Our third annual Yom Gemilut Hasadim was a tremendous success. A few hundred participated, including Temple Israel Religious School students, parents and madrichim. Our day of performing acts of loving kindness consisted of 18 “acts” in the Leon & Sandra Levine Social Hall. Acts were led by our auxiliary groups, Temple Israel Religious School, and a cadre of volunteers. Acts included donations of blood, making no-sew blankets, planting a micro-green garden, assembling hygiene, trail mix and birthday bags, making sandwiches, baking challah, making various greeting cards for seniors, children and Israel Defense Forces soldiers, decorating positive message mirrors, selling homemade muffins, hot chocolate and coffee, as well as a hot dog lunch, and the collection of tzedakah.

Highlights were: 20 units of donated blood; 19 no-sew blankets; 190 sandwiches; 125 trail mix bags; 250 hygiene bags; and $2,734 in tzedakah donated - including a match by an anonymous donor. Thank you to all who participated and are making a difference! We look forward to next year, and hope all participants commit acts of loving kindness on a daily basis.
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**FEBRUARY 2017**

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2**  
Z’havah Study Group, 11:00am

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4**  
Java N’ Jeans, 10:00am  
TI-Y: Bonim Boss Squad, 7:00pm

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5**  
World Wide Wrap, 8:30am

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7**  
Lifelong Learning: Judaism Helping To Erase Racism, 8:00pm

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8**  
TI-Y: Gesher “Where Is The Love” Lounge Night, 6:00pm

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10**  
Torah Tots/CJP Shabbat, 5:30pm  
Legacy Shabbat Pre-Services Oneg, 5:30pm

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11**  
Legacy Shabbat Services, 9:30am  
Jr. Congregation, 10:00am  
Torah On Tap: Karaoke Night, 7:00pm

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12**  
TI-Y: Gesher Leadership Board Meeting, 7:00pm  
CJFF/Temple Israel Present: On The Map, 7:15pm

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14**  
Lifelong Learning: Judaism Helping To Erase Racism, 8:00pm

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18**  
Kavanah, 10:00am  
Bar Mitzvah of Andrew Simon, 5:30pm  
Z’havah: Movie and Dinner with a Sister, 6:00pm

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21**  
Lifelong Learning: Judaism Helping To Erase Racism, 8:00pm

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22**  
Teen Coalition Movie Night, 7:00pm

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23**  
Torah On Tap: Noshin’ Toshin’ 2.0 and Purim Costume Party, 7:00pm

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25**  
Sisterhood Shabbat, 9:30am  
Jr. Congregation, 10:00am  
Torah Tots, 10:00am  
Rosh Chodesh Study Group, 1:00pm  
Hebrew High: 8th/9th grade Overnight Retreat, 5:30pm

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26**  
B’nai Mitzvah of Eliana Harr and Madison Harr, 9:00am

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28**  
Lifelong Learning: Judaism Helping To Erase Racism, 8:00pm

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**MARCH 2017**

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1**  
Lifelong Learning: Do It Yourself Judaism, 7:00pm

**THURSDAY, MARCH 2**  
Z’havah Study Group, 11:00am

**SATURDAY, MARCH 4**  
Beyond B’nai Mitzvah, 9:30am  
Java N’ Jeans, 10:00am  
Rosh Chodesh Study Group, 1:00pm  
Bar Mitzvah of Brandon Lavitt, 5:30pm

**SUNDAY, MARCH 5**  
TI-Y: Bonim Leadership Council Meeting, 12:30pm

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8**  
TI-Y: Gesher Leadership Board Meeting, 6:00pm  
Lifelong Learning: Do It Yourself Judaism, 7:00pm

**FRIDAY, MARCH 10**  
Educator’s Shabbat (Location: Temple Beth El), 7:00pm  
Torah Tots, 5:45pm

**SATURDAY, MARCH 11**  
Educator’s Shabbat, 9:30am (Location: Temple Israel)  
Jr. Congregation, 10:00am  
Purim Celebration with Dan Nichols, 6:15pm  
(Location: Temple Israel)

**SUNDAY, MARCH 12**  
Community-Wide Purim Carnival, 12:00pm

**TUESDAY, MARCH 14**  
Social/Business Networking Night, 7:30pm

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15**  
Lifelong Learning: Do It Yourself Judaism, 7:00pm

**SATURDAY, MARCH 18**  
Kavanah, 10:00am  
Bat Mitzvah of Karlie Weinberg, 5:30pm  
Torah On Tap: Party of 5, 7:30pm  
TI-Y: Gesher God Squad, 8:00pm

**SUNDAY, MARCH 19**  
TI-Y: Mahar Chocolate Seder, 12:15pm  
Cantor & Friends, 4:00pm

**SATURDAY, MARCH 25**  
Men’s Club Shabbat, 9:30am  
Jr. Congregation, 10:00am  
Torah Tots, 10:00am

**SUNDAY, MARCH 26**  
Social Club: Theatre Charlotte’s A Raisin In The Sun, 2:30pm  
Torah On Tap: Dish It Out For Passover, time tba

**MONDAY, MARCH 27**  
Temple Israel Book Club, 7:30pm
We recently celebrated the New Year 2017 and then commemorated the conclusion of Temple Israel’s 120th anniversary. The year has started magnificently. New celebrations are meant to be joyous and filled with hope for the future. Jewish tradition loves the concept of new years so much, that we have four: the first day of the Hebrew month of Nisan, the first of Elul, the first of Tishri, and the 15th of Shevat. Each New Year observance represents a unique relationship for our people.

The first of Nisan commemorates the beginning of the Jewish Nation, as our ancestors discovered their freedom during the Exodus from Egypt. New Year Nisan became the New Year for the counting of the reigns of the Kings of Israel. It was a time to revive the relationship between the far-flung people of Israel and their government led by a Mashiach, a person chosen by God.

The first of Elul was the New Year for tithing cattle born since the previous Elul. It was a time to renew our understanding of the sanctity of all life and the blessing found in our herds of cattle and to show our gratitude and commitment to the Temple and to God.

The first of Tishri was the civil New Year by which our ancestors counted the reigns of foreign kings. It was also the celebration of creation, the birthday of the world. Our ancestors believed that on that day “all the world is judged”. Tishri is the New Year on which we reconcile our lives with the covenant accepted at Sinai between all Israel and Adonai, our creator.

Tu B’Shvat, the 15th of Shevat is the New Year for Trees. Our forebears celebrated the end of the rainy season and reconnected to nature expressing their appreciation of the world’s environment, especially trees.

We live through a religious tradition that constantly helps us renew, revive, and reconcile our lives in relationship with God, the environment, the world, and the people who share this marvelous planet with us. May we all learn to appreciate these spiritual opportunities that our Jewish Heritage creates for us.

Happy New Years throughout the year.

Shalom,
Rabbi Murray Ezring
Over the weekend of January 6th our Temple Israel community celebrated a milestone event – the end of the year-long recognition of the first 120 years of Temple Israel. Our celebration included Shabbat Services and a wonderful Kiddush honoring our Temple Israel Heroes nominated by their fellow Temple Israel members. Following Shabbat, a Saturday evening gala dinner was the culmination of the year’s events. I want to again thank all of those who worked so hard to make the weekend a success and to acknowledge our heroes - especially Barbara and Jerry Levin for their decades of dedication and service to Temple Israel.

How fitting that our closing celebration honored Temple Israel Heroes for their many contributions to our *kehilla*, our holy community. Temple Israel is a vibrant Jewish institution whose purpose is to perpetuate Conservative Judaism. That includes many things: providing meaningful religious services, religious school and life-long learning opportunities, encouraging the observance of Shabbat, festivals, and Holy Days, rituals, love of Torah, Tikun Olam, support for Israel and for religious life in our homes. In essence, Temple Israel’s purpose is to enrich our Jewish Community that, in turn, enriches each of our lives.

Thinking of our first 120 years in the context of the life of Moses, our greatest prophet, I am reminded that he only saw the Children of Israel reach the Promised Land. Moses never entered it himself. New leaders were needed for the generations to follow. Our first 120 years comprise only the early chapters of our story. Much of our journey is still ahead, and new leaders and new heroes will be needed *l’dor v’dor*. We know from our history as a people and as a congregation that we will wander at times as we seek the right path forward. Some of the challenges before us may be different from those in the past; others may be the same, who knows? What is clear is that each of us has a role to play in our *kehilla*, and any one of us can make a meaningful difference. It really is up to us, and that has always been the way for the Children of Israel.

I am reminded of my favorite *midrash*. A young man held a bird in his hands and asked the rabbi if the bird was alive or dead. Determined to prove the Rabbi wrong, if the Rabbi answered “alive” he would suffocate it in his hands and if the Rabbi answered “dead” he would release it to fly away. The Rabbi simply responded, “Its life and death are in your hands.” Such is the case so many times, including the life of Temple Israel. We have every reason to be optimistic. After all, we are still here and our future is in our hands. See you in shul….

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-Ron Weiner

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**TEMPLE ISRAEL TOWN HALL MEETINGS**

All are welcome, and encouraged, to join us for our quarterly Town Hall Meetings where we will discuss topical issues. Meetings will include time for Questions/Answers, as well as opportunity for feedback on Temple issues that are important to you. Refreshments will be served.

Please rsvp to Mbennett@templeisraelnc.org - no earlier than 2-3 weeks prior to the date you wish to attend.

**SUNDAY, APRIL 2, 11:00am**

*Would you like to schedule a meeting at your home, and have Temple leadership come? Contact us today about hosting a Parlor Meeting!*

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**NEW SIDDURIM BOOKPLATES**

In the fall of 2016, Temple Israel transitioned to the recently-published *Siddur Lev Shalem* for Shabbat & Festivals. *Siddur Lev Shalem* replaces the *Sim Shalom* prayerbook, which is no longer in print, for Shabbat and weekday services. To honor your loved one(s) with a Siddur, please pick up a flyer in the kiosks or visit templeisraelnc.org for details.
ENGAGEMENT
By Monty Bennett, Membership Director

SHABBAT SUPPER CLUB
“More than the Jews have kept the Sabbath, the Sabbath has kept the Jews.” (Ahad Ha’am)

In the not too distant past, a family dinner was a way to gather everyone together around a table, talk about the day’s events, enjoy a home-cooked meal, and enjoy being together. Friday night Shabbat dinners were extra special—often multi-generational, using the fine china on a table decorated with flowers. It was a time to unwind and welcome in Shabbat. Do you still have fond memories of Bubbe’s roasted chicken on Friday night? Does the sound of a seltzer bottle opening bring you back to your childhood? We are starting a Shabbat Supper Club where you and your friends can welcome in Shabbat together, over a good meal, and create your own new memories. Gather with your family and friends around a festive table and welcome in the Shabbat HaMalka (the Sabbath Queen). Temple Israel will be the matchmaker to help form groups, then participants can decide how they wish to celebrate this time together (and make new friends in the process).

To participate in this program, contact Monty Bennett in the temple office mbennett@templeisraelnc.org or 704-362-2796.

120th CELEBRATION and REINVESTMENT CAMPAIGN CONSTRUCTION UPDATE
Your Renovation Project Team is working with ADW Architects and Barringer Construction to prepare for our building revitalization. Construction will begin in late Spring and continue through the summer. As more definitive information is available related to timing, it will be communicated to our congregation. We are excited to see the updates and enhancements to our interior and exterior spaces come to fruition so that we can provide a beautiful, welcoming, vibrant and more accessible building for our members now and for the next 120 years.

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120th CELEBRATION and REINVESTMENT CAMPAIGN HAS SURPASSED GOAL!

Thanks to your generous support, we have exceeded our Phase 1 fundraising goal. However, if you are still interested in helping to maximize the impact of this initial renewal effort, there is still time to participate. If further funding is secured, we may be able to address additional items on the long-term facility reinvestment list (including the renovation of our sanctuary bathrooms and social hall refresh).

- CAMPAIGN FUNDRAISING TOTAL = $1,317,312.53
- TOTAL NUMBER OF GIFTS = 248 (41% OF MEMBERSHIP)
- 100% BOARD AND STAFF GIVING
- 12% OF PLEDGES ARE FROM CONGREGANTS WHO ARE 40 YEARS OF AGE OR YOUNGER

Thank you to all of the individuals who have made the commitment to reinvest in Temple Israel:

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Our 120th Anniversary Celebration Finale Event was a great success. In the morning, Temple Israel's Past Presidents of the Board of Trustees, Auxiliary Groups, and Youth Groups were recognized for their leadership of and commitment to the synagogue. In addition, Finale Event honorees Jerry and Barbara Levin were recognized, and the Hero Award for Excellence in Professional Service was presented to Mary Reel (OBM) and Sonny Addison (OBM). A plaque now resides in the Leon & Sandra Levine Social Hall in their honor and memory. On Saturday evening, we honored all of Temple Israel's heroes, and presented Jerry and Barbara Levin with the Shofar Award, in recognition of their decades of commitment and service to Temple Israel. It was truly a wonderful evening and a fantastic closing to a year of celebration.”

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LIFE EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OUR CONDOLENCES TO
• It is with great sadness that we inform you of the passing of Nancy Hodes, mother of Karen (Jeffrey) Turk, and grandmother of Emily and Diana.
• It is with great sadness that we inform you of the passing of Nathan Burgen, brother of Sara Ackerman, and uncle of Bernie Ackerman, Penni Powell, Esther Scott and Allan Ackerman.
• It is with great sadness that we inform you of the passing of Pearl Kier, wife of Ralph Kier, and mother of Ike Kier (Ellen), Dania Kier Schwartz (Dr. Richard), Nelson Kier (Sylvia), and Dr. Ruben Kier (Dr. Stephanie Wain); grandmother of Elizabeth Kleinman (Michael), Alexis Kier Charbal (Deans), Allison Stein (Peter), Shelley Kier, Jordana Kier (Jesse Derris), Jaclyn Kier, Dr. Melanie Kier, Laura Sue Kier, and Jennifer Kronick; great-grandmother of Harrison Kleinman, step-grandmother of Eric Schwartz (Elyse), and Jessica Schwartz; step-great-grandmother of Nolan and Camden Schwartz.
• It is with great sadness that we inform you of the passing of Victor Manuel Fragoso, brother of Carmen Fragoso.
• It is with great sadness that we inform you of the passing of Phil Widis, father of Larry, Howard, and Robert Widis; grandfather of Ashley, Amy, Daniel, Amanda, and Alex; great-grandfather of Cooper, Miles, and Nathan.
• It is with great sadness that we inform you of the passing of Michael Furst, husband of Margo Furst, and father of Laura Feldman, Howard Furst, and Wendy Furst; grandfather of Zev, Omi, Ari, Emma, Reuben, and Joonas.
• It is with great sadness that we inform you of the passing of Rabbi Michael Hecht, father of Ayala Hecht, Deborah (Gregory Stewart) Hecht, and Alisa (Jeffrey) Kigner, and grandfather of Arianna, Orrin, Raphael, and Gabriel Kigner.
• It is with great sadness that we inform you of the passing of Norman Schoenbrun, husband of Gail Schoenbrun, and father of Scott (Diane) Schoenbrun, Robin (Cort) Morrison, and Aileen Mitchner (Jim Cittadino); grandfather of Max, Alex, Heath, Justin, Darin, Brynna, and Nicole.
• It is with great sadness that we inform you of the passing of Patty Gorelick, wife of Bill Gorelick, sister of Marshall (Barbara) Karro and mother of Todd (Stacy), Rael (Gabi), and Marcelle Gorelick; grandmother of Henry, Adelaide, Jack, Adina, Lilah, Charlie, Lulu, Spear, Clifton, and Shirley.

BIRTHS
• Louise Clauson-Brill & Josh Brill (CA) joyfully welcomed the arrival of a baby boy, Thomas Jeter Brill, on November 11. Proud grandparents are Shellie & Harvey Barer, Susan & Norman Brill (NY), Barbara Clauson (HJ) & the late Thomas Clauson.
• Suzanne & Aaron Woland joyfully welcomed the arrival of twin girls, Netanya Ariel and Cassandra Ember, on October 14. Proud family members include siblings Nyah and Eden, grandparents Myra & Michael Woland (MD) and Carole & Calvin Isralow (NY).

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.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS!
Since the beginning of our fiscal year, 46 new member families have joined Temple Israel! The following people joined in November and December 2016. Let’s welcome them to the family!
Barry & Fran Friendman
Pierre Pratt
Tony Bates & Stefanie Robertson
Stephen Belenky
Robyn Benjamin

If you are interested in membership or learning what Temple Israel can offer you or your family, please contact Monty Bennett, Membership Director, at mbennett@templeisraelnc.org or call 704-362-2796.

We Want You!
Have you been looking for a way to strengthen your connection with Temple Israel?
Many of our committees are looking for new volunteers to get involved, including Social Action, Personnel, Membership, Ushering/Greeting, Caring/Visitation/Shiva Trays and Fundraising.
If you are interested in lending your time, passion and/or expertise to any of these areas (or others), please contact Monty Bennett at mbennett@templeisraelnc.org or (704) 362-2796.
B’NAI MITZVAH
MAZEL TOV TO OUR B’NAI MITZVAH

Andrew Simon
FEBRUARY 18, 2017
Parents: Mark & Iris Simon
Andrew is in 7th grade at Porter Ridge Middle School, where he plays trumpet in band and is in both AIG Math and English. He enjoys collecting baseball cards, traveling to baseball stadiums to watch live games, camping, and is one belt shy of earning his Black Belt in Taekwondo. For his mitzvah project, Andrew collected donations from his Boy Scout Troop and Lowes to build a table and model train set for a young permanently wheelchair bound boy, who requested a train set for his birthday. Andrew enjoyed having Rabbi Klirs for his Bar Mitzvah teacher and is excited about celebrating his Bar Mitzvah at Temple Israel.

Madison Harr
FEBRUARY 26, 2017
Parents: Graig & Samantha Harr
Madison is in 7th grade at South Charlotte Middle School, where she is on the Yearbook Committee and enjoys playing trumpet in the Symphonic Band. She is part of the Bonim Leadership Council at Temple Israel. She has also participated in many mitzvah projects throughout the community through the Teen Program at the LJCC, and will continue doing so. Madison loves spending time with friends and family and is looking forward to sharing this important day with them.

Eliana Harr
FEBRUARY 26, 2017
Parents: Graig & Samantha Harr
Eliana is in 7th grade at South Charlotte Middle School, where she plays the clarinet in the Symphonic Band. She enjoys performance art and participates in plays and musicals. Eliana is part of the Bonim Leadership Council at Temple Israel. She has enjoyed participating in many mitzvah projects throughout the community through the Teen Program at the LJCC, and looks forward to helping in future projects. Eliana is very excited about the many relatives and friends that will be traveling from New York to celebrate with her.

Brandon Lavitt
MARCH 4, 2017
Parents: Julie & Arthur Lavitt
Brandon is in 7th grade and attends Charlotte Country Day School. For his mitzvah project, Brandon was very moved by his day spent out at Mitey Riders farm helping children with disabilities, and is organizing a basketball tournament to help benefit this wonderful organization. He is looking forward to celebrating his Bar Mitzvah with family and friends.

Karlie Weinberg
MARCH 18, 2017
Parents: Susie & Mark Weinberg
Karlie is a 7th grader at Weddington Middle School. She is the granddaughter of Lori Wojnowich of Charlotte and Mimi Weinberg of Houston, Texas. She has been a passionate equestrian since the age of 7, and loves spending her free time at the barn. Karlie is also a cheerleader for her middle school football team. She loves running, hanging out with friends, and Netflix. For her mitzvah project, Karlie volunteers at Sunrise Senior Living where she enjoys spending time painting the ladies nails, cheering, chatting, and bringing smiles to the residents. Karlie is looking forward to sharing this special day with her friends and family at Temple Israel.

WHY NOT SPONSOR A SHABBAT KIDDUSH!? Opportunities are available for those who are interested in sponsoring or co-sponsoring a Kiddush, on the occasion of a special simcha. Commemorate an anniversary, a birthday, an achievement or a friendship. It’s easy to do! To learn about your options, call Terri Cathcart at 704-362-2796. Or, visit templeisraelnc.org and go to “Sponsorships & Naming Opportunities” under Quicklinks.
Purim is one of the most festive Jewish holidays - a time of costumes, noisemakers, delicious treats and fun-filled carnivals. The Festival of Purim commemorates a major victory over oppression, and is recounted in Megillat Esther. Purim takes place on the 14th and 15th days of Adar, the twelfth month of the Jewish calendar. The 14th of Adar is Purim while the 15th is Shushan Purim, which is when walled cities (ex. Jerusalem) celebrate Purim. In a Hebrew calendar leap year, when there are two months of Adar, Purim is celebrated in Adar II (Adar Sheni). Different scholars debate about the historic accuracy of the story of Purim. Regardless of whether the story happened, it still teaches us some timeless lessons which are all important and worthy endeavors:

- Standing up for one’s rights
- Remaining committed to the Jewish people
- Supporting the community
- Saving lives
- Celebrating life
- Caring for the needy

I have very fond memories of celebrating Purim as a child. Every year my mom would prepare for the arduous task of making hamantashen. She would buy different flavors of jelly, including poppy seed (a flavor I never understood). She would make the dough, put it in the refrigerator to rise, roll it out, cut out circles, fill it with jelly, pinch the dough all around to seal the hamantashen and then bake them. In the end, we had a ton of hamantashen! My parents had a whole process when it came to putting together their Mishloach Manot (giving gifts to others), which I loved being part of each year!

Another vivid memory I have is the way my dad would look over each hamantashen and would only give people the hamantashen that were perfectly sealed without any jelly dripping off the side. I always found this task funny, but as I got older I realized there was something else operating here. My parents wanted to enhance the beauty of the mitzvah, hiduur mitzvah. This terminology is often associated with a Lulav and Etrog. The reason we buy the most beautiful Etrog is to further beautify and enhance the mitzvah. Sometimes I look at 20 different Etrogim and smell them before choosing the one I want to use during Sukkot. I think I can sum up the way my parents went about performing these mitzvot; go big or go home! They didn’t spend all this time and effort to consciously fulfill this mitzvah, they just took care in performing mitzvot.

Engaging in Jewish rituals at home and involving our children does not have to be hard. You can create wonderful memories with your children and pass on family traditions (or create new ones). Below is a recipe for hamantashen. It is one of many you can find on the Internet. Perhaps this year you can bake hamantashen with your kids. You can come up with fun, and kid friendly*, delicious fillings. Have a great time with it! I’m looking forward to hearing fantastic and amusing hamantashen baking stories.

**RECIPE FOR HAMANTASHEN**

The dough for this recipe comes from Chocolate Chip Challah and Other Twists on the Jewish Holiday Table by Lisa Rauchwerger.

**Ingredients:**

- 1 cup butter or margarine
- 1 1/2 cups sugar
- 2 eggs
- 4 cups flour
- 4 teaspoons baking powder
- 2 tablespoons milk, water, soy milk or rice milk
- 2 teaspoons vanilla

**MAKING THE DOUGH:**

In a large mixing bowl, cream together butter (or margarine) and the sugar with beaters. Add eggs and beat a little more. In a smaller bowl, mix flour and baking powder. Add a little of this mixture to the creamed butter, sugar and egg. Add the milk (regular, rice, soy or water) to the creamed mixture. Add the remaining flour mixture. Add the vanilla. Mix well. Knead the dough into a ball. (The dough works best if you wrap it in plastic and chill it in the refrigerator for at least an hour. You can make the dough early in the day and bake the cookies in the afternoon, or prepare the dough the night before and chill it overnight.)

Preheat oven to 375° F

**FORMING THE HAMANTASHEN:**

Roll out the dough on a floured board until it is 1/8- inch to 1/4-inch thick. Cut dough into 3-inch to 4-inch rounds with a floured glass or cookie cutter. Drop filling by the teaspoonful in the center of each round. Mentally divide the cookie into thirds, fold over the left and right sides, and pinch the top together. Then fold up the bottom third and pinch in place. A triangle should emerge, with the filling showing in the middle.

Bake for 15 to 20 minutes or until lightly browned. Cool cookies on a wire rack.

*Kid-Pleasing Fillings: Fruit (canned apricot, cherry, apple, or berry pie filling) and chocolate chips.
Families with preschool-aged children had a special Hanukkah celebration with Miss Patty at Temple Israel on December 27, 2016

Our high-energy Shabbat program for families with preschoolers typically takes place twice a month. Join Rabbi Klirs and Miss Nancy as we welcome in Shabbat at 5:45pm on the second Friday evening of each month with songs, prayers and movement, followed by a healthy, bountiful Kiddush snack.

Torah Tots also meets at 10:00am on the 4th Saturday morning of most months, and includes all of the above activities, plus a Torah parade, a story or puppet show, and a fun craft.

**FRIDAYS, February 10* & March 10 (5:45pm)**

**SATURDAYS, February 25 & March 25 (10:00am)**

*On Friday, February 10, Torah Tots will celebrate a special CJP Shabbat. Join us at 5:30pm for a pre-services Oneg, with special kid-friendly finger foods to fill our bellies, followed by a lively, interactive Shabbat service with your favorite songs and prayers, featuring MISS PATTY, and a special story for Tu B’shvat by CJP’s very own MISS BROOKE AMO.

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**TEMPLE ISRAEL CHILDREN PRESENT HANUKKAH PROGRAMS AT CARRIAGE CLUB**

On Tuesday, December 27, Rabbi Klirs led a group of Temple Israel children in two Hanukkah programs for the Jewish residents of Carriage Club. The children told the story of Hanukkah in verse, lit the Hanukkah candles and sang the blessings. They then regaled the residents with their favorite Hanukkah songs. Afterwards they distributed Hanukkah cards (made by TIRS students) and chocolate gelt to the residents and their families. The children brought a huge amount of joy to the seniors!

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**CAMP RAMAH DAROM**

**PRANSKY CAMP RAMAH SCHOLARSHIP**

The purpose of the Pransky Scholarship Fund is to provide financial assistance that will enable children of Temple Israel members, who are enrolled in the Temple Israel Religious School and meet the Camp Ramah requirements, to participate in a summer program. The decision to award a subvention will be determined by a scholarship committee and will be based on financial need as well as individual merit. Applications are available in the TIRS office. **Application Deadline: February 28, 2017**
For more information or to register for any of the following events, please contact Ariel DiDonato, Director of Engagement and Programming, at (704) 362-2796 or adidonato@templeisraelnc.org.

**BONIM Boss Squad**
(ALL 6th & 7th Graders)
**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4 • 7:00-10:00pm**
Join your friends on the Bonim Bosses Squad in our epic annual Laser Tag Battle! Come dressed in black! This night includes Havdallah, laser tag, bowling and arcades! Drop-off and Pick-up at Sports Connection. Cost: $20/Members; $25/Non-Members. RSVP by Wednesday, February 1.

**GESHER- “Where Is the Love?” LOUNGE NIGHT**
(ALL 8th-12th Graders)
**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8 • 6:00-7:00pm**
Join your friends in for a Valentine’s Day lounge night! In addition to a pizza dinner, we will have cupcakes and an ice cream sundae party. As a mitzvah project, and to show “Where is the Love?” we will be making Valentine’s Day cards to give to the children at Levine Children’s Hospital. Cost: $5/TI-Y members; $10/non-members.
Location: LJCC Teen Lounge. RSVP by Monday, February 6.

**TEEN COALITION MOVIE NIGHT**
(ALL 8th-12th Graders- GESHER, BBYO, LIBERTY, Hebrew High, LJCC & Federation)
**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22 • 7:00-9:00pm**
Location: Gorelick Hall in Shalom Park
More information to come!

**HEBREW HIGH RETREAT OVERNIGHT!**
(8th & 9th Grade)
**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25 - SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26**
The annual 8th & 9th Grade retreat is an integral part of Hebrew High’s program. Each year, Hebrew High students come together as one community, as we spend time performing mitzvot, interacting with special guests, doing art/music projects, bonding with new friends, and much more. The retreat is required for all 8th & 9th Grade students in Hebrew High. A student who, for any reason, cannot attend the retreat will be given a written make-up assignment. Location: Levine JCC

**PURIM CARNIVAL VOLUNTEERS WANTED!**
(ALL 6th-12th Grades)
**SUNDAY, MARCH 12**
11:30am - 1:30pm or 1:30 - 3:30pm
Fill your Community Service requirement at the TI-Youth Game Booths at this year’s Community-wide Purim Carnival. This is always a great family fun event!
*MUST SIGN-UP AHEAD OF TIME!*

**MAHAR- CHOCOLATE SEDER!!!**
(All 3rd-5th Graders)
**SUNDAY, MARCH 19 • 12:15-2:30pm**
Back by popular demand! Chocolate, chocolate…EVERYWHERE! Join your friends for an afternoon of retelling the Passover story with a chocolaty twist! Drop-off and Pick-up at TIRS.
Cost: $10/Members; $15/Non-Members.
RSVP by Wednesday, March 15.

**GESHER God Squad!**
(All 8th-12th Graders)
**SATURDAY, MARCH 18 • 8:00-10:30pm**
Join your friends on the God Squad in our epic annual Laser Tag Battle! Come dressed in black! This night includes Havdallah, laser tag, bowling and arcades! Drop-off and Pick-up at Sports Connection. Cost: $20/Members; $25/Non-Members.
RSVP by Wednesday, March 15.

**YOUTH GROUP LEADERSHIP MEETINGS**
Gesher Leadership Board (8th-12th Grades)
* SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12 • 7:00-8:00pm (Ben & Jerry’s)
* WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8 • 6:00-7:00pm (Levine JCC Teen Lounge)

Bonim Leadership Council (6th & 7th Grades)
* SUNDAY, MARCH 5 • 12:30-1:30pm (TIRS Building)

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KARAOKE NIGHT
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11 • 7:00pm
Join Torah on Tap, as we end Shabbat in style by singing our hearts out at 8.2.0 (a new bar/restaurant from the owners of VBGB, just next door)! Whether it’s enjoying one of the bar’s craft cocktails, or singing in the Karaoke lounge, or even brushing up our Pac Man skills in the vintage arcade, this is bound to be an awesome night! Torah on Tap will be providing the appetizers.
Location: 8.2.0 (820 Hamilton St. Charlotte, NC).
RSVP to Eric at financemajor2@gmail.com.

NOSHIN’ TOSHIN’ 2.0 AND PURIM COSTUME PARTY
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23 • 7:00pm
We had so much fun last year, we are bringing this event back again with all new recipes! Join Torah on Tap for this interactive hamantaschen baking class! Learn all you need to know to make your own amazing and unique hamantaschen for the Purim holiday. We will also have prizes for the most creative costumes!
Location: Temple Israel Social Hall.
RSVP to Josh at joshbfeldman@gmail.com.

PARTY OF 5!
SATURDAY, MARCH 18
7:30pm - Dinner; 9:00pm - Whiskey River
NEW TO CHARLOTTE? LOOKING TO MAKE SOME NEW FRIENDS? LOOKING FOR SOMETHING FUN AND DIFFERENT TO DO ON A SATURDAY NIGHT?
Join Torah On Tap on as we put together groups of five to meet for dinner at various restaurants. It’s a fun way to get to know each other. Following dinner, all Parties of 5 will gather for an after-party at Whiskey River. Participants can request to be grouped with friends or to go as a couple, however the goal is to meet new people. Torah On Tap will select the restaurants (located in the EpiCenter and Uptown area). Participants pay for their own meals.
RSVP to Jason at jmlecker@aol.com by Wednesday, March 15.

DISH IT OUT FOR PASSOVER
SUNDAY, MARCH 26 • time tba
Bring your friends and come paint your own seder plate at Dish It Out, just in time for Passover 2017!
More information to come...
 TEMPLE ISRAEL SOCIAL ACTION 2016/2017
Performing Acts of Loving Kindness Together

We live Jewish values at Temple Israel by helping those who are in need in the Jewish and broader Charlotte community, as well as helping Jews around the world. Our youth, adults, and families come together as a single caring community to perform mitzvot year round.

LOOKING FOR COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND VOLUNTEERS

The Social Action Committee is seeking new members for the committee and subcommittees. Additional volunteers are also needed for our various projects. Anyone who would like get involved should contact Neal Golub (ngolub123@gmail.com) or Steve Cohen (stevencohen99@yahoo.com). Many thanks to all who are already involved, as committee members, volunteers, or donors in helping us discharge our responsibility to follow the commandment of Tikkun Olam.

HUNTINGTOWNE FARMS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Rabbi Ezring and Social Action co-chair Steve Cohen recently met with the principal of Huntingtowne Farms Elementary School, Carolyn Rodd, to reflect on the 11-year relationship between Temple Israel and Huntingtowne Farms, and to think about other ways that Temple Israel could help students at the school and their families. Barely a day goes by without several volunteers from Temple Israel (coordinated by Barbara Ezring) assisting in classrooms, often providing one-on-one help to students. In addition, at the end of each week, through Temple Israel’s participation in “Blessings in a Backpack” (supervised by Tracy Brown), nonperishable food is provided to numerous students so that they don’t go hungry over the week-end when they don’t have the benefit of free lunches that are available to them at the school. Rabbi Ezring and Steve proposed taking Temple Israel’s involvement one step further - having volunteers from the temple engage with parents, in conjunction with the PTA, with a view to helping both the parents and their children lead successful lives. Principal Rodd was very open to moving in this new direction, and plans are being made for the first meeting with parents. More to follow on this new initiative.

SHELTER HEALTH SERVICES COLLECTION DRIVE

Under the leadership of Peggy Gartner, the Shelter Health Services Collection Drive, held from December 1 through 20, was a great success! A total of 67 personal care products and over-the-counter medications were donated, including body wash, soap, hand sanitizer, toothpaste, and Poweraid, along with ibuprofen, Robitussin, Delsyn and more. A cash donation of $54 will pay for more than 13 prescriptions.

The products collected are regularly needed by the clients at the shelter, which provides free healthcare and health education to homeless women and children through its walk-in clinic (located within Mecklenburg County’s largest women’s shelter). Temple Israel received a letter from Executive Director, Michael Sowyak expressing his gratitude for our congregation’s generosity.

Pumpkins donated to Huntingtowne Farms Elementary School. Each class read a book, and painted the pumpkin to represent the book, character, etc. Thank you to Richard Roskind and family for donating and delivering the pumpkins to the school.

MEN’S SHELTER OF CHARLOTTE

Under the direction of David Thrope, Temple Israel continues to support the Men’s Shelter of Charlotte’s mission to end homelessness in Charlotte by providing the Shelter’s guests with meals along with clothing and toiletries. Last April, Temple Israel provided lunch for about 180 men at the North Tryon Street facility. In November, we prepared and served a pre-Thanksgiving dinner and distributed clothing and toiletries to about 100 men at the Statesville Avenue facility.

Our Christmas Eve Men’s Shelter Dinner hit the absolute “Perfect Storm” this year: Not only did Christmas Eve fall on a Saturday night, but it was also the first night of Hanukkah. As a result, the volunteers were unable able to cook at Temple Israel during Shabbat, but instead served a catered full course chicken dinner (including homemade dessert) for about 120 men. A great and joyous time was had by all. In addition, on the Friday before the dinner, volunteers assembled about 100 shopping bags containing toiletries, socks, hats, gloves and warm clothing for distribution at the dinner - all of which were much appreciated by the men at the shelter.

Pumpkins donated to Huntingtowne Farms Elementary School. Each class read a book, and painted the pumpkin to represent the book, character, etc. Thank you to Richard Roskind and family for donating and delivering the pumpkins to the school.
This is the theme for our SISTERHOOD SHABBAT, February 25 – 9:30am, and is taken from the inscription on this year’s Torah Fund pin. Event planners for that day, Andrea Gamlin, Judy Nascimento, and Janice Zacks, with the assistance of many Sisterhood women, promise that this will be the “better than ever” Sisterhood Shabbat!

We are excited that Regina Newman, President, Southern Region for Women’s League for Conservative Judaism, will be our guest speaker, and that all the participants of the Torah Fund Campaign will be recognized that day - be sure this is on your calendar!

At a recent meeting of our Management Team, we learned from Ruth Goldberg of the success of the Torah Fund campaign; Ilene Dillhyon and Laurie Sheinhaus reported about the Z’havah project; and Tess Berger spoke about the plans this year for renovations to The Rose Room, Sisterhood’s Judaic gift shop. Sharon Goretzky has graciously agreed to undertake a new project coming soon, and she will be calling on you for your participation, so please don’t turn her down. Barbara Ezring shared with us some of the programs and speakers that will be part of the Women’s League for Conservative Judaism Convention, to be held in Arlington, VA, July 23-26. Barbara is the convention chairman, and is looking forward to sharing this event with several of us. Dedee Cygler is exploring various methods of group transportation, in order that we may travel together to the convention. We also discussed a schedule of various past, and ongoing, activities in the Temple. So many of our members stepped right up, and continue to do so, to answer the Temple’s call for assistance on many occasions.

Don’t forget: BINGO WITH BUNNY is scheduled for Sunday, April 2 - 1:00pm, at the Temple. This event has always been a fun-filled activity for the whole family, so be sure to put this date on your calendar, and join us!

Temple Israel recently honored their “Heroes” for their commitment to the Temple through education, youth, community, leadership, and volunteerism. Sisterhood congratulates all, especially the women who received this honor: Debby Block, Tracy Brown, Peggy Gartner, Ruth Goldberg, Margi Goldstein, Judy Kaufmann, Sandra Levine, Barbara Levin, Wendy Petricoff, Baila Pransky, Teri Seidman, Lynne Sheffer, and Alana Stillitano.

There is no question that our Sisterhood continues to be a base for building friendships, for serving in many capacities with each other as a community, and as an integral arm of Temple Israel, lending strong support and sharing its values for Conservative Judaism. So it is time to be thinking about our future. I will be calling you.....

Shalom,
Audrey Madans
Interim Sisterhood President
704-517-2434

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WILL YOU BE “ONE IN A MINYAN”?

Your willingness to be of help by giving just 15 minutes of your time, at least once a month, will strengthen our Temple Israel community.

In order to perform the mitzvah of allowing our members to say Kaddish for a loved one, we need the members of our synagogue to make an extra effort to help us fulfill this responsibility. Please reach out to the rashei minyan of the day upon which you plan to attend minyan so that he/she can help confirm that 10 people will be present for each daily minyan.

Sunday, 9:00am  
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Tuesday, 7:30pm  
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Saturday, 5:30pm  
Rosh Minyan - Cantor Roochvarg  
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704-362-2796

SISTER STUDY  
THURSDAYS, FEBRUARY 2 AND MARCH 2  
11:00am – 12:00pm  
Location: private home, given with RSVP to Kim Wojnowich

Sister Study is a new Torah study group for the ladies of Z’havah, led by Rabbi Helene Kornsgold. We meet on the first Thursday of every month to discuss a different topic of importance.

There will be a drop box at each Torah Study session where you can give suggestions to Rabbi Kornsgold for future Torah study topics.

RSVP/Questions - please contact Kim Wojnowich at kwojnowich@gmail.com

MOVIE AND DINNER WITH A SISTER  
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18  
6:00pm

Please join the ladies of Z’havah for “Movie and Dinner with a Sister,” during the Charlotte Jewish Film Festival. Dinner will take place at Blackfinn in Ballantyne Village, followed by a showing of the romantic comedy Moos at the Ballantyne Theatre (7:15pm.) Space is limited. Please RSVP at http://bit.ly/2jiop1R so we can make the proper reservations at the restaurant.

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MEN’S CLUB

Our Temple Israel Hanukkah Celebration & Dance (fully booked at 160 attendees) was a resounding success! Not only did our congregants attend, but we had guests from Temple Beth El, the LJCC, and even some unaffiliated guests. Our attendees spanned many generations: from our youngest guest at 7 weeks old to our oldest at 92 years old. We had a wonderful Chinese meal, a live DJ, and lots of energy everywhere. Our Clergy helped us start our evening with Havdallah, the kindling of the first Hanukkah candle, and by providing lots of ruach and songs. I wish to thank our Committee Chairs, Neal Golub and Jason Stoogenke, our fabulous caterers Steve and Debbi Moore, our decorator Teri Seidman, our food servers and table captains, as well as the many other volunteers and helpers who contributed to the success of this event.

Next on our list of programs for this year is the 18th Edition of the WORLD WIDE WRAP, which will be held in coordination with our Religious School. We traditionally hold this even on Super Bowl Sunday (February 5th), are planning a get-together with many of our younger members that evening to watch the game.

On February 17-19, join men from Conservative synagogues throughout the Southeast for the ANNUAL ANSHEI DAROM RETREAT at Camp Ramah Darom, in the beautiful North Georgia Mountains. We are looking for good participation from the men of our Temple, and there are still spaces available. For more information, please contact our Press Secretary Mikhail Moglievsky at mikhailmogilevsky@hotmail.com

On March 25, we’ll host our MEN’S CLUB SHABBAT, where Men’s Club members will take part in leading our Shabbat service. Please contact me for sponsoring opportunities, and visit the web page at http://fjmco.org/content/mens-club-shabbat-frequently-asked-questions, where you can hear the exclusive theme song for that day.

For a great summer holiday, please remember to register for the FEDERATION OF JEWISH MEN’S CLUBS CONVENTION in Arlington, VA from July 19-23. This year, for the first time, we’ll have attendees from MEN OF REFORM JUDAISM and plan to spend Shabbat with the WOMEN’S LEAGUE FOR CONSERVATIVE JUDAISM CONVENTION. You can find out more at the FJMC special Convention web page http://fjmco.org/content/convention-2017

Sincerely,
Michael Abadi, President
Abadim7470@aol.com

SOCIAL CLUB

The Temple Israel Social Club is still going strong...In December we had our annual Hanukkah Luncheon and a good time was had by all! Kudos to Jered (and Izzy’s Catering) for his great latkes, and the Rock HaRuach band for their usual great performance that kept the afternoon lively!

January saw the Social Club having its annual Paid-Up Luncheon (who could turn down a freebie). Our speaker was Barry Koplan of Danville, VA, who spoke of “Growing up Jewish in a Small Southern Town.”

Due to the Charlotte Jewish Film Festival, the Social Club will not be having any events during the month of February.

Theatre Charlotte’s “A Raisin in the Sun”
SUNDAY, MARCH 26
2:30pm

On March 26, the Social Club will be going to Theatre Charlotte to see “A Raisin in the Sun”. This landmark drama hailed by the NY Times as “the play that changed American theatre forever,” examines African-American life on the cusp of the civil rights era. Our group price will be $23 each for a minimum of 10 persons. Join us for this matinee show, followed by dinner at a restaurant (to be determined).

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE SOCIAL CLUB, CONTACT CO-PRESIDENTS
RUTH GOLDBERG (704) 366-8903 or
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8:00-9:30pm
“May citizens of all races and creeds forge a common bond in true harmony to banish all hatred and bigotry”
- A Prayer for our Country

In light of recent news stories that have put national attention on North Carolina, Charlotte in particular, we need to face some harsh realities about race relations. How do we approach these community challenges in light of our Jewish ethics? How do our values require us to build bridges across racial lines? Temple Israel’s late winter Lifelong Learning program will address these issues with community leaders, in a conversation forum with Rabbi Ezring.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7 – Guest: Dianne English – Executive Director, Community Building Initiative
After the shooting and death of Keith Lamont Scott and subsequent protests, Ms. English surfaced questions as to who we are, what we think and what we value. Ms. English will discuss the building of a community of justice, equity, fairness and opportunity.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14 – Guest: Willie Ratchford - Executive Director, Charlotte Mecklenburg Community Relations Committee
Mr. Ratchford will discuss how the City addresses disputes in housing, police misconduct, employment disputes and the like. We will consider how to promote opportunities, understanding, respect and goodwill between Temple Israel and the various racial, religious and ethnic groups in Charlotte-Mecklenburg.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21 – Guest: Judge Louis Trosch, Jr. - District Court Judge; Co-Chair, Race Matters for Juvenile Justice (RMJJ)
RMJJ is a collaborative leadership group, formed by the Juvenile Judges of North Carolina’s 26th Judicial District, to bring community groups together to set an agenda that reduces the disproportionality and disparate outcomes for children and families of color in the juvenile justice system. Judge Trosch will challenge what we thought we knew about racism and how we can improve the futures of children of color.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28 – Guest: Patrick C. Graham, Ph.D. - President & CEO, Charlotte Works
Charlotte Works is the workforce development board for Charlotte and Mecklenburg County that creates community partnerships and provides policy guidance to advance an integrated, market-driven workforce, and economic development system. Dr. Graham will address the need to provide economic empowerment, opportunity, education and the guarantee of civil rights to communities in need.

DO IT YOURSELF (DIY) JUDAISM
Wednesdays, March 1, 8 & 15
7:00-9:00pm, with break for Minyan

This series will provide you with the tools to be able to bring Jewish practice into your homes and lives. The focus will be on the rituals, prayers and songs for celebrating Shabbat and holidays at home (including Havdallah), putting up a mezuzah, putting on tallit and t'fillin, using a siddur (prayer book) and a chumash (printed Torah with commentaries), and much more.

We will use The Complete How-To Handbook for Jewish Living as our text. Those who don’t own the book will be charged for the cost of the book (approximately $30). RSVP in advance is necessary.

The above class is FREE to all Temple Israel members.
Cost for non-members is $36. To register, contact the Clergy office at 704-362-2796 or by email at clergyoffice@templeisraelnc.org.

HADASSAH’S 2017 CHARLOTTE JEWISH COMMUNITY DIRECTORY
YOUR FREE LISTING IN THE CHARLOTTE JEWISH COMMUNITY DIRECTORY is only one click away!

For the past 70 years, Hadassah has published a directory for the greater Charlotte Jewish Community. They are proud to continue this tradition with the most complete and accurate information - provided by you.

To be included in the 2017 Directory, please visit www.hadassah.org/charlotte and submit your personal listing by clicking the Directory Link. Once you complete this process, your FREE name/address/phone listing will be added to the Directory. The 2017 Charlotte Jewish Community Directory will be available at no cost to our community.

Questions about the Directory?
Please email: cthadassahdir@gmail.com

Submission Deadline: June 1, 2017
All too often, the wills of lifelong members fail to contain a bequest to the synagogue. How unfortunate it is when, in our final act, we do not include the most important institution of Jewish life. Generous gifts are left to hospitals, universities, and other charitable organizations. Certainly, each of them performs work of significance and deserves recognition and support. Nevertheless, the synagogue’s role begins at the time of our birth and continues, without interruption, throughout the entire course of our lives.

Every major event finds the synagogue performing an important service on that occasion. The naming of a child, special anniversaries, and funerals are but a few of the times when the synagogue’s position is one of unquestioned primacy. To the non-Jewish community, as well as to ourselves, the synagogue symbolizes the distinguished home of our religion and culture. Impregnable in its strength, the shul has survived the onslaught through the centuries. It was, and continues to be, the refuge we turn to in time of sorrow and stress.

The synagogue was here upon our entry into this world because our ancestors recognized and fulfilled their responsibilities toward its preservation. By remembering it in our wills, we can do our part to assure future generations that their religious home will be there to serve them.

Think about it!

For information about how you can become a Legacy donor, please contact Monty Bennett mbennet@templeisraelnc.org or 704-362-2796.
MUSICAL SHABBAT
Come check out Temple Israel’s Musical Shabbat service (in the sanctuary) for an interactive hour and fifteen-minute service led by The Ruach, Temple Israel’s own “house” band. Their engaging, musical service takes place periodically throughout the year.

FRIDAY
FEBRUARY 17
6:15pm

KAVALAH
Join Rabbi Klirs at 10:00am on the 3rd Shabbat morning of the month for our Kavanah service. She will combine meditation, reflection, joyous chanting and singing accompanied by musical instruments to renew our spirits and connect us to the deeper spiritual meaning of Shabbat. The service sometimes also includes insights drawn from the weekly Parashah (Torah reading), and occasionally a few brief, simple yoga breathing or stretching exercises.

SATURDAYS
FEBRUARY 18
MARCH 18
10:00am

JAVA N’ JEANS
Do you have questions about Jewish prayer? Are you seeking a deeper meaning behind the prayers? Join Rabbi Klirs for Java ‘N Jeans at 10:00am on the 1st Shabbat morning of the month, when you can delve into and discuss the true meaning and purpose of prayer over coffee, while wearing your favorite pair of jeans. (But everyone’s welcome, even if they’re not wearing jeans!).

SATURDAYS
FEBRUARY 4
MARCH 4
10:00am

WORLD WIDE WRAP
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5
8:30am (SAM LERNER CENTER)
All are welcome to join Temple Israel for the 18th Annual World Wide Wrap, which takes place on Superbowl Sunday morning in Sam Lerner Center. We will be wrapping tefillin together, along with hundreds of other communities around the world, and will be joined by the parents and children from the Etgar and Mechina programs at TIRS.

Breakfast will follow Morning Minyan (in Sam Lerner Center) with a speaker who will address us about the importance and relevance of the mitzvah of tefillin.

TEMPLE ISRAEL WELCOMES YOU TO CJP SHABBAT!
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 5:30pm
5:30pm - Kid-friendly finger foods to fill our bellies, including chicken nuggets, mini hotdogs, fruit and veggies
6:15pm – Lively, interactive Shabbat service with your favorite songs and prayers, featuring MISS PATTY, and a special story for Tu B’shvat by CJP’s very own MISS BROOKE AMO.

All families with children ages 1-5 are welcome!

PURIM CELEBRATION
WITH TEMPLE BETH EL
SATURDAY, MARCH 11
6:15pm – Temple Israel
Members of both Temple Israel and Temple Beth El are invited to join together for a special Purim celebration at Temple Israel! Our evening begins with Havdallah, led by clergy from both Temples, and continues with a Purim Celebration featuring a special performance by DAN NICHOLS, one of the leading voices of today’s Jewish music scene!

More details to come…

CANTOR & FRIENDS
SUNDAY, MARCH 19
4:00pm
Music Lovers in Europe had a wonderful custom: in France it was called a “Soiree Musica” and in Germany & Austria, a “Liederabend” (evening of song). In the spirit of this custom, we hope you will join us on March 19 for a very special program of “GREAT SONGS! ALL KINDS!” when Cantor Roochvarg, accompanied by Monty Bennett, will deliver a smorgasbord of songs for your listening and sing-along pleasure
UPCOMING SPECIAL SHABBATS

LEGACY SHABBAT WEEKEND
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 5:30pm
pre-services Oneg
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 9:30am

Join us for a special oneg prior to Shabbat services on Friday, and also for Shabbat Services on Saturday, followed by a very special Kiddush, where we will pay tribute to the individuals and families who have created a legacy gift naming Temple Israel as a beneficiary.

SISTERHOOD SHABBAT
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 9:30am

Members of Sisterhood will lead us in Shabbat services. Special guest speaker: Regina Newman, President, Southern Region, Women’s League of Conservative Judaism. A lovely Kiddush will follow.

EDUCATOR APPRECIATION SHABBAT WEEKEND
FRIDAY, MARCH 10, 7:00pm

Temple Israel and Temple Beth El are pleased to announce they will be holding joint Shabbat Services at Temple Beth El, celebrating our Jewish Educators, including a special tribute to Roz Cooper - Director, Consolidated High School of Jewish Studies of Charlotte. The evening will conclude with a dairy/fruit Oneg following services. All are welcome!

SATURDAY, MARCH 11, 9:30am

Join us at Temple Israel as we celebrate and honor Jewish educators for a very special Shabbat. A delicious Kiddush will follow.

MEN’S CLUB SHABBAT
SATURDAY, MARCH 25, 9:30am

Men’s Club members will take parts in leading our Shabbat service, followed by a special Kiddush.

FEBRUARY 12
7:15pm
Sponsored by: Jewish Federation of Greater Charlotte
Community Partner: Temple Israel

On the Map tells the against-all-odds story of Maccabi Tel Aviv’s 1977 European Championship, which took place at a time when the Middle East was still reeling from the 1973 Yom Kippur War, the 1972 Olympic massacre at Munich, and the 1976 hijacking of an Air France flight from Tel Aviv. Through the of lens of sports, On the Map presents a much broader story of how one team captured the heart of a nation amidst domestic turmoil and the global machinations of the Cold War.

Director: Dani Menkin
Languages: English & Hebrew with English subtitles
Run Time: 78 minutes

*Basketball legend Tal Brody is scheduled to appear.
**Dessert reception to follow the film.

Press Reviews:
“Fascinating” - LA TIMES.
“This compelling sports tale seems bound for a Hollywood dramatization” - THE HOLLYWOOD REPORTER.
“Wonderfully and Little-known story” - FILM JOURNAL.
“A feel-good Cinderella story” - LA WEEKLY.
“Sports Movie At Its Best” - THE WALL STREET JOURNAL.

The following additional screenings will also take place at Temple Israel:
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11 (Opening Night)
THE WOMEN’S BALCONY, 7:15pm
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15
WHO’S GONNA LOVE ME NOW, 7:15pm
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16
THE LAST LAUGH, 7:15pm

For information about other festival films, and to purchase tickets, visit charlottejewishfilm.com.
The Illustrated Torah, created with the gifted hand of Israeli artist Michal Meron, is a beautiful, hand-painted scroll that represents the stories within the 54 weekly parshiot of our traditional Torah through highlighted texts and vibrant images. You can feel it, interact with it, experience it and learn from it.

Reserve your place in Temple Israel’s history. Purchase a pasuk (verse), aliya or parsha corresponding to a Bar or Bat Mitzvah, anniversary, birthday or any other simcha. Or purchase an entire book.

Visit templeisraelnc.org for more information.

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**SOCIAL/BUSINESS NETWORKING NIGHT**

**Thursday, March 14**

7:30pm (Temple Israel)

Join us for this new initiative to encourage effective business networking. Share ideas and gain marketing knowledge from others — all in a social setting. Limited to 25-30 participants. Food and drinks will be served. RSVP by Mar. 7 to Richard Freiberg (hvrprez5@windstream.net)

**TEMPLE ISRAEL BOOK CLUB**

**Monday, March 27**

7:30pm (Temple Israel)

All are welcome as we discuss *The Two Family House* by Lynda Cohen Loigman, which the Associated Press gives 4.5 stars and notes, “It’s hard to believe that *The Two Family House* is Lynda Cohen Loigman’s debut novel. A richly textured, complex, yet entirely believable story, it draws us inexorably into the lives of two brothers and their families in 1950’s Brooklyn, NY. As compelling as the story line are the characters that Loigman has drawn here. None is wholly likable nor entirely worthy of scorn. All are achingly human, tragically flawed and immediately recognizable. We watch them change and grow as the novel spans more than 20 years…..engrossing from beginning to end.”

With comments like this and equally high praise from a TI book club reader, our March 27 discussion of this gripping book is sure to be stimulating. Copies of *The Two Family House* are available at the Levine-Sklut and Public Libraries and may be ordered on-line for under $20.

Everyone is welcome to attend Temple Israel book club meetings - even if you haven’t read the book. For additional information contact Linda Levy (704-366-6362, levyollie@aol.com.)

**TI Sisterhood Presents: BINGO WITH BUNNY**

**Sunday, April 2**

1:00pm (Leon & Sandra Levine Social Hall)

Don’t miss this fun-filled activity for the whole family! Cost: $5.00/person— cash or check (payable to Temple Israel Sisterhood) AND gift(s) from your re-gift closet. Snacks and Beverage included. RSVP to Bunny Bramson (bunnybramson@carolina.rr.com or 704-341-8322) by Sunday, March 19.
This past December, Temple Israel donated over 300 pairs of new socks, stockings and leggings to the CENTER OF HOPE shelter for women and children here in Charlotte. In addition, we also donated boxes filled with baby food as well new scarves and jackets. Volunteers at the shelter were extremely grateful and immediately placed the items out for the women and children to take. The shelter mentioned that this has been a very difficult winter already with an overflow of people needing shelter, food and clothing from the cold temperatures outside. For more information on how to help or to donate to the Center of Hope shelter, please contact (704) 348-2560.

GO GREEN INITIATIVE

As part of our commitment to the Shalom Park Environmental Initiative – SHALOM GREEN – we are pleased to offer our readers the opportunity to receive a digital version of KOL YISRAEL sent directly to them via email, in lieu of receiving a hard copy in the mail.

If you would like to receive just the digital version of our bi-monthly publication, please email marketing@templeisraelnc.org.
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Did you know that Temple Israel has nearly 20 endowment funds that help to support Temple Israel's ongoing operational needs, specific program efforts and our Temple members through financial assistance and religious school scholarships? In addition, the Temple has more than 20 in-house funds that support the Temple’s outreach efforts to members, ongoing maintenance and repair needs, scholarships, holiday and annual programs, and other operational needs.

Each month, dozens of Temple members and friends make contributions to these funds in honor or in memory of loved ones and friends. These generous gifts make it possible for our endowment and in-house funds to provide ongoing support to the Temple on an annual basis that supplements the operating budget and ensures that sufficient funding is available to meet the needs of our members.

Thank you to all of the generous donors who regularly contribute to Temple Israel’s endowment and in-house funds. Your donations truly make a difference!

### TEMPLE ISRAEL ENDOWMENT FUNDS

**Aaron Gleiberman Simchat Torah Celebration Endowment Fund** – To subsidize the costs of annual Simchat Torah celebrations

**Albert & Mary Kathleen Miller Endowment Fund** – To provide religious school scholarships and youth programming including trips, camp and Israel travel experiences

**Alene & Samuel Strause Emergency Endowment Fund** – To provide emergency assistance for individuals and families

**Ashendorf/Citron/Boxer Medical Endowment Fund** – To assist with medical expenses

**Barbara & Jerry Levin Religious School Endowment Fund** – To provide religious school scholarships and financial assistance

**Cissy Wollman Membership Scholarships Endowment Fund** – To provide financial assistance to subsidize the cost of Temple membership

**David Silverman School Scholarship Endowment Fund** – To provide religious school scholarships and financial assistance

**Doris & Albert Rouss Purim Endowment Fund** – To provide Purim programs and celebrations

**Etta & Louis Greenspon Senior Citizen Endowment Fund** – To provide senior activity programs

**Harold & Bette Wolfson Schapiro Senior Programs Endowment Fund** – To provide senior citizen programs

**Harry & Micky Schwartz Education Endowment Fund** – To provide religious school scholarships and Israel travel experiences for children

**Leonard & Ann Slesinger Education Endowment Fund** – To provide religious school scholarships and financial assistance

**Maurice A. & Rosa B. Weinstein Adult Education Endowment Fund** – To provide adult education programs

**Michael Meiselman TI Operational Support Endowment Fund** – To provide annual operational support to Temple Israel

**Michael Meiselman Legacy Program Endowment Fund** – To provide support for Temple Israel programming

**Pearl & Ralph Kier Sukkot Endowment Fund** – To provide Sukkot celebrations

**Shelton Gorelick Family Endowment Fund for Temple Israel** – To provide youth programming including trips, camp and Israel travel experiences

**Sherman & Alyce Levine Social Action Endowment Fund** – To provide social action programming

**Shirley & Sol Levine Religious School Teacher Education Endowment Fund** – To support Temple Israel’s programming

**Temple Israel Building Endowment Fund** – To maintain the Temple building

**Temple Israel Education Endowment Fund** – To subsidize religious school and education related expenses

**Temple Israel Endowment Fund** – To provide annual operational support to Temple Israel

**Wendy & Frank Rosen Endowment Fund** – To provide Rabbinic programming

**William & Patty Gorelick Membership Endowment Fund** – To provide financial assistance to subsidize the cost of Temple membership

**TEMMPEL ISRAEL IN-HOUSE FUNDS**

**Associate Rabbi's Tzedakah Fund** – To be used at Rabbi Klirs discretion

**Cantor's Music Fund** – To provide musical programs and activities

**Celia Scher Holocaust Fund** – To support annual Yom Hashoah commemoration

**General Fund** – To provide unrestricted operational support to the Temple

**Huntingtowne Farms Elementary School Fox Fund** – To support the children at Huntingtowne Farms Elementary School

**Kiddush Fund** – To offset Temple Israel's Kiddush expenses and help B'nai Mitzvah families with the costs of Kiddush

**Kristallnacht Fund** – To support annual Kristallnacht program or other Holocaust education programs

**Madans Family Shivah Fund** – To provide comfort to mourners and visitors and foster meaningful experiences for shivah services held at the temple.

**Membership Outreach Fund** – To provide for outreach to prospective, new and long-time Temple Israel members including bringing meals to ill or recently hospitalized individuals, programs for young adults and efforts to welcome new members to our community

**Pansky Family Camp Ramah Scholarship Fund** – To help religious school students attend Camp Ramah

**Rock Haruach Band Fund** – To subsidize the Rock HaRuch band

**Sadie Starr Silver Fund** – To purchase silver for the Temple

**Sam Lerner Memorial Garden Fund** – To provide support for the memorial garden and associated programs

**Senior Rabbi's Tzedakah Fund** – To be used at Rabbi Erzing’s discretion

**Shai Richardson Camp Scholarship Fund** – To help children attend a Jewish Camp

**Sisterhood Youth Program Fund** – To support youth programming

**Social Action Fund** – To support social action programs including Room in the Inn and the Men’s Shelter

**Steinberger Yahrzeit Fund** – To offset the cost of the Book of Remembrance and assist families with the cost of memorial plaques

**Stuart Ostrow Youth Fund** – To provide youth programs and activities

**Sunday Morning Minyan Breakfast Fund** – To supplement the costs of breakfast

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**FEES:** Temple Israel does not pass along any transaction or processing fees to our members and friends for any payments made using a credit card. A minimum of $18 is requested for charitable donations when honoring or memorializing friends and loved ones.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Temple Israel can no longer send acknowledgements prior to receiving payment for donations. We will happily keep a card on file to assist you in quickly, and easily, making donations in honor or memory of your loved ones and friends. Thank you for your continued support.

**STRIPE:** new payment process for donations and commitments

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**Harvey & Shellie Barer, in honor of Temple Israel community.**

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Why not purchase a leaf on Temple Israel's Simcha Tree, located in the Leon & Sandra Levine Social Hall.

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For more information, please contact Monty Bennett at 704-362-2796.

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**I Commit My Spirit**

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- 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

Lifelong Learning:
JUDAISM HELPING TO ERASE RACISM
TUESDAYS, FEBRUARY 7, 14, 21 & 28, 8:00-9:30pm

“May citizens of all races and creeds forge a common bond in true harmony to banish all hatred and bigotry” - A Prayer for our Country

In light of recent news stories that have put national attention on North Carolina, Charlotte in particular, we need to face some harsh realities about race relations. How do we approach these community challenges in light of our Jewish ethics? How do our values require us to build bridges across racial lines? Temple Israel’s late winter Lifelong Learning program will address these issues with community leaders, in a conversation forum with Rabbi Murray Ezring.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7 – Guest: Dianne English – Executive Director, Community Building Initiative
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14 – Guest: Willie Ratchford - Executive Director, Charlotte Mecklenburg Community Relations Committee
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21 – Guest: Judge Louis Trosch, Jr. - District Court Judge; Co-Chair, Race Matters for Juvenile Justice (RMJJ)
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28 – Guest: Patrick C. Graham, Ph.D. - President & CEO, Charlotte Works

For additional detail, please see page 20.