Candle Lighting, 7:49pm  

**SATURDAY, APRIL 30**  
8th Day Pesach  
Shabbat/Pesach Morning Service (Yizkor), 9:30am  
Minyan, 5:30pm  
Passover ends/Havdallah, 8:50pm  

*All Candle Lighting Times are based on GPS location for Temple Israel and are taken from Hebcal.com*
Rabbi Murray Ezring

February provided great excitement for Barbara and me. We were invited back to the Jersey Shore where I officiated at the wedding of the daughter of very dear friends from my first congregation. The wedding ceremony took place in a beautiful sanctuary that was only a year or two old when I assumed the pulpit for the first time, nearly forty years ago. We were welcomed as warmly as one could wish by the staff of the synagogue. At the Kiddush lunch, after Shabbat Services, we ran into people we had known long ago. Our friendships sprung to life instantly once we began to talk. The greatest joy was the immediate feeling of love and welcome when we sat with Rachel, the bride, her groom, and their families throughout the weekend. By the time the celebration ended, it was almost as if the last 30 years had never happened.

Less than two weeks later, we once again boarded a plane to join the Sunshine family’s celebration of their son Jonah’s Bar Mitzvah. It seemed impossible that a year had already passed since we were together in Orlando to enjoy Pesach with both of our families. Unlike the Seders, where 14 of us crowded into the family area of a rented condominium, the Bar Mitzvah was a gala event. It was wonderful experiencing the congregation’s love of its Rabbi’s family.

Joining dear friends, whether for travel, holidays or great simchot, is what life is all about. Barbara and I enjoy the presence in our lives of friends we have known for decades. Sometimes we run into friends in airports around the world. Or we bump into them on the streets of New York, Orlando, Washington, Tel Aviv or at the Ayalon Institute. Every meeting brightens our day.

What is amazing to me is that our closest friends, be they older or younger than us, or not even Jewish, are mostly people we have met through some aspect of synagogue life. As a Bet Kenesset, the purpose of any synagogue is to build relationships. The connections we forge spread like spider webs throughout the world. How many new acquaintances do each of us make during a year at Temple Israel? How many people do we meet who are visiting on business, for B’nai Mitzvah, or weddings?

Temple Israel has been creating threads of relationships throughout Charlotte, the country, and the world for 120 years. From May 20 to May 22, Temple Israel will continue its 120th Anniversary Celebration. This exciting weekend will include opportunities to reconnect with former clergy, B’Nai Mitzvah alumni, and hundreds of the Temple’s friends and supporters. Special events are planned for all ages. Barbara and I hope you will join us for this fun-filled historic weekend.

Shalom,
Rabbi Murray Ezring

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-Rabbi Murray Ezring
PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE
by Lynne Sheffer

THANK YOU FOR THE HONOR OF SERVING AS YOUR SYNAGOGUE PRESIDENT

As I reflect on the past two years, I am appreciative of the experiences and opportunities I have shared with you as your Synagogue President. More than ever, I am convinced of the important role Temple Israel plays in the lives of our members at every age, and every stage, of their lives.

While everyone finds his or her own path into the synagogue, we each want and need to lead a meaningful life; to learn, to grow, to belong to a community that cares about us in our best times, and in our most difficult times. Judaism enriches us and guides us through our lifetimes, and the synagogue gives us the opportunity to be part of a community, to care about others, and to share Shabbat and holidays with friends and family that we love.

Central to the success of synagogue life are the ways in which we connect, engage and build relationships with each other. The most enjoyable and valued part of being your president has been the opportunity to form relationships with many of you. These relationships will continue to mean everything to me.

Thank you to the Board and Executive Committee for their outstanding dedication and commitment of time and skills these past two years. Thank you to our dedicated clergy and staff whose hard work, commitment, and caring makes Temple Israel such a special place. Thank you to every volunteer and every member for being an important part of our synagogue family.

Temple Israel is our collective responsibility. The roles of clergy and staff, as well as our members, are critical to our success. We have a proud legacy of 120 years, and each of us has a part to play in moving Temple Israel towards a successful future.

With deep appreciation and gratitude,
Lynne

MESSAGE FROM GLENDA BERNHARDT

Thank you to all of the individuals who have already made the commitment to support Temple Israel’s Reinvestment Campaign:

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- Chris & Marcie Williams
- Kim & Sue Worrel
- Steven & Janice Zacks

Please join us! We have raised more than 65% of our goal, but we need your help to successfully complete this important campaign. Together we will sustain Temple Israel for our children and grandchildren. If you have questions or would like to make a gift to this campaign, please contact Glenda Bernhardt, Temple Israel Executive Director, at (704) 362-2796 or gbernhardt@templeisraelnc.org.

- CURRENT AMOUNT RAISED TO DATE = 780,482.56
- CURRENT NUMBER OF GIFTS = 91
(14% OF MEMBERSHIP)
TEMMPE ISRAEL GEMATRIA
by David H. Rosenthal, Treasurer
Are you aware of our community’s Vision and Mission Statement?
VISION STATEMENT
Temple Israel is a sacred community that strives to inspire all to enjoy meaningful relationships with each other, the broader community, Torah and God through traditional and innovative expressions of Judaism. (adopted by the Board of Trustees August 11, 2014)
MISSION STATEMENT
Temple Israel is a welcoming and progressive Conservative community fostering personal growth and a meaningful engaged life through these pillars of our faith:
• Personal connections with God, leading to an enriched life
• Practicing Halakhah (Jewish Law) and Mitzvot (Commandments) to better our lives and those around us
• Celebrating lifecycle events, holidays and Shabbat, bringing a spiritual meaning to our Jewish journey
• Mishpacha (Family) including the gifts of youth and the wisdom of elders, to continue the cycle of growth in our community
• Tikun Olam, the healing of the world for the benefit of everyone
• Lifelong learning for all
• Support for the state of Israel to preserve our homeland

Your leaders, across the spectrum, are tasked with providing a high-quality spiritual experience and superior service in pursuit of fulfilling the aforementioned vision and mission.
Critical to achieving this vision and mission is your annual financial commitment in the form of tzedakah.
“Tzedakah is equivalent to all the other commandments combined!” (Talmud, Baba Batra 9a)

SELECT TEMPLE ISRAEL DATA POINTS:
650 Households
1,750 Total Population (rounded)
$2,076,857 Fiscal Year 2015-2016 budget
$1,241,021 Total Financial Commitment (Tzedakah) includes High Holy Day and every day/year-around seats
$3,200 Cost per household
$1,900 Average financial commitment per household

*Beginning July 1, 2016, we will no longer benefit from a generous financial commitment match of $75,000 going forward.

Maimonides, one of the most renowned Jewish philosophers, defined eight levels in giving charity (Tzedakah). FROM THE LEAST TO THE MOST HONORABLE, EACH ONE HIGHER THAN THE PRECEDING ONE, THEY ARE AS FOLLOWS ON AN ASCENDING BASIS:

8. When donations are given grudgingly.
7. When one gives less than he should, but does so cheerfully.
6. When one gives directly to the poor upon being asked.
5. When one gives directly to the poor without being asked.
4. Donations when the recipient is aware of the donor’s identity, but the donor still doesn’t know the specific identity of the recipient.
3. Donations when the donor is aware to whom the charity is being given, but the recipient is unaware of the source.
2. Giving assistance in such a way that the giver and recipient are unknown to each other. Communal funds, administered by responsible people, are also in this category.
1. The highest form of charity is to help sustain a person before they become impoverished by offering a substantial gift in a dignified manner, by extending a suitable loan, by helping them find employment or establish themselves in business so as to make it unnecessary for them to become dependent on others.

As you consider your financial commitment to Temple Israel, please consider making a sustaining, impactful commitment as we move toward a resilient, sustainable budget, ensuring the legacy and future of Temple Israel into the next 120 years.
Thank you in advance and L’shalom,
David
(DavidH.Rosenthal@gmail.com)

CANTOR ROOCHVARG’S COLUMN
THE APRIL CANTOR & FRIENDS PROGRAM
by Cantor Elias Roochvarg
On Sunday, April 10, at 4:00pm, our program will be devoted to the songs of the great Broadway lyricist, composer, and general innovator, Stephen Sondheim. For six decades now, he has been entertaining and challenging theater audiences with his delightful music, his sophisticated lyrics, and his ongoing efforts to expand the eyes, ears and minds of theatergoers. Who else could write a musical that incorporates serial killing and cannibalism into the plot, and have it done so well as to run about 600 performances, win the TONY award, and spawn several revivals? (No, there will be no meat pies served at the concert!)

He was also the lyricist for WEST SIDE STORY and GYPSY. He wrote both lyrics and music for a FUNNY THING HAPPENED ON THE WAY TO THE FORUM, COMPANY, FOLLIES, A LITTLE NIGHT MUSIC, SUNDAY IN THE PARK WITH GEORGE, INTO THE WOODS, and many less familiar shows. For his contributions to the theater, he has garnered many awards and had a Broadway theater named for him. (I don’t think that has happened to any other living artist.)

I will be joined for the program by Cantor Mary Thomas of Temple Beth El, and we will be accompanied, as usual, by our own Monty Bennett.

Hope to see you there!

2016-2017 Commitment Renewal Packets Coming Soon!

2016-2017 Commitment renewal packets will be sent to current members at the beginning of May.
Please take note of several exciting changes for the coming year and High Holy Day season:
- High Holy Day seats will now be included in every level of membership.
- Opportunity to select the seating option that best meets the needs of your household.
- Option to purchase children’s tickets in the sanctuary.
- Family service options for both Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur and expanded babysitting availability.
- Engaging youth programming available each day.

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People often ask me, “Is Valentine’s Day a Jewish holiday?” The answer is simple: no—it’s not. The day of romance we call Valentine’s Day is named for a Christian martyr and dates back to the 5th century. Judaism provides its own day of love that falls during the summer months known as Tu B’Av (the 15th of the month of Av). However, even though Valentine’s Day is not a Jewish holiday, we cannot deny that it touches on themes of love, which are very much part of tradition. We often speak of being loving to one another and having a loving relationship with God. Admittedly, even though Valentine’s Day is not a Jewish holiday many of us still celebrate it because it is part of American culture.

For many people, observing Valentine’s Day creates a bit of tension. Why do we need the external obligation to show love to people in our lives when love is something we feel internally on a regular basis? In theory our love for one another is constant, so Valentine’s Day should not change that. Here we see that there is a bigger question at hand: in order to demonstrate that we are part of something greater than ourselves, is it better to give of ourselves because of an internal or external obligation?

The Torah presents us with this same question when we are given the opportunity to build a mishkan—a portable sanctuary to remind us of God’s presence. I use that phrase “given the opportunity” deliberately. Our Torah teaches us that God said to Moses, “Let the people build me a sanctuary, so that I can dwell among them.” (Exodus 25:8) This is an unusual way to communicate to the Israelites given that God usually speaks with words more fitting for rules and regulations, like: “you will” or “you will not.” To go even further, God qualifies the building of the mishkan with one request: that everyone whose heart so moves them should bring their own gift. Not only are we given the opportunity to choose to build this sacred space, but we are also allowed to bring whatever it is that we truly want to bring to the endeavor. Here God simply gives us the opportunity to be generous.

The strategy for building an ancient communal space for the Israelites and God to share leads us to a necessary question for our own communities today: What would happen if paying synagogue dues were completely voluntary?

In order to answer this question we have to examine the purpose of the mishkan. Simply, it is to hold a communal space on discretionary gifts. But on a deeper level we are talking about two options for connection: connection via obligation or connection via love. Which option sounds more appealing to you?

Surely love is an obligation. But it is an obligation from within. Nobody can be forced to love. But many of us choose to affiliate based on an emotional connection, rather than an external obligation. Further, if everyone is given the chance to contribute what they want, and how they want, there can be no judgment or hierarchy to their contribution—everyone is equal. In truth connecting via obligation and connecting via love are both legitimate avenues for affiliation. But many would argue that the quality of connection is enhanced when it is founded in love.

Those opportunities to connect are more apparent than we know. They appear when friends and family members sit side-by-side during Shabbat services after a long week; when we open our hearts as we are lifted in prayer; when our children laugh and bond during youth group and religious school activities; when a class helps to answer our deep internal questions, or when we join hands with one another in acts of loving-kindness.

These examples are the sockets that hold our mishkan together. In them we find each other and God; which inherently creates a holy space. Ultimately it is membership of the highest value.

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-Rabbi Noam Raucher

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**TEMPLE ISRAEL SIMCHA TREE**

Looking for a great way to mark a special simcha? Why not purchase a leaf on Temple Israel’s Simcha Tree, located in the Leon & Sandra Levine Social Hall.

Simcha Tree Leaves can be purchased to mark your special family or individual accomplishments, such as a birth, consecration, Bar or Bat Mitzvah, confirmation, graduation, engagement, marriage, anniversary or milestone birthday. Cost is $180.

For more information, please contact Monty Bennett at 704-362-2796
LIFE EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OUR CONDOLENCES TO
• It is with great sadness that we inform you of the passing of Doris Widis, wife of Philip Widis, and mother of Larry (Florence) Widis, Robert Widis, and Howard (Helen) Widis.
• It is with great sadness that we inform you of the passing of Charles Hess, father of Cynthia (David) Wolitsky.
• It is with great sadness that we inform you of the passing of Florence Paul, sister of Frank Paul.
• It is with great sadness that we inform you of the passing of Robert Blenner, father of Bonnie Bornstein.
• It is with great sadness that we inform you of the passing of Rich Weiner, father of Wendy Weiner and David Weiner.
• It is with great sadness that we inform you of the passing of Rhea Cooper Tannen, mother of Paula (Richard) Klein, Edward (Millie) Tannen, Judith (Max) Rosenberg, and Beth (Jack) Arager.
• It is with great sadness that we inform you of the passing of Gloria Becker, wife of Arthur Becker, and mother of Bill Becker.
• It is with great sadness that we inform you of the passing of Arthur Becker, brother of Richard (Robin) Becker.
• It is with great sadness that we inform you of the passing of Charlotte Gold, mother of Alan (Sharon), Jason (Sharon), and Rachel Gold; Great-Grandmother of David Gold.
• It is with great sadness that we inform you of the passing of Dr. Channing Sik Jun, father of Joy (Paul) Jun Rousso, grandfather of Maxwell and Alexander Rousso, and companion of Chang Hee Imm.

BIRTHS
• Benjamin & Alexis Fish joyfully welcome the arrival of a baby girl, Aviva Claire, on December 2, 2015.
• Jonathan & Jessica Cohen joyfully welcome the arrival of twin boys, Sid Aaron and Ben Eric, on January 29. The proud grandparents are Susan & Donald Jacobs, and Jennifer & Jerry Cohen. Their proud great-grandmother is Florence Jaffa.
• Mark & Ariel DiDonato joyfully welcome the arrival of their baby girl, Isabella Rose, on February 7.
• Steve & Stephanie Turk joyfully welcome the arrival of a baby girl, Sophia Alexis, on February 17. The proud grandparents are Bob & Marynes Turk (Miami, FL), and proud great-grandparents are Eleanor & Morton Turk (Indian Land, SC).

MAZEL TOV
• Mazel Tov to Jeff & Blair Goldsmith on their wedding, which took place December 12, 2015.
• Lois & George Schneider are thrilled to announce the engagement of their daughter, Julie Schneider, to Michael Levy, son of Joan Kottler and Dr. Alvin Levy of Atlanta, GA. A September wedding is planned.
• Greyson Silverman has been elected as the next Grand Aleph Segan of BBYO. Mazel tov, Grey!

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.
HEBREW INSTRUCTION: KISSING A BRIDE THROUGH A VEIL

By Rabbi Noam Raucher, Director of Education

The Russian prodigy poet, Haim Nachman Bialik, once famously quipped, “Reading the Bible in translation is like kissing your new bride through a veil.” In other words, to really know what is written in our ancient texts, we must be able to understand its words directly by our own reading, not by someone else’s translation. Like a lover, removing the screen is how we come to know the Torah’s true essence.

Hebrew is simultaneously the most universal and biggest hurdle to the Jewish tradition. On a global scale Conservative Judaism has made it a priority and standard to include Hebrew in various communal spaces. For the most part Shabbat services at Conservative synagogues throughout the world pray in Hebrew 90-95% of the time. Reserving only the “Prayer for our Country” and the “Prayer for Peace” for English reading. Walk around any Camp Ramah and you will see Hebrew vocabulary everywhere, referees call games using Hebrew words, Israeli songs are played throughout camp, and parts of the day are reserved exclusively for Hebrew speaking. In fact, one summer I distinctly remember that our camp director would walk around and attend staff meetings, only to speak Hebrew with the staff!

The Temple Israel Religious School recognizes the centrality of Hebrew language to our community and tradition. Hebrew acquisition is one of our highest priorities and curricular goals. As a community we cannot expect that our children will be familiar with our prayers, confident in their ability to read and understand the Torah, and be able to navigate through Israel in authentic ways without a strong Hebrew background. As such we have taken several steps to bolster Hebrew education in our school:

1. **Detailed guidelines**: We have a specific map of what our teachers must address in class to make sure our students are well prepared each year. We have also provided our teachers with a tracking guide so that we can know exactly when they have taught certain lessons and if students are reaching benchmarks. These guidelines can be provided upon request.

2. **Differentiated Hebrew learning**: Every week, Monday-Thursday we offer four, thirty-minute opportunities for 2nd-7th grade students to receive individualized Hebrew instruction with wonderful teachers. We tightened the rules to make sure as many students as possible can utilize this service. And the best part of all is that it is completely FREE! Access to these opportunities can be reserved using a link to sign-up-genius provided in each TIRS weekly e-blast.

3. **Class size**: With increasing class sizes we have made sure to divide students into manageable classes. With the help of madrichim, students receive instruction efficiently and in smaller groups.

4. **Web-based Hebrew learning**: Unfortunately TIRS has not had the best luck with online Hebrew instruction. However, with parent feedback and discussions we have generated a list of useful websites to supplement Hebrew instruction at home. In addition we have created a make-shift computer-lab available to small groups of students so they can access various Hebrew websites during school hours at the teacher’s request. A list of these websites can be provided upon request.

5. **Movement-based Hebrew instruction**: We have also maintained our Hebrew Through Movement program for younger students. This dynamic program remains a valuable resource to engage our students through activity based Hebrew instruction.

However, while we have implemented and maintained different strategies for Hebrew education there is one element that remains crucial and necessary for language acquisition: rate of exposure. Normally it takes several hours a week to sufficiently learn a foreign language. At best, TIRS students receive only fifty minutes of class time each Sunday. Attendance and participation in youth services in the main sanctuary do help. But our children will excel when they are given more time to learn the beauty of the Hebrew language. One day a week at religious school is simply not enough. Particularly when one considers how many other subjects we need to focus on in Jewish education. We should consider that many supplemental schools at Conservative synagogues maintain at least a two-day a week model. In some of those programs one of the days is solely reserved for Hebrew instruction in two-hour blocks.

We must increase not only the opportunities for Hebrew language acquisition, but the time for that learning as well. Our team of TIRS teaching staff, administration, and school lay-leadership is committed to enhancing Hebrew education for all our students. We look hopefully to the day when our students will no longer kiss the Torah through a veil.

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Rabbi Noam Raucher
MAZEL TOV TO OUR B’NAI MITZVAH

**Jordyn Miller**
**APRIL 2, 2016**
Parents: David & Risa Miller

Jordyn is a 7th grader at Charlotte Country Day School. She attended Charlotte Jewish Day School through 5th grade. She spends 7 weeks of the summer at Camp Matoaka in Smithfield, Maine. Jordy enjoys playing tennis, basketball, and lacrosse in her free time. For her mitzvah project, she helps with the Blessings in a Backpack program. She also will be donating money to the Accessible Health Zone program in Israel, which aims to promote the health and well being of people with disabilities by increasing the opportunities to acquire lifelong healthful habits.

**Emily Ganem**
**APRIL 9, 2016**
Parents: Jaques & Sherry Ganem

Emily is a 7th grader at Providence Day School. She enjoys painting, dancing, preparing Shabbat dinners, participating as a flyer for the PDS cheerleading team, and buzzing around with her brother Max on her hover board. She looks forward to visiting her grandparents’ homes in NYC, Virginia Beach and the Shenandoah Valley, and she is excited about the upcoming family reunion. Emily has worked hard in preparing for her upcoming Bat Mitzvah, and appreciates all of the help and guidance from our Temple Israel Rabbis.

**Molly Simon**
**APRIL 9, 2016**
Parents: Jon & Stephanie Simon

Molly is a 7th grader at Carmel Middle School, and has attended TIRS since 2nd grade. Previously, she was a student at the Charlotte Jewish Day School. Molly’s interests are cooking, art, math, and volunteering with the Teen Health Connection’s Teen Advisory Board. For her Bat Mitzvah project, she partnered with Claire’s Army— a local organization whose mission is to support families with pediatric cancer patients— where her efforts included collecting over $2,000 in items and monetary donations for Claire’s Packages. Molly is excited to celebrate her Bat Mitzvah at Temple Israel, as she is a 3rd generation family member to do so!

**Marc Rosenthal**
**MAY 7, 2016**
Parents: Brian & Lori Rosenthal

Marc is a seventh grader at Carmel Middle School, and has attended Temple Israel Religious School since kindergarten. His hobbies include tennis, running, piano, and cello. For his Bar Mitzvah service project, Marc sorted, leveled, and delivered books to 150 third-graders at Huntingtowne Farms Elementary School.

**Max Rimler**
**MAY 7, 2016**
Parents: Lee & Irena Rimler

Max is currently a 6th grader at Charlotte Latin, and previously attended the Jewish Preschool on Sardis and the Charlotte Jewish Day School. He enjoys the camaraderie and competitiveness of team sports (especially baseball) and the solitude and challenges he finds in the great outdoors. Max is looking forward to having his family and friends join him in celebrating this important milestone in his Jewish life - and is really excited for his party.

**Emma Barman**
**MAY 14, 2016**
Parents: Joel & Joanna Barman

Emma is in the seventh grade at Sun Valley Middle School. She loves art, music, and animals. Emma also participates in a weekly horseback-riding program. She is a member of the school’s animal care club, and is looking forward to celebrating her Bat Mitzvah.

**Lilah Peck**
**MAY 7, 2016**
Parents: Marcelle Gorelick & Dan Peck

Lilah is the daughter of Marcelle Gorelick and Daniel Peck, and the granddaughter of Patty and Bill Gorelick of Charlotte, and of David Peck of Richmond, VA. Lilah plays on the tennis and lacrosse teams at Charlotte Country Day School, where she will also perform in the spring musical. Lilah recently won Best Delegate for the Charlotte Model United Nations Conference, and she will participate in the International Model United Nations Conference in Paris this spring on the Paths To Peace team. Lilah also enjoys fashion, music, theater, and dancing - especially at Bat Mitzvahs!

**Jordyn Miller**
**MAY 9, 2016**
Parents: David & Risa Miller

Jordyn is a 7th grader at Charlotte Country Day, and is very proud of his Bar Mitzvah at Temple Israel. An avid soccer player, and huge Panthers fan, studying for his Bar Mitzvah is his other favorite pastime. With family coming from as far away as Rochester, New York and Barbados, he couldn’t be anymore excited.

**Emma Barman**
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Parents: Joel & Joanna Barman

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**Jacob Goldstein**
**APRIL 16, 2016**
Parents: Stuart & Shari Goldstein

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Youth

For more information or to register for any of the following events, please contact Arlene Mayo at 704-944-6785 or amayo@templeisraelnc.org.
Director of Youth & Young Adult Engagement, Ariel DiDonato, can be reached at (704) 944-6816 or adidonato@templeisraelnc.org.

GESHER “Casino” Lounge Night
(8th-12th Grades)
Wednesday, April 6, 6:00-7:00pm
LJCC Teen Lounge

BONIM Goes to Inner Peaks
(6th-7th Grades)
Sunday, April 10, 12:30-4:30pm
(make-up from snow day)
Join us at Inner Peaks for some Rock Climbing and a Brixx Pizza lunch! $30/TI-Y Members; $40/non-members. Price includes rock climbing, lunch and transportation. Drop-off and pick-up at Temple Israel. *RSVP amayo@templeisraelnc.org by Wednesday, April 6.

MAHAR Jumps Sky High
(3rd-5th Grades)
Sunday, April 17, 12:15-3:30pm
Are you ready to bounce off the walls? Join your friends as we bounce into action at Sky High for an afternoon of intense trampolining. Cost also includes laser maze, ropes course, and sports simulator at Sky High. Pizza dinner provided. Drop-off and pick-up at TIRS building. $15/MAHAR Members; $20/Non-Members. *RSVP to amayo@templeisraelnc.org by Wednesday, April 13.

GESHER Messy Day
(8th-12th Grades)
Sunday, April 17, 1:00-3:00pm
Freedom Park
*Details to follow!

TI-Youth END-OF-YEAR BANQUET & FESTIVITIES!
(All Youth Groups)
Sunday, May 15, 4:30pm
Temple Israel
Come and join your friends for a special year-end celebration! All members of TI Youth Groups (MAHAR, BONIM & GESHER) are invited to join us for an End-Of-Year formal Banquet & Festivities. We will be recognizing graduating seniors and thanking those who have made our youth groups amazing this year. Dinner will be served, and there will be fun, games & prizes for ALL!

Youth Group Leadership Meetings

Gesher Leadership Board (8th-12th Grades)
• Sunday, April 10, 7:00-8:00pm,
  Ben & Jerry’s (Fairview Rd.)

Bonim Leadership Council (6th & 7th Grades)
• Sunday, May 1, 12:30-1:30pm, TIRS Building

Teen Coalition

Save the Date:
Sunday, May 1, 2:00-5:00pm
(Teen Coalition J-Serve)

Teen Coalition Meetings
• Tuesday, April 5 - time/location tba
• Tuesday, May 3 - time/location tba

Mazel Tov to our High School Graduates!
JOIN UP WITH TORAH ON TAP AND BUILD YOUR MODERN JEWISH SOCIAL LIFE!

Email Justin Bregman, President of Torah on Tap, at jsbregman@gmail.com to be added to the listserv or “like” us on Facebook.

TAKE ME OUT TO HAVDALLAH
Saturday, April 16
6:05pm (Charlotte Knights Stadium)

Join us at BB&T Ballpark to watch the Charlotte Knights take on the Durham Bulls. We will enjoy cold beverages, and tasty food, and wrap things up with Havdallah on the lawn or at Romare Bearden Park. Please purchase “Berm/Standing Room Only” tickets at bbtballparkcharlotte.com, and join us as we sit together on the outfield lawn!

JAVA JEWS - GOING AGAINST THE GRAIN
Monday, April 25
7:00pm (Starbucks at Morrocroft Harris Teeter)

Join Torah On Tap for a café discussion led by Jordana Weiner about cultural and family differences in the “do’s” and “don’ts” of eating chametz at Passover. Come meet & greet over coffee, and enjoy an hour of lively discussion.

OUT WITH THE MATZO, IN WITH THE MOZZARELLA!
Saturday April 30
7:30 - 10:30pm (Charlotte Moishe House)

We all love matzah, but enough is enough! So let’s nosh on some serious hametz right after Passover. Join Torah on Tap and Charlotte Moishe House for a Post-Passover Pizza Party! Feel free to invite all your friends, just let us know how many people will be attending so we can make sure to have enough pizza and beer.

RSVP by April 27 to Jason at jmlecker@aol.com, and email: mohocharlotte@gmail.com for the MoHo address.

YOUNG ADULT FILM NIGHT AT THE CJFF
Saturday May 14

Save the date: Join us at the Charlotte Jewish Film Festival to watch a special Young Adult film. Discussion and drinks afterwards! Location, time and film TBA.

THIRD ANNUAL LAG B’OMER BACKYARD COOKOUT
Saturday, May 21
7:30-10:30pm (Home of Andrew & Jen Rosen)

Join us for a fun evening of music, backyard games, a delicious BBQ and a bonfire at our 3rd annual Lag B’omer Backyard cookout! Meet and socialize with other Jewish young professionals in Charlotte. Cost: $10 (all food included) + BYOB (Bring your favorite worldly beer).

RSVP to Eric Cohen at financemajor@gmail.com to receive the home address.
by their teacher. The excitement was great in the classroom when the books were handed out. The children loved the fact that the books had their names on the bookplates saying “this book is especially for you from Temple Israel.”

Every month, Temple Israel will be providing a book to every third grader to take home so they can begin building their own home library. Many of our B’nai Mitzvah students have donated books for this project. Marc Rosenthal took it to the next level. He sorted, leveled, put in the book plates, organized the books by classroom and delivered them to the students. He now has 150 new best friends from Huntingtowne Farms!

If you would like to help continue with this important effort, here is how:

1. Purchase elementary school aged appropriate books.
2. Clean out your own libraries and bring in your gently used children’s books.
3. If you are at a thrift store or used bookstore, look for children’s books.
4. Ask your book club or organization if they would like to be part of this project.
5. Make a donation to “Temple Israel’s Huntingtowne Farms Elementary Fox Fund” and in the memo section write “Books”.

If you have any questions, please contact Kathy Warshaw at kewarshaw@yahoo.com or srabinovich@windstream.net
Feeding the Future of America – One School at a Time

Would you like to Co-Chair this program with Tracy Brown?
Twice a month, volunteers from Temple Israel provide food to children in need at Huntingstowne Farms Elementary School (HFES) throughout the school year. As a result, Elementary Education Students who may otherwise have little or no food to eat on weekends, have health food to eat.

Would you like to make a difference to the lives of K-5 Children in need at HFES by Co-Chairing this program? This involves helping shop for food and working with volunteers to organize the food at the school for 1 hr, 2X per month. It is fun and fulfilling. To discuss the role of Co-Chair, or to volunteer, please contact Tracy Brown – tracybrown2@me.com

MEN’S SHELTER OF CHARLOTTE

The Annual Men’s Shelter Community Fundraiser Breakfast is being held at The Westin Hotel on April 20. Temple Israel is a table host for this great event.

If you would like to attend, please contact David Thrope at dmthrope@gmail.com.

Many thanks to all of the Temple Israel Congregants who volunteered and made donations to support cooking and serving lunch for 150 Men in need at the South Tryon Men’s Shelter on Sunday March 13.

Together we are helping to end homelessness.

ROOM IN THE INN

Temple Israel partnered with the Urban Ministry Center to open our Temple to provide shelter and food for homeless people during January and February. We picked up our guests in Uptown Charlotte, provided a warm, safe place to sleep, served three meals (dinner, breakfast and bag lunch), gave a gift of warm clothing and toiletries, and then returned our guests the following morning to uptown Charlotte.

The program is a unique way for Congregants of Temple Israel to become directly involved with people who are homeless. The simple goal is to keep homeless people from freezing on cold winter nights. A greater goal is to provide a more personal relationship with homeless people, at least for 3 nights per year, and a deeper understanding of the depth and complexity of homelessness.

Thank you to all of the Temple Israel individuals, families, and teens who got involved in set up, welcome, preparing and cooking meals, donating clothing/toiletries, and gave Tzedakah.

SHALOM PARK FREEDOM SCHOOL

The Shalom Park Freedom School (SPFS) is a collaboration of eight Shalom Park agencies working together to help close the academic achievement gap by providing a six-week literacy, character-building summer program. 50% of the scholars who attend Freedom School come from our own Huntingstowne Farms!

Please consider volunteering for a day, a week, or for the entire program. The needs are great and the volunteer schedule is flexible. SPFS’s mission is to educate and empower children to succeed in school and in life, and to build Jewish identity, pride, and community through this meaningful summer program. Please contact Marcia Stern at chalyce@aol.com for more information and/or to help fund SPFS. Learn more at www.spfreedomschool.org.

DONATE SWIMSUITS and TOWELS in APRIL and MAY

Scholars at SPFS enjoy swimming lessons twice a week. To help with this, donations of swimsuits and towels will be collected between April 4-May 8. Grab a beach ball from the display at LJCC, and help make a splash for our scholars this summer!

Thank you to all the Temple Israel Congregants who volunteered and made donations to support cooking and serving lunch for 150 Men in need at the South Tryon Men’s Shelter on Sunday March 13.

TI Serving Lunch @ Men’s Shelter of Charlotte, March 2016

Create Your Jewish Legacy

Thank you to our newest Legacy donors, Al & Phyllis Garten!
UPCOMING SISTERHOOD EVENTS

SISTERHOOD CLOSING PROGRAM
Wednesday, May 18
7:00pm – Morris & Sylvia Speizman Sanctuary

Please join us for a special celebration as we thank our board members and Co-Presidents for their leadership over the past two years. A delicious dessert reception will follow.

Our Sisterhood is diverse and we want our programming to reflect our interests and be fulfilling to our membership. Please contact Co-Presidents: Denise Abadi (abadifam@aol.com) or Hilary Rosenbaum (dhrose4@gmail.com) with any questions about these or other programs.

TEMPLE ISRAEL MEN’S CLUB

Call for Volunteers

We have recently re-established our Men’s Club, and are excited to start a new fiscal year in July, 2016. We are looking for enthusiastic and creative men, for our Board of Directors, to lead this organization into the future. Please contact Michael Abadi if you interested in arranging a meeting.

Michael Abadi
President
(704) 366-3356
abadim7470@aol.com

The Rose Room

TI Sisterhood Judaica Gift Shop

YOUR PASSOVER HEADQUARTERS

Seder Plates, Creative Decorations for your Seder Table, Elijah Kiddush Cups, Candle Sticks, Afikomen prizes, and fun gifts for friends and family of all ages!

HAPPY PASSOVER!
April 22 - 30

GIFT SHOP HOURS: Sunday 9am-12:30pm, Tuesday-Thursday 10am-1pm, Friday 11am-1pm
Special appointments outside normal business hours are available. Please call Cindy Jennes at 704-443-7643.

Proceeds support Temple Israel, Sisterhood, Temple Israel Youth Programs, and Social Action Initiatives
All Sisterhood members a 10% discount during weekday hours
MEN’S CLUB
On Sunday February 7 at 8:30 am the Men’s club held its 17th Annual World Wide Wrap in the LJCC’s Gorelick Hall, with over 100 participants, and also via Skype connection with:
Temple Israel Center in White Plains, NY
Temple Beth El in Lancaster, PA
Congregation Bnai Israel in San Jose, Costa Rica
Rabbi Murray Ezring, Rabbi Ari Isenberg-Grzeda (Temple Israel Center), Rabbis Rami Pavolotzky and Daniela Szuster (Temple Beth El) and Rabbi Dario Feiguin (Congregation Bnai Israel) all spoke after our respective Sunday Minyan services about their Congregation, the relevance of the Mitzvah of tefillin, and the experience of the Wrap with other Congregations around the world.
Many thanks are due to an extraordinary group who made this seemingly impossible event go off without a hitch. To Michael Abadi for handling the Skype connections; to Nicholas Rose for managing to get the technical glitches on our end to work seamlessly; to Rabbi Ezring for a great learning service; to Rabbi Klirs and others for assisting many of us (yours truly included) with helping us lay Tefillin; to Alan Raznick and his team for arranging the food and to the “J” for allowing us to host this program.
 Sadly the ice storm of a few weeks back prevented us from seeing the special Talit, created by students at TIRS, for this event. Hopefully at a later date the students can display them at an upcoming special Shabbat service. Finally, thanks to Jonathan Berger & the Social Action committee for the funding of this special project.

SOCIAL CLUB
The mission of the Social Club is to provide an active social life for active adults (single or couples 55+) who are members of any area synagogue. Through the Social Club's various events (approximately 10 to 11 per year), the organization becomes a mechanism for newcomers to the Charlotte area to make new friends.
Due to the Charlotte Jewish Film Festival, the Social Club decided not to schedule any events during the months of February and March. However, the Social Club’s “Paid-Up Luncheon” at the end of January was a huge success with 90 people making reservations! All had a good time!

It’s now official – our next event:
WINE/ CHEESE/ DESSERT PARTY
Sunday, April 3
2:00pm – Leon & Sandra Levine Social Hall
Please join us for this special event, where our featured speaker will be Peter Blair, the new Chief Executive Officer of the Levine JCC. Catering will be provided by Jered Mond. Cost: $13/Members; $16/non-members.
RSVP by March 25th by sending payment (check payable to: Temple Israel Social Club) to Douglas Mann, 137 N. Canterbury Rd, Charlotte, NC 28211.
This summer, the Social Club is planning to attend a musical at CPCC Theatre in either June or July. More information coming soon.

REMEMBER, if you are looking for that special gift or donation honoring that special person or persons, a one-year membership in the Social Club could be the start of something that lasts a lifetime.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE SOCIAL CLUB, CONTACT CO-PRESIDENTS RUTH GOLDBERG (704) 366-8903 OR IRVING BIENSTOCK (704) 542-0094.

YELLOW CANDLES FOR YOM HASHAOAH
Temple Israel Men’s Club is proud to once again send the entire congregation a special Yom HaShoah yellow memorial candle. The men who are working on this effort strongly believe in the value of giving every congregational member the means and the opportunity to remember the Holocaust.
For more information about this Men’s Club initiative, please visit yellowcandles.org. We also welcome your contributions to help us pay for this program (there will be a response form and envelope included with the candle). Proceeds will also be used to support Holocaust education at Temple Israel and our effort to build a viable men’s group that addresses the specific needs of men, fathers, sons, brothers, grandfathers, and husbands. Please light the candle on Wednesday, May 4.
For more information, contact program coordinator Henry Rabinovich at henry@pmtcorporation.com.

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LIFELONG LEARNING

SEDER? B’SEDER!
Wednesdays, April 6 & 13
7:00 – 8:30pm
Join Rabbi Raucher as he offers a two-evening program, which will expand our understanding of two key aspects of living the Passover experience:

1. The first class will show how to prepare and lead a Passover Seder. We’ll give you the traditional structure, and teach you how to add your own creative spin.

2. The second class will address such Passover questions as: Are you really free? Everyone’s got an “Egypt” or “Pharaoh” in their lives. Rabbi Raucher will offer spiritual preparation for Passover. We’ll explore the task-masters in our lives and what it takes to be free from their bondage.

Class is FREE for members and $36 for non-members. Please register by contacting the clergy office at 704-362-2796.

The Beauty & Variety Of The Haggadah
Wednesdays, April 20
7:45-9:00pm
Cantor Roochvarg will present a multimedia survey demonstrating the variety, beauty and uniqueness of Haggatot throughout history. Please register to attend with Dallas at the Clergy Office.

What does Islam Look Like?
Wednesdays, May 4-25
7:00 – 8:30pm
Have you read the Quran? Have you walked inside a mosque? Have you had conversations with Muslims about their religion? Whether you answered “no” to all these questions or “yes” to one or more, what you know about Islam, its texts, holy places, history and people will be deepened by attending this upcoming series of classes, “What Does Islam Look Like?”

May 4: What does Islam Look Like?
May 11: Who is Mohammed, and What Does the Quran Say?
May 18: History: Origins Through the Golden Age
May 25: Understanding Contemporary Issues

The classes will be taught by Dr. Marcy Goldstein of the Religious Studies department at UNC-Charlotte. Joining Dr. Goldstein will be Imam Khalili Akbar from Masjid Ash-Shaheed, and Imam John Ramadan from Masjid Ar-Razzak.

Class is FREE for members, and $36 for non-members. Please register by contacting the clergy office at 704-362-2796.
ROCK HASHABBAT
Come check out Temple Israel’s Rock HaShabbat service (in the sanctuary) for a fast-paced, hour and fifteen-minute service led by The Ruach, Temple Israel’s own “house” band. Rock HaShabbat takes place the 3rd Friday night of each month, 6:15pm, unless otherwise noted.
Fridays, 6:15pm
APRIL 15 & MAY 20

JAVA N’ JEANS
Java n’ Jeans meets on the 1st Shabbat of the month, 10:00am. Do you have questions about Jewish prayer that you have never been able to ask? Are you seeking a deeper meaning behind the prayers? Join us for Java –N- Jeans, where you can delve into and discuss the true meaning and purpose of prayer over coffee, while wearing your favorite pair of jeans.
Location: LJCC Family Place.
Saturdays, 10:00am
APRIL 2 & MAY 7

KAVANAH
(With Yoga)
Kavanah with Yoga meets on the 3rd Shabbat of the month. The Kavanah service combines the ancient practices of Jewish prayer and meditation in an effort to create space for reflection and growth. The first hour is devoted to yoga, led by Melinda Farberman. This is followed by a brief Torah study, led by Rabbi Tracy Klirs.
Location: LJCC Swimmer Aerobics Studio. Free babysitting onsite!
Saturday, 9:30am
APRIL 16

Please join us for... A Taste of Hebrew High!

All Roads Lead to Hebrew High!

Open House for Rising 8th Graders and their Parents

Thursday, April 14th
7:30 PM
Gorelick Hall

RSVP:
704-944-6788 or
mgoldberg@shalomcharlotte.org

Hebrew High invites parents and students to join us for a Taste of Hebrew High! Ever wonder what we do at Hebrew High? Come to our Open House & learn about our fabulous programs, teachers, & students!!

CANTOR & FRIENDS
TEMPLE ISRAEL
2016

Music Lovers in Europe had a wonderful custom: in France it was called a “Soiree Musicales” and in Germany & Austria, a “Liederabend” (evening of song).
In the spirit of this custom, we hope you will join us for our next “musicale” when Cantor Elias Roodvarg (accompanied by Monty Bennett) welcomes special guest Cantor Mary Thomas (Temple Beth El), for a SONDHEIM SONGFEST!
Sunday, April 10
4:00pm
Mindy Ellen Levine Chapel

*Sondheim Songfest is sponsored by the Youth Department & Women’s Auxiliary

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TEMPLE ISRAEL ANNUAL MEETING
Sunday, May 15, 10:45am (Mindy Ellen Levine Chapel)

Join us to celebrate a year in the life of our Temple.
At this special event, we will recognize current and past leaders, celebrate our community’s accomplishments over the past year, and elect new members to the Temple Israel Board of Trustees.

TEMPLE ISRAEL BOOK CLUB
Monday, May 23
7:30pm
Featuring special discussion leader, Jay Jacoby

Please join us as we read The Museum of Extraordinary Things by Alice Hoffman. When retired literature professor Jay Jacoby leads a book club discussion, the experience is “extraordinary,” and his leadership of Alice Hoffman’s “spellbinding” novel is sure to be no exception!

The Museum of Extraordinary Things is the story of an electric and impassioned love between two vastly different souls in New York City during the volatile first decades of the twentieth century: Coralie Sardie is the daughter of the sinister impresario behind The Museum of Extraordinary Things. Eddie Cohen is a handsome young Russian immigrant who has run away from his father’s Lower East Side Orthodox community and his job as a tailor’s apprentice. Eddie is a photographer, and when he photographs the devastation on New York streets following the infamous Triangle Shirtwaist Factory fire, he becomes embroiled in a mystery behind the disappearance of a young woman. While the novel focuses on the love affair between Coralie, who appears as the Mermaid in her father’s “museum,” and Eddie, other factors, such as the rising labor movement, the many observant Jews learning how to survive during the tumultuous times of the early 20th century, and New York City itself with its colorful crowds of heiresses, thugs, and idealists, add color and depth to this intriguing story.

Copies of The Museum of Extraordinary Things are available in the Levine-Sklut Judaic Library, the public library, and may be purchased at bookstores or on-line for under $20.00.

Everyone is welcome to attend Temple Israel Book Club meetings, even if you haven’t read the book. For additional information about the exact date of the discussion, refer to the Temple Israel website www.templeisraelnc.org or contact Linda Levy (704/366-6362, levyollie@aol.com.)

SAVE THE DATE
December 17, 2016
120th CELEBRATION FINALE

Plan to join us as we honor Temple Israel’s heroes, and rededicate our community as we move into the next 120 years together!

We need your help! Who are Temple Israel’s heroes? Nominate the individual(s) whom you think have helped to shape our Temple Israel community. Nomination forms available in the Temple Israel offices and on the Temple Israel website.

For more information, contact:
Erin.Dennis@hilton.com
Hampton Inn & Suites SouthPark at Phillips Place,
Charlotte, NC 28210 704-319-5700 www.hamptonsouthpark.com


SUNDAY, MAY 1, 2016 from 4:00-5:30 PM
SAM LERNER CENTER AT SHALOM PARK
5007 PRO IDENCE ROAD | CHARLOTTE

The program will open with a Memorial Prayer, with Holocaust survivors lighting memorial candles, and with a reflection offered by Dr. Kelly Wilson, Charlotte Holocaust Outreach Director, North Carolina Council on the Holocaust.

“THE MITZVAH”
A one act - one person play
Roger Grunwald plays the character Christoph Rosenberg, who is a German half Jew (“Mischling”) and a first Lieutenant in Hitler’s Wehrmacht. He is a man who discovers too late that the blood flowing in his veins is no different from the Jewish blood being spilled in the killing fields of Poland.

Followed by a brief symposium on Germans of Jewish ancestry
Roger Grunwald
Writer and actor - New York City
whose late German-Jewish mother was a survivor of Auschwitz

Dr. John Cox
Associate Professor and Director of the Center for Holocaust, Genocide & Human Rights Studies - UNC Charlotte

Dr. Thomas Pegelow Kaplan
Leon Levine Distinguished Professor of Judaic, Holocaust, and Peace Studies and Director of the Center for Judaic, Holocaust, and Peace Studies - Appalachian State University

ANNIVERSARIES - APRIL 2016

APRIL 1
John & Deborah Formica
Jeffrey & Lauren Halperin

APRIL 3
Rael & Gabrielle Gorelick

APRIL 4
C. David & Risa Miller
Jered & Elizabeth Mond

APRIL 7
Lee & Irena Rimler

APRIL 10
Jeff & Stacy Strauch

APRIL 11
David & Beth Thrope

APRIL 14
Howard & Barbara Sobel

APRIL 16
Maya & Gordon Socolovsky

APRIL 20
Dan & Judy Biber

APRIL 22
Brian & Lori Rosenthal
Rachel & Andrew Seymour

APRIL 25
Gary & Bonnie Wilson

ANNIVERSARIES - MAY 2016

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Richard & H. Deborah Silton

MAY 3
Barry & Karen Bobrow
Gregory & Margaret Musa

MAY 5
Steve & Julie Novack
Ronald & Megan Rippner

MAY 6
David & Teresa Brigham

MAY 8
John & Deborah Formica
Jeffrey & Lauren Halperin

MAY 9
C. David & Risa Miller
Jered & Elizabeth Mond

MAY 12
Adam & Nicola Greene
Mitchell & Jennifer Kronenberg
Neal & Gail Kronovet

MAY 13
Seth & Ellen Bernanke
Harold & Patricia Shapiro
Aaron & Sarah Weiner

MAY 16
Stuart & Shari-Ellen Goldstein
William & Debra Porter

MAY 19
Bernard & Teri Ackerman
Glenn & Lauri Kaufman
Adrian & Andrea Mesoznik
Paul & Bama Saltzman
Norman & Jean Steinman

MAY 21
Joel & Sandy Hirschman
Dan & Stacy Levinson
Joshua & Adina Loewenstein

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MAY 23
David & Rachel Cohen

MAY 24
Jim & Bari Bolger
Craig & Dorothy Madans
Albert & Janice Naibotsky
Ilya & Chantal Rubin

MAY 25
Kenneth & Lori Jackowitz
Elias & Linda Roochvarg

MAY 26
Irving & Teresa Brenner
Daren & Andrea Hirsch
Franklin & Hannah Kaunitz
Daniel & Lorin Stiefel

MAY 27
Nicholas & Leigh Rose
David & Julie Sheffer
Scott & Julie Smallman

MAY 28
Robin & Pamela Bernstein
Hyman & Susan Bruck
Eric & Nancy Levine
Richard & Marlene Pomerantz
Eugene & Elena Zilber

MAY 29
Scott & Marnie Moskowitz

MAY 30
Jim & Melissa Duller
Jonathan & Julie Fisher
Todd & Stacy Gorelick
Marvin & Anita Shapiro
Jason & Karen Spiegel

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Graig & Samantha Harr

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Greater Charlotte Jewish Community Night
Sunday, May 22 • 2:05 p.m. vs. Gwinnett Braves

Join us on Sunday, May 22 at BB&T Ballpark as the Knights host the Gwinnett Braves. Come enjoy the game with tickets just $15 each* (kids 2 & under free). See instructions to purchase tickets: www.charlottejcc.org (upcoming events).

- See your group’s name on our giant video board.
- Stick around for Kids Run the Bases after the game!

*Price does not include ticket surcharge.
The deadline to purchase tickets for this event is Sunday, April 24.
MISSION STATEMENT
Temple Israel is a welcoming and progressive Conservative community fostering personal growth and a meaningful engaged life through these pillars of our faith:

• Personal connections with God, leading to an enriched life
• Practicing Halakhah (Jewish Law) and Mitzvot (Commandments), to better our lives and those around us
• Celebrating lifecycle events, holidays and Shabbat bringing a spiritual meaning to our Jewish Journey
• Mishpacha (Family) including the gifts of youth and the wisdom of elders, to continue the cycle of growth in our community
• Tikkun Olam- the healing of the world for the benefit of everyone
• Lifelong learning for all
• Support for the state of Israel to preserve our homeland.

120th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION WEEKEND
featuring Past Temple Israel Clergy

Friday, May 20 – Sunday May 22

Special guests confirmed! Both Rabbi Richard Rocklin and Rabbi Dov Kentof have confirmed that they will be joining us for the weekend, and each will be participating in our services on Friday night and Saturday morning.

Festivities will include a Pre-Shabbat Oneg, Shabbat services, featuring former clergy and B’nai Mitzvah alumni, a special Shabbat Dinner, a 120th Anniversary Torah Tots program, a special B’nai Mitzvah Reunion Kiddush, a Farewell Brunch and (NEW) Jewish Community Afternoon with the Charlotte Knights, and more!

*Reservations are currently being accepted for Friday Shabbat Dinner, Saturday Kiddush (no cost), and Sunday Closing Brunch (no cost). And, Sponsorships are available! Visit templeisraelnc.org.