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SHABBAT SERVICE TIMES

Friday 6:15 p.m.
Saturday, 9:30 a.m.

MORNING MINYAN TIMES
Sunday, 9 a.m.
Thursday, 8 a.m.

EVENING MINYAN TIMES
Saturday, 5:30 p.m.
Sunday, 5:30 p.m.
Monday, 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.
Thursday, 7:30 p.m.

CANDLE LIGHTING TIMES

February 5  5:38 p.m.
February 12  5:45 p.m.
February 19  5:51 p.m.
February 26  5:58 p.m.
March 5  6:04 p.m.
March 12  6:10 p.m.
March 19  7:16 p.m.
March 26  7:22 p.m.

*If you would like an honor at Shabbat services, please contact the clergy office.

VIRTUAL SERVICES can be accessed online by visiting templeisraelnc.org.

CALENDAR

FEBRUARY

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4
CJFF & TI Present: When Hitler Stole Pink Rabbit, 5 p.m.
Ti Youth: Kadima Kehillah, 7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6
Legacy Shabbat/Beyond B’nai Mitzvah, 9:30 a.m.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7
World Wide Wrap, 8:30 a.m.
Ti Youth: Ir Ha-Malka USY Chevruta, 3 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10
Torah on Tap: Cocktail Concoctions!, 7:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11
Lunch N’ Learn: Vaccination in Jewish Law, 12 Noon
Ti Youth: Jr. Kadima Kehillah, 6 p.m.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13
Jr. Congregation, 10:30 a.m.
Shabbat Experience, 9:30 a.m.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14
Rosh Chodesh Study Group, 2 p.m.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16
WoTI: Nosh, Conversation & Kibbitz: Matzah Ball Gumbo with Marcie Cohen Ferris, 7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20
Bat Mitzvah of Penina Polsky, 9:30 a.m.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21
Men’s Club: HeBreus Coffee Club, 9:30 a.m.
Purim Parade Drive-By, 11 a.m.
Ti Youth: Maharr Virtual Mask Making, 1 p.m.
Ti Youth: Ir Ha-Malka USY Chevruta, 3 p.m.
Torah Tots: Family Art Fun – It’s Purim!, 3 p.m.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25
Purim - Food Drive for Jewish Family Services, 12 Noon
Torah Tots Purim Celebration, 5:30 p.m.
Purim Celebration (including Shpiel, Megillah Reading, Minyan), 6:15 p.m.
Torah on Tap: Purim Another Drink & Game Night, 7:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26
Shacharit Service & Full Megillah Reading, 8 a.m.
Purim - Food Drive for Jewish Family Services, 12 Noon

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27
Bat Mitzvah of Liza Simon, 9:30 a.m.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28
Men’s Club: Service Day at TI, 8 a.m.

MARCH

THURSDAY, MARCH 4
Ti Youth: Kadima Kehillah, 7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, MARCH 6
Bat Mitzvah of Jordan Sokolowicz, 9:30 a.m.

SUNDAY, MARCH 7
Men’s Club: HeBreus Coffee Club, 9:30 a.m.
Ti Youth: Ir Ha-Malka USY Chevruta, 3 p.m.

THURSDAY, MARCH 11
Lunch N’ Learn: Getting Ready for Passover, 12 Noon
Torah on Tap: Drive-In Movie Night, 7 p.m.

FRIDAY, MARCH 12
Torah Tots Special Passover-Themed BIM BAM Shabbat Service, 5:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, MARCH 13
Shabbat Experience, 9:30 a.m.
Jr. Congregation, 10:30 a.m.
Bar Mitzvah of Quinn Pickett, 5:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, MARCH 14
Rosh Chodesh Study Group, 12:30 p.m.
TIRS GAN Open House, 1 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17
Ti Book Club, 7:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, MARCH 18
Ti Youth: Jr. Kadima Kehillah, 6 p.m.

SUNDAY, MARCH 21
Torah Tots Family Passover Scavenger Hunt, 10 a.m.
Social Club: Virtual Luncheon with Guest Speaker, Kevin Soden, M.D., 1 p.m.
Ti Youth: Annual Chocolate Seder with a Twist, 6 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24
Torah on Tap: Pre-Passover Pastries in the Park, 6 p.m.

THURSDAY, MARCH 25
Ti Youth: Virtual Chametz Search, 8 p.m.

SUNDAY, MARCH 28
Pesach Morning Service, 9:30 a.m.
Pesach Evening Service, 5:30 p.m.
Annual 2nd Night Seder, 6 p.m.

MONDAY, MARCH 29
Pesach Morning Services, 9 a.m.

WEEKLY EVENTS

SUNDAYS
Temple Israel Religious School (TIRS), 9 a.m.

MONDAYS
Lifelong Learning: Jews & Brews, 10 a.m.

TUESDAYS
TIRS Weekday Class, 4:45 p.m.

WEDNESDAYS
TIRS Weekday Class, 5:15 p.m.

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

CALENDAR NOTICE: Temple Israel strives to ensure that the calendar information is complete and accurate. However, event information may change. For up-to-date information, please visit our online calendar on our website, www.templeisraelnc.org.
At the end of February, we will celebrate the holiday Purim and read the story of Queen Esther and Mordechai who saved the Jewish people in ancient Persia. While we are used to observing Purim by gathering together in costumed crowds to hear the Megillah, this year will be different. Since last Purim we have celebrated every holiday while physically separated from our community. Since last Purim we have each been challenged to make holidays special without the observances that we are so used to. Fortunately, there are a number of traditional ways to celebrate Purim while still social distancing.

The origin of Purim as a holiday is found in the ninth chapter of the book of Esther. After the Jews of Persia defeat their enemies, Mordechai goes on to establish a holiday that will take place every year to commemorate the downfall of Haman. We read:

“Mordecai recorded these events. And he sent dispatches to all the Jews throughout the provinces of King Ahasuerus, near and far, charging them to observe the fourteenth and fifteenth days of Adar, every year—the same days on which the Jews enjoyed relief from their foes and the same month which had been transformed for them from one of grief and mourning to one of festive joy. They were to observe them as days of feasting and merrymaking, and as an occasion for sending gifts to one another and presents to the poor. (Esther 9:20-22)”

The first mitzvah (commandment) of Purim is to tell over the story by reading the Megillah, but this passage teaches us the other three mitzvot that define how we observe Purim.

1. **Mishteh – Feasting**
   On Purim afternoon it is traditional to have a festive meal at your house. We did not do this in my house growing up, but each year that I was in yeshiva, one of the rabbis would invite the whole class over to his house in one of the more religious neighborhoods in NY. It was at those gatherings that I also first saw the Purim custom of drinking excessive amounts of alcohol. Since that time, I’ve learned more about the serious problem of alcoholism in religious communities, but I admired that adults were able to enjoy a holiday that we often associate with children.

2. **Mishloach Manot – Sending Gifts to One Another**
   On Purim day we “reverse trick or treat” by knocking on our friends’ doors to give them food. While the technical obligation is to deliver two foods to one person, we go out of our way to design creative baskets and to deliver Purim spirit to as many people as possible.

3. **Matanot LaEvyonim – Presents to the Poor**
   On a holiday where we celebrate what we have through feasting and gifts to our friends, it is just as important to take care of other people who do not have the same blessings. The rabbis of old could not imagine a Jewish holiday only marked by conspicuous consumption, so they made Tzedakah an indispensable part of the day.

Like every other holiday this year we will do our best to recreate the spirit of Purim while remaining physically apart, but there are so many ways in which you can observe Purim on your own.
PASSOVER SERVICE
SCHEDULE – 2021/5781

FRIDAY, MARCH 26
Search for the Hametz (in your home)

SATURDAY, MARCH 27
Fast of the First Born and Shabbat Morning Services,
9:30 a.m.
Candle Lighting, 8:22 p.m.
No Evening Minyan - First Night Seder

SUNDAY, MARCH 28
1st Day Pesach
Pesach Morning Service, 9:30 a.m.
Pesach Evening Service, 5:30 p.m.
2nd Night Annual Community Seder (Virtual), 6 p.m.
Candle Lighting, 8:23 p.m.

MONDAY, MARCH 29
2nd Day Pesach
Pesach Morning Service, 9:30 a.m.
Evening Minyan Service, 7:30 p.m.
Havdallah, 8:24 p.m

TUESDAY, MARCH 30
Hol Ha’Mo-ed Pesach
Evening Minyan, 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31
Hol Ha’Mo-ed Pesach
Evening Minyan, 7:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, APRIL 1
Hol Ha’Mo-ed Pesach
Morning Minyan, 8 a.m.
Evening Minyan, 7:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, APRIL 2
Hol Ha’Mo-ed Pesach
Shabbat and Pesach Evening Service, 6:15 p.m.
Candle Lighting, 7:27 p.m.

SATURDAY, APRIL 3
7th Day of Pesach
Shabbat and Pesach Morning Service, 9:30 a.m.
Pesach Evening Service, 5:30 p.m.
Candle Lighting, 8:28 p.m.

SUNDAY, APRIL 4
8th Day of Pesach
Pesach Morning Service (Yizkor), 9:30 a.m.
Evening Minyan Service, 5:30 p.m.
Passover Ends/Havdallah, 8:29 p.m.

*All Candle Lighting Times are based
on GPS location for Temple Israel.

LIVE STREAMING
of Services

During this time, Temple Israel services can be viewed from home via our livestream options. For more information, and to connect with us, please visit our Livestream page at templeisraelnc.org/livestream.html

Note: Private family lifecycle events will not be made available for viewing without prior permission.

Temple Israel Courtyard Pavers

Looking for a NEW way to commemorate a loved one or a special occasion? We are now offering additional opportunities to purchase pavers for Temple Israel’s Courtyard and Amphitheater (currently under construction). Celebrate family members, mark simchas and pay tribute to special life events in our beautiful courtyard!

Two sizes are available: 6x12 paver ($250) or 9x12 paver ($500). For more information, please go to the Giving tab at templeisraelnc.org, or contact Ariel DiDonato at (980) 960-2387.
CANTOR’S COLUMN

by Cantor Shira Lissek

The Power of Stories

Purim and Passover come four weeks apart on our Jewish calendars each year. These stories help us tap into our collective history and values, teach us empathy, and the power of the human spirit, and faith. On Purim we read and reenact Megillat Esther and the role played by Esther to save her people. On Passover we retell the story of the Exodus from Egypt and around the Seder table we reenact the journey from bondage to freedom as if we ourselves were slaves in Egypt.

We often use music, props, costumes, and parodies to have fun and to draw out new insight and inspiration from these timeless stories. They are meant not only to entertain us, but to teach us and transform us. We can connect our personal aspirations and memories to the collective memories of the Jewish People. Looking back, I see how year after year I internalized, acted out, and relived these stories. Over the years I tried on all of the different characters: Queen Esther, Vashti, Achashverosh, Haman, Moshe, God, Pharoah, Miriam, Yocheved, Pharo’s daughter, the slaves, and the Egyptians. I have explored the world through the eyes of each character and have gained perspective and resilience through these stories.

Though I have thankfully never been in life threatening situations like our ancestors, their example has emboldened me to believe in possibilities and rise up from challenging and even devastating circumstances. These stories help us tap into our collective history and values, teach us empathy and the power of the human spirit, and the power of faith. They also help us understand that we are part of something greater than ourselves, and that we all play an important role in life with meaning beyond what we understand.

This year we’re busy planning to celebrate these wonderful holidays together virtually. I encourage you to join us for our Star Wars Spiel and Megillah reading. On Passover, plan to join us on the second seder night virtually for a lively and meaningful seder led by both Rabbi Michael Wolk and myself. Together may we experience the power of these timeless stories.

PURIM CELEBRATION & SHPIEL
Thursday, February 25, beginning at 5:30 p.m.

LET OUR PEOPLE SING: 2ND NIGHT VIRTUAL SEDER WITH RABBI WOLK AND CANTOR LISSEK
Sunday, March 28, 6-8 p.m.

*For details on both events, please see Special Events section beginning on page 14.
PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

by Teresa Brenner

Dear Temple Israel Family,

We have so much to look forward to with our Temple Israel community, especially our upcoming Purim spiel and Passover second seder events, as well as our Shabbat services and our almost weekly Bar/t Mitzvah simchas. These communal celebrations of our Jewish calendar and individual life-cycle events nourish our souls and spirit.

A Mid-Year Update

Your Board of Trustees meets formally once a month and works between meetings to address the business of your synagogue. Temple Israel provides services, education of youth and adults, social events in a Jewish context, and opportunities to perform deeds of lovingkindness. In order to do so, your lay leaders, along with your clergy and professional staff, are focused on membership engagement, finances, human capital, communications, technology, safety and security, building and grounds, events planning, and governance, among other areas. We are also focused on our pending land sale for Generations at Shalom Park as well as the role of, and our role in, Shalom Park. If any of these areas pique your interest for volunteering your expertise or if you have ideas, insights or questions, please let me know.

Especially for You, Our Congregants

COVID-19 vaccinations have arrived in Mecklenburg and surrounding counties! Please check YourSpotYourShot.nc.gov if you are a North Carolina resident and scdhec.gov if you are a South Carolina resident for the most up-to-date information. I know many of our health care professionals, essential workers, and those 65 and older are being vaccinated. I am eager to receive my vaccine when it is my turn. Be patient as this will take some time, but there is indeed light at the end of the tunnel.

Our services continue to be primarily virtual with up to 20 pre-registered family and guests for our Bar/t Mitzvah on Saturday mornings along with a few outdoor events (weather permitting), all of which are proceeding smoothly. We are continually evaluating additional in-person indoor and outdoor opportunities. Our ability to provide in-person options depends on our continued collective compliance with all protocols, health pre-screenings, proper mask wearing, social distancing from everyone outside your family unit, community health trends, the advice of medical professionals, and the vaccine adoption rate. Thank you for your continued understanding and support.

Good News to Share

Please join me in extending our congratulations to Eliot Meadow on being elected Secretary and a member of the Executive Committee of the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism for a two-year term. Mazel tov to Hilary Rosenbaum for being nominated to serve a three-year term as the Vice President, Sisterhood Support for the Southern Region of Women’s League for Conservative Judaism. Congratulations to Alan Johnathan, Temple Israel's Youth Director, on being elected Treasurer of the Jewish Youth Directors Association.

How fortunate we are to have congregants and staff assume leadership responsibilities and provide their expertise and time to these important organizations for Conservative Judaism.

Connections

I look forward to joining you in services and periodically in minyanim, to learning with you in our clergy’s educational classes, and to seeing you in our affiliate groups’ events. Thank you for reaching out to me with your thoughts, advice and questions. Please continue doing so. I enjoy hearing from you. Temple Israel is where you belong. It is our house, your home.

Wishing you a Happy Purim and Passover,
ENGAGEMENT
By Erin Goldstein
Membership Minute with Erin G.

Do you know someone new to Charlotte? Do they need some information on joining Temple Israel? Please send me their information! We continue to take potential new congregants on scheduled and socially distanced tours of our synagogue. I am happy to talk to anyone that is interested! The Membership Committee is coming back together so that we can work on welcoming members into our Kehillah. I have had some calls recently about getting involved, so please let me know if you are interested. We will convene meeting in February/March 2021 but it is never to late to join!

On February 6 we will celebrate our Legacy Donors at Temple Israel with a special, virtual Shabbat Service. When I think back on it, our Legacy Shabbat in 2020 was one of the last in-person events that we had prior to Covid-19.

This year has been challenging with so much grief/loss and the feeling of unknown and uncertainty. I made a New Year’s resolution to myself this year that I would really make a conscious effort to stay positive so, I am going to try to turn my negative into a positive.

This past year has shown me that our congregants are so resilient. The strength that I have seen from our clergy, staff and congregation has been incredible. I am continually amazed because our congregation really shows up for each other. Through this trying time, we are all still here and supporting one another. I have been hearing story after story of congregants helping each other out and finding creative ways to spend time together to celebrate and, unfortunately, to mourn. So many congregants continue to perform Mitzvot during this trying time for others in our Charlotte Community. Watching our congregation come together to help our neighbors in need is incredible. Temple Israel truly is a special community.

With Purim and Passover right around the corner, I want to remind all our congregants that we are there for them. Do you need a meal? Do you need help with zoom? Need to join a virtual Seder? Please let me know so that we can get you connected to other congregants. My door is always open. I want to ensure you have food on your table, wine to drink, and Shabbat candles to light. It is the hope of lighting Shabbat Candles that has gotten my family through this dark period.

I wish for everyone a healthy and wonderful spring. I pray for your health, wellness, and safety. L’Shalom

NEW CONGREGANT SPOTLIGHT

Jason and Yvonne Ackerman
joined Temple Israel in July 2020. We are so glad that they have joined our Kehillah. Jason & Yvonne live in Rock Hill and they are known in the Charlotte Food Scene as the creators of Scallion Pancake! Jason & Yvonne have been tagged as Charlotte Food Influencers and run their very popular food blog. Jason grew up at Temple Israel and he is the son of Bernie & Teri Ackerman. Jason & Yvonne have day jobs but their main passion is traveling, eating and their pugs. We would like to congratulate Jason & Yvonne for joining our Kehillah and making a commitment to Temple Israel. You definitely should check out their blog and podcast to get the most up-to-date information on the food scene in Charlotte, and around the world!

Facebook/Instagram: @ScallionPancake and https://scallionpancake.com/

Create Your Jewish Legacy

We currently have 116 families who have made Temple Israel part of their legacy. For information, please contact Membership Director Erin Goldstein at (980) 960-2380 or egoldstein@templeisraelnc.org.
LIFE EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OUR CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILIES OF:

- Leslie Abadi (Bogota, Colombia), sister of Michael (Denise) Abadi; aunt of Sara Abadi and Mark Abadi.
- Liselotte Kaufman, wife of Milton Kaufman (Merrick and Monsey, NY); mother of Barry Kaufman (Wantagh, NY); Warren (Jill) Kaufman (Randolph, NY), and Glenn (Lauri) Kaufman (Charlotte); grandmother of Elyssa, Zoe, Ashley, Adam, Allison and Jenna Kaufman.
- Anna Fishman Vitale, mother of Sandra Dolman (Arthur Krantz), Laura Levine, Jody Vitale, and Rory (Debbie) Vitale; grandmother of Adina (Matias), Blake (Samantha), Blair (Margit), Baker, Wilson, Hollen, Jacob, Logan and Joseph; great grandmother of Juliet, Lulu, Gabriella, Louie & Diana.
- Jeff Odum, husband of Sherry Levine Odum; father of Emily Odum Hall and Jonathan Odum; brother of Patty Osborn and Dr. Susan Odum; brother-in-law of Kevin Levine (Louis Sinkoe)
- Lucy Margolis, wife of John Margolis (OBM); mother of Jen (partner, Sean) and Mark (wife, Morgan); grandmother of Lillian, John, Ian, and (honorary) AJ.
- Mike Tuckman, husband of Marilyn Tuckman; father of Rachel (Byron) Sanford and Ari (Stephanie) Tuckman; grandfather of Maya, Olivia, Aliyah, Hannah and Zoe.
- Jack Henry Gottlieb, husband of Ina Gottlieb; father of Julie (Jonathan) Fisher and Ralph Gottlieb; grandfather of Noah, Jonas, and Evelyn.
- Michele “Shellie” Diane Barer, wife of Harvey S. Barer; mother of Susan Brill and Joshua (Louise Clauson) Brill; grandmother of Thomas Jeter; sister of Lenore Heller, Barbara Glassman, and Robin (Thomas) Romeo.
- Robert Leder, father of Rachel (Brad) Coughenour, Benjamin Leder, and Shannon Leder; stepfather of Carla (Danny) Ketola and Pam (Mike) Lanier; grandfather of George Coughenour, Matthew and Bennett Leder; step-grandfather of Stephanie Bowles, Ashley Murphy, Hope and Austin Ketola, and Noel and Michael Lanier.

BIRTHS

- Nicole & Tom Kayes joyfully welcomed the arrival of a baby girl, Lily Tova Kayes. The proud family includes big sister Talia; grandparents David & Kathryn Kossove, and Ruthie Kohl; aunt and uncle Shayna & Eric George.
- Nicole & Mark Silver (Los Angeles, CA) joyfully welcomed the arrival of a baby boy, Jackson Reid Silver. Proud family includes big brother Austin; grandparents Larry Schwartz (Charlotte), Debbie Schwartz (Ingwood NJ), and Mitch & Diane Silver (Fort Worth, TX); Aunts and Uncles Jason, Jen & Mason Silver (CLT) and Zachary & Sarah Rose Schwartz.
- Lindsay & Damian Carey joyfully welcomed the arrival of twins, Averie Rose and Nash Walter. Proud grandparents include Cindy & Marlin Jennes (Matthews NC), Jeff Yarmeisch (Long Island NY), Gina Carey (Summerville SC), and Damian Carey (Long Island NY). Proud great grandparents include Naomi & Ed Byrne (Carolina Beach NC), Evelyn Yarmeisch (Long Island NY) and Rose Nicholls (Mission Viejo CA).

MAZEL TOV

- Alan Johnathan, Temple Israel’s Youth Director, on being elected Treasurer of the Jewish Youth Directors Association

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 email 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.
TORAH TOTS FAMILY ART FUN: IT'S PURIM!
Sunday, February 21, 3 P.M.
Join us for some family fun art projects as we get ready for Purim via Zoom! Then join us on Thursday evening as we celebrate Erev Purim in a fun Torah Tots service. Cost: $10 per child- includes a kit with two all-inclusive art projects! To register, visit our Upcoming Programs page on templeisraelnc.org.

*Schedule conflicts: the art class will be recorded and can be viewed at a later date. Pick up times for the art kit and the class zoom link will be included in your registration confirmation email.

EREV PURIM CELEBRATION!
Thursday, February 25, 5:30 P.M.
Purim is here! Let’s celebrate! Join your Torah Tots friends for a fun Purim celebration with Rabbi Kornsgold and Mr. Caleb! Following our Torah Tots Purim party, join the entire congregation for more fun Purim festivities! Make sure to bring your Purim art projects to show off! Visit the Upcoming Programs page at templeisraelnc.org to join us!

BIM BAM SHABBAT AND PASSOVER FUN!
Friday, March 12, 5:30 P.M.
Join your Torah Tots friends along with Rabbi Kornsgold and Mr. Caleb for a great time celebrating Shabbat and Passover! This will be a brief, fun-filled service for your little ones, including all their favorite songs and dances for Shabbat and Passover! Visit the Upcoming Programs page at templeisraelnc.org to join us!

TORAH TOTS FAMILY PASSOVER SCAVENGER HUNT
Sunday, March 21, 10 A.M.
Afikomen hunt, but bigger! As a family, you will learn all about Passover as you complete each scavenger hunt challenge. To register your family, go to our Upcoming Programs page on templeisraelnc.org. There is no cost to attend this event.

Check templeisraelnc.org for information about upcoming Torah Tots programming.

The Illustrated Torah

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.

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Mishenichnas Adar Marbim B’simcha, simply put, when the month of Adar arrives, we should increase our joy. I have always loved this phrase! When I was in elementary school, the hallways were covered with posters with this phrase just as the month of Adar approached each year. As an adult, I still love these words! As principal of TIRS, it is now my turn to adorn the walls of the building with this phrase and install the love of them and Purim to the students.

Since we will not be physically together this year to celebrate Purim, I want you to have all the necessary information to enjoy and enhance your celebration at home.

RABBI KORNSGOLD’S PURIM HOLIDAY OVERVIEW

• **What:** Purim celebrates Jewish deliverance from the plot of Haman the Aggagite to massacre all the Jews living in the Persian kingdom. Purim is preceded by the Fast of Esther (Ta’anit Esther) which commemorates the three-day fast Queen Esther and the nation observed before she requested help from King Achashverosh.

• **Where:** The story of Purim is found in Megillat Esther (not in the Torah).

• **When:** Purim occurs on the 14th of Adar (the 15th in Jerusalem and other walled cities). In a Jewish leap year, the month of Adar is repeated, and Purim is celebrated in Adar II, so it always falls one month before Passover.

• **Why:** Purim is a story of intrigue in the time of the Persian Empire. Mordechai the Jew refuses to bow down to the King’s second-in-command Haman, so Haman declares that all Jews will be massacred on the 14th of Adar (this date was chosen based on the choosing of lots). Purim in Hebrew means lots, where the holiday derives its name from. Until this point, the queen of Persia, Queen Esther, has hidden her Jewish identity from her husband the King, but now she realizes she must reveal it to save her nation. Queen Esther reveals her Jewish identity to the King at a small party where just the two of them and Haman are present. The King decides to overturn Haman’s decree and change the day of a proposed massacre into a day for the Jews to seek revenge against their oppressors, changing the 14th of Adar from a day of sadness and mourning to a day of joyous celebrations for the Jews.

• **How:** It is a custom to dress up in costume and disguise oneself in commemoration of the way God concealed Himself when orchestrating the miracle of Purim (God’s name does not appear in Megillat Esther). In addition, there are four commandments to be fulfilled on Purim:
  1. **Mikrah Megillah** - hearing Megillat Esther chanted
  2. **Matanot L’evyonim** - giving to the needy
  3. **Mishloach Manot** - giving gifts to friends
  4. **Mishteh** - eating a festive meal

I look forward to seeing your costumes during the drive through and over zoom. Chag Sameach!

Rabbi Helene Kornsgold

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**TEMPLE ISRAEL RELIGIOUS SCHOOL**

**TASTE OF GAN OPEN HOUSE**

SUN, MARCH 14 AT 1PM ON ZOOM

Bring your singing voices and meet Rabbi Kornsgold, Rabbi Wolk & Cantor Lissek to learn what all the buzz is about.

PLEASE LET US KNOW YOU ARE COMING!
templeisraelnc.org/event/tirs-gan-open-house-.html
Penina Helen Polsky  
February 20  
Parents: Joanna Lindenbaum & Jonathan Polsky  
Penina is in the 7th grade at Randolph Middle School. Her interests include singing, piano, ukulele/guitar, painting, writing, and business. For her Bat Mitzvah project, Penina helped younger children with their virtual learning. She feels lucky to get to have a Bat Mitzvah and thankful to share it with the people she loves.

Liza Simon  
February 27  
Parents: Stephanie & Jon Simon  
Liza is a 7th grader at Carmel Middle School and has attended TIRS since PreK. Before that, she attended the Charlotte Jewish Preschool. Liza’s interests are playing tennis, being with friends, being outside, cooking, and spending time with her family. For her Bat Mitzvah project, she partnered with The Relatives- a local organization whose mission is to keeps kids safe, families together, and prepares youth and young adults to be healthy, productive, engaged members of the community. Liza prepared several meals for their residents and enjoyed interacting with them at meal time (pre-Covid). Her most impactful project was delivering Christmas Eve dinner and Christmas breakfast to their residents during this very difficult time. Liza is excited to celebrate her Bat Mitzvah at Temple Israel, as she is a 3rd generation family member to have her Bat Mitzvah at Temple Israel.

Jordan Ella Sokolowicz  
March 6  
Parents: Marc & Shari Sokolowicz  
Jordan is a 7th grade student at South Charlotte Middle School. Her interests include cooking, reading fiction books, hiking, and spending time with the family. For her Bat Mitzvah project, Jordan prepared 150 sandwiches with Operation Sandwich for the Urban Ministry. This project has helped her to understand the plight of the homeless and provide them with additional food that is always needed and appreciated. Jordan is very excited about her Bat Mitzvah, and is working very hard to learn her Haftorah portion and getting ready for the big day. She is excited to spend this special occasion with her friends and family.

Quinn Pickett  
March 13  
Mother: Jill Pickett  
Quinn Pickett will become a Bar Mitzvah on March 13. He is a 7th grade student at South Charlotte Middle School who has always enjoyed athletics and his academics. He has taken a keen interest in golf and can often be seen at Raintree Golf Course. His Bar Mitzvah project involved Charlotte’s First Tee Golf Program where he is affectionately referred to as “Coach Quinn.” First Tee offers programs to children of all abilities to build strength and character to empower them through life. He absolutely fell in love with this program and he has continued to volunteer. He is taking part in a Zoom ceremony and will delay a celebration until his very large family -including well over 50 aunts, uncles, and cousins - are able to travel and celebrate together amid these crazy times. Family is very critical to what makes Quinn a special young man and he takes great pride in Judaism. His Bar Mitzvah date was specifically chosen to honor his late Great Grandfather. It was a weekend our family always spent together celebrating “Great Papa's” birthday.

Camp Mindy - JStage  
Summer Camps 2021  
All camp details & registration online:  
CHARLOTTEJCC.ORG/CAMP  
REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!
YOUTH
For more information about Youth Programs & Events contact Alan Johnathan, Director of Youth and Family Engagement, at ajohnathan@templeisraelnc.org or (704) 944-6772.

EIN GEDI SUB REGIONAL CONVENTION (VIRTUAL)
March 11-14
(Details Pending)

ANNUAL CHOCOLATE SEDER WITH A TWIST (3RD-12TH GRADES)
Sunday, March 21, 7 p.m.
Ever want to eat your favorite chametz before you completely clean your house for Passover? Join TI Youth Groups for our Annual Chocolate Seder with a twist! Bring your chametz in your house (cookies, cereal, chocolate, candy, chips, milk, juice, bread, bagels, crackers, pasta, cake, etc.) in your home and we will create a unique Seder! https://templeisraelnc-org.zoom.us/j/93691137415

VIRTUAL CHAMETZ SEARCH (3RD-12TH GRADES)
Thursday, March 25, 8 p.m.
Join your TI Youth group friends for a virtual search for Chametz. Bedikat Chametz kits are available for pickup! https://templeisraelnc-org.zoom.us/j/93691137415

REGULAR VIRTUAL MEET-UPS

JR KADIMA KEHILLAH (5TH GRADE)
Thursdays, February 11 and March 18, 6 p.m.
Join your fellow Jr Kadimaniks for virtual games and fun!
https://templeisraelnc-org.zoom.us/j/92174433740

KADIMA KEHILLAH (6-8 GRADES)
Thursdays, February 4 and March 4, 7:30 p.m.
Join your fellow Kadimaniks for programs planned by the Kadima Leadership Council!
https://templeisraelnc-org.zoom.us/j/92174433740

IR HA-MALKA USY CHEVRUTA (9-12 GRADES)
Sundays, February 7, 21 and March 7, 3 p.m.
Join your fellow USYers for programs planned by the Ir Ha-Malka USY Executive Board!
https://templeisraelnc-org.zoom.us/j/92527480677

Keep a lookout for virtual Ir Ha-Malka USY programs with our sister chapter AIUSY in Cincinnati, Ohio! Join your fellow USYers for programs planned by the Ir Ha-Malka USY Executive Board!

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 VYISRAEL 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.
LIFELONG LEARNING

MONTHLY LUNCH N’ LEARN WITH RABBI MICHAEL WOLK: MEET, EAT, DISCOVER

Power up your lunch hour with an appetizing array of food for thought. Join Rabbi Michael Wolk once a month for an engaging clergy-led discussion and a delicious lunch.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11 - Vaccination in Jewish Law
12 p.m. - 1 p.m.  (menu: It’s All Greek)

THURSDAY, MARCH 11 - Getting Ready for Passover
12 p.m. - 1 p.m.  (menu: Breakfast for Lunch)

Due to a very generous grant (The Jerome Madans Award) received from the Carolina Foundation for Jewish Seniors (CFJS), Temple Israel is pleased to offer a free lunch to the first 25 registrants* of each class. Lunches can be picked up at the Temple, the morning of each class. To register for Lunch & Learn, visit the “Upcoming Programs” page on templeisraelnc.org or call 704-362-2796.

*Recipient must be a full member, and 65+ years old.

JEWIS & BREWS
Mondays, 10 a.m.
Join Rabbi Wolk for a cup of coffee and study the weekly Torah portion through the lens of traditional and modern commentaries.

To join the class, please visit: templeisraelnc.org/lifelong-learning

SPECIAL EVENTS

WHEN HITLER STOLE PINK RABBIT *
Thursday, February 4, 5 p.m. (available for streaming)

Temple Israel Community Partner Film. Based on Judith Kerr’s semiautobiographical bestselling children’s novel, this beautiful historical adventure follows nine-year-old Anna, who is too busy with schoolwork and friends to notice Hitler’s face glaring from posters plastered all over 1933 Berlin. When her father suddenly vanishes, and the family is secretly hurried out of Germany, Anna begins to understand life will never be the same.

YEAR: 2019
RUNTIME: 119 minutes
LANGUAGE: German (with English Subtitles)
COUNTRY: Germany

* Winner of both the German Film Award (Best Children’s Film) and Civis Cinema Award

For details on all offerings from this year’s Charlotte Jewish Film Festival, please visit https://charlottejewishfilm2021.eventive.org

LEGACY AND BEYOND B’NAI MITZVAH SHABBAT
Saturday, February 6, 9:30 a.m.

Join us for a special Shabbat service as we pay tribute to the individuals and families who have created a legacy and named Temple Israel as a beneficiary. In addition, this special Shabbat morning will include former B’nai Mitzvah students leading the congregation in Shabbat morning services. Visit the Livestream page at templeisraelnc.org to join us!

20TH ANNUAL WORLD WIDE WRAP
Sunday, February 7, 8:30 a.m.

This year’s Wrap will take a different form than in the past, but we will come together in one way or another to celebrate the mitzvot of tefillin, and we will connect the old and the new. For additional information, visit the Upcoming Programs page on templeisraelnc.org.
PURIM PARADE DRIVE-BY
Sunday, February 21, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.
Temple Israel wants to wish each of you a “Chag Purim Sameach” - IN PERSON! Decorate your cars, come in costume or just drive by and wave in our special Purim Parade. Each family will receive a fun and tasty Mishlach Manot in our Temple Israel orange canvas bags, including a copy of the megillah. Fulfill the mitzvah of Purim to give to those in need by filling the orange bags to support Jewish Family Services at our Purim Food Drive (details to the right).

The parade will progress through the Temple Israel Parking Lot - please enter through the Shalom Park Main Entrance.

*This event is generously sponsored by the Temple Israel Families of Oak Manor Neighborhood (Adina & Josh Loewensteiner, Amy & Evan Novick, Stacey & Roni Sharoni, Cheri & Marc Sokolowicz, Amy & Ross Udoff, Rachel Zander & Ian Reifkind).

**This event is for current Temple Israel members only.

PURIM - FOOD DRIVE FOR JEWISH FAMILY SERVICES (JFS)
Thursday, February 25 and Friday, February 26, 12 NOON – 2 p.m.
Drop-off: Blumenthal Education Portico Bldg. (JFS Entrance)

Purim: The Holiday that Keeps on Giving! Did you know that one of the four mitzvot of Purim is to give to those in need? Please help us stock the pantry shelves at the Jewish Family Services by returning the orange bags you received at the Purim Parade drive-by filled with much needed items. A list of needed items will be included in each bag.

TEMPLE ISRAEL PURIM COSTUME CONTEST 2021!

Do you believe you have the most creative, outrageous or fun Purim costume? We’d love to see your costumes! All you have to do is submit your photo (http://bit.ly/TI_Purim2021) or email Ariel DiDonato at adidonato@templeisraelnc.org.

*Deadline for submissions will be Monday, February 22

An amazing panel of judges comprised of your clergy, staff and Board members, will then choose (3) winners to be announced at the Erev Purim Celebration on Thursday night, February 25.

Prizes will be awarded for the:
1. Best Kid’s Costume
2. Best Family Costume
3. Best Purim Related Costume
STAR WARS
PURIM
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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25

5:30 p.m. - Torah Tots Purim Program
6:15-7:30 p.m. – Star Wars Shpiel, Megillah Reading, and Minyan!

Please join us for a special virtual Purim celebration!
Visit our Upcoming Programs page at templeisraelnc.org for details!
Let Our People Sing:
2nd Night Virtual Seder with Rabbi Wolk and Cantor Lissek

Sunday, March 28, 6-8 p.m.

Please join us this Passover for Temple Israel’s Annual 2nd Night Community Seder*, led by Rabbi Michael Wolk and Cantor Shira Lissek. These are extraordinary times we are living in, but we can all still gather virtually in song and tradition. The Seder will be musical, engaging and fun for the entire family!

This year we are thrilled to offer kosher “Seder-to-Go” options (by Izzy’s Catering). All orders are due by Monday, March 22. Order pick-up will be on Friday, March 26.

Seder Plate-To-Go ($18)
includes horseradish, shank bone, parsley, charoset, chazeret (romaine lettuce), egg, salt water, and a box of matzo

Seder Meal-to-Go ($36/adult; $18/child)
Gefilte fish, matzo ball soup, brisket, tzimmes, potato kugel, matzo, and dessert

Vegetarian Option
Gefilte fish, vegetarian matzo ball soup, salmon or quinoa dish, tzimmes, potato kugel, matzo, and dessert

To place an order for a Seder plate and/or Seder to go, visit the Upcoming Programs page on templeisraelnc.org.

*The 2nd Night Virtual Seder will immediately follow the 5:30 p.m. evening Passover service. To join in, visit the Livestream page on templeisraelnc.org
Social Action
Performing Acts of Loving Kindness, Together!

Our vision for Social Action is to live Jewish Values as we help those in need. In December and January, our efforts are aligned with critical needs in the Jewish and broader Charlotte Community, as well as Jews in Israel. We encourage you get involved, you will be glad you did.

Jonathan and Tess Berger, Chair Persons
Cell: 704-995-1732, Email: jbergertisa@gmail.com

Helping the Homeless in Charlotte

Temple Israel supports the Roof Above’s mission to end homelessness in Charlotte by providing their guests with meals, along with warm clothing and toiletries.

This year, more than ever, the homeless in Charlotte are in need due to limited space available at the Shelters. As a result, many homeless Men, Women and Children are living in Tents on the grounds of the Urban Ministries on North Tryon and North East of the City.

As we have done for over 15 years, Temple Israel volunteers cooked a healthy, delicious, dinner and delivered the dinner to 400 + Men in need at the Men’s Shelter, and this year, to the Men, Women and Children living at Tent City on November 22 and December 24, 2020.

Special thanks to all of the hardworking volunteers and generous individuals who:

- Cooked the Food for over 400 people at TI.
- Cooked delicious deserts at their homes.
- Delivered the Food to the Shelter and Tent City
- Made donations of a New Warm Winter Coats, Sweatshirts, Hats, Gloves, Socks, Toiletries and Tents.
- Made a Financial Donation to help fund the purchase of food and clothing that we prepared and delivered.
- Special thanks to the Temple Israel Men’s Club for their financial donation and for inspiring many others to contribute tzedakah through their matching funds.

We continue to provide food and clothing to those in need at Tent City. To make a Financial Donation: Please send a check to “Temple Israel’s Social Action Fund”
Holiday Gifts for Children in need at Huntingtowne Farms Elementary Temple Israel’s Partnership School!

Thank You to our HFES Volunteers and TI Congregants who made many children’s holiday very special by providing gifts to children at the school who are in need.

Many thanks: Linda Levy, Tess Berger, Jennifer Koss, Wendy Petricoff, Marcia Stern, Bob Abel, Debra Porter, Dan Coblenz, Penni & Steve Powell and Bob Jacobson who made these children very happy with some very special gifts.

If you’re interested in getting involved in the School, please contact Linda Levy (704-366-6362 or levyollie@aol.com) to make a difference in these children’s lives, there are many fulfilling ways to do so.

Note: Donations to the “Temple Israel Fox Fund” support our volunteer efforts at HFES.

EMPTY NESTERS

Do you talk to your kids more than when they lived at home? Are you still a parent to your children and parenting your parents? Are you looking forward to retirement or have just begun to dip into that social security account? If this sounds familiar than YOU should join the Empty Nester group!

Look for announcements of upcoming Empty Nesters events in the weekly e-blast, The TI Insider, or on Temple Israel’s Facebook page.

SOCIAL CLUB

Temple Israel Social Club welcomes all Jewish adults 55 and older from Charlotte and the surrounding areas. The Social Club holds a variety of activities for its members during most months of the year. This organization offers an opportunity to make new friends with existing members.

Membership dues are $20 per person for the calendar year. However, this year because of the pandemic and our inability of having in person events, we will be extending your present paid-up membership for one year. Your paid-up membership will be good through December 2021. This past year we have enjoyed seeing many old and new members through our virtual Zoom gatherings. We look forward to the time when we can get back together in person.

We ended 2020 with an exciting Hanukkah program. We virtually lit our Hanukkah Menorah’s and ate our latkes. Cantor Emeritus Elias Roochvarg, via Zoom, led us in singing a variety of Hanukkah songs. We always love the Cantor's stories and jokes.

Because of our limited ability to travel and visit museums as a group, we have gathered a list of museum tours from around the world. You can visit these virtually and free through the wonders of Zoom. Watch your e-mails for the Zoom links.

We are excited to announce the Social Club Fund. We hope that when you have a tribute to make in honor or memory of a special occasion or person that you will consider us. To give a donation to this fund, please call Temple Israel, 704-362-2796. A donation card will be sent to the person you select.

SAVE THE DATE:
Sunday, March 21, 1 p.m. (via Zoom)
Medical journalist Kevin Soden, M.D., speaking on Covid-19 vaccinations and other important medical news. Visit the Upcoming Programs page at templeisraelnc.org to join us!

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE TI SOCIAL CLUB, CONTACT CO-PRESIDENTS:
RUTH GOLDBERG (704) 366-8903 or IRVING BIENSTOCK (704) 542-0094.
WOMEN OF TEMPLE ISRAEL

Last month was historic! Kamala Harris became the first woman and person of color to hold the office of Vice President of the United States. Kamala Harris’s trail was blazed by the tenacity and fortitude of many women before her, and her achievement will undoubtedly serve as an inspiration to many women who will come after her.

The progress women have experienced in our political sphere is also reflected in the strides taken within Conservative Judaism and our own Temple Israel community over the past 25 years. In 1983, after a contentious vote, the Jewish Theological Seminary began admitting women to the JTS Rabbinical school. It took the Cantors a bit longer, and in 1990, only as a result of a decision by the Executive Council of the Assembly, women were finally admitted to cantorial school. In 2014, after intense debate, the Conservative Movement’s Committee on Jewish Laws and Standards agreed that women can be considered obligated in all of the ritual commandments from which they have been exempt in the past.

This year, Temple Israel celebrates its 125th anniversary. For the first 90 years of our synagogue’s existence, women were not allowed to form a minyan, carry the Torah, or wear Tefillin. Women of Temple Israel stand on the shoulders of the determined women before us who pressed for change. In 1986, as Audrey Madans recalls, Shirley Levine (OBM) was the first woman at Temple Israel to wrap Tefillin. Audrey remembers that moment vividly: “It was wonderful!” Furthermore, Ruth Goldberg notes, “Women were counted as a minyan beginning the mid-1980s, only because of the strong advocacy of Rabbi Wilson.” Women in our community have told me about the hurt and frustration they felt when fellow male congregants walked out of minyan because these assertive women were being counted. Over time, women have come to be accepted members and leaders in our community and within Conservative Judaism. We have become accustomed to hearing women read Torah and receive Aliyot. We expect that our daughters will become Bat Mitzvah on Sabbath mornings. At Temple Israel, key clergy and education positions are filled by women. Teresa Brenner, our current President, is the fourth woman to lead our Temple Israel Board of Trustees since Judi Strause blazed the trail in 1986.

At Temple Israel, women have taken an equal place in our governance and rituals. However, like the women who were not initially accepted as part of a minyan, there are still members in our community who do not feel welcome, and there are obstacles that prevent congregants from fully engaging in our synagogue life. We can honor the work of the women before us by examining ourselves and our synagogue to identify ways to make Temple Israel a more inclusive congregation, especially for people of color, members of the LGBTQ community, and people with disabilities. We can honor the work of the women before us by remaining a strong voice in our Temple, accepting leadership roles when offered and seeking out positions of leadership. Most importantly, by proactively working to make Temple Israel a more supportive kehillah we can serve as positive role models to our children and grandchildren, whose most vital learnings come from our deeds and actions.

Our community is strengthened when every member feels included and is able to fully participate. I am inspired by the progress women have made and recognize the work that remains. I am challenging myself to build a more inclusive synagogue community. I hope you will join me.

Karen Knoble
Women of Temple Israel, President

Save the Date

NOSH, CONVERSATION & KIBBITZ: MATZAH BALL GUMBO WITH MARCIE COHEN FERRIS

Tuesday, February 16, 7:30 p.m.

Join WoTI for a lively evening with American Studies scholar and writer, Marcie Cohen Ferris! Marcie and three generations of WoTI members will reflect on how food illuminates our understanding of the American South and Jewish people, and share stories about Southern Jewish food and culture. Cost for event: $25 - includes a copy* of “Matzoh Ball Gumbo: Culinary Tales of the Jewish South” and a delicious homemade Southern nosh!

*To register, visit http://bit.ly/WoTI_MBG (Zoom link provided upon registration)  Registration closes Monday, February 15. All are welcome!

*Tzedakah - Proceeds from the event will be donated to the JFS Food Pantry. If you prefer, you can forgo your hardcover book. The value of the book will be donated to the JFS Food Pantry.

ROSH CHODESH STUDY GROUP

Sunday, February 14, 2 p.m.

Sunday, March 14, 12:30 p.m.
Torah Fund Contributors
(as of December 2020)
Nancy Bernstein
Phyllis Campbell
Frannie Cohen
Dedee Cygler
Sarah Davis
Lisa Davidson
Irene Dynnikov
Barbara Ezring
Andrea Gamlin
Michal Goldstein
Jenn Koss
Linda Levy

Michal & Leon Lissek
Stephanie Meadow
Amy Mann-Novak
Ruth Paul
Karen & David Rosenthal
Jill Sadowsky
Gayle & Norman Snyder
Beth Stillitano
Marci Willenzik
Heidi Wolk
Amy Udoff

WoTI AchoTI (sisters):

Ruth Paul

- Fun fact...My husband and I have lived in 15 cities in 10 different states. Our last stop is Charlotte and we moved here in 1999.
- We celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary in August. We have 2 children and 2 grandsons.
- Did you know? I am a retired CMS Literacy Support Pre-K teacher.
- My favorite WoTI events are the evening with humorist Tracy Curtis and WoTI Shabbat.
- I enjoy belonging to a women’s organization that is multi-generational and engages women in our community in Jewish activities.

Frannie Cohen

- Joined WoTI in June 2020.
- Did you know? I am a part-time student at CPCC and also worked part-time at the JCC (pre-pandemic).
- WoTI has given me the opportunity to meet some great people! I enjoy being on the WoTI board, designing flyers for WoTI activities, and participating in WoTI programming.
- During the pandemic WoTI has helped me remain engaged with fun programming.
- Fun Fact...At age 2 I started therapeutic horseback riding in the Mitey Riders program. To this day, I still participate. It brings me great joy while continuing to strengthen my core.

Tribute to Shellie

We honor the memory of our friend, Shellie Barer. Shellie was the Immediate Past-President of Women of Temple Israel. Under her leadership, TI Sisterhood reorganized and rebranded, fulfilling Shellie’s vision to form a women’s organization where women of all ages would come together to socialize and form spiritual bonds.

“Beautiful” is a word that comes to mind when we think of Shellie. Shellie had the looks of a model, but her deep and exquisite spirit transcended her looks. Shellie was a wife to her beloved Harvey, a mother, a grandmother and a sister. She was a cherished friend to many. Shellie formed friendships easily. When you talked with Shellie, she made you feel special. She was an intent listener and she always made time for others. Even during the past months when she was experiencing discomfort and pain, Shellie showed how much she cared by empathizing with the stresses caused by the pandemic and by comforting friends who were grieving or ill. She was adamant about finishing her knitting project- a baby blanket for her expectant niece.

Shellie loved her Motown music. Shellie loved to tell a good story. Shellie loved life. Mostly, Shellie loved being Jewish. Shellie and Harvey retired to Charlotte in 2007. Immediately, Shellie immersed herself in our community. She worked at the LJCC and became an integral part of the LJCC pottery community. First and foremost, however, she was an active member of Temple Israel and a spiritual leader of women. Shellie rarely missed a WoTI Rosh Chodesh discussion. For Rosh Hashanah she organized a women’s discussion about spiritual beginnings and at Hanukkah encouraged us to find miracles in our lives. Shellie and Harvey were Shabbat morning regulars, holding hands as they walked up to bimah, kissing when they returned to their seats, and swaying together during their favorite prayers. Remarkably, Shellie and Harvey shared an Aliyah on her last Shabbat.

Thank you, Shellie. Your memory is a blessing to everyone who knew you. We miss you.
MEN’S CLUB
And it shall be for a sign for you upon your hand, and for a memorial between your eyes, that the law of the LORD may be in your mouth; for with a strong hand did the LORD bring you forth out of Egypt. —Exodus 13:9
And it shall be for a sign upon your hand, and as totafot between your eyes; for with a mighty hand did the LORD bring us forth out of Egypt. —Exodus 13:16
And you shall bind them as a sign upon your arm, and they shall be as totafot between your eyes. —Deuteronomy 6:8
You shall put these words of mine on your heart and on your soul; and you shall tie them for a sign upon your arm, and they shall be as totafot between your eyes. —Deuteronomy 11:18

The 20th annual World Wide Wrap is Sunday, February 7, celebrating the mitzvot of tefillin and their relevance today. Technically, it is the 21st anniversary, since the very first Wrap was held in our parking lot in April of 2000, but the amazing event connecting Conservative/Masorti Jews around the world with the ties that bind us to God and each other didn’t go global until 2001. This event now takes place on five continents and in more than 25 countries with more than 10,000 participants!

Because of the necessary response to Covid19, this year’s Wrap will take a different form than in the past, but we will come together in one way or another to celebrate the mitzvot of tefillin, and we will connect the old and the new—everything from tefillin’s roots in the Torah through the many arguments about it in the Talmud and beyond, all the way to scientific studies linking the heart health benefits of wearing tefillin.

If you have tefillin and you are not sure if they are kosher or pasul (unfit), we can help you learn more. We can give you an opinion on whether a full inspection or repair by a qualified sofer is recommended. Send photos of your tefillin to info@templeisraelmen.com to get started and to learn more.

For Pesach this year, Men’s Club will bring any needed necessities for a home Seder to anyone who is home-bound. We do not want anyone to miss out on all the mitzvot of the Seders simply from being quarantined or isolated because of Covid19. Look for more information on this new initiative.

We will also be happy to deliver free Yom HaShoah candles to anyone for your home observance of Holocaust Memorial Day on April 8-9. Please send an email to info@templeisraelmen.com to request your candle (delivered before Pesach).

April is also a busy time for us, with our Men’s Club Shabbaton April 9-11. The weekend will include our members leading services, a scholar-in-residence guest speaker, and as many opportunities as possible to build stronger relationships in this very Jewish context. At the end of April, we will celebrate the fighting Jewish spirit with some exciting Lag B’Omer events. Since before the Bar Kokhba Revolt against the Roman Empire (132-135 CE) to our fight against injustice and oppression today, our efforts of Tikkun Olam, of doing our part to help repair the world are worthy of a grand celebration!

Stay tuned for more information, stay warm, stay safe, and be careful out there!

Mike Eisner
Men’s Club President

The Rose Room
Women of Temple Israel
Judaica Gift Shop

THE ROSE ROOM GIFT SHOP IS OPEN FOR BUSINESS!
HTTPS://TEMPLE-ISRAEL-GIFT-SHOPSQUARE.SITE

We have beautiful B’ni Mitzvah, Shower and Wedding gifts in stock. Shop online or make an appointment to shop in person. Can’t find what you are looking for? We can help you source that special piece of Judaica. Contact Stephanie Meadow (stmeadow@gmail.com)

Contactless pick-up or delivery.

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Aldersgate offers all the living options and amenities you could wish for: a pool and spa, gardening, a wood shop, six dining venues, a dog park, acres of trails and a lake. Plus, you can rest easy with special services during COVID-19, including grocery and dining delivery, as well as ample “distant socializing” opportunities.

NEW luxury living coming to SouthPark with Generations at Shalom Park by Aldersgate. The best-in-class independent living, assisted living and memory care community in Charlotte is now taking deposits, first come, first served. Call (704) 532-5400 for more information.
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FEBRUARY 12
Stuart & Sarise Breidbart
Daniel Dunaief & Janice Reznick

FEBRUARY 14
Gary & Julie Wirth

FEBRUARY 19
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Dana & Leslie Goldfarb

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FEBRUARY 29
David & Karen Rosenthal

ANNIVERSARIES - MARCH 2021

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Howard & Susan Tocman

MARCH 5
Harold & Lyba Rousso

MARCH 7
Geoffrey & Meredith Gartner

MARCH 8
Matthew Luftglass & Meg Goldstein
Geoffrey Schwartz & Meridith Snipes

MARCH 12
Menahem & Malka Me-Zahav

MARCH 14
Mark & Ariel DiDonato
Joshua & Elissa Levine
Joel & Wendi Reichard
Perry & Sue Tannenbaum

MARCH 18
David & Alexis Berman
Joseph & Lisa Zucker
Samuel & Amanda Slusky

MARCH 20
Craig Rubin & Robin Husney

MARCH 22
Amanda Vestal & Erin Goldstein
Andy & Tamara Cohen

MARCH 23
Brian & Tonya Meltsner

MARCH 24
Scott & Hilary Jaben
Jeffrey & Barbra Marcus

MARCH 25
Craig & Jill Balick
Jonathan & Teri Karlin

MARCH 27
Joel & Joanna Barman
Ruben & Jody Sidranski
Harry & Katherine Tepper

MARCH 29
Al & Phyllis Garten

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Ariah Ablitz
Daniel Dunaief
Mark Weinberg

MARCH 2
Ryan Cohen
Jayme Levine
Eliana Loewenstein
Bradley Winer

MARCH 3
Caleb Goldberg
Meg Goldstein

MARCH 4
Joshua Cohen
Dan Levinson
Carly Shraga
Janice Zacks

MARCH 5
Brooke Hollander
Jill Newman
Franklin Paul
Rachel Ross
Louise Roth
Marla Sherrill

MARCH 6
Laura Bernstein
Micah Elliott

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Tara Price
Leigh Rose
Alyssa Sosnick
Daniel Willenzik

MARCH 9
Jakob August
Daniela Keller
John Ross
Jack Weil

MARCH 10
Jonathan Farbman
Anita Grey
Jacob Hollander
Beth Thrope
David Van Gish

MARCH 11
Elaine Denenberg
Bruce Kantor
Wendy Petricoff
Jonathan Polsky

MARCH 12
Marlin Jennes
Tracy Klirs
Olivia Levine
Tara Spil
Jacob Udoff

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Sean Lerner
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Maayan Lissek
Maya Socolovsky-Hull

MARCH 14
Jonah Horn
Dylan Mann
Daniel Oringel
Elizabeth Winer

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Joanna Barman
Simon Estroff
Taylor Wojnowich

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Ruth Goldberg
Emma Lesack
Judy Miller
Lorin Stiefel
Amy Udoff

MARCH 17
Owen Stoogenke
Jordana Weiner

MARCH 18
Alexandra Cohen
Dana Gorelick
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Morey Sheffer

MARCH 19
Jim Bolger
Samuel Brown
Eliot Brown
Erin Goldstein
Pierre Pratt
David Rosenthal
Stacey Slomka

MARCH 20
John Formica
Shevi Herbstman
Steven Kropp
Sandro Nascimento
Natalie Stern

MARCH 21
Brian Bernhardt
Seth Bitton
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Dylan Sacks

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Mark McManus
Zachary Schuler

BIRTHDAYS - MARCH 2021

SUNDAY  MONDAY  TUESDAY  WEDNESDAY  THURSDAY  FRIDAY  SATURDAY
MAY THEIR MEMORIES BE A BLESSING

*Denotes a plaque

**WEEK OF FEBRUARY 5**
Louis Abramovitz*
Marjorie Bazar*
Florence Bennett
Lillian Berman
Ruth Birkbach
Robert Blenner*
Sandy Bogner*
Max Bressman*
Frank Brodowski
Jacob "Jake" Burgen E. Monique Cilento*
Arthur Frank*
Gerald Freedman
Ed Goldberg
Mildred Goldfarb*
Paul M. Goldfarb*
Dave Goodman*
Max Grill*
Adene Heeney*
Abraham Helbein*
Esther Jacoby*
Moses Jaffa*
Loretta Dans Kalin*
Jacob Kesselman*
Anna Klein*
Rae Gingold Labovitz*
Donald Langman*
Ann Levinson
Betty Speizman Lippmann*
Pauline Madans*
Tess Mann*
Irma Meiselman*
Willa Miller*
Esther Zuckerman
Naumoff*
Sam Portnoy
Hildere Pratt
Fannie Rafkin
Max Rubin*
Albert Sands
Klaas Schaap
Andrea Fisher Seitel
Harold Silver
Reba Silverstein*
Joseph Porter Sims
Marie Steiner*
Frederick Swartz
Bessie J. Wallace*
Arline Warshawer
Rachel Weinstein*
Milton Wirth

**WEEK OF FEBRUARY 10**
Jack Ashendorf*
Sophie Barer
Louis Belsky*
Bert Bodenheimer
Theresa Brier*
David H. Cathcart
Miriam Daumit
Gary Davis
Gussie Mendelson
Doobrow*
Arthur Epner
Bessie Feinberg
Bette Freedman
Marilyn Freiman*
Tovya Fuchs*
David Goldberg*
Isaac Goldberg*
Samuel Goldberg*
Sydonna M. Goldberg*
Marlene Goldstick*
Edith Gordon
Irving L. Greenman*
Bertha Grosman*
Lucille Gross
Hilda Hirschman
Mary Hockfeld*
Morris Hockfeld*
Mary Kahn
Dorothy Braiker Kandis*
Clara Kazlisky*
David M. Kipnis
Clare Kivelson*
Elias Kozolchyk*
Gitel Ita Kopperman
Helen S. Levine*
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Lillian Malkin*
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Isaak Reese*
Marie Richwall*
Mary Rouff
Metro Sass
Harry Schwartz*
Cerel Shapiro*
Anna Silber*
Charles Harvey Simon
Fred Slade
Alfred E. Smith*
Bernice K. Snitz*
Sadie Starr*
Helen Strauch
Bernett Weinstein*
Dolly Wolf

**WEEK OF FEBRUARY 12**
Augusta Z. Wollman*
Jennie Wopinsky*
Selma Zander
Gertrude Zilber

**WEEK OF FEBRUARY 17**
Leo Aft
Blondell Arazie*
Isaac Ashendorf*
Riva Baicovitz*
Karen Baker
Leonard Berger*
David Blecher
Leila Chernotsky
Ferdinand Fillmore Coblenz*
Rose Cohen
Evelyn Deckelbaum
Edna Doigan
Tillye Eisman*
Edith Ely*
Julius Farber
Olivia Feir
Cecilia Feldman
Benjamin Fratkin*
Sadie B. Friedman
Horty Gendzier
Marvin Gevelber
Marian Glasser
Philip Glazier*
Estelle Gold*
Lazar Golynsky
Herman Gould
Marsha Greenberg*
Jack Greenfield*
Alice Greenman*
Herman A. Grossman*
Edward Lee Heiman*
Joseph Hockfield*
Arthur Hopmeier
Annie Jacobs*
Charlotte Katz*
Hyman Katzen
Alfred Kessler*
Elizabeth Goodman Klein*
Benny Kozolchyk*
Sue Kraho
Isadore Krasko
Rivka Kolari Kutchei
Gertrude Lane
Sol Levine*
Nathan D. Levy*
Robert Mintz
Gregory Mogilevsky
Joseph Newman*
Bess Oppenheimer
Henry Ostrow
John Hart Pransky*
Irving Purcell
Samuel Rabinowitz*
Sessie Ransenberg*
Morris Robkoff
Marilyn Roth*
Ida P. Rousso*
Harold Rubinson
Julian Robert Saly*
Esther Sandberg*
Rose Seid*
Lillian Sideman*
Ethel Silver*
Morris Sklut*
Bessie Smith
Ida Cohen Smith*
William Alte Sonerstein*
Patricia Spak Strongin
Henry Spitzer
Julius Stern*
Robert Stern
Boris Sukhanman
Henry Tager*
Rhea Tannen
Milton Thaler
Samuel Weber
Larisa Zilber

**WEEK OF FEBRUARY 26**
William Bagileo
Lillian Messinger Bayer*
Benjamin Bedrick*
Ellis Berlin*
Judy Biber
William Bienstock*
Vladimir Bukengolts
Pauline Burgen*
Jerome Burke
Renee Buxbaum*
Howard F. Campbell
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Ike Cohen*
Sam Cooper*
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Charlotte Freedland*
Alvin Gittler
Rhoda Gleiberman*
Benjamin Shapiro*
Eva Shumaker*
Allan Sykes*
Esther Kohl Vale
Bailya Wolfman
Lillian Zemer
Florence Zibel

**WEEK OF MARCH 5**
Frances Abrams*
Muriel Adams
Philip Alperin*
Linnie Barnes
Arthur Becker
Eva Berkowitz*
Fannie Bernstein
Norton Birbach
Herbert Bressman
Hilda Cooper*
Alan Daumit
Robert Jay Davis
Zaki El-Kodsi*
P. B. Fisher
Meyer M. Hunger
Herbert Jackowitz
Louis J. Katzen*
Martin Katzen*
Ida Kaufman*
Myron Kaufman
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Mae Kropp*
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Harry Levine*
Irving Livingston
Sonia Luski*
Jerome Madans*
Isac Madansky*
Babette Maier*
Leopold Maier*
Sidney Mandell
H. Miller*
Miriam Miller
Rebecca Moscovitz*
Gladys Nathan
Ruth Neuwirth
Robert Ochocki*
Shirley Palmer*
Ruth Pear
Dora Perlin*
Stanton Poliakoff*
Mary Pollock*
Arnold Prystowsky
Anne Puttermen
Leonard Rabhan
Mordechai Richardson
Flora Rockin*
Rose Rosenthal
Bernice Rotberg*
William Salem*
Blanche Sanderson
Alfred E. Scher*
Benjamin Shapiro*
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 Into God’s Hand I Commit My Spirit

The Solitary Flame of the Yahrzeit light is a silent tribute to the preciousness and eternity of the human soul. Attending services, reciting Kaddish and contributing to tzedakah (charity) are appropriate ways to commemorate your loved one’s memory.

If you are interested in purchasing a permanent Memorial Plaque and have it placed in our Memorial Gallery, please call the Clergy Office (980) 960-2379 for more information.
TEMPLE ISRAEL ENDOWMENT FUNDS

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 ENDOWMENTS

Aaron & Rhoda Gleberman 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/Citon/Boxer Medical Endowment Fund
– To assist with medical expenses

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

Cisy 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 Rousse Purim Endowment Fund
– To provide Purim programs and celebrations

Etta & Louis Greenspoon 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 Tl 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 Kler 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 subsidize the costs of teacher education

Temple Israel Building Endowment Fund
– To maintain the Temple building

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

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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

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B’nai Mitzvah Kiddush Fund
– To help offset expenses of the Bar and Bat Mitzvah families in need of financial assistance

Cantor Elias Roochvarg Music Fund
– To be used at the discretion of Cantor Shira Lissel to provide musical programs and activities

Celia Scher Holocaust Fund
– To support annual Yom Hashoah commemoration

Courtyard/Garden in honor of Murray Ezring, Rabbi Emeritus
– To maintain and support special programming

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

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

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

Sadie Starr/Anita & Marvin Shapiro Silver Fund
– To purchase silver for the Social Hall and other items needed for the temple that can be enjoyed by the entire congregation.

Sam Lerner Amphitheater and Memorial Garden Fund
– To provide support for the Amphitheater, Memorial Garden, and associated programs

Senior Rabbi’s Tzedakah Fund
– To be used at the Senior Rabbi’s discretion

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

Shellie & Harvey Barer Educational Fund
– To help TI children attend religious school, Hebrew High, Kadima/USY sponsored programs, Jewish summer programs, and help TIRS cover expenses of special programs and activities.

Women of Temple Israel 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

Social Club Fund
– To subsidize TI Social Club activities

Steinberger Jahrzeit 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

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 requests 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 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.
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Dana & Leslie Goldfarb, in honor of our niece, Hanna Reich, on her engagement to Yoshe Gadasi.

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Sarah & Chuck Okooon, in memory of Ellis Levinson.
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Nicholas & Leigh Rose, in memory of Marvin Barman.
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Nicholas & Leigh Rose, in memory of Olga Haime de Abadi and Leslie Abadi.
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Mark & Jean Kirsch, in memory of Robert (Bobby) Guggenheim.

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Paula & Ralph Camilli, in honor of Meg Slesinger.
Steve & Sharon Hockfield, in memory of Olga Haima de Abadi.
Steve & Sharon Hockfield, in memory of Ellis Levinson.
Cathy, Joel and Meg Slesinger, in memory of Ellis Levinson.

Cathy Slesinger, in honor of Audrey Madans and her generous and devoted service to Temple Israel.

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Bari & Jeff Gorelick, in memory of Leslie Abadi.
Bari & Jeff Gorelick, in memory of Ellis Levinson.
Scott & Dana Gorelick, in memory of Ellis Levinson.

SHIRLEY & SOL LEVINE RELIGIOUS SCHOOL TEACHER EDUCATION ENDOWMENT FUND
Michael & Denise Abadi, in memory of Ellis Levinson.
Joel & Joanna Barman, in memory of Leslie Abadi.
Joel & Joanna Barman, in memory of Olga Haima de Abadi.

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Joel & Joanna Barman, in appreciation of Rabbi Wolk for his caring and assistance during this difficult time.
Monty Bennett, in memory of Marvin Barman.
Courtney, Dan and Tillie Cohen, in memory of Marvin Barman.
Elliot & Peggy Gartner, in honor of Jordan Cathcart’s Bar Mitzvah.
Elliot & Peggy Gartner, in memory of Marvin Barman.
Elliot & Peggy Gartner, in memory of Ellis Levinson.
Steve & Sharon Hockfield, in memory of Marvin Barman.
Lori Jackowitz, in memory of Irving Donosky.
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Harry & Gloria Lerner, in memory of Olga Haima de Abadi.
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Cantor Leon Lissek & Judge Michal Lissek, in honor of Cantor Shira Lissek.
Jill Mandell, in memory of Albert Mandell.
Irving & Sylvia Swartz, in honor of Sylvia Swartz’s birthday Aliah.
Ron & Janice Weiner, in memory of Leslie Abadi.

CElia SchER HOlocaust Fund
Mark & Emily Greenberg, in honor of Irving Bienstock receiving the Shofar Award.
Lloyd Scher, yahrzeit of Dave Feingold.
Lloyd Scher, in memory of Leslie Abadi.

COURTYARD/GARDEN IN HONOR OF MURRAY EZRING, RABBI EMERITUS
Perry & Sue Tannenbaum, in memory of Marvin Barman.

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Michael & Denise Abadi, in appreciation of everything Temple Israel has meant for our family.
Bernard & Terri Ackerman, in memory of Olga Haima de Abadi and Leslie Abadi.
Bernard & Terri Ackerman, in memory of Ellis Levinson.
Les & Jackie Artman, in honor of Irving Bienstock receiving the Shofar Award.
Glenda & Brian Bernhardt, in honor of Milton Berkman’s birthday.
Sam & Nancy Bernstein, in memory of Ellis Levinson.
Dan Biber, in memory of Ellis Levinson.
Temple Israel gratefully acknowledges these donations made between November 1-December 31, 2020

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Dan Biber, in memory of Leslie Abadi.
Dorothy Blummer, in memory of Ruth Silverman.
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Audrey Borgenicht, in memory of Ellis Levinson.
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Peter & Susan Kolben, in honor of Addison Greenhagen becoming a Bat Mitzvah.
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Howard & Julie Levine, in memory of Ruth Silverman.
Malcolm & Elaine Levine, in memory of Ruth Silverman.
David & Judy Miller, in memory of Ellis Levinson.
Richard & Charlene Muller, yahrzeit of Marge Muller.
Gloria Reeves, in memory of Natalie Roach.
Gloria Reeves, in memory of Robin Becker.
Gloria Reeves, in memory of Olga Haime de Abadi.
Gloria Reeves, in memory of Marvin Barman.
Gloria Reeves, in memory of Ellis Levinson.
Dan & Toby Ruda, in memory of Ellis Levinson.
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Bob & Susan Salvin, in memory of Ellis Levinson.
Jerry & Linda Segal, yahrzeit of Albert Segal.
Norn & Dorothy Shapiro, in memory of Ellis Levinson.
Ronald Shapiro, in memory of Anita & Lawrence Shapiro.
Lynee & Morey Sheffer, in memory of Olga Haime de Abadi and Leslie Abadi.
Renee & Joseph Steiner, in honor of Audrey Madans receiving the Shofar award.
Renee & Joseph Steiner, in honor of Irving Bienstock receiving the Shofar award.
Berta Straz, in memory of Marvin Barman.
Berta Straz, in memory of Howard Winokur.
Berta Straz, in honor of Audrey Madans receiving the Shofar Award.
Berta Straz, in honor of Irving Bienstock receiving the Shofar Award.
Berta Straz, in wishing Sandra Goldman a Refuah Shleimah.
Berta Straz, in memory of Ellis Levinson.
Berta Straz, in memory of Edward Karp.
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David, Nancy & Michael Strunk, in memory of Olga Haime de Abadi and Leslie Abadi.
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Monty Bennett, in appreciation of Irving Bienstock and all he has done for Temple Israel.
Margi Goldstein, in wishing Audrey Madans a speedy recovery.
Margi Goldstein, in memory of Ellis Levinson.
Paul & June Hirschmann, in memory of Henry & Blanche Hirschmann.
William Scheiner, in honor of Irving Bienstock.

MADANS FAMILY SHIVAH FUND
Monty Bennett, in wishing Audrey Madans a Refuah Shleimah.
Monty Bennett, in appreciation of Audrey Madans and all she has done for Temple Israel.
Dan & Nancy Coblenz, wishing Audrey Madans a speedy recovery.
Stuart & Jodi Cohen, in honor of Audrey Madans receiving the Shofar Award.
Dana & Leslie Goldfarb, in memory of our beloved Ginger.
Debbi Goldich, in honor of Audrey Madans being honored at the Winter Concert.
Les & Mary Gordon, in honor of Audrey Madans’ birthday.
Mark & Emily Greenberg, in honor of Audrey Madans receiving the Shofar Award.
Steve & Sharon Hockfield, in honor of Audrey Madans’ birthday.
Robert Jacobson, in honor of Audrey Madans.
Robert Jacobson, in honor of Irving Bienstock.
Ellen Klein, in memory of Leslie Abadi.
Sara & Linda Levy, in honor of Audrey Madans’ birthday.
Audrey Madans, in memory of Ellis Levinson.
Audrey Madans, in memory of Marvin Barman.
Audrey Madans, in honor of Richard & Berry Zander’s new grandson, Alexander Isaac Relfkind.
Audrey Madans, in honor of Lewis Kaufmann to get well soon.
Audrey Madans, in wishing Roz Cooper to get well soon.
Regina Newman, in honor of Audrey Madans receiving the Shofar Award.
Patti Norcom, in wishing Audrey Madans a speedy recovery.
Hilary & Dan Rosenbaum, in honor of Audrey Madans receiving the Shofar Award.
Arthur & Terri Roth, in wishing Audrey Madans a speedy recovery.
Bob & Joyce Stoll, in wishing Audrey Madans a speedy recovery.
Bonnie Wallish, in memory of Maurice Wallish, Murray Fandal, Mildred Fandal, Abe Wallish and Mae Wallish.
Nora Wolf, in honor of Audrey Madans receiving the Shofar Award.

MEMBERSHIP OUTREACH FUND
Glenda & Brian Bernhardt, in memory of Ellis Levinson.
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Don & Shevi Herbstman, in memory of Olga Haime de Abadi.
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Mark & Jean Kirsch, in honor of Tammy Cohen’s birthday.
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Mark & Jean Kirsch, in honor of Dr. Robert & Mrs. Elsa Jacobson becoming great grandparents.
Mark & Jean Kirsch, in wishing Sam & Denyse Kirsch a healthy and happy 2021.

SENIOR RABBI’S TZEDAKAH FUND
Michael & Denise Abadi, in appreciation of Rabbi Wolk and everything he has done for them.
Leonard & Benna Berkowitz, yahrzeit of Cecile Berkowitz.
Ralph & Sonni Besnouy, in honor of Steven Weiner.
Ed & Roberta Bograd, in memory of Marvin Barman.
Ed & Roberta Bograd, in memory of Ellis Levinson.
Ed & Roberta Bograd, in honor of Audrey Madans receiving the Shofar Award.
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Jonathan & Tess Berger, in memory of Liselotte Kaufman.
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Arthur & Terri Roth, in memory of Leslie Abadi.
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Steve & Beth Stillitano, in memory of Leslie Abadi.
Jacob Vitale, in memory of Anna Fishman Vitale, our beloved Nana.

SUNDAY MORNING MINYAN BREAKFAST FUND
Barbara Herd, in memory of Leslie Abadi.
Barbara Herd, in memory of Olga Haimé de Abadi.
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Arthur & Terri Roth, in memory of Olga Haimé de Abadi.
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Jonathan & Tess Berger, in memory of Marvin Barman.
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- 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
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