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CALENDAR

FEBRUARY

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 1
TIRS School Wide Shabbat, featuring Kitah Gimel, 6:15 p.m.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 2
Torah Tots: Pajama-Dallah, 5 p.m.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3
World Wide Wrap, 9:15 a.m.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5
Torah On Tap: Wine & Cheese Social, 7:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 8
NC Teen Shabbaton, 2:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9
Bat Mitzvah of Bari Bagdan, 9:30 a.m.
Jr. Congregation, 10:30 a.m.
Rosh Chodesh Study Group, 1 p.m.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10
CJFF/Temple Israel present: Heading Home: The Tale of Team Israel, 7:15 p.m.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 16
Chocolate Therapy with Empty Nesters, 7:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 22
CJP/Torah Tots Dinner & Shabbat Service, 5:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23
TIRS School Wide Shabbat, featuring Kitah Zayin, 9:30 a.m.
Beyond B’nai Mitzvah, 9:30 a.m.
Legacy Shabbat, 9:30 a.m.
Jr. Congregation, 10:30 a.m.
Hebrew High 8th & 9th Grade Retreat, 7 p.m.

MARCH

SATURDAY, MARCH 2
TIRS School Wide Shabbat, featuring Kitah Hey, 9:30 a.m.

SUNDAY, MARCH 3
Torah On Tap March Mitzvah Madness, 10 a.m.
TI Youth: Mahar Game Truck Event, 12:15 p.m.

THURSDAY, MARCH 7
WoTI: Nosh, Cook & Kibbitz Cooking Class, 7 p.m.

FRIDAY, MARCH 8
Torah Tots Shabbat & Oneg, 5:45 p.m.
TIRS School Wide Shabbat, featuring Kitah Gan & Aleph, 6:15 p.m.

SATURDAY, MARCH 9
Bat Mitzvah of Elijah Tyndall, 9:30 a.m.
Bat Mitzvah of Taylor Wojnowich, 5:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20
Torah Tots Purim Celebration, 5 p.m.
TI Purim Celebration, 5:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, MARCH 22
Empty Nester Happy Hour, 5:15 p.m.
TIRS Class Shabbat, featuring Kitah Bet, 6:15 p.m.

SATURDAY, MARCH 23
Jr. Congregation, 10:30 a.m.

SUNDAY, MARCH 24
TI Youth: Kadima Chocolate Bar in a Car, 12:15 p.m.
Social Club: HIAS Program Director, Marsha Hirsch, 12:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, MARCH 29
WoTI Shabbat, 6:15 p.m.

SATURDAY, MARCH 31
TIRS: Gan Open House, 9:45 a.m.

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
February 1         5:34 p.m.
February 8         5:41 p.m.
February 15        5:48 p.m.
February 22        5:54 p.m.
March 1            6:01 p.m.
March 8            6:07 p.m.
March 15           7:13 p.m.
March 22           7:18 p.m.
March 29           7:24 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. (resumes February 6)
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.
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-Rabbi Murray Ezring

be happy as we appreciate it.) King David was teaching an important lesson: learn to live in the moment. Each day is a precious gift from God. All too often, we walk the pathways of our lives in a fog. We go through the motions of living, driven by external forces that do not truly give our lives meaning. Too often business and dreams of greatness steal our attention and hearts from the blessings that should be central to our lives.

This is a transitional year in my life! It is a transitional year for all of us who are part of Temple Israel. Five years ago, when I signed my final contract with Temple Israel, I thought I was prepared for a roller coaster ride of a year. Little did I know what it would be like. Shabbat Hanukkah was the weekend that Congregation Beth Judea in Long Grove, Illinois, installed its new clergy team. Rabbi Morris Zimbalist and Hazzan Gil Ezring were celebrated as the newest Rabbi and Hazzan in the 50 years of history of the congregation.

Barbara and I were joined by Aviva, Tami, and Ron to celebrate their bother's first pulpit. I tried to read on the plane. My thoughts wandered to the irony of the weekend. I was preparing to install Gil into his new position as I was still trying to prepare myself to transition away from the pulpit here at TI, which I have occupied for over half of my career. A stranger slept next to me, missing the tears streaming down my face as I reviewed my remarks for the weekend. How many hours had I spent, praying that I would live to experience the wonderful moments that fill my children with joy? Now, as the sun was setting on the last year of full-time pulpit life, I was about to help Gil officially step onto his first full-time pulpit.

Zeh Hayom asah Adonai... This was one of the days God created for us to enjoy. Imagine our surprise as we entered Beth Judea, for Shabbat Dinner. The first people we recognized were Sharon & Steve Hockfield. They and Ed & Andrea Hockfield were seated with our family. Wow, what a blessing! We were nervous for Gil and about our participation in the weekend. Following a lovely Erev Shabbat Service, sprinkled with new melodies the congregation picked up quickly even though they had never heard them before, people swarmed around us telling us how Gil had already begun to change the congregation. We were bursting with pride as tears glistened in our eyes. The joy we experienced continued through services and lunch the next day. Then, we returned to Beth Judea a third time for Havdalah followed by the Installation itself. I do not believe that I have been that nervous since my wedding day. I had been asked to be the installing officer for our youngest child. I prayed that I would be able to give him the gift of remarks that would stay with him the rest of his life. I shared with him my father's dream for a Hazzan who could follow in his footsteps. Instead, he saw his sons become Rabbis. What disappointments we were; three Rabbis, no Cantor. But Gil is the fulfillment of my father's dream. He is a Hazzan. He sings with all his heart and soul. He loves teaching both children and adults. He composes beautiful liturgical music with his sister Aviva. I believe he is everything his Zeida hoped for. That is why I presented him with my father's tallit and mitre (“large” Cantorial hat with a pom pom on top). The installation was followed by a concert of Gil and Aviva's music, which they perform as the duo “AGEZ.”

Gil understands Jewish music and services in ways well beyond my knowledge. For years, he has been answering questions for me, for other synagogue professionals and for future Rabbis. As the installation co-chairs wrote in their thank you to sponsors: "We laughed, cried, ate well and enjoyed an outstanding concert of original Jewish music.”

While filled with joy and pride for my son, I have been busy with my own transition. I am lucky. So far, the tears I have shed are tears of parting from a congregation I have loved for 25 years, combined with tears of joy and pride celebrating my son’s first pulpit. These are days that God has made for us: days of joy and days of sadness; days of endings and days of beginnings. Barbara and I thrive in the beauty of our lives together. We live intentionally, sharing our joy in Judaism as well as our faith, and relationship with God with our families and with you, our family here at Temple Israel.

May our transitions lead to happy beginnings for us all!

Shalom Uvrachcha

Rabbi Murray Ezring
CANTOR’S COLUMN

The following article was recently featured in the USCJ Journeys monthly e-publication. To view the latest issue or sign up to receive the publication, visit www.journeys.uscj.org.

For Cantor Shira Lissek of Temple Israel in Charlotte, North Carolina, music has always been the most powerful force in her life. It is her way of making a difference in the world. “Cantors are connectors,” she says. “Through our voices and through music, we are able to connect people to themselves, community, history and tradition and create transformative worship experiences and meaningful lifecycle events.”

While music has been an integral part of Jewish life for thousands of years, dating all the way back to ancient times, studies show that just 35 percent of today’s Jews listen to Jewish music live or recorded. Cantor Lissek would love to change that. Here, she shares how people can bring more music—and meaning—into their lives in 2019:

Q: In your experience, what kind of impact does music have on people?
A: I believe music is transformative. If you want to have transformative Jewish experiences, either for holidays, lifecycles or worship, then music is the best tool to do that. Music can bring us all into another realm—it’s truly experiential Judaism at its finest.

Q: In what ways can people bring more Jewish music into their lives?
A: It’s important for people to know that there really is so much Jewish music out there—everything from traditional songs and melodies, to things written as recently as yesterday. Go to shul and hear what cantors and communities are doing or bring music into your home and wake up listening to it. It’s really as easy as using streaming services like Spotify or asking your home virtual assistant to play Shabbat or Chanukah music. People might be surprised to find out there’s music always coming out that’s easily accessible and easy to listen to.

Another resource is Jewish Rock Radio, a 24/7 international Jewish rock online radio station, which was founded by Rick Recht and his wife, Elisa. People can go to jewishrockradio.com and listen to contemporary new artists. Many of these artists are touring the country and invited to different synagogues for events. It’s a tremendous resource and community for new artists and Jewish educators and for those looking to enrich their lives with Jewish music.

Q: How can parents introduce more Jewish music to their children?
A: There are several ways parents can flow Jewish music in their children’s lives. During the drive from home to school or while picking up the kids from sports practice, put on a CD or play music from your phone. It will become the soundtrack of your family’s life. Plus, it’s educational and deepens their connection to their heritage.

Q: How can we all ensure young people are finding meaning in music?
A: Bringing music into the synagogue, starting a music center at your synagogue, encouraging your children and their friends to get involved in a Jewish teen rock band or Jewish a capella group, bringing in guest artists or hiring a Jewish music educator are all great options. Every Jewish experience can be greatly enhanced by music. Look for opportunities to connect a song with an event, such as the weekly Parsha on Shabbat. Unfortunately, many times, music is the first to disappear when budgets are cut. However, music adds so much value to any Jewish experience and it can make or break any event.

Q: How can we stay on top of all the latest music?
A: My passion is commissioning and searching for great new music! My go-to composers for beautiful new settings of liturgical texts are Oran Eldor, Beth...
Styles and Meir Finkelstein. But this is a time of new music in all genres of Jewish music. There are many new artists in the Jewish Rock Radio network who are creating new, inspiring, and fun Jewish music. Depending on what style I am looking for, I turn to different composers. If I am interested in classical music, or new arrangements for Hazzanut, you can’t get better than Raymond Goldstein or Gerald Cohen for example. If I want a more contemporary style, I look for something by Abbie Strauss, Rick Recht, Laurie Akers, or Sheldon Low for example. I also love the settings that Cantor Daniel Singer writes. These are a few of the many talented musicians out there. I am continually discovering inspirational leaders in the Jewish music world. I often watch the livestream services of my colleagues as well.

Cantor Lissek’s Ultimate Music Mix
Shira Lissek – “Hashkivenu” (Matt Check)
Shira Lissek – “Mi Shebeirach”
Shira Lissek – “Birkat Hachodesh” (Meir Finkelstein)
Laurie Akers – “Y’hiyu L’ratzon”
Abbie Strauss – “Ani Maamin”
Rick Recht – “Halleluya”
Azi Schwartz – “Hayom T’Amtzenu”
Azi Schwartz – “Mi Khamokha” (Oran Eldor)
Sheldon Low – “Shehecheyanu”
Leon Lissek – “Momemele”

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SENIOR RABBI SEARCH

Hello Temple Family,

We had two very productive Congregational Forums in December. Thank you again to everyone who took the time to attend one of these sessions and share your feedback related to our Senior Rabbi search. Here are some of the things we learned during these sessions:

• Our congregation is looking for a new Senior Rabbi who will be a visionary, relate well with and compliment Cantor Lissek, demonstrate leadership, and be able to engage with all generations within our kehillah.
• We want a Rabbi who will uphold the values and traditions of Conservative Judaism while being open to contemporary music and modern programs ideas.
• Based on your feedback, we will be incorporating opportunities for our candidates to engage with multiple groups within our congregation during their visits to Charlotte and also to meet with our Shalom Park partners.

To view all of the notes capturing the thoughts and ideas shared during our two forums, please visit the Senior Rabbi Search blog, under Quick Links, on the homepage of our website.

Thank you again to everyone who attended.

Warmly,

Amy Udoff
PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE
by David Rosenthal

Dear Congregational Family:

Our success to nurture and foster a thriving Jewish community depends on you! If you know a family or individual on the fence, exploring their Jewish identity or moving to Charlotte, please invite them to experience Temple Israel for services, a program, event, or refer them to Monty Bennett. You are our source of connectivity and our best spokesperson!

The last few months have been quite busy (and the coming months will be more of the same) and I’d like to take a moment to thank everyone for opting into our vibrant community.

Special shout outs and thank yous go to:

• Our congregational family for being present, supporting one another, daring to experiment and moving us forward! Also, for your participation and feedback via the High Holy Day survey and our Congregational Community Forums.

• Our Clergy Team, Team of Professionals, staff, auxiliary groups, committees, volunteers and many others for demonstrating the depth of our community and its ability to offer meaningful experiences during Senior Rabbi Ezring’s sabbatical period.

• Jessica Weill, Jessica Palmer-Cohen, the team of professionals, staff and volunteers, for an amazing Hanukkah experience!

• Ruth Goldberg and IrvingBienstock, Co-chairs of Social Club, for organizing their annual Hanukkah luncheon.

• Norman Steinberger for his sponsorship of Jewish Family Services Hanukkah luncheon coordinated by Jewish Family Services.

• Dorothy Shapiro, Judy Miller, Jody Cohen and Amy DeLoach for taking the lead and organizing our Empty Nesters.

• Cantor Lissek, Rabbi Kornsgold, Monty Bennett, Reverend Amantha Barbee, the Team of Professionals, our choir, staff and volunteers, for a phenomenal Shabbat of Song(s), Shabbat Shira.

• Casey Topol Pressberg and the many others for organizing and hosting a phenomenal Yom Gemilut Hasadim.

Congratulations to Shalom Green on being selected a 2018 Sustainable Business Awards finalist in the category of Community Change Agent-Community Development by the U.S. Green Building Council – Carolinas Community [USGBC]. Summer Minchew, Terri Beattie, Candice Serbin and I attended the USGBC’s Green Gala event, a signature fundraiser of the year. The ceremony brings together over 300 local sustainability and commercial real estate professionals from across the green building industry for networking, dinner and a silent auction.

Please take a moment to welcome back Rabbi Ezring and family after his December 2018 and January 2019 sabbatical. We should use this time to appreciate Rabbi Ezring’s 25-year tenure at Temple Israel, to glean wisdom about our congregation and its successes as well as failures in growing our kehillah into the thriving, successful community it is today.

Thank you to all for helping us to welcome our first Senior Rabbi candidate, Rabbi Ben Herman, for a weekend with our congregational family and getting to know one another, February 1-3.

Wishing you, your loved ones, extended family and friends abundant health, joy, festivity and memories in 2019 and beyond.

L’chaim tovim ul’shalom.

David

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.

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“ENHANCING LIFE FOR JEWISH SENIORS”
ENGAGEMENT
By Monty Bennett, Membership Director
Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks says, “Jewish prayer is an ongoing seminar in gratitude. Birkot ha-Shachar, ‘the Dawn Blessings’ (said at the start of morning prayers each day), form a litany of thanksgiving for life itself: for the human body, the physical world, land to stand on and eyes to see with. The first words we say each morning – Modeh/Modah ani, ‘I thank you’ – mean that we begin each day by giving thanks. ¹

Purim and Pesach offer us opportunities to express our gratefulness. When we look at the miracles that have enabled us to survive for millennia, it’s hard not to be thankful. It has been said that one doesn’t need to believe in God to be grateful; however, it’s hard to feel grateful to a universe that randomly came to existence and does not care about us.

In her March 17, 2016, jewishjournal.com blog post, Rebbetzin Shula Bryski explains that, “When we read the Purim story with the proper Godly lens, we realize that the story could have never occurred sans the hand of God…When we see just how many coincidences occur in just this one story, we realize that they are ultimately not coincidences…the core message of Purim is not taking our lives for granted, (but) actively looking and being grateful for today’s miracles from up above.” ²

How are you thankful? For what are you grateful? I have friends who beginning on January 1 have a “gratitude jar.” Every day, they write something on a small slip of paper for which they are grateful. On December 31, they go through the jar and read every slip of paper. They told me that it has changed their perspective on being thankful.

We should all reflect on the miracles that we encounter every day and how we, like our ancestors, have been protected in amazing ways. Let’s all be grateful that we are able to give thanks every day. Start small by saying Modeh/Modah ani every morning before you get out of bed. Try writing a slip of paper and having a gratitude jar. Write a journal or a blog entry about a miracle you experienced today. And, per award-winning author Jack Canfield, “Stop focusing on failures and negative experiences…..Once in a while, remind yourself: You are awesome.” ³

As we prepare to celebrate two holidays this spring, let’s continue to live out extraordinary lives of gratefulness while reflecting on the following prayer:

*Modim Anachnu Lach*

We gratefully acknowledge that You are Adonai, our God and the God of our ancestors for all eternity. You are the Rock of our lives and the Shield of our salvation from generation to generation. We shall thank You and declare Your praise—for our lives which are in Your hand, for our souls which are in Your care, for Your miracles that are with us every day and for Your wondrous deeds and favors at all times: evening, morning and noon. O Good One, whose mercies never fail, O Compassionate One, whose kindnesses never cease: forever do we put our hope in You.

For all these things, O King, may Your Name be forever blessed and exalted. O God our Redeemer and our Helper, may all who live gratefully acknowledge You and praise Your Name in Truth.

Blessed are You, Adonai, Whose Name is Goodness, and to Whom it is fitting to give thanks.

¹ http://rabbisacks.org/the-power-of-gratitude-ekev-5775/
² https://jewishjournal.com/opinion/183512/
³ https://www.entrepreneur.com/video/324606

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- Zelda Katz, mother of Susan (Paul Kronsburg) Webber.
- Sybil Weingart, mother of Donna (Rick) Greene.
- Doris Rousso, mother of Steven (Robyn) Rousso, David (Sandie) Rousso, Harold (Lyba) Rousso, and Paul (Joy) Rousso; grandmother of Stephanie, Abby (Kirill), Evan (Jessica), Melanie (Eliot), Michael (Chelsea), Heather, Maxwell, and Alex; great-grandmother of Emma, Ryan, Caroline, and Owen; sister of Mimi (Leonard) Lewitt.
- Edward Dordick, father of Rob (Fran) Dordick and Nancy (Sam) Levine; grandfather of Jacob & Eliot Dordick, and Adam, Scott, & Ellison Levine.
- Simon Wojnowich, husband of Mary Wojnowich; father of Pearl (Alan) Mann, Lyba (Harold) Rousso, and Rose (Alan) Zimmerman; grandfather of Tommy (Bethany), Amy (Evan), Garrett (Sarah), Melanie (Eliot), Michael (Chelsea), Heather, Brittney, Brian, Genna, and Lindsey; great-grandfather of Dylan, Claire, Everett, Emma, Ryan, Caroline, Jordan, and Daniel.
- Leonard, husband of Anita; father of Sheryl, Jerry (Debbie), and Martin (Michele); grandfather of Emily, Jordan (Christine), Erica (Sam), Ryan, Joshua, and Rachel; great-grandfather of Hadley and Tessa.
- Maxine Lenore Moore, mother of Stephen (Debbi), Bruce, and Thomas (Steven) Moore; sister of Lela Gershon; and grandmother of Alex Fabian.
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BIRTHS

- Lindsay & Orlando Romero joyfully welcomed the arrival of a baby girl, Hallie Comen Romero. Proud grandparents are Robert & Cheryl Comen.
- Ellie & Glenn Kunkes joyfully welcomed the arrival of a baby girl, Phoebe Lane Kunkes. Proud grandparents include Carol & Bill Berg, and Laurie & Jeff Kunkes.
- Ari & Eric Klenicki joyfully welcomed the arrival of a baby boy, Samuel Jack Klenicki. Proud grandparents include Barry & Maxine Madans Klenicki and proud great-grandmother is Audrey Madans.
- Alicia & Micah Cooper joyfully welcomed the arrival of a baby boy, Isadore Francisco Shammai Cooper. Proud big brother is Emil; proud grandparents include Roz & Ivan Cooper and Diane & Neville Brown.
- Tuvia & Hila Levin (and their two sons) joyfully welcomed the arrival of a baby boy, Oriel Levin. Proud grandparents are Rabbi Benyamin & Ilana Levin; proud great-grandparents are Barbara & Jerry Levin.
- Laura & Shawn Smith joyfully welcomed the arrival of a baby girl, Pehliya Mae Smith. Proud big sisters are Malaya & Aeralee; proud grandparents are Susan & Henry rabinovitch and Robin & John Swoeigert.
- Rachel & Jared Peterson joyfully welcomed the arrival of a baby boy, Robin Asher Peterson. Proud grandparents are Cheri & Marc Titlebaum and Donna Epstein & Monte Peterson (NY).

MAZEL TOV

- Respect Ability Foundation which was recently profiled by Spark magazine, a publication of Blumenthal Performing Arts. The Respect Ability Foundation confronts bullying and promotes social justice through music, education and the creative arts in schools, community groups and businesses throughout the Charlotte Metro area.
- Steve Rogelberg for landing on The Washington Post’s list of 10 leadership books to watch in 2019 with his new release, “The Surprising Science of Meetings: How You Can Lead Your Team to Peak Performance.”
- Dr. Bobby Selkin for his appearance on Steve Harvey’s TV show “Steve,” where he discussed coaching at-risk African-American boys in lacrosse at Charlotte Secondary School and leading them to win the state championship last year! The story of this lacrosse team was so inspiring, ESPN featured the team in the film documentary, “Crossroads.”
- Lynne Edelstein, for being honored at the Levine Children’s Hospital for donating 11,000 blankets.
- Dana Kapustin for completing her term as President of Hadassah Charlotte, 2018.
- Sharon Goretsky on her installation as President of Hadassah Charlotte, 2019.

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.

Welcome To Our New Members!

David & Rebecca Burack
Drs. Bill & Karen Futtersak
Bruce Robkoff & Karen Hauser
Jackie Price

If you are interested in membership or learning what Temple Israel can offer you or your family, please contact Monty Bennett, membership director, at mbennett@templeisraelnc.org or at (980) 960-2380.
TORAH TOTS

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.

PAJAMA-DALLAH
Saturday, February 2 (5 p.m.)
Wear your pajamas and bring your pillow for a fun family program including music, Havdalah, and arts & crafts. There will also be a hearty, bountiful Kid-dush, including pizza bagels, fruits and veggies, and ice cream!

This event is for kids in preschool - 2nd grade and their families. RSVP at templeisraelnc.org by Monday, January 28.

DINNER & SHABBAT SERVICE WITH CJP
Friday, February 22
5:30 p.m. – dinner
6:15 p.m. - service

Join us for a special Shabbat with CJP and Torah Tots! After a delicious dinner we will welcome in Shabbat with songs, prayers, and movement led by Rabbi Kornsgold and Miss Nancy.

MENU
Chicken Nuggets
French fries
Edamame
Fresh Fruit
Cookies
Challah & Grape Juice
Water, Lemonade

Cost: $10/adult; $7/child. Please RSVP/Register online at templeisraelnc.org by Tuesday, February 19 at 5 p.m. Questions or dietary issues? Please call Temple Israel at (704) 944-6785 or email Melissa at mlefko@templeisraelnc.org.

SHABBAT SERVICE & ONEG
Friday, March 8 (5:45 p.m.)

SPECIAL PURIM PROGRAM
(followed by pizza dinner)
Wednesday, March 20 (5 p.m.)
By Rabbi Helene Kornsgold, 
Director of Congregational Education

This year the World Wide Wrap takes place on Sunday, February 3, Super Bowl Sunday. Anyone involved in this program knows it always coincides with Super Bowl Sunday. But did you ever wonder why the two are on the same day? Is there some deep, mystical connection between the two? I figured many years ago someone said to schedule it on the same day as Super Bowl Sunday, so people would be able to easily remember the date each year. This answer was sufficient for me. However, a few months ago my husband asked me the same question and I decided I need to find out if there is another explanation or if my rabbinic intuition was correct.

So, I began to do some investigative work (aka research). To begin with, some history about the World Wide Wrap. The World Wide Wrap is the Federation of Jewish Men’s Clubs’ annual program to promote the wearing of tefillin. There are four passages in the Torah referring to the mitzvah of wearing tefillin on one’s arm and between one’s eyes. The wrap is an educational program aimed at promoting wearing tefillin, a pair of black boxes containing prayers that are affixed to the head and arm by leather straps during prayer. Tefillin are a bit intimidating. It is very powerful to have the opportunity to learn about them and put them on, in one place, with many other people who share your feelings of uncertainty.

For the Federation of Jewish Men’s Clubs, an association of 270 Conservative synagogue groups, America’s favorite secular holiday was a perfect opportunity to draw attention to the often-overlooked mitzvah of tefillin. Many hours before the start of the pro football championship game, close to 200 Conservative synagogues around the world participate in the World Wide Wrap. Interestingly, the World Wide Wrap program started right here, at Temple Israel, in 2007! At the first World Wide Wrap, there were 120 men and women gathered in the synagogue parking lot for a miniature tefillin festival, complete with food and T-shirts. Since then the wrap has grown into an international phenomenon, with congregations in Australia and Canada participating.

I hope you have the chance to participate in and enjoy the program this year. If not, mark your calendars for next year. It should be easy to find the date on the computer, just search for Super Bowl 2020! In the end, my answer as to the reason these two events are on the same day was correct. It is easy to remember, and no one is doing anything else on Super Bowl Sunday. Therefore, why not have an incredible, inspiring and educational program at synagogue. Works for me!
MAZEL TOV TO OUR B’NAI MITZVAH

Bari Bagdan
February 9, 2019
Parents: William & Jennifer Bagdan
Bari is a 7th grader at South Charlotte Middle School. At an early age, Bari found her voice singing in musicals at the JCC and in chorus at elementary school. She is currently in honors chorus at SCMS. When not singing for school she spends time writing lyrics to her own songs, creating art and hanging out with friends and family. For her Mitzvah project, Bari volunteered her time and raised donations to support My DogHouse Rescue, the organization who brought us Dotti, the family dog. My DogHouse Rescue saves one dog at a time by providing medical care and finding “furever” homes. Bari is excited for her Bat Mitzvah and looks forward to reading Torah in front of her friends and family.

Elijah Tyndall
March 9, 2019
Parents: Amy & Sean Tyndall
Elijah is in 7th grade at Quail Hollow Middle School, where he is on the gold team and plays trombone in the marching band. He loves to play video games (such as “Fortnite” and “Super Smash Brothers”), and is a talented artist who excels at drawing both with pencil and paper as well as on his computer. He also enjoys creating electronic music. For his Mitzvah project, Elijah spends time each month serving dinner to those less fortunate, as well as collecting canned goods and clothes for those he serves dinner to. Elijah is a smart, caring, and generous young man.

Mayim Smookler
March 16, 2019
Parents: Rabbi Rachel & Harrison Smookler
Mayim is a 7th grade student at Providence Day School. For her Mitzvah project, Mayim is volunteering with the Humane Society. Working with animals is a passion of hers.

Taylor Wojnowich
March 16, 2019
Parents: Kim & Marc Wojnowich
Taylor is in 7th grade at South Charlotte Middle School. She spends her free time at Cheer Athletics where she has been participating in competitive cheer since she was 7 years old. Taylor is a fun loving, silly, girl who loves being around her friends. One of her favorite places to be with friends is summers at Camp Barney Medintz! She has worked hard to juggle school, cheer, friends, family, and Bat Mitzvah studies all with a smile on her face. For her Mitzvah project, Taylor is working with a group of special needs boys and girls (the “cheerabilities” cheer team) at her gym. She is interviewing each “TreasureCats” athlete and creating a special area in the gym so that all of the athletes can get to know these amazing kids! Taylor is excited for her friends and family to all come share this special day with her.

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.

MAHAR GAME TRUCK EVENT
(All 3rd-5th Grades)
Sunday, March 3 (12:15-2 p.m.)
Get ready for the Game Truck! Come join the Mahar Youth Group for an afternoon playing video games with friends. Pizza lunch will be provided. Limited space is available! Drop-off & Pick-up at TIRS. Cost: $18/ TI-Y Members; $25/Non-Members. Register at templeisraelnc.org by Wednesday, February 27.

KADIMA BONIM CHOCOLATE BAR IN A CAR
(ALL 6th-7th Grades)
Sunday, March 24 (12:15-1:45 p.m.)
Come join your friends for a tasty treat! Chocolate Bar in a Car is coming to educate about where chocolate comes from, how to make chocolate, and most importantly, creating a delicious treat! *Bring a packed DAIRY lunch.* Drop-off & Pick-up at TIRS. Cost: $12/ TI-Y Members; $18/Non-Members. Register at www.templeisraelnc.org by Wednesday, March 20

YOUTH GROUP LEADERSHIP MEETINGS:
USY Gesher Leadership Board (8th-12th Grades)
• Sunday, March 3, 7-8 p.m., at Ben & Jerry’s
Kadima Bonim Leadership Council (6th & 7th Grades)
• Sunday, March 10, 8:45-9:15 a.m., at TIRS Building

USY GESHER AND KADIMA BONIM

We are officially now members of HaNegev Region USY (Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, southern North Carolina, South Carolina, and Tennessee), giving us greater access to regional events, more opportunities to connect with our region, and build stronger bonds with other USY and Kadima youth groups!

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please feel free to contact Alan Johnathan at ajohnathan@templeisraelnc.org or (704) 944-6772.
Torah On Tap (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.

WINE AND CHEESE SOCIAL
Tuesday, February 5 - 7:30 p.m.
Location: Dilworth Tasting Room  (300 East Tremont St)
Join Torah on Tap for a wine and cheese tasting at Dilworth Tasting Room! Wine is available for purchase, and the cheese is on us!

SINGLES AND COUPLES BOWLING
Saturday, February 23 - 7:30 p.m.
Location: Ten Park Lanes (1700 Montford Drive)
Torah on Tap is teaming up with Moishe House Noda for a night at the alley! The cost for bowling is $35 per lane per hour, to be divided among bowlers. Shoe rental is $5. We will be providing heavy appetizers.

MARCH MITZVAH MADNESS BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT BENEFITTING JFS
Sunday, March 3 - 10 a.m.
We are hosting our second annual March Mitzvah Madness Basketball Tournament to benefit Jewish Family Services (JFS)! This 3 vs. 3, double-elimination tournament will be open to the first 16 teams to register. Half-court games are 10 minutes long or first to 11 points (1s and 2s). You must register as a team for a minimum donation of $30 (per team) and 100% of the proceeds will go to JFS. Light refreshments will be provided. Participants must be age 18 or older. Visit the calendar date at templerisraelnc.org to register.

SAVE THE DATE
TORAH ON TAP ATTENDS FRIDAY EVENING SERVICES
Friday, March 22: More details to come…

Our Mikvah Has Been Renovated!
Weekly/Monthly/Holidays (Preparing for Shabbat, niddah, holidays)
Congregant rate: $18
Community member rate: $36
For Lifecycle Passages/Personal Transitions (conversions, pre-wedding, celebration, healing, etc.), please contact Ariel DiDonato at adidonato@templeisraelnc.org

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.
Social Action
5th Annual Yom Gemilut Hasadim
This day would not have been possible without the hard work of multiple members of Temple Israel’s staff team, dozens of volunteers and our anonymous donor for providing support, time and funding to make YGH 2019 happen! Over 200 people took part in acts of loving-kindness.

Highlights of the day include:
- One beautiful multigenerational minyan!
- Over 200 baked goods made and delivered to four fire houses and two police stations!
- Cookies and cards delivered to 30 Shalom Park and TI support personnel!
- 15 units of blood collected for Community Blood Center of the Carolinas, helping 45 individuals!
- Torah Tots puppet show teaching the importance of kindness (thanks to Ms. Debby)!
- Made toys and blankets for dogs and cats in shelters and foster care!
- 60+ sandwiches made and delivered to Urban Ministry Center, Charlotte!
- 30+ goody bags made and delivered to Ronald McDonald House of Charlotte!
- Over 100 inspirational cards made for WoTI’s project: DIGNITY!
- Over 200 postcards against gun violence were written & sent to local representatives, via Return Home Supplies!
- 80+ cards of encouragement and thanks written to ALL the teachers of Huntingtowne Farms Elementary School!
- 120 bags packed for Blessings in a Backpack!
- A beautiful banner for Charlotte Freedom School Partners!
- Dozens of cards and challah rolls (made and bagged) for our clergy to bring to seniors!
- Over 20 fleece blankets and sun-catchers made and delivered to Levine Children’s Hospital!
- Tons of community members with more knowledge about recycling and our impact on the earth thanks to Shalom Green: Shalom Park Environmental Initiative and Republic Services!
- Seed bombs and up-cycle projects made in honor of Tu B’shvat!
- Over 20 delicious meals baked and packaged, ready for TI congregants in need of some TLC!
- A cleaner Ronald McDonald House, thanks to Torah on Tap!
- Many happy residents at Waltonwood Cotswold thanks to Temple Israel Religious School - TIRS (Kitah Zayin and family) and Jessica Weill (taught accessible Zumba)!
- Volunteers performed office tasks and preliminary prep for the upcoming Purim program at Jewish Family Services!
- Over $1000 raised for Temple Israel’s Social Action Fund, including an anonymous match!

*Special thanks to Izzy’s Catering and an anonymous donor for providing delicious food for the event.

If you want to continue your impact, please contact Casey Topol to learn more ways to give back through Temple Israel.

FEBRUARY AND MARCH GIVING/VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES
Shalom Green Collection Drive benefiting the Shalom Park Community Garden
February 1-28
For more information, visit: https://bit.ly/2G2zaUw

Huntingtowne Farms Elementary School
Sponsor a student at HFES to go to Washington D.C. March 15-17. The trip costs $305 per student. Checks can be made payable to Temple Israel, and in the memo line, please write Fox Fund-5th grade trip. Deliver or mail your check to Temple Israel no later than Friday, Feb. 8, if possible. The students must have their money in by Friday, Feb. 15, so we want to deliver Temple Israel’s check to the school no later than the week of Feb. 11.

Book-a-Palooza and Active Reading Workshop
Thursday, March 14 (5-7 p.m.)
Save the date – details forthcoming!

Thank you to our newest Legacy donor, Keith Greenspon!

We currently have 111 families who have made Temple Israel part of their legacy.
Please contact Monty Bennett, membership director, at the Temple office or by email at mbennett@templeisraelnc.org.
Women of Temple Israel Creates a Recipe for Success with Nosh, Cook & Kibbitz

Last month, 58 women gathered for a spirited evening of camaraderie, food, and Jewish tradition. Ingredients for the gathering included cocktails, personal Hanukkah reflections by Barbara Ezring, and a cooking lesson led by Janice Zacks. This event not only marked the anticipation of Hanukkah, but also the renewal of a strong community of women at Temple Israel.

In late 2017, TI Sisterhood leaders determined that the existing organizational model was stale. Membership was declining, and member engagement was limited. They wanted the organization to become more relevant and appeal to all ages of women in all stages of life. So, they took the bold step of updating the model and rebranding as Women of Temple Israel (WoTI). Their objectives are to reinvigorate the organization, foster greater engagement of younger women, create deeper community relations, and reinforce the mission and values of Women's League of Conservative Judaism.

To achieve these goals, WoTI leadership started fresh. They formed a Programming Committee that reflects the multigenerational organization they strive to be. The committee consists of 11 members who span a wide range of ages and stages of life. In addition to offering traditional WoTI programs, such as Rosh Chodesh discussion, the committee is developing new concepts, such as Nosh, Cook & Kibbitz (NCK), a re-imagined WoTI Shabbat experience, and a spring Tea and Fashion Show. All events have been designed with this goal in mind: Bring women together for inter-generational gatherings that are spirited, inclusive and reinforce Judaic traditions. The committee works together to plan the details and execute the events.

Shellie Barer, President of WoTI notes, “I couldn’t be more pleased! The younger women bring creativity and new energy to the planning process, and the more seasoned members add structure, provide leadership and mentoring for the younger members.”

The inaugural Nosh, Cook & Kibbitz: Dinner under the Sukkah, and the recent Hanukkah Edition exceeded expectations. Each NCK event attracted diverse groups of nearly 60 women. Melanie Brown, committee member, is pleased by the positive feedback: “I’ve had so many women tell me the best thing about the NCK events is that they meet women of all ages – women they wouldn’t otherwise know.” Bunny Bramson commented, “These events make me proud to be a WoTI!” For many women, NCK was their first WoTI event, and the nachas has inspired many new members to join WoTI and is now nearly 200 women strong!

The success of Nosh, Cook & Kibbitz confirms that Temple Israel women across generations want to come together and create community. Become part of our group and join WoTI for our spring events: Nosh, Cook & Kibbitz: A Twist on Purim!; Sing in Shabbat; and High Tea and Fashion Show.

- Karen Knoble
WoTI Programming Chair

UPCOMING EVENTS

NOSH, COOK & KIBBITZ: A Twist on Purim!
Thursday, March 7 (7-9 p.m.)
Please join us for the final Nosh, Cook & Kibbitz event of this season as we celebrate Purim with a twist! We’ll enjoy cocktails and appetizers, receive a cooking demonstration while also baking hamantaschen for JFS clients, and hear insights on the holiday from Rabbi Helene Kornsgold. Cost: $18 for members; $25 for non-members. Register online (by March 4) at templeisraelnc.org or pay by check and mail it to WoTI c/o Temple Israel (indicate WoTI Purim on the memo line).

SING IN SHABBAT: RAISE OUR VOICES WITH KAVANAH!
WoTI Shabbat
Friday, March 29 (6:15 p.m.)
*see page 21 for details

~ SAVE THE DATE ~

WOTI HIGH TEA AND FASHION SHOW
Sunday, June 23 (4 p.m.)

The Social Action Committee is working on the second half of project: DIGNITY. Our mission is to fill 150 additional tote bags by March 2019. Want to help? We need:
- travel size toothpaste
- toothbrushes
- travel size toiletries
- deodorant
- small journals and pens
- leggings (L, XL, XXL)
- makeup: blush, eyeshadow, lipstick

No time to shop but want to contribute? Make a donation (checks payable to: Temple Israel and clearly reference WoTI DIGNITY PROJECT). Your continued contributions will be greatly appreciated so we can help 150 more women in need.

Consider joining our Social Action Committee! We need you and your project ideas.
Contact Co-chairs Hilary Rosenbaum, dhrose4@gmail.com or (704) 321-0625 OR Gail Halverson, gailandnorman14@gmail.com or (704) 365-8851
MEN’S CLUB

Our Men’s Club is off to a great start with our 2019 programs, including the World Wide Wrap and, shortly, the Anshe Darom Retreat at Camp Ramah Darom in Georgia. But first, a recap of our wonderful Hanukkah event.

This (fiscal) year’s Hanukkah dinner and dance took place on December 8, 2018, and over 200 people from our community came out to celebrate the 7th night of Hanukkah! The evening began with Cantor Lissek leading Havdallah, followed by joint candle lightings and song. Dinner included brisket, salmon, latkes and kids’ favorites as well. All our children enjoyed Hanukkah crafts and games including “pin the flame on the hanukkiah.” We had a great raffle table with many wonderful items donated from local businesses. The dance floor was full and even included a conga line, limbo and hula hooping. The evening concluded with dessert and more dancing. Despite the cold and dismal weather, the “lights of the night” warmed our hearts and souls. The Men’s Club would like to extend a big thank you to all who helped make the evening a success, including our great organizing committee expertly co-chaired by Jessica Weill and Jessica Cohen, WoTI, Temple Israel and its staff, as well as our vendors and sponsors.

The World Wide Wrap started right here at Temple Israel and continues to draw people interested in the Mitzvah of laying tefillin and providing meaning to our services. This year we have parents and children from our B’nai Mitzvah classes participating, and we wish to thank our co-chairs Rich Freiberg and Michael Fried for all their work, as well as Rabbi Kornsgold for her boundless enthusiasm and dedication.

Please watch this space for details on upcoming programs, including our Men’s Club Shabbat, Yom HaShoah commemoration, and a Lag Ba’Omer special event. Also, the FJMC Convention will take place this year in Cleveland (July); please feel free to contact me if you would like more information or wish to attend. We would like to thank all of our members who responded to our programming survey. We will be publishing general feedback and action steps in our next Kol Yisrael article.

Michael Abadi
Abadim7470@aol.com
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. Join now and your membership will be good through December 2019.

The Social Club’s Annual Paid-Up luncheon that was held on January 27 was a huge success. We enjoyed our special guest, Dr. Tom Hanchett who is an expert on the history of Charlotte. Through pictures and stories, we learned about some of Charlotte’s most interesting streets. Dr. Hanchett was brought to us by a grant from Waltonwood Cotswold. We thank Jered Mond for catering our delicious lunch.

To help support the Charlotte Jewish Film Festival, February 9-March 3, we do not have any planned activities. We hope you can join us at the movies.

GUEST SPEAKER: HIAS PROGRAM DIRECTOR, MARSHA HIRSCH

Sunday, March 24 (12:30 p.m.)

We are pleased to announce that HIAS Program Director, Marsha Hirsch of the Carolina Refugee Resettlement Agency (CRRA), will speak to the Social Club. CRRA’s mission is to receive, to connect and to empower newly arrived refugees in the Charlotte area so they begin successful and self-sufficient lives in the United States. We hope to see you there.

UPCOMING EVENT:
PATRIOTIC MUSIC PROGRAM

Sunday, May 26 (3 p.m.)

(Leon and Sandra Levine Social Hall)

John Leon Lewis will return to Temple Israel for an encore musical performance. In honor of Memorial Day his program will consist of PATRIOTIC MUSIC. We will enjoy Wine/Cheese/and Dessert and have the opportunity to sing and dance along with the music.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE TI SOCIAL CLUB, CONTACT CO-PRESIDENTS:

RUTH GOLDBERG (704) 366-8903 or IRVING BIENSTOCK (704) 542-0094.

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.
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!
This is an exciting time when we can reconnect with the Temple Israel community as well as connect with one another in new and meaningful ways. The Empty Nester group seeks to foster connections through Shabbat dinners, lectures by timely and relevant guest speakers and social opportunities with the other TI congregants. We look forward to navigating this new live stage with all of you!

CHOCOLATE THERAPY WITH THE EMPTY NESTERS
February 16 (7:30–10 p.m.)
Because everyone could use a little chocolate therapy (accompanied by wine) now and then! Cost: $9/ person. Space is limited. Location: Residence in Providence Springs (Address given with RSVP). *no refunds/TI congregants only

EMPTY NESTER HAPPY HOUR
Friday, March 22 (5:15-6:15 p.m.)
Location: Leon & Sandra Levine Social Hall
Stop by any time between 5:15-6:15 p.m. and enjoy some socializing with fellow Empty Nesters prior to Shabbat services. Wine, beer, cheese, crackers and fruit will be served. No cost to attend.

LIFELONG LEARNING
TALMUD IN THE TECH AGE
Saturdays* (12:30-1:30 p.m.).
* Beginning February 16
Rabbi Ezring will teach an introduction to Talmud (with Rabbinical commentaries and analysis [Gemara] from both the Babylonian and Jerusalem Talmuds) and explain how these ancient writings are relevant to us today.
The classes will provide those with little background in Talmud study the skills required to understand and appreciate Talmudic reasoning and argumentation. Similarly, those with familiarity in Talmudic dialectic, the program will provide an enhancement of the richness and diversity of Jewish thought as expressed in these writings.
The course is a benefit of Membership to Temple Israel Congregants. Admission for non-congregants is $18. To register, please contact Dallas Morris (dmorris@templeisraelinc.org) in the Clergy Office.
For further information please contact: Rabbi Ezring (rabbiezring@templeisraelnc.org) or David Thrope (dmthrope@gmail.com).
Note: Source materials are in English and will be distributed at the beginning of each class.

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.

אין כמו בבית
Ayn k'mo babayit – there’s no place like home.
The Hebrew word for home, bayit, transcends the brick and mortar structure, as it also describes a state of mind. Temple Israel is not only a gathering place, but it is a place to engage with Judaism and to transform your life through Torah, worship and acts of loving kindness.
Our egalitarian kehillah kedosha was founded in 1895 by visionaries and is continued today by visionary lay leaders, clergy, and professional staff who want to help you find a sacred and safe place to connect to each other and to Judaism. Won’t you join us on this journey? Temple Israel….our house, your home.
SPECIAL EVENTS

WORLD WIDE WRAP XIX
Sunday, February 3
9:15 - 9:45 a.m. – Wrapping
(Morris & Sylvia Speizman Sanctuary)
9:45 - 10:30 a.m. – Service
(Morris & Sylvia Speizman Sanctuary)
10:30 a.m. – Breakfast
(Leon & Sandra Levine Social Hall)

All are welcome to join Temple Israel for the 19th Annual World Wide Wrap, which takes place on Super Bowl Sunday morning at Temple Israel. We will be wrapping tefillin together with hundreds of communities around the world, and will be joined by the parents and children from the Vav and Zayin classes at TIRS.

We’re in it for the tie!!

HEADING HOME: THE TALE OF TEAM ISRAEL
Sunday, February 10, 7:15 p.m.
Temple Israel Community Partner Film

Heading Home: The Tale of Team Israel is the David and Goliath story of Israel’s national baseball team as it competes for the first time in the World Baseball Classic. After years of crushing defeats, Israel finally ranks among the world’s best in 2017. Its roster includes many Jewish-American major leaguers, most with a tenuous relationship to Judaism, barely any ever-having set foot in Israel. Their odyssey takes them from the Holy Land where they are hailed as modern-day Maccabees to the tournament in South Korea where they must debunk their reputations as has-beens and wannabes. The connection to Israel that the players forge pushes them to unexpected heights as they represent the country on the world stage.

Directed by: Seth Kramer, Daniel A. Miller, and Jeremy Newberger
Documentary
Language: English
Run time: 91 minutes
USA, 2018

*Winner* Best Documentary
Gold Coast International Film Festival 2018
Boca Raton Jewish Film Festival 2018

*Winner* Audience Award
Philadelphia Jewish Film Festival 2018
Washington DC Jewish Film Festival 2018

The following additional screenings will also take place at Temple Israel:
Saturday, February 9 (Opening Night)
“The Last Suit” (7:15 p.m.)
Wednesday, February 13
“Wendy’s Shabbat/Restoring Tomorrow” (7:15 p.m.)

For information about other festival films, and to purchase tickets, visit charlottejewishfilm.com.

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.

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.
TEMPLE ISRAEL BOOK CLUB
Monday, February 11, 7 p.m.

Described as “equal parts political thriller and tender lamentation,” Nathan Englander’s “Dinner at the Center of the Earth” unfolds in the highly charged territory of the Israel-Palestinian conflict and pivots on the complex relationship between a secret prisoner and his guard.

“Appealing... Clever, fragmented, pithy... Englander is a wise observer with an empathetic heart.” —Publishers Weekly

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

LEGACY SHABBAT
Saturday, February 23, 9:30 a.m.

Join us for Shabbat service, followed by a special Kiddush, as we pay tribute to the individuals and families who have created a legacy gift and named Temple Israel as a beneficiary.

BEYOND BNAI MITZVAH
Saturday, February 23, 9:30 a.m.

Also, on this special morning, former Temple Israel Religious School students will gather to lead the congregation in Shabbat morning services.

PURIM CELEBRATION & “THE GREATEST SHPIEL”
Wednesday, March 20

5:30-6:15 p.m. – Torah Tots program
6:15-7:15 p.m. - Megillah Reading and “The Greatest Shpiel ”
6:30 p.m. - Adult Dessert/Beverage Reception

Please join us at Temple Israel for a special Purim celebration! To register for the pizza dinner ($5/person), please visit templeisraelnc.org by Monday, March 18 @ 5 p.m.

Sing in Shabbat: Raise Our Voices With Kavanah!
WoTI Shabbat
Friday, March 29, 6:15 p.m.

Your entire family is welcome to join us for WoTI Shabbat! Ondeg to follow....Cocktails, “Shirley Temple” Israelis & Hors Doeuvres.

Honors the women in your life with WoTI Shout-Outs.

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Shout-Outs will appear in the March 29-30 Shabbat Service Announcements. Submit up to 100 characters for each shout out with donation to WoTI (minimum donation $5 per shout-out) Submit shout-outs and donations at templeisraelnc.org.
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**BIRTHDAYS - FEBRUARY 2019**

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BIRTHDAYS - MARCH 2019

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MARCH 1
Mark Weinberg
Daniel Dunief
Ariah Ablitz
Jose Singer-Freeman

MARCH 2
Brad Winer
Ryan Cohen
Jayme Levine
Elliana Loewenstein

MARCH 3
Meg Goldstein
Melanie Rosen
Caleb Goldberg

MARCH 4
Jordan Abrams
Carly Shraga
Janice Zacks
Dan Levinson
Joshua Cohen

MARCH 5
Stephanie Gitlin
Louise Roth
Franklin Paul
Marla Sherrill
Brooke Hollander
Rachel Ross
Jill Newman
Robert Selkin

MARCH 6
Laura Bernstein
Micah Elliott

MARCH 7
Ronald Neimkin

MARCH 8
Sophie Jacobs
Leigh Rose
Callie Cridge
Daniel Willenzik

MARCH 9
Jack Weill
Daniela Keller
Jakob August
John Ross

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

MARCH 11
Bruce Kantor
Wendy Petricoff
Arlene Sweet
Elaine Denenberg

MARCH 12
Olivia Levine
Jacob Udoff
Tracy Klirs
Marlin Jennes

MARCH 13
Maayan Lissek
Nerenberg
Sean Lerner
Laura Feldman
Mark Goldsmith
Maya Socolovsky

MARCH 14
Dylan Mann
Liz Winer
Jonah Horn
Daniel Oringel

MARCH 15
Joanna Barman
Bonnie Wallsh
Taylor Wojnowich
Simon Estroff
Amy DeLoach

MARCH 16
Emma Lesack
Lorin Stiefel
Judy Miller
Amy Udoff

MARCH 17
Jordana Weiner
Owen Stoogenke
Elena Singer-Freeman

MARCH 18
Dana Gorelick
Morey Sheffer
Joel Hirschman
Alexandra Cohen

MARCH 19
Eloït Brown
Mia Plaisance
David Rosenthal
Stacey Slomka
Samuel Brown
Pierre Pratt
Jim Bolger

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

MARCH 21
Sarah Grossman
Gordon Hull
Brian Bernhardt
Seth Bitton
Eric Seitlin

MARCH 22
Eric Sklut
Debby Weiss
Jordan Sokolowicz
David Kossove

MARCH 23
Wendy Kweskin
Alla Mogilevsky
Philip Berman
David Rich
Reuben Lissek
Nerenberg

MARCH 24
Anna Bobrow

MARCH 25
Harrison Smookler
Yaron Ben-Yohanan
Cherie Pollard
Robert Isser

MARCH 26
Hannah Sidranski
Bradley Couchenour
Larry Brown
Sharon Gold

MARCH 27
Sanya Bernstein
Daniel Levine

MARCH 28
Joel Kwaskin
Jeffrey Gleiberman
Dylan Sacks
Leia Bagli
Margi Goldstein
Elyse Nevid
Andres Nussbaum
Gordon Rogelberg
Paul Kronsburg

MARCH 29
Samantha Gitlin
Mia Keller
Joel Prystowsky
Rochelle Wilensky
Lisa Seitlin

MARCH 30
Jill Mandell
Matthew Luftglass
A Dramatic Shift from Institutional Care to Neighborhood Living.

With the new Asbury Health and Rehabilitation Center, Aldersgate has made a multimillion-dollar investment in our rehabilitative care.

- Approximately 140,000 square feet, the Center is modern, yet homey.
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FUND SPOTLIGHT:
SHAI RICHARDSON CAMP SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The Shai Richardson Camp Scholarship Fund was started by our Sunday morning minyanaires, and the name was changed to honor the devotion of one of our longtime congregational members, Shai Richardson. The goal of this fund is to help children attend a Jewish summer camp so they learn principles of Judaism, forge long-term friendships, and gain life skills.
MAY THEIR MEMORIES BE A BLESSING

*Denotes a plaque

WEEK OF FEBRUARY 1
Jack Ashendorf*
Marjorie Bazar*
Florence Bennett
Lillian Berman
Ruth Birnbach
Max Bressman*
Jacob “Jake” Burgen
Arthur Frank*
Bette Freedman
Tovya Fuchs*
Ed Goldberg
Samuel Goldberg*
David Goldberg*
Paul M. Goldfarb*
Dave Goodman*
Bernard Gottlieb
Irving L. Greenman*
Max Grill*
Bertha Grosman*
Adele Heeney*
Maier Hirschmann*
Morris Hockfeld*
Mary Hockfeld*
Esther Jacoby*
Mary Kahn
Loretta Dans Kalin*
Jacob Kesselman*
Anna Klein*
Donald Langman*
Ann Levinson
Ira Meiselman*
Ethel Messe*
Frieda Myers
Ralph Rabinowitz
Fannie Raflin
Max Rubin*
Albert Sands
Andrea Fisher Seitel
Reba Silverstein*
Charles Harvey Simon
Frederick Swartz
Bessie J. Wallace*
Milton Wirth
Augusta Z. Wollman*

WEEK OF FEBRUARY 8
Riva Baicovitz*
Sophie Barer
Louis Belsky*
Theresa Brier*
Rose Cohen
Evelyn Deckelbaum
Gussie Mendelson Doobrow*
Arthur Epner
Bessie Feinberg
Sadie B. Friedman
Philip Glazier*
Isaac Goldberg*
Sydonia M. Goldberg*
Lazar Golynsky
Edith Gordon
Herman Gould
Hilda Hirschman
Arthur Hopmeier
Charlotte Katz*
Clara Kazlisky*
David M. Kipnis
Elizabeth Goodman Klein*
Elias Kozolchyk*
Sue Kraft*
Rivka Kolari Kutchei
Gertrude Lane
Minnie G. Levine*
Helen S. Levine*
Lillian Malkin*
Hyman Mandel*
Everett Ness
Samuel Rabinowitz*
Marie Richwall*
Julian Robert Saly*
Metro Sass
Harry Schwartz*
Lillian Sideman*
Ethal Silver*
Fred Slade
Alfred E. Smith*
Bernice K. Snitz*
William Alter Sommerstein*
Julius Stern*
Helen Strauch
Boris Sukhman
Rhea Tannen
Barnett Weinstein*
Dolly Wolf
Jennie Wopinsky*
Gertrude Zilber
Larisa Zilber

WEEK OF FEBRUARY 15
Isaac Ashendorf*
Leonard Berger*
Ellis Berlin*
David Blecher
Ferdinand Fillmore
Coblenz*
Ike Cohen*
Sam Cooper*
Sophie Dobbs
Tillye Eisman*
Edith Ely*
Olivia Feir
Ethel Newell Flack*
Alvin Gittel
Estelle Gold*
Mildred Goodman*
Marsha Greenberg*
Alice Greenman*
Edward Lee Heiman*
Joseph Hockfield*
Annie Jacobs*
Dorothy Braiker
Kandlis*
Hyman Katzen*
Martin Katzen*
Sol Levine*
Nathan D. Levy*
Isaac Madansky*
Babette Maier*
Leopold Maier*
Sidney Mandell
H. Miller*
Miriam Miller
Robert Mintz
Henry Ostrow
Shirley Palmer*
Ruth Pear
John Hart Pransky*
Irving Purcel
Anne Puttermann
Mordechai Richardson
Morris Robkoff
Bernice Rotberg*
Marilyn Roth*
Ida P. Roussou*
Esther Sandberg*
Eva Shumaker*
Ida Cohen Smith*
Henry Spitzer
Allan Sykes*
Milton Thaler
Esther Kohl Vale

WEEK OF FEBRUARY 22
Frances Abrams*
Muriel Adams
William Bagileo
Lillian Messinger
Bayer*
Arthur Becker
Eva Berkowitz*
William Bienstock*
Vladimir Bukengolts
Pauline Burgen*
Renee Buxbaum*
Howard F. Campbell
Anna Cygler
Isaac Duschkin*
Zaki El-Kodsi*
Charlotte Freedland*
Khaya Galyansky
Nathan Glaberman
Charlotte Gold*
Louis A. Goldberg*
Johnnie Goldberg*
Mollie Telmar
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Morris William
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Louis Goldsmith*
Rebecca Gordon*
Leonard Gordon
Ernie Gordon
Robert “Bob” Guggenheim*
Harold Helschien
Elaine E. Hirsh
Clarke Horner
Herbert Jackowitz
Louis J. Katzen*
Brucha Kliger*
Vernon W. Kraus
Muriel S. Kronsburg
Mae Kropp*
Ada Leonard
Abraham Levine*
David Levine
Sam Levy*
Irving Livingston
Jerome Madans*
Estelle Meadow
Eric Moore
Rebecca Moscovitz*
Robert Ochocki*
Dora Perlin*
Stanton Poliaikoff*
Arnold Prystowsky
Leonard Rabhan
Rose Rosenthal
William Salem*
Blanche Sanderson
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, holidays 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 Gleiberman Simchat Torah Celebration Endowment Fund  – To subsidize the costs of annual Simchat Torah celebrations
Albert & Mary Kathleen Miller Endowment Fund  – To provide religious school scholarships and youth programming including trips, camp and Israel travel experiences
Alene & Samuel Strause Emergency Endowment Fund  – To provide emergency assistance for individuals and families
Ashendorf/Citron/Boxer Medical Endowment Fund  – To assist with medical expenses
Barbara & Jerry Levin Religious School Endowment Fund  – To provide religious school scholarships and financial assistance
Cissy Wollman Membership Scholarships Endowment Fund  – To provide financial assistance to subsidize the cost of Temple membership
David Silverman School Scholarship Endowment Fund  – To provide religious school scholarships and financial assistance
Doris & Albert Rouss Purim Endowment Fund  – To provide Purim programs and celebrations
Etta & Louis Greenspon Senior Citizen Endowment Fund  – To provide senior activity programs
Harold & Bette Wolfson Schapiro Senior Programs Endowment Fund  – To provide senior citizen programs
Harry & Micky Schwartz Education Endowment Fund  – To provide religious school scholarships and Israel travel experiences for children
Leonard & Ann Slesinger Education Endowment Fund  – To provide religious school scholarships and financial assistance
Maurice A. & Rosa B. Weinstein Adult Education Endowment Fund  – To provide adult education programs
Michael Meiselman TI Operational Support Endowment Fund  – To provide annual operational support to Temple Israel
Michael Meiselman Legacy Program Endowment Fund  – To provide support for Temple Israel programming
Pearl & Ralph Kier Sukkot Endowment Fund  – To provide Sukkot celebrations
Shelton Gorelick Family Endowment Fund for Temple Israel  – To provide youth programming including trips, camp and Israel travel experiences
Sherman & Alyce Levine Social Action Endowment Fund  – To provide social action programming
Shirley & Sol Levine Religious School Teacher Education Endowment Fund  – To 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 membership

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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MEMBERSHIP OUTREACH FUND
Monty Bennett, in memory of Maxine Moore.
Monty Bennett, in honor of the birth of Isadore Cooper.

SADIE STARR/ANITA & MARVIN SHAPIRO SILVER FUND
Mark & Jean Kirsch
Mark & Jean Kirsch, in honor of Melanie Kowek being elected class president.
Janet Lefkowitz, wishing Anita Shapiro a happy birthday.
Lawrence & Stephanie Seitlin, wishing Anita Shapiro a happy birthday.
Marvin & Anita Shapiro, wishing Bill Gorelick a happy birthday.
Marvin & Anita Shapiro, wishing Brenda Patten a happy birthday.
Marvin & Anita Shapiro, wishing Bob & Carol Speizman a happy 55th wedding anniversary.
Marvin & Anita Shapiro, wishing Milton Goldstein a happy birthday.
Marvin & Anita Shapiro, in memory of Ann Kavado.
Marvin & Anita Shapiro, wishing Isaac Luski a happy 90th birthday.
Marvin & Anita Shapiro, in honor of Rachel Kirsch becoming a bat mitzvah.
Marvin & Anita Shapiro, wishing Sandra Levine a happy birthday.
Marvin & Anita Shapiro, wishing Jean and Mark Kirsch a happy 50th wedding anniversary.
Marvin & Anita Shapiro, wishing Dale & Larry Polsky a happy wedding anniversary.
Marvin & Anita Shapiro, in memory of Idele Katz.
Arnold & Rosemary Zulman, Mazel Tov to Jean & Mark Kirsch on the bat mitzvah of their granddaughter.

SAM LERNER MEMORIAL GARDEN FUND
Ken & Lori Jackowitz, in memory of Stephen Peetluk.

SENIOR RABBI’S TZEDAKAH FUND
Michael & Denise Abadi
Marcelle Gorelick, in memory of Barbara Jarrell.
Roz Greenspon & Marty Bimbaum, in memory of Arlene Karp.
Don & Shevi Herbstman, thank you to Rabbi Ezring.
Don & Shevi Herbstman, in memory of Ann Kavado.

STUART OSTROW YOUTH FUND
Lauren Ostrow, wishing Paul Victor a happy birthday.
Lauren Ostrow, in memory of Clem Petrocelli.

SUNDAY MORNING MINYAN BREAKFAST FUND
Leonard & Bernna Berkowitz, yahrzeit of Cecile Berkowitz.
AI & Phyllis Garten, in honor of Art & Terri Roth’s son’s wedding.
AI & Phyllis Garten, wishing Jan & Alan Raznick a happy 50th wedding anniversary.
Donald & Shevi Herbstman, wishing Jan & Alan Raznick a happy 50th wedding anniversary.
Steven & Sharon Hockfield, wishing Jan & Alan Raznick a happy 50th wedding anniversary.
Bruce & Louise Kantor, in memory of Ann Kavado.
Barry & Anne Mendelson, wishing Jan & Alan Raznick a happy 50th wedding anniversary.
Frank & Ruth Paul, wishing Jan & Alan Raznick a happy 50th wedding anniversary.
Frank & Ruth Paul, in memory of Leonard Hollander.
Frank & Ruth Paul, in memory of Maxine Moore.
Arthur & Terri Roth, wishing Alan & Jan Raznick a happy 50th wedding anniversary.
George & Lois Schneider, wishing Jan & Alan Raznick a happy 50th wedding anniversary.
Norman Steinberger, Norman Steinberger, wishing Jan & Alan Raznick a happy 50th wedding anniversary.
Irving & Sylvia Swartz, wishing Jan & Alan Raznick a happy 50th wedding anniversary.
Ron & Janice Weiner, wishing Jan & Alan Raznick a happy 50th wedding anniversary.

ETZ HAYIM HUMASH
Jerry & Linda Segal, yahrzeit of Albert Segal.

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Cantor Lissek introduced a new weekly class in December (Thursdays at noon), called Exploring and Deepening Jewish Prayer.

Members of Temple Israel’s Social Action group prepared a Christmas Eve dinner and collected winter necessities for individuals at the Men’s Shelter of Charlotte.

The Social Club held their popular annual Hanukkah Luncheon in December, with entertainment provided by Cantor Lissek.

TIRS had a fun filled day getting into the Hanukkah spirit! The day included the PTO Hanukkah Boutique, a lively song-filled assembly and concluded with the students receiving a new school tote bag.
MISSION STATEMENT
Temple Israel is a welcoming and progressive Conservative community fostering personal growth and a meaningful engaged life through these pillars of our faith:

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

Save The Dates!
RABBI EZRING RETIREMENT CELEBRATION
May 31 – June 1