YOM GEMILUT HASADIM
(A Day Performing Acts of Loving Kindness)

Sunday, January 20, 2019
(Martin Luther King, Jr. weekend)
9 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Join the Temple Israel community as people of all ages come together to perform acts of loving kindness through “hands on” mitzvah projects at Temple Israel. A wonderful opportunity for individuals and families to participate in mitzvah acts benefiting both the Jewish and broader Charlotte community, as we share in Tikkun Olam (repairing the world).

9 - 9:40 a.m. Sunday Morning Minyan (family-oriented)
9:40 - 10 a.m. Introduction and “Grab-n-Go” Breakfast
10 - 11:30 a.m. Mitzvah Acts

11:30 a.m. Lunch will be available for purchase, courtesy of Temple Israel Men’s Club

Tzedakah collected and proceeds from the purchase of lunch will benefit Temple Israel’s Social Action fund.

Community Blood Center of the Carolinas will be on-site from 9 a.m. until Noon. The Charlotte community is in a state of emergency and needs blood donations. Let’s step up and exceed the goal of 15 units. Each donated unit benefits three recipients.

Note: Donors must present a current, officially issued photo ID to donate.

To get involved in this exciting day, please contact Casey Topol, (980) 960-2382 (direct) or ctopol@templeisraelnc.org.
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DECEMBER

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2
Camp Ramah Darom Visit/Luncheon, 12:15 p.m.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4
Empty Nester’s Meet Up at Vintner’s Wine Market, 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5
Temple Israel Book Club, 7 p.m.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7
Torah Tots Hanukkah Celebration, 5:45 p.m.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8
TIRS Class Shabbat, featuring Kitah Vav, 9:30 a.m.
Jr. Congregation, 10:30 a.m.
Rosh Chodesh Study Session, 1 p.m.
Hanukkah Celebration & Dance, 6:15 p.m.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15
TI Youth: Night Out with Kadima Bonim, 6:15 p.m.
Torah on Tap: 5th Annual Vodkas & Latkes Party, 8 p.m.

JANUARY

SUNDAY, JANUARY 6
Kadma Bonim Board Meeting, 8:30 a.m.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 10
Torah on Tap: Tu B’Shvat at Good Road Ciderworks, 7:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 11
Torah Tots Service & Oneg, 5:45 p.m.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 12
Jr. Congregation, 10:30 a.m.
Rosh Chodesh Study Group, 1 p.m.
TI Youth: USY Gesher Mall Scavenger Hunt, 6 p.m.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 13
TI Youth: Mahar – Are you ready to catch some “Big Air”? 12:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 20
Yom Gemilut Hasadim, 9 a.m.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 25
TIRS Class Shabbat, featuring Kitah Dalet

SATURDAY, JANUARY 26
Jr. Congregation, 10:30 a.m.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 27
Social Club: Paid Up Membership Luncheon

“GOOD SCENTS”
Please be considerate of others who may be allergic, and refrain from using scented products when coming to services.

Handicap-accessible seating is available in the choir loft area of the Morris & Sylvia Speizman Sanctuary

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.

Thank you.

SERVICE & CANDLE LIGHTING TIMES

SHABBAT* SERVICE TIMES
Friday 6:15 p.m.
Saturday, 9:30 a.m.

MORNING MINYAN TIMES
Sunday, 9 a.m.
(Enjoy Breakfast with Chef Alan!)
Thursday, 7:30 a.m.
(w/Bagels, Coffee & Conversation)

EVENING MINYAN TIMES
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
December 7  4:53 p.m.
December 14  4:54 p.m.
December 21  4:57 p.m.
December 28  5:01 p.m.
January 4   5:07 p.m.
January 11  5:13 p.m.
January 18  5:19 p.m.
January 25  5:26 p.m.

WEEKLY EVENTS

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

TUESDAYS
Temple Israel Religious School – Weekday Class, 4:45 p.m.
Pirkei Avot, Ethics of our fathers, Noon

WEDNESDAYS
Torah Sparks, 12:30 p.m. (on hiatus until February 2019)
Temple Israel Religious School – Weekday Class, 5:15 p.m.

THURSDAYS
Exploring and Deepening Jewish prayer: with Cantor Lissek, Noon

SUNDAYS
Temple Israel Religious School, 9:30 a.m.

*If you would like an honor at Shabbat services, please contact the clergy office.
RABBI’S COLUMN
By Rabbi Murray Ezring

In just a few days, Temple Israel’s Family will gather together for our annual Hanukkah Celebration & Dance. The dance sponsored by our Men’s Club has become a perennial family favorite. The Festival of Hanukkah, based on the history related in the two Books of the Maccabees, is not a Biblical Festival ordained by God. It is a celebration commemorating the victory of a Judean Army lead by the Maccabees against the Selucid Greeks based in Assyria. It is the religious conflict between the Priests in Jerusalem and the rural Priests in the valleys and hills of ancient Israel. Families of priests striving against each other to see who will guide Israel, rule Jerusalem and be true to our covenant with God. It was also a battle between the Pagan families of the Greeks and the Monotheistic families of Judea.

In the Modern World, the small joyful holiday of Hanukkah has become the second most observed Jewish holiday in the calendar year. Many believe that the magnification of Hanukkah stems from its proximity to the winter holidays of Christendom. What better way is there to combat the opulence and commercialization of Christmas gifts than eight-upping them. When I was growing up, my neighbors lamented the fact that they received gifts only on one day, while I was given gifts for eight days.

Over time, I have experienced another very powerful motivation for the unbelievable growth and observance of Hanukkah. According to the Torah, from the conclusion of Sukkot/Shemini Atzeret until Pesach, there is no holiday that brings Jewish Families together for a significant time. Hanukkah, structured for eight days to parallel Sukkot, gives us the reason to spend time with our families during the darkest and coldest days of the year. Lighting candles reminds us that God will bring the sun and warmth back. Is it possible that the popularity of our Hanukkah Dance proves that we understand the importance of making family time throughout the year?

This year, Barbara and I will not be present for the frivolity and festivity of the TI Hanukkah Celebration & Dance. This year we will gather in Chicago to celebrate Hanukkah with our family. We will gather in Chicago to celebrate Hanukkah and the installation of our son Gil as Hazzan of Beth Judea Congregation in Long Grove, Illinois. After the Installation, we will enjoy the rest of my Sabbatical period travelling around the country, spending time with relatives we have not seen in a long time, and friends who are like family that we have not seen for a longer period. Our Hanukkah will last a little longer than the traditional eight days. While we will miss our family here in Charlotte, we will be renewing ties with family and friends who have brought great meaning to our lives.

We wish you all a very happy Hanukkah and look forward to seeing you all in 2019.

Hanukkah Sameach,
Rabbi Murray Ezring
CANTOR’S COLUMN
By Cantor Shira Lissek

Hanukkah, the “Festival of Lights”, is about creating light in the darkness, about being a light lamp to the world, both physically and metaphorically. On Hanukkah we light candles that shine from our windows outward to the world. These candles, the blessings tell us, are reminders of miracles that God performed for our ancestors long ago. Hanukkah is also the miracle of the human spirit because of the faith it took to light the menorah even though there wasn’t enough oil to last 8 days. We can experience the Hanukkah lights as a reminder of the divine light that is in Heaven and also within each of us. When we light the Hanukkah candles, we open ourselves to let their radiance shine inward to illumine and strengthen our spirits. With our inner spiritual lights burning brightly, we can illuminate the world and experience joy and peace.

Pirsumei nisah, publicizing the miracle, is the mitzvah of putting your Hanukkiah in a window or other public-facing place. We are not to keep our light to ourselves, but share it with everyone. The light of hope has the power to spread, from one person, one home, one community, to another. In the dark times of winter, we have the power to be there for one another, to stand up and be counted, to tell our neighbors, “you are not alone.” Imagine if everyone shared their light, their strength, and hope with each other. What a miracle that would be!

My friends Beth Styles and Cantor Deborah Katchko Gray wrote a beautiful song of peace, Shir Shalom, with the words:

Be the light of peace. Be the light of hope.
Be the light of spirit, a ner to the world.
Be the light of joy, be the light of faith,
be the light of healing, shir shalom.

Please join me to light candles together as a community on Saturday December 8 at 6:15 p.m. at our Annual “Hanukkah Celebration and Dance.”

MAHZORIM/HUMASHIM BOOKPLATES

Temple Israel is offering two different opportunities to honor your loved one(s) with the contribution of a prayer book or service accompaniment. Mahzor Lev Shalem is used each High Holy Day season and includes resources and commentary to deepen our community’s shared worship experiences.

The Etz Hayim Humash includes the Hebrew text and English translation of each Torah and Haftorah portion, providing a way to follow along during Shabbat, weekday and festival services, in addition to multiple commentaries and essays.

To honor your loved one(s) with a Mahzor or Humash, please complete an order form available at templeisraelnc.org or at Temple Israel in the kiosks or Clergy office and submit a $36 charitable donation per Mahzor and a $72 charitable donation per Humash.
PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

by David Rosenthal

Dear Congregational Family,

Giving thanks...

• I am over-joyed by the tremendous financial commitment and support demonstrated in donations exceeding $26,000 for our Kol Nidre Appeal and commitments exceeding $400,000 supporting Israel bonds. A special kudos to Dr. Andrew Kapustin for his down-to-earth rationale encouraging investments in Israel.

• Todah rabbah to Scott Schoenbrun for his inspiring words about Minyan; not only the importance of saying Kaddish, but also supporting our community members in a time of need. We have quite a bit of work to do on the Minyan attendance front. Please pick one day a week or one day a month when you commit to attend Minyan. Bring your family, friends and neighbors...be a Minyanaire!

• On October 14, 2018, the Jewish community came together, celebrated the 10th anniversary of The Butterfly Project and honored our very own Irving (and Lillian) Bienstock and Suly Chenkin. Irving is a rare, humane being perpetuating his family’s story, educating tens of thousands of people about the Holocaust, including a play based on his family and now a ballet. Take a moment to introduce yourself to learn about Irving’s story. Irving is omnipresent at services and board meetings, events and programs throughout the Charlotte community.

• A special thank you to Co-Chairs Peggy Gartner and Margie Goldstein, and all those involved in the amazing program commemorating the 80th Anniversary of Kristallnacht. We must learn about, remember, confront and perpetuate the memory of the Holocaust and anti-Semitism, paying tribute to all those who perished. A recent survey found that, “two-thirds of American millennials could not identify Auschwitz – the largest concentration camp where more than 1,000,000 Jewish humans were exterminated – and 22% said they had not heard of the Holocaust or are not sure whether they have heard of it.”

• Thank you for attending the installation service of Cantor Shira Lissek as our 13th cantor on October 28, 2018. A special thank you to Cantor Lissek for a wonderful afternoon of Jewish music featuring her friends, colleagues and mentors, Cantor Alisa Pomerantz-Boro, Cantor Azi Schwartz, Beth Styles, Cantor Laurie Akers, Cantor Leon Lissek (her father), and our own Monty Bennett.

• Please take a moment to wish Rabbi Ezring a fantastic sabbatical during the months of December 2018 and January 2019. As I mentioned during my Kol Nidre congregational address, we should be seeking the wisdom of Rabbi Ezring. We should use this time to appreciate Rabbi Ezring’s 25-year tenure at Temple Israel, to ask questions and pose challenges to him so we may have even a small chance to memorialize that which he has learned and found important over the years. Rabbi Ezring can offer great insight into what he has found to be essential elements in growing our kehillah into the thriving, successful community it is today.

Highlights ahead...

• Join us on December 8, 2018, 6:15 p.m. for our annual community Hanukkah celebration sponsored by Temple Israel’s Men’s Club and organized by Co-chairs by Jessica Weill and Jessica Cohen.

• Mark your calendars and plan on attending one of the following Community Forums presenting the same information and an update on the Senior Rabbi Search. These are scheduled on December 9, 18 and 19, 2018, on various days and times to accommodate your schedule.

• Join the Temple Israel community as people of all ages gather to perform acts of lovingkindness throughout the Charlotte community for our annual Yom Gemilut Hasadim day over Martin Luther King, Jr. weekend, Sunday, January 20, 2019. This is a wonderful opportunity to repairing the world, Tikkun Olam.

Chag urim sameach!

David
SENIOR RABBI SEARCH

Temple Israel’s search for a new Senior Rabbi is underway and off to a great start. Our Congregational Questionnaire was posted with the Rabbinical Assembly’s Placement Site in October and we have begun to receive applications from potential candidates. Members of the Search Committee are already interviewing applicants and our process includes both phone screens and Skype interviews, which will continue through December. Please plan to visit the Clergy Search Blog on Temple Israel’s website for more detailed updates about the search and new information about our progress, as it becomes available.

Finally, please plan to attend a Congregational Community Forum during the month of December. These will be an opportunity to receive an update on the search and share your feedback related to candidate interview weekends. These forums will cover the same information, so plan to attend the session that is most convenient to you. We look forward to seeing you!

CONGREGATIONAL COMMUNITY FORUM
- Sunday, December 9 (11 a.m.)
- Tuesday, December 18 (6:15 p.m.)
- Wednesday, December 19 (7:45 p.m.)

A Letter from Christ Lutheran Church

Brothers and Sisters,

With grieving hearts, we want to extend our sympathies to your congregation regarding the terrible attack at Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh on Saturday, October 27.

You are not alone in your grief. We are shocked and saddened that the Jewish people continue to be a target for hatred, prejudice, and violence. We join you in grieving for the senseless loss of life and we pray for peace and strength for your congregation, the Jewish Community in Pittsburgh, and Jewish people worldwide.

We pray that the God of Creation wraps His loving arms around you and that His embrace gives you strength, hope, and faith.

We know that our words alone cannot heal the pain and brokenness that you feel following such an unspeakable tragedy. It is our hope that our prayers for your community can help to sustain you in the days and weeks ahead and we would like to offer our assistance in any way you think we can help. If you need us, we are here.

With Love and Prayer,

The “Emerge” Sunday School Class and Pastor Drew Goodson
Christ Lutheran Church – Providence
ENGAGEMENT
By Monty Bennett,
Membership Director
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There is a story in the Talmud of a person wanting to convert to Judaism and asking Rabbi Shammai to explain the Torah to him while standing on one foot. Shammai rejected him and pushed him away with a measuring stick. The man then went to Rabbi Hillel asking for conversion and to explain the Torah while he was on one foot, so Hillel said “That which is despicable to you, do not do to your neighbor; that is the Torah, the rest is commentary, go and learn it.” Babylonian Talmud, Shabbat 31a.

Rabbi Tzvi Nightingale explains, “All of Judaism depends on the ability to view another person as real as one views one self. Understanding God’s word cannot begin without the realization that the person next to me is just as real as me; that another person travelling through life has the self-same experiences of love, pain, hurt and joy from the ups and downs and curveballs in life that I experience so intensely and seriously.” (Judaism’s Golden Rule, Aish HaTorah, April 28, 2018)

If we are to love our neighbors, we must do gemilut hasadim (works of loving kindness). According to Pirkei Avot 1:2, “the world rests upon three things: Torah, avodah, and gemilut hasadim.” How can we show love to our neighbors? Temple Israel has multiple opportunities to give to others. Social Action takes many forms and is a great (and often fun!) way to meet others within the synagogue family, while helping those in need. If we truly believe that everyone is created in the image of G-d, we have to act in a manner that expresses this. Rabbi Nightingale explains, “All of the Torah’s instructions for living rest on the ability to treat someone else as seriously as you would want another to treat you…”

It’s now time for us to go and learn (or act). Opportunities for showing our love to others can be found in Kol Yisrael or on the Temple Israel website. To give a hand to our programs, visit https://www.templeisraelnc.org/social-action and see where your help is needed.

INTRODUCING
SHULCLOUD

Temple Israel’s new integrated software program, including a membership database, secure website, enhanced mobile App, and email system.

MEMBERS ARE ABLE TO:
• Log into their accounts via the Temple Israel website to:
  - View and update member information
  - View account balances and make payments online
• Receive electronic statements, invoices and donation acknowledgements
• View and register for temple events directly from an enhanced website calendar
• Access their temple account and make secure donations from our mobile App

Questions? Need assistance?
Please contact Monty Bennett at (980) 960 2380 or mbennett@templeisraelnc.org

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

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

For more information, please contact Monty Bennett at (980) 960-2380.
LIFE EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OUR CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILIES OF:

- Joe Badt, father of Nancy (Samuel) Bernstein and Joe Badt, Jr.
- Adelene Tocman, mother of Howard and Cynthia Tocman, and grandmother of Jacob, Sam, and Sarah Tocman.
- Joyce Dubin Hinkes, wife of Eric Hinkes; sister of Adina Dubin Barkinskiy, Adam Pesach Dubin, and David Chaim Dubin.
- Albert Jacobson, father of Berry (Richard) Zander, Michael (Barbara Frank) Jacobson, and Steve (Nancy) Jacobson; grandfather of Karen (Jason) Spiegler, Nicki (Eric) Tamarkin, Rachel Zander, Sam Jacobson, Rose Jacobson, and Sarah Jacobson; great grandfather of Benjamin, Ethan, Sarina, Samira, and Asher; brother of Florence Rosenburg; uncle and great uncle to many nieces and nephews.
- Sheila Levenkrone Weiser, sister of Louise Roth.
- Steven Leonard Saltzmann, husband of Barbara Saltzmann; father of Dr. Robert (Michelle) Saltzmann, Andrew Saltzmann, and Brian (Pamela) Saltzmann; brother of Karen (Marc) Shoemaker; and grandfather of Lacie Saltzmann and Miles Saltzmann.

BIRTHS

- Ariel & Mark DiDonato joyfully welcomed the arrival of a baby boy, Evan Mark DiDonato. He joins proud big sister Isabella and proud grandparents, Cynthia & Jeffrey Mackvick (Clayton, NC) and Kristine & Raymond DiDonato (Huntersville, NC).
- Brian & Annie Goldsmith joyfully welcomed the arrival of a baby girl, Sydney Esther Goldsmith. Proud big brother is Jonah, and proud grandparents include Mark & Lina Goldsmith and Howard & Debby Herzog.

MAZEL TOV

- Andy & Tammy Cohen and Mark & Lynn Angelson of New York have great pleasure in announcing the engagement of their children Max Cohen and Jessica Tsipe Angelson.

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.
2018 GIVING

How Changes to the US Tax Code May Impact Your Charitable Donations

The 2018 calendar year is coming to a close. The Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (TCJA), enacted in December 2017, made major changes in the tax code that may mean you should consider some new strategies related to charitable giving patterns. The following information about the specifics of the TCJA and strategies you could use to maximize the impact of charitable giving is courtesy of Mitchell Smilowitz, Chief Executive Officer of the Joint Retirement Board for Conservative Judaism, and David M. Reff, CPA.

You may have heard (or think) that charitable donations are no longer deductible. This is not the case. However, in order for charitable donations to be deductible, you must have enough overall deductions to ensure that your itemized deductions exceed your designated standard deduction as outlined in TCJA.

This standard deduction amount was increased to $12,000 for individuals and $24,000 for couples filing jointly (and $26,600 if both are 65 or older). Here are some things to consider as you determine whether it will be advantageous to itemize your deductions this year:

- How much have you paid in out-of-pocket medical expenses in 2018? You can itemize medical expenses that exceed 7.5% of your Adjusted Gross Income (AGI).
- Do you have a mortgage? Check with your tax professional to learn how much of your mortgage interest qualifies for a deduction.
- How much have you paid in State and Local Taxes (SALT)? The TCJA placed a cap of $10,000 on these deductions.
- What is the value of your charitable donations related to your AGI (include everything - donations of clothes, toys, cars, etc., as well as cash contributions)?

You will need to consult with your tax professional to determine at what point your charitable contributions will become tax deductible, should you itemize. Your individual situation (including income, level of SALT taxes, size of your mortgage and related interest, and medical expenses) will determine this.

Here are some potential strategies to consider related to charitable giving, based on the TCJA:

- If you do not think you will have enough deductions to itemize this year, consider grouping your charitable donations in certain years so that you are able to get some tax benefits in some years. At Temple Israel, we would be happy to help you with a multi-year membership commitment so that you can pay for more than one year at a time.
- If you do not already have a Donor Advised Fund, consider establishing one as a way to group your donations. Phil Warshauer at the Foundation for the Charlotte Jewish Community would be happy to help you with this.
- If you are 70½ or older, and you have a taxable IRA, you can make a distribution to charitable organizations up to the amount of your required minimum distribution (not to exceed $100,000) and this does not have to be reported as income.
- If you have an IRA or 401K plan, consider naming Temple Israel as the beneficiary or contingent beneficiary of your retirement plan. This does not require a trip to an attorney and can simply be accomplished by filling out a form.

If you would like to discuss any of the above charitable giving options, or anything else related to potential donations to Temple Israel, please contact Glenda Bernhardt, Executive Director.

*The information above should not be considered tax or legal advice. Please consult your tax professional or attorney to discuss your specific situation.*
LIVE STREAMING of Shabbat Services

Live Streaming of Shabbat Services, and select special events, is now available on the Temple Israel website. Visit the Quick Links section of our home page.

This program is funded (in part) with a grant from BJH Foundation.

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

TORAH TOTS, Temple Israel’s high-energy Shabbat program for families with preschoolers, typically takes place twice a month. Join Temple Israel along with Miss Nancy as we welcome in Shabbat on the second Friday evening of each month with songs, prayers and movement followed by a healthy, bountiful Kiddush snack.

Additionally, special programs are offered throughout the year. For more information, visit templeisraelnc.org or pick up a Torah Tots calendar in the kiosk.

SHABBAT SERVICE AND ONEG – HANUKKAH CELEBRATION
Friday, December 7 (5:45 p.m.)

SHABBAT SERVICE AND ONEG
Friday, January 11 (5:45 p.m.)

PAJAMADALLA
Saturday, February 2 (5 p.m.)

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 (980) 960-2380.
By Rabbi Helene Kornsgold, Director of Congregational Education

A couple of weeks ago we celebrated Thanksgiving and many of us spent the day with family and friends offering thanks for the blessings we have in life. This is wonderful, but we need to have an attitude of gratitude for more than one day a year. What does it mean to be truly thankful for something or someone?

In life, there are certain things we take for granted, like the action of breathing. We take in good air and exhale the bad air. It is something we do naturally, without even thinking much about it. Even the action of our daily bodily functions, we seem to take care of without much thought. However, even something so regular actually requires a little thanks to God. The prayer, Asher Yatzar, is a blessing recited in the preliminary Shabbat service, as well as after the discharge of bodily functions. In our building, I have often seen our students reading this blessing and trying to make sense of it (the blessing is on the bathroom doors of the hallways we share with CJDS). The blessing of thanksgiving tells of the wonders of the body and the revival of our physical health and is quoted in the Talmud, in the name of Abaye. The entire blessing is based on the biblical verses in Exodus 15:6 and Judges 13:19.

Two different versions in the text describe the many orifices and vessels in the body. Ashkenazim say, “If but one of these be opened, or if one of these be closed, it would be impossible to exist in Your Presence”. Sephardim reverse the order and first say “closed” and then “opened”. Whichever version is recited, it is for the sole purpose of thanking God for giving us the ability to function each and every day. Without this ability, we would not exist.

You find this prayer in the siddur at the beginning of the morning service. Its placement there serves as a reminder to us to be thankful from morning onward. This should also remind us that not everyone is as thankful as we are at this time of year. As you light the Hanukkah menorah each night, think about ways you can bring light into the world. There are many adults and children who do not have enough food to eat on a daily basis. During this holiday season please think about bringing in food items to stock the shelves of the JFS pantry or gifts for them to give out to children during Christmas. By raising funds and making donations of food, books and toys, we can fulfill the mitzvah of Gemilut Hassadim, engaging in acts of loving kindness. In doing so, we can have a small hand in helping to repair the world.

Sufganiyot, jelly doughnuts, are my favorite treat to eat on Hanukkah. Check out the recipe below to make your own delicious sufganiyot this year:

1. Mix water, sugar, juice and yeast. Let stand 10 minutes.
2. Melt margarine and add to yeast mixture
3. Beat in egg and salt
4. Add flour. Mixing and kneading by hand to form a soft dough. Let dough rise 1 ½ hours
5. Roll dough ¼ inch think and cut out 2-inch circles
6. Let circles rise ½ hour
7. Deep fry in vegetable oil at 400 degrees for about 3 minutes, turning once
8. Pipe jelly into center of doughnuts
9. Roll in powdered sugar

Enjoy!
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.

CAMP RAMAH DAROM VISIT LUNCH
(All Camp Age Kids)
Sunday, December 2 (12:15 p.m.)
Please join us to learn about Camp Ramah Darom, in the Leon and Sandra Levine Social Hall. There will be pizza, salad, and brownies along with a presentation from Rachel Dobbs Schwartz, the assistant director at Camp Ramah Darom. For parents with kids in TIRS, please meet in the TIRS lobby. We will be walking as a group over to the Temple directly after carpool.

NIGHT OUT WITH KADIMA BONIM AT SPORTS CONNECTION
(All 6th-7th Graders)
Saturday, December 15 (6:15-8:30 p.m.)
Join your friends for a night out at Sports Connection for havdalah, bowling, laser tag and arcade time. Drop-off/Pick-up at Sports Connection (11611 Ardrey Kell Rd.)
Cost: $20/TI-Y Members; $25/Non-Members. RSVP by Wednesday, December 12 at templeisraelnc.org.

USY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION
(All 8th-12th Graders)
Sunday, December 23 --Thursday, December 27
Join the USY movement in North America for an exciting convention in Orlando, FL which will include: inspiring speakers, meeting other Jewish teens from across North America, Shabbat with Seaboard USY, a trip to Universal Studios, a day of volunteering in the Greater Orlando area, reunions with friends from USY Summer Experience and Ramah Camps, a pre-convention with Synagogue Emanu-El in Charleston, SC, and so much more!
For more information, email Alan Johnathan at ajohnathan@templeisraelnc.com or call 704-944-6772.

USY GESHER MALL SCAVENGER HUNT
(All 8th-12th Graders)
Saturday, January 12 (6-7:45 p.m.)
Join USY Gesher and your friends for a mall scavenger hunt! We will start the night with Havdalah and head into the South Park Mall for our photo scavenger hunt. We will finish the evening with ice-cream or pretzel bites and prizes for the winning team.
$7/TI-Y members; $10/non-members. Drop-off and Pick-up at @ South Park Mall food court RSVP by Wednesday, January 9 @ templeisraelnc.org.

MAHAR - GET READY TO CATCH SOME “BIG AIR”!
(All 3rd & 5th Graders)
Sunday, January 13 (12:30-3:30 p.m.)
Join Mahar and your friends as we catch some Big Air for a fun afternoon of jumping, dodgeball, climbing, and more! Bring a packed dairy lunch. $15/TI-Y members; $20/non-members. Drop-off and Pick-Up @ TIRS Building. RSVP by Wednesday, January 9 @ templeisraelnc.org.

YOUTH GROUP LEADERSHIP MEETING:
Kadima Bonim Leadership Council (6th & 7th Grades)
• Sunday, January 6, 8:30-9:15 a.m., at TIRS Building

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.
(Young Professionals)

For more information or to RSVP for any event, email torahontapclt@gmail.com. Be sure to put the name of the program in the subject line. If you would like to be added to Torah on Tap’s email listserv, email Alan Johnathan at ajohnathan@templeisraelnc.org.

5TH ANNUAL VODKAS & LATKES
Saturday, December 15 – 8 p.m.
Location: Camden Gallery Clubhouse
(1750 Camden Rd., Charlotte 28203)
Join Torah on Tap and Moishe House Charlotte as we cram eight crazy nights into one fun celebration of Hanukkah. We’re hosting our 5th Annual Vodkas & Latkes Party for Jewish Young Professionals. Further details to be provided soon!

TU B’SHVAT @ GOOD ROAD CIDERWORKS
Thursday, January 10 – 7:30 p.m.
Location: Good Road CiderWorks
(117 Southside Dr., Charlotte 28217)
Join us for drinks at Good Road Ciderworks in celebration of Tu B’Shvat, the New Year of the Trees! This is a free event and registration is not required. Light appetizers will be provided.

YOM GEMILUT HASADIM
Sunday, January 20 - 10 a.m.
Location: Temple Israel
Join Torah on Tap as we join the broader Jewish community to participate in Temple Israel’s Yom Gemilut Hasadim event. We will be participating in mitzvah acts throughout the day! More details to follow.

Members of Torah on Tap participated in a “Give Back and Give Thanks Scavenger Hunt” in November, and collected food donations for Charlotte Rescue Mission.

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 Ariel DiDonato at (704) 944-6772. Or, visit templeisraelnc.org and go to “Sponsorships & Naming Opportunities” under Quicklinks.

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Please contact Monty Bennett, membership director, at the Temple office or by email at mbennett@templeisraelnc.org.
Social Action
FALL ROUND-UP

Over the past two months, Social Action has been knee-deep in projects and initiatives that better not only the Temple Israel community but the Charlotte community at large:

ON THE TABLE CLT - Thanks to the Jewish Federation of Greater Charlotte and Simmons YMCA for their planning of this year’s On The Table CLT lunch. We had some great conversations and look forward to many more in the future. We are excited to work with the Simmons YMCA to bring members of both communities together for a series of joint Equity Impact Circle conversations. We look forward to sharing more of this with you in the near future.

HOUSING BOND REFERENDUM - Thanks to the work of many volunteers and advocates beyond TI. The Housing Bond Referendum (affordable housing), passed on November 6th (Election Day). Thanks to Linda Levy for spreading the word during Shabbat Kiddush in the months of October and November.

MEN’S SHELTER OF CHARLOTTE (Statesville Ave) - A great turnout of volunteers participated in the first of two holiday volunteer opportunities for the Men’s Shelter of Charlotte (Statesville Ave). People cooked a delicious dinner in the Temple Israel kitchen, sorted needed items including clothing and toiletries, wrote cards for the holidays and served the meal to the men at the shelter. Special thanks to Jonathan Berger for his hard work in making this such a success.

Upcoming: We look forward to seeing you on Monday, December 24 (Christmas Eve) for our next and final volunteer opportunity of 2018.

To volunteer, please contact Jonathan Berger (bergertisa@gmail.com or 707-995-1732)

HUNTINGTOWNE FARMS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL - In October we held a fantastic Book-A-Palooza event for K-3rd graders at Huntingtowne Farms Elementary School (HFES). With help from our own volunteers, Read Charlotte and Scholastic, we gave away hundreds of free books to kids at HFES. Children were able to “shop” for three free books (based on their reading level) and take some time to hear a story or curl up with a book on their own. We look forward to many more opportunities working with this great school!

Upcoming: Mrs. Brittany Maxwell, HFES Principal, will speak at Shabbat services December 15. Stay tuned for information regarding our annual holiday drive for HFES families.

During the Charlotte Jewish Preschool Book Fair, the Mitzvah Book Bin (special value titles) will be available near the cash register (Dec 3-7 in the CJP lobby) to purchase books for HFES. For more information please check our website and social media accounts.

Looking to volunteer at HFES? Contact Linda Levy (levollie@aol.com | 704-366-6362) for information on what options are available, based on the school’s immediate needs, for volunteering.

BLESSINGS IN A BACKPACK - Thank you to all those who continue to give to Blessings in a Backpack, but we still NEED more volunteers to help pack bags. Temple Israel volunteers provide food to children in need at HFES every weekend throughout the school year. Please consider holding a drive of your own.

Looking for a B’nai Mitzvah project? This is perfect! For questions or to get involved, contact Debbie Porter (porterdeb@yahoo.com or 704-737-9004).

Upcoming: We will be packing bags for Blessings in a Backpack on Yom Gemilut Hasadim, January 20. Please mark your calendars!

ROOM IN THE INN - Temple Israel, Temple Beth El and the Levine JCC partner with the Urban Ministry Center to provide shelter and food for homeless people during the winter months (Dec-Mar). To volunteer this winter, visit this sign-up genius link to register: http://bit.ly/RoomInTheInn2018_2019

YOM GEMILUT HASADIM - To get involved with the planning of Yom Gemilut Hasadim, please reach out to Casey Topol (ctopol@templeisraelnc.org). In order to serve on this committee, you will need to be available on January 20.
So far the year 5779 has been great for Women of Temple Israel. Our opening event, Nosh, Cook and Kibbitz in the Sukkah was a tremendous success. The Temple Sukkah was filled with women of all ages. After a delicious dinner and Havdalah led by Cantor Lissek, we headed into the Social Hall to bake mini lemon loaves. After mixing the premeasured ingredients, under the guidance of Master Chef Rochelle Wilensky, the loaves were brought into the kitchen to bake and we returned to the sukkah to eat lemon loaves that had been baked in advance. Everybody had a loaf to take home and the rest were put into the freezer for use by the Caring Committee. 10% of the evening’s proceeds went towards our project: DIGNITY.

For me, the best part of the evening was the intermingling of ages. Women in their 20’s and 30’s ate and baked with women in their 60’s and beyond. This has been our goal; to truly represent all the women of Temple Israel. Our hope is that even more women will continue to join us for future events. Our membership has increased by 23% since last year!!!

By the way, as you’ll see in Hilary Rosenbaum’s article, WoTI’s Social Action Committee is off to a flying start. Congratulations to Hilary, Gail and all their committee members for successfully reaching half their goal, to assist abused women. They are not done yet, so it’s not too late to join in the effort.

We have not only been cooking, eating and doing Social Action this year. In September, a group of interested women met to discuss what the High Holy Days mean to us. This was an informal, lay-lead conversation with no right or wrong answers and the 12 of us attendees came away knowing each other a little bit better. By the way, this was based on a program devised by Reboot. We used some of their materials and will continue with similar conversations as holidays or situations arise.

On November 29 we continue the Nosh, Cook and Kibbitz series with a Hanukah theme. As this article is written in advance I can’t tell you how it went, but with Janice Zacks as Master Chef, what could be bad?

In closing, I want to congratulate Karen Brodsky, Torah Fund Chair, for raising over $5,300 for Torah Fund as of October 3. Thanks to all for your generosity, and thanks to Karen for all her efforts.

Shellie Barer
President
Women of Temple Israel

project: DIGNITY

Our committee comprising of Sharon Taubman, Debbi Moore, Sandy Altshuler, Emily Greenberg and Kathy Warshaw along with our President, Shellie Barer, worked tirelessly to fulfill half of our goal to search, reach out and request the various products for our first packing that occurred on Sunday, September 30 at the Temple.

We reached out to members of WoTI, our congregation and friends to help us pack duffel bags that day for our beneficiaries: Safe Alliance and the Salvation Army of Good Hope. We had so many wonderful volunteers who completed this hefty task within 2 hours! The bags were packed with new items to be given to women who fled domestic violence relationships and will stored in their locations for future support of the victims of such acts.

We are so proud of all our volunteers as well as donors who also brought about this wonderful day.

We will be accepting donations starting this January for our spring packing to fulfill our goal of 300 DIGNITY duffels.

Our Social Action committee is planning ahead for future social action projects as well as accepting new WoTI committee members.

Contact Hilary Rosenbaum (dhrose4@gmail.com) or Gail Halverson (normandgail14@gmail.com) for more information or ideas you might have for the committee.

Listed on the next page are our wonderful volunteers and amazing donors. We are so grateful for all their support!

Yours –
Hilary and Gail - Social Action Chairs

WoTI Social Action is extremely appreciative of Joe Farrell (President, Quality Data Systems) and his team for kindly donating duffels in support of project: DIGNITY and Safe Alliance.
We want to thank the following volunteers, individual and business donors who have made an impact on this project as of September 30, 2018. We are so grateful for your support and your contributions have made an impact on the project!

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Meg Goldstein
Sarah Grossman
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Jodi Wind

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Hilary Rosenbaum
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MEN’S CLUB
We are pleased to finish 2018 with the annual Temple Israel Hanukkah Celebration and Dance (co-sponsored by the Men’s Club). In particular I wish to thank our Committee co-chairs Jessica Weill and Jessica Cohen whose diligent efforts and organization were critical to holding this much-loved event. Thanks also to all the committee members and people who have given of their time, along with the donors of the raffle prizes, which add another layer of fun to the evening.

As we begin a new calendar year, our Board of Directors is busy evaluating the surveys that many of you sent us and are discussing new programs based on your input. We are also planning a number of our regular programs, so please mark your calendars:

WORLD WIDE WRAP
Sunday, February 3

ANSHEI DAROM (MEN OF THE SOUTH) RETREAT AT CAMP RAMAH
Friday, February 15 – Sunday, February 17

MEN’S CLUB SHABBAT
Saturday, April 6

Finally, the biennial FJMC Convention will take place in Toronto, Canada this year in mid-July. Our own Rich Freiberg is on their marketing committee, so please feel free to ask him (or me) any questions you may have. We would love for you to join us!

Michael J Abadi, President
Abadim7470@aol.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.

Thank you to all of our previous sponsors.

Reserve your space in Temple Israel’s history in 5779. Purchase a pasuk (verse), aliyah or parsha corresponding to a Bar or Bat Mitzvah, anniversary, birthday or any other simcha. Or purchase an entire book. Visit templeisraelnc.org or contact Monty Bennett for more information.
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 $20.00 per person for the calendar year.

The Social Club had some very interesting events this fall. We attended the musical, “Music of the Night: The Music of Andrew Lloyd Webber at CPCC. We supported the community commemoration of the 80th anniversary of KRISTALLNACHT, held at Temple Israel.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

ANNUAL HANUKKAH LUNCHEON
Sunday, December 9 (12:30 p.m.)
Please join the Social Club at their annual Hanukkah Luncheon (Leon and Sandra Levine Social Hall). Come and enjoy a lavish holiday meal including “Lots of Latkes”. Our own Cantor Shira Lissek will entertain us with a special Hanukkah musical program. Price: $20/members and $24/non-members and guests.

ANNUAL PAID-UP MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON
Sunday, January 27 (12:30 p.m.)
You won’t want to miss our Annual Paid Up Membership Luncheon (Leon and Sandra Levine Social Hall)! Come for a delicious lunch and an enjoyable afternoon spent socializing with friends. Our guest speaker will be Dr. Tom Hanchett, an expert on Charlotte’s History. He will be sharing with us information about “The Most Interesting Street in Charlotte.” To find out which street it is, you will need to attend.

Cost: Free for 2019 paid up members and $20 for guests.

For more information about the Ti Social Club, contact co-presidents:
Ruth Goldberg (704) 366-8903 or Irving Bienstock (704) 542-0094.
LIFELONG LEARNING

PIRKEI AVOT, ETHICS OF THE FATHERS
Tuesdays, beginning December 4 (Noon-1 p.m.)
Join Rabbi Kornsgold as we explore Pirkei Avot, Ethics of The Fathers. This section of the Mishna (which was authored in the third century C.E.) is one of the most fundamental works of the Jewish Oral Law. Please contact the Clergy office with any questions.

EXPLORING AND DEEPENING JEWISH PRAYER: WITH CANTOR LISSEK
Thursdays, beginning December 6 (Noon-1 p.m.)
In this class, we’ll unpack and study the structure and meaning of Jewish liturgy. We’ll explore both communal, liturgical engagement as well as individual prayer expression including honest discussions about the rewards and challenges of each, in order to deepen and enrich our prayer experiences.

SPECIAL EVENTS

EMPTY NESTERS: MEET UP AT VINTER’S WINE MARKET
Tuesday, December 4 (7 p.m.)
Join the Empty Nesters for a casual dinner, wine or beer at Vintner’s Wine Market (8128 Providence Road), in the Arboretum Shopping Center. No reservations needed.

TEMPLE ISRAEL BOOK CLUB
Wednesday, December 5 (7 p.m.)
All are welcome to join us this month as we discuss Waking Lions, by Ayelet Gundar-Goshen. Winner of the Jewish Quarterly Wingate Prize and a New York Times notable book of 2017, Gundar-Goshen’s gripping novel narrates the aftermath of Israeli surgeon’s accidental killing of an Eritrean migrant.
Copies of Waking Lions are available at the public and Jewish Library and may be purchased on-line for under $15. For additional information contact Linda Levy (704-366-6362 or levyollie@aol.com).

PRANSKY CAMP RAMAH SCHOLARSHIP
The purpose of the Pransky Scholarship Fund is to provide financial assistance that will enable children of Temple Israel members, enrolled in the Temple Israel Religious School and meeting 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 1, 2019
“As Jewish people we have experienced quite a bit of trouble, correct? What with pogroms, inquisitions, the Holocaust, the seemingly never-ending parade of anti-Semitism around the world. It is a miracle we are a thriving civilization!

Wouldn’t it be ironic, if, in the end, the Jewish people disappear, not because of war and hatred, but because of... well.... plain old lack of interest? Oy... imagine the Jewish guilt. Jewish wisdom done well can be vital to living a full and joyful life but sometimes our messaging is stale. It’s time for a refresh, an open mind about Judaism and its practice...starting with the New Ten Commandments.

I. Honor those who are Jewish by choice and those willing to let Judaism permeate their lives and the lives of their children. Hug them, kiss them, and for God’s sake, make them feel welcome! This is the first because it might very well be the most important new commandment. When someone chooses Judaism, we should be thrilled!

II. Jewish Grandchildren: You want them, right? Then raise your children to be Jewish. Children do not decide religion; parents do. No matter who you marry, decide ahead of time that the kids will be brought up in a Jewish household. Wishy-washy will get your children joining a church or just not considering themselves Jewish. If the thought of being invited to your grandchild's baptism troubles you, do something about it now!

III. Belief In God Is Not Required: Enough with Jews opting out because they "don't believe in God." You don't need to believe in God to be Jewish. Meaningful Judaism can be about values, tradition, culture and community.

IV. Get to Israel: It is your responsibility to take your family to Israel unless you really cannot afford it. If I have to talk to another wealthy mother about how much her daughter enjoyed Birthright, I am going to vomit. A family who goes on a safari in Africa and ski trips to Vail but still hasn't brought the children to Israel should be embarrassed. Please don't get huffy about this. I know all of the Birthright arguments and I don't care. Sending your children to Israel on Birthright's dime when you don't have to is comparable to going to the food pantry for a meal when you could afford to buy it. If you insist on Birthright, then at least give them a large donation to pay for your child's trip. By the way, Israel is not scary. Israel is one of the safest places to travel. What is scary is the thought of the Middle East without Israel.

V. End Boring Synagogue: I have attended and practically slept through so many Bar/Bat mitzvah services wondering not why we are losing so many Jews but why we aren't losing more. C'mon Rabbis [and Cantors]! We are counting on you, and many of you are badly failing us. Be creative, be humorous, and be spiritual. Did you hear about the evangelical church in Corpus Christi where they gave away cars, bikes and televisions to people just for coming to Easter Services? I bet you rolled your eyes. I did, too — until I watched the service on YouTube. It was fun, invigorating, inspiring! I stopped rolling my eyes.

VI. Give Philanthropy to Jewish Causes: There are millions of non-Jews giving to the United Way, cancer research and Duke University. While a basic Jewish value is to improve the world [Tikkun Olam], it would be nice if Jews could improve the Jewish world, too. More than 80% of Jewish philanthropy goes to non-Jewish causes. This is embarrassing. Jews need to give to Jewish causes too! We are the ONLY ones who will support our own. By the way, we can teach this commandment early. When a child is having a Bar or Bat mitzvah, many children, in lieu of gifts, are asking guests to donate to their chosen mitzvah project. This is great, and while mitzvah projects are good, Jewish/Israel Mitzvah projects are far better. This is a Jewish child celebrating a Jewish lifecycle event; raising money for the Red Cross or cutting their hair for Locks for Love is not exactly taking care of their own. At least half of the project and gift money should be for Jewish and Israel organizations.

VII. Do Your Jewish With Others: Judaism is a communal religion and is difficult to do solo. If you are not a congregant of a synagogue but march in twice a year expecting to enjoy it, you will always feel like a disappointed outsider. If you don't have a Jewish community, find one! Jews often have a strong connection with each other. Use it. Judaism is like most things in this world, you get back what you put in!

VIII. Shabbat: Friday night is family Shabbat, period! It doesn't matter if you cook a chicken or order in a pizza. But light the candles, make a blessing over wine and challah, bless your children. If you don't have challah, make a blessing over a pretzel. Stay home and make at least part of your Friday evening a family night. Will your teenagers sometimes hate you for ruining their lives as you make them miss Friday-night dances, football games and sleepovers? Yes. Deal with it! We all have heard the statistics on how family dinner makes for healthier families. Many of our non-Jewish friends are envious we have a built-in family night in our tradition.

IX. Jewish Education: This will not come as a shock, but I didn't like Hebrew school. Neither did my children. But, you don't become Jewish because of osmosis. You need to learn something about our teachings, texts, history, culture and heritage, and it is quite intriguing! There are wonderful modern educators who are thinking about ways to better teach Judaism. Give religious education another try [Temple Israel Religious School or Hebrew High Charlotte]. Chances are, you will be pleasantly surprised.

X. Get Rid of the "Bad Jew" Stigma: If I had a nickel for every person who sheepishly told me they were a bad Jew. We Jews do have a terrible way of one-upping each other's Jewish practices. Like, when someone asks: "You eat shrimp?" or "You can't read Hebrew?" with a judgmental smirk. "Well, yeah, what if I do eat shrimp and can't read Hebrew, but am still the best Jew around?" Who elected the kosher or Hebrew police as the gatekeepers of our tradition? No one! By the way, observant Jews don't want this responsibility anyway. They don't mean to ostracize less observant Jews, they often don't understand how to be more welcoming. We each need to practice our Judaism in our own way AND we need to find meaning in it.

That's it folks! You will probably take issue with one commandment or another. Of course you do. But remember: we are a people in crisis and we need to act like it! Check the wedding announcements if you don't believe me.”
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Steven Zacks  
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Lillian Buller | **JANUARY 7** | Linda Roochvarg  
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Gali Socolovsky-Hull  
Bill Kwiatkowski | **JANUARY 21** | Asher Weiner  
Ava Shraga  
Lorrie Horn | **JANUARY 22** | Harold Rousso  
Ronald Kahn  
Noa Moskowitz  
Howard Kushner | **JANUARY 23** | Ruben Sidranski  
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Ed & Debora Pizer

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Richard & Marci Willenzik

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Mark & Emily Greenberg

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Steven & Nikki Sacks

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Arnold & Rosemary Zulman
Richard & Arlene Sweet

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Donald & Susan Jacobs

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Allan S. & Marcelle Oxman

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Nicki Fisher & Jonathan Gould
Richard & Annette Gross
Lawrence & Stephanie Seithlin

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Zigmund & Mindy Stern

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Saul & Martha Brenner

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Jonathan & Tess Berger
Anne & Barry Mendelson

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Michael & Meredith Baumstein
Milton & Arlene Berkman

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Mattye & Marc Silverman

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Samuel & Nancy Bernstein
Robert & Eva Stark

DECEMBER 30
Andrew & Susan Shure

DECEMBER 31
Warren & Debra Binnick

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Larry & Tracy Brown

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Seth & Monique Werner

JANUARY 8
Mikhail & Alla Mogilevsky

JANUARY 9
Evian & Geneva Boxer
Robert & Stacey Selkin
Ilya & Natalya Volynsky

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Brian & Marni Rudick

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Jason & Rebecca Dranove

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Bruce & Louise Kantor

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Michael & Denise Abadi

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Lawrence & Dionne Sands

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Jeffrey & Myra Brinn

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Samuel & Abbe Greenfield

JANUARY 28
Gerald & Minna Aronoff

JANUARY 29
Richard & Barbara Herd
Robert & Michelle Saltzmann

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CAMP RAMAH SCHOLARSHIP FUND
Camp Ramah Darom, located in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains in Georgia, offers kids a unique summer camp filled with adventure and fun rooted in a strong foundation of Jewish learning. This fund helps religious school students attend Camp Ramah.
MAY THEIR MEMORIES BE A BLESSING

*Denotes a plaque

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Sidney Seff*
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Magdalena Vero
Fern Dunn Krebs*
Marnie Tolochko*
Richard Earl Krebs*
Milton Steinberger*
Fred Stern*
Louis Levy*
Schmuel Fuchs*
Margaret Carlton
Ben Bruck*
Mordecai Mendel Mazursky*
Alan Rose
Vera Weisman*
William Aaron Estroff*
Ben Bruck*
Dora Davis*
Jenny Baicovitz
Lillie Lubin Davis*
Sol Richmond
June Miller
Sam Brenner
Philip Widis*
Charles Leighton
Kolman Sutker*
Janice Levine
Yitzchok Assic ben Asher Zelig v'Sura
David Levinson
Leonora Lewin*
Lore Schiftan
Myer Ashendorf*
Ann Jennes
Michael Furst*
Beatrice Kantor*
Ida Marcia Brodsky
Louis Brownstein*
Marlyn Belden
Brenda Meltsner
Abe Wallsh
Doris Fligel*
Morris Goodman*
Hannah Schwartz*
Albert J. Cohn*
Eugene Sweet
David Brenner
Mollie Goldfarb*
Lena Schultz Lebovitz*
Cheryl Ann Pepper*

Florence Reese Perlin*
William Pizer*
Benjamin Schwartz*
Lottie Mottiman*
Jeffrey Aronoff
Howard Seff*
Faye Tanelbaum Liling
Fannie Cohen
Schwartz*
Harry Murnick*
Emma Bachenheimer*
Sue Warshawer
Sylvia Kronovet*
Saul Levin
Samuel H. Kornstein*
Max Fischman*
Shirley Waserman*
Lucille W. Taylor
Gesya Libman
Helen Bernhardt*
Herbert G. Roskind*
Benjamin Kushner
William Joseph Paul*
Hilda Sulman
Paula Kipnis
Rachel Harris*
Celia Schmaling*
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Binem Shraga
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Norman Schoenbrun*
Sherwin Palmer*
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Paul Bradlow
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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 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/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 Rousse Purim Endowment Fund
- To provide Purim programs and celebrations

Ettie & Louis Greenspoon Senior Citizen Endowment Fund
- To provide senior activity programs

Harold & Bettie Wolfson Shapiro 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

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- To provide annual operational support to Temple Israel

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- 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 subsidize the costs of teacher education

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

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Cantor Elias Roachvarg Music Fund
- To be used at the discretion of Cantor Shira Lissak to provide musical programs and activities

Celis 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 ongoing 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

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 Memorial Garden Fund
- To provide support for the memorial garden and associated programs

Senior Rabbi’s Tzedakah Fund
- To be used at Rabbi Ezing’s discretion

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

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

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

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.
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Rhoda Gleiberman, in memory of Arlene Karp.
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Rhoda Gleiberman, in memory of Edna Bernanke.
Rhoda Gleiberman, yahrzeit of Aaron Gleiberman.

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Steve & Beth Stillitano, in memory of Norman Pomerantz.

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Mark & Jean Kirsch, in honor of the engagement of Max Cohen and Tsippe Angelson. Mark & Jean Kirsch, wishing Lorraine Cornick a speedy recovery.
Marc & Mattye Silverman, in memory of Arlene Karp.
Marc & Mattye Silverman, wishing Isaac Luski a happy 90th birthday.

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Arnold & Ginger Snitz, in memory of Joe Badt.

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Rachel Friedman, yahrzeit donations.

LEONARD & ANN SLESINGER EDUCATION ENDOWMENT FUND
Rachel Friedman, yahrzeit donation and protection during the hurricane.
Cathy Slesinger, yahrzeit of Leonard Slesinger.

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TIRS: Rabbi Ezring teaches Vav students about Tefillin

Aleph students learning the Alephbet

TIRS: Gimel students had a blast building the Tower of Babel

Ti Youth: Mahar kids learn all about chocolate - with rewards! (November)
TIRS: Vav students learn about about Tefillin

A great turnout of volunteers participated in the first of two holiday volunteer opportunities for the Men’s Shelter of Charlotte

October we held a fantastic Book-A-Palooza event for K-3rd graders at Huntingtowne Farms Elementary School (HFES).

Thanks to the Jewish Federation of Greater Charlotte and Simmons YMCA for their planning of this year’s On The Table CLT lunch.
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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.