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

Sunday January 14, 2018
(MLK weekend)
9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.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 Projects benefiting both the Jewish and broader Charlotte community, as we share in Tikkun Olam (repairing the world).

Mitzvah projects will run in 20-30 minute rotations.

9:00 - 9:40 a.m. - Sunday Morning Minyan (family-oriented)
9:40 - 10:00 a.m. - Introduction and “Grab-n-go” Breakfast
10:00 - 11:30 a.m. - Mitzvah Acts (rotation every 20-30 minutes).
   Fill your “Mitzvah passport” with participation stamps.
11:30 a.m. - Lunch will be available for purchase, courtesy of TI Men’s Club

Community Blood Center of the Carolinas will be on-site.
Note: Donors must present a current, officially issued photo ID to donate.

Sisterhood will be collecting new, or gently worn (washed) bras, new packages of underwear and women’s hygiene products for Mathilde’s Mentionables. Beneficiaries are the Salvation Army of Charlotte, Women’s Shelter, and Crisis Assistance Ministry.

To get involved in this exciting day,
please contact David Rosenthal (davidh.rosenthal@gmail.com)

(Tzedakah collected and proceeds from the purchase of lunch will benefit TI Social Action efforts.)
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DECEMBER 2017

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2
Java N’ Jeans, 10:00am

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3
Lifelong Learning: Mikvah & Renewal, 3:00pm

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6
Lifelong Learning: Torah Chai – The Living Torah, 7:00pm

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7
Men’s Club: A Social/Business Networking Night, 7:30pm

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8
Torah Tots, 5:45pm

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9
Hanukkah, Hoops & Hornets, 7:00pm

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10
Bonim Leadership Council Meeting, 12:00pm
Annual Social Club Hanukkah Luncheon, 12:20pm
Cantor & Friends, 2:00pm
Gesher Leadership Board Meeting, 7:00pm

MONDAY, DECEMBER 11
Temple Israel Town Hall Meeting, 7:45pm

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13
TI Youth: Gesher Secret Hanukkah Harry Lounge Night, 6:00pm

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16
Temple Israel Hanukkah Celebration & Dance, 6:00pm
Torah On Tap: 4th Annual Vodkas & Latkes Party, 8:00pm

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17
Temple Israel Rededication Ceremony & Hanukkah Celebration, 9:30am

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24
Social Action: Men’s Shelter Meal Prep/Donation Drive, 12:00pm
Torah On Tap: A Very Jewish Chrismukkah, 5:00pm

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28
Family Dinner & Movie Night, 5:00pm

JANUARY 2018

SATURDAY, JANUARY 6
Shabbat Blessings, 10:00am

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7
Temple Israel Town Hall Meeting, 10:45am

THURSDAY, JANUARY 11
Torah On Tap: OM SHALOM – Yoga with a Jewish Twist, time tbd

FRIDAY, JANUARY 12
Torah Tots, 5:45pm
TI Youth: 3rd Annual NC-Wide Shabbaton, time tbd

SATURDAY, JANUARY 13
Bat Mitzvah of Maya Lesack, 9:30am

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14
Yom Gemilut Hasidim, 9:00am

THURSDAY, JANUARY 18
Ladies Night Out, featuring Author Tracy Curtis, 7:00pm

SATURDAY, JANUARY 20
Bar Mitzvah of Reed Rudick, 9:30am
Family Pajama-Dailah, 4:30pm

SUNDAY, JANUARY 21
Social Club Paid-Up Membership Luncheon, 12:30pm

MONDAY, JANUARY 22
Temple Israel Book Club, 7:30pm

THURSDAY, JANUARY 25
Torah On Tap: Celebrate the New Year of Trees at Red Clay Cider Works, 7:30pm

FRIDAY, JANUARY 26
Shabbaton for Shabbat Shira, with guest Cantor Linda Hirschhorn, 6:15pm

SATURDAY, JANUARY 27
Sisterhood Shabbat, 9:30am
Open Singing Workshop and Sing-along with guest Cantor Linda Hirschhorn, 1:30pm
TI Youth: Bonim Movie Night Out (make-up date), 7:00PM
Havdallah Concert and Reception, with guest Cantor Linda Hirschhorn, 7:30pm

SUNDAY, JANUARY 28
TI Youth: Mahar Ice Skating & Hot Chocolate, 12:00pm

CANDLE LIGHTING TIMES

SHABBAT* SERVICE TIMES
Friday, 6:15pm
Saturday, 9:30am

MINYAN TIMES
Sunday, 9:00am, 5:30pm
Monday-Thursday, 7:30pm
Thursday, 7:30am
Saturday, 5:30pm

CALENDAR NOTICE

Temple Israel strives to ensure that the calendar information is complete, accurate, however event information may change. For up-to-date information, please visit our online calendar on our website, www.templeisraelnc.org. Thank you.

GOOD SCENT?

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

SERVICE & CANDLE LIGHTING TIMES

CANDLE LIGHTING
December 1 4:53pm
December 8 4:53pm
December 15 4:54pm
December 22 4:57pm
December 29 5:02pm
January 5 5:07pm
January 12 5:14pm
January 19 5:21pm
January 26 5:28pm

WEEKLY EVENTS

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

TUESDAYS
Tuesday With Torah, 9:30am (classes resume October 17)
Temple Israel Religious School - Weekday Class, 4:45pm

WEDNESDAYS
Torah Sparks, 12:30pm
Temple Israel Religious School - Weekday Class, 5:15pm

SUNDAYS
Temple Israel Religious School, 9:15am

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

One of the best-known Hanukkah ditties describes it as a beautiful holiday and a joy for very young children. What child doesn’t like gifts followed by potato or sweet potato latkes? In part, the popularity of this holiday might be attributable to the very exciting story line presented in the Books of the Maccabees. A small, out-manned, out-armed band of country priests rose up like Thor, the Norse god in the very popular film, Thor: Ragnarok. Matisyahu, Yehuda, Yohanan, Simon, Eleazer and Jonathan along with their small band of heroes were willing to give their lives to combat the tyrannical Seleucid Greek Empire to save Israel and the Jewish People. They had to fight the stagnant forces of the Zealots, combat the Greeks and their Jewish supporters in Jerusalem, while staying true to their own faith and values. That makes Hanukkah timeless.

We decorate our homes to acknowledge that the Maccabees’ faith in our ever-present God combined with the personal heroism and strength exhibited by our warriors of old reaches out to us through the ages. “Maoz tzur y’shuati” Protector, rock of our deliverance, it is fitting to praise You. Those of us who experienced the rebirth of Israel and the miraculous victories our brave modern day Maccabian heroes earned, know that the evil, hatred and mass murders accosting us daily today will be defeated by the brave souls of the faithful in America.

“Al hanisim, v’al hapurkan” for the miracles, for the deliverance… for the triumphs … in those days” that will come again in our time, we will praise You. A small cruse of oil burnt long enough to keep the Menorah in the Temple of Jerusalem burning for eight days - a seemingly small miracle that reminds us all of God’s presence in our lives. We are experiencing a new wave of terrorist attacks and crazed Americans committing heinous mass murders at concerts and in churches.

“Not by might and not by power, but through Spirit alone shall we all live in peace…..” Debbie Friedman expressed her faith in God and the human spirit through these words. Hanukkah celebrates our faith that we are able to overcome adversity and fear to create a better world. We will not live in fear, hiding ourselves away in our homes! This year let us celebrate Hanukkah as the Maccabees would, with a greater joy than usual. Let us honor those taken too soon by terrorists and madmen. Let us dance with fervor; sing with all our breath; light our candles with a spark from our souls. Most of all let us commit ourselves to end the bloodshed and protect our children and our houses of worship against the vile deeds of our times. Join us Tuesday evening December 12 at 6:30. Join us each night of Hanukkah as we allow the Miracle of God’s light to shine again in Joy and Faith.

Hag Sameach

Hanukkah celebrates our faith that we are able to overcome adversity and fear to create a better world.

-Rabbi Murray Ezring
Cantor Roochvarg’s Column
By Cantor Elias Roochvarg

Conductor-In-Residence January 26-27.

Linda Hirschhorn, the founder and primary composer for VOCOLOT, the first ever Jewish Women’s a cappella ensemble, will be our Artist/Cantor-In-Residence on the weekend of January 26-27, 2018…which happens to be Shabbat Shirah, the annual Sabbath of Song, so named because we chant the Song of the Sea from the Torah that morning.

Linda’s songs and arrangements have been published in major anthologies, and her compositions have become staples of youth and adult choirs around the country. On this particular weekend, she will:

• Lead a Friday night service, with a chorus of singers from the community
• Lead an open singing workshop for the entire community on Saturday afternoon, with lots of lovely rounds and simple settings to prayers, and lead a spirited (pun intended) discussion on what the prayers mean to each of us personally, and
• Perform a Havdallah concert, featuring original songs and stories, along with a few selections with the aforementioned chorus of singers from the community.

If you like to sing, and are interested in participating in the community chorus, no audition is required. I ask that you please contact me in early December. Please note there will be two rehearsals, on Thursday evenings January 11 and 18 to learn the music.

The Illustrated Torah

The Illustrated Torah, created with the gifted hand of Israeli artist Michal Meron, is a beautiful, hand painted scroll that represents the stories within the 54 weekly parshiot of our traditional Torah through highlighted texts and vibrant images.

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Would you like to participate in the mitzvah of welcoming guests?
Temple Israel is looking for people to serve as greeters on Shabbat.
If you are interested in learning more, or doing this mitzvah, please contact Monty Bennett at mbennett@templeisraelnc.org or at the TI office (980) 960-2380.

CLERGY SEARCH UPDATE
By Dana Stoogenke, Co-Chair, Clergy Steering Committee

BLOG: https://www.templeisraelnc.org/clergy_search

It has been an exciting and busy fall gathering congregational input.

First, thanks to all our members for filling out the Clergy Survey. The full report is posted on the Clergy Blog located on Temple Israel’s website under Quick Links. There was a solid response to the survey, but it is only one tool we are using to gain insight into what our families want from Temple Israel's new clergy.

Second, there have been Town Hall meetings and our Communications Committee has been attending standing meetings (e.g., Sisterhood, Torah on Tap, Opening Assembly for TIRS and Torah Tots, etc.). We don’t just disseminate information but try to gauge what members need from new clergy. Meeting summaries are posted on the Clergy Blog.

What we ask:

1) What is the most important thing you would want the new Cantor/Rabbi to know about TI?

2) What question would you like to ask the Cantor/Rabbi candidates?

CANTOR SEARCH: The finishing touches were placed on the Cantor Application and it was posted in November. It was submitted to the Cantor’s Assembly, which is the clearinghouse for Cantor placement. Working with the Cantor’s Assembly will allow Temple Israel to reach optimal candidates, ensuring quality applicants. Remember Temple Israel will need a new Cantor by July 2018.

RABBI SEARCH: Temple Israel’s Board of Trustees voted to rejoin the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism (USCJ). In doing so, it will be a much more seamless search for Rabbinical candidates. We expect Temple Israel will be re-affiliated at USCJ’s annual meeting in December. Once it is official, the Steering Committee will work with USCJ on the process and procedures for our Rabbi search. USCJ will provide powerful resources for our Temple to attract the best possible candidates. Remember, Temple Israel will need a new Senior Rabbi by July 2019.

Our battle cry is INCLUSIVE AND TRANSPARENT. We want all members to be heard and included in the search for new clergy. Please join us at our next meetings or contact me directly at dstoogenke@hotmail.com.

www.TempleIsraelnc.org
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 TOWN HALL MEETINGS

All are welcome, and encouraged, to join us for our upcoming Town Hall Meetings where we will discuss the latest updates on our Clergy Search.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 11
7:45pm

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7
10:45am

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11
10:45am

ENGAGEMENT

By Monty Bennett, Membership Director

When moving to a new city, we all long to recreate the closeness of family. It might be by meeting people with similar backgrounds and interests or finding other parents with children the same age as ours. Perhaps we find the closeness by getting involved in an organization - for some, this means joining a local community of faith.

At Temple Israel, we are fortunate to have many people who have chosen to get involved with the congregation by coordinating activities for young families with children and participating in family activities. Sara Kulbersh is one such member. She writes, “I never realized how important a synagogue would be to my husband and me until we had children of our own. Temple Israel is a wonderful place for my family to pray, learn, and engage with our community. Originally from out of state, I couldn’t imagine a more welcoming and inviting synagogue - I feel right at home when I walk into the doors.”

Getting involved in a new community is never easy, but by getting involved in classes, auxiliaries, or other activities, you will find a smaller community-within-community, and this is where many friendships grow. “I always remember my grandfather telling us how important it was help to our fellow Jews,” writes Beth Stillitano. “From a very early age, I started to think of our synagogue as our family. If our family needs help, we help. When we first moved to Charlotte, we did not know anyone. Temple Israel brought us into its home, welcomed us and became our family immediately.”

Regardless of the length of your membership, I encourage all members to explore the many opportunities Temple Israel offers to help build your mishpacha (family). Lifelong Learning classes, concerts, Torah Tots programs and many more programs enable you to make meaningful connections with others in our community. There is a Jewish proverb that says, “Building a Jewish home means not only caring for those who live in that home but anyone who enters it.” Let us all live by that wisdom and continue to build the family that is Temple Israel.
**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.

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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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**WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS!**

Eric & Ilana Esposito (Jaron, Mahalia)
Rachel Friedman (Coby)
Mark & Emily Greenberg
Michael Grunwald & Elizabeth Ren (Aaron, Arabella)
Lee & Kristen Lampert (Rowan)
Stormy & Helena Scott (Cameron, Tyler)
Jose & Karen Singer-Freeman (Ari, Elena)
Harrison & Rachel Smookler (Mayim)
David & Rachael Weiss (Miles, Seth)
Larry & Florence Widis

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If you are interested in membership or learning what Temple Israel can offer you or your family, please contact Monty Bennett, Membership Director, at mbennett@templeisraelnc.org or call (980) 960-2380.
LIFE EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OUR CONDOLENCES TO
• Celia Mandel, mother of Michael Mandel and Mark Mandel.
• Metty Kavadlo, father of Gene (Alice) Kavadlo.
• Marian Jean Campbell, mother of Howard (Phyllis) Campell and grandmother of Gabriel Campbell.

BIRTHS
• Amy & Evan Novick joyfully welcomed the arrival of a baby boy, Daniel Matthew. Proud big brother is Jordan; proud grandparents are Pearl & Alan Mann, Jill Novick (MA), and Bruce Novick (MA); proud great-grandparents are Mary & Simon Wojnowichv and Elaine & Sidney Shuman (MA).
• Grace Goldberg Koster & Bastian Koster joyfully welcomed the arrival of a baby girl, Elsa Emily. Proud grandparents include Michael & Ashley Goldberg (CA), Emily Goldberg (CA), and Paul & Lenie Koster (Amsterdam, Holland); proud great-grandparents include Alan & Ruth Goldberg.

MAZEL TOV
• Eliana Berger, for being named the North Carolina State 2017 Student Teacher of the year by the North Carolina Association for Colleges and Teacher Educators. Eliana graduated in 2017 from the UNC Greensboro where she was chosen as the Outstanding Undergraduate Student Teacher within the School of Education. She is currently in her first year of teaching second grade students at Oakhurst STEAM Academy in Charlotte NC.

LIFE EVENT ANNOUNCEMENTS
If you would like to have your happy event, wedding, engagement or birth announcement published in Kol Yisrael, please submit your written information via e-mail to marketing@templeisraelnc.org or fax it to 704-362-1098. If you have an illness or a death in the family, please contact the Clergy Office at 704-362-2796.
SHALOM!
By Rabbi Helene Kornsgold,
Director of Congregational Education

I cannot believe how fast this year has flown by! In terms of the religious school, it has been an exciting year, filled with new programs and an improved school curriculum. Last January was the first time the religious school took an active role in Yom Gemilut Hassadim. It was wonderful to see parents and children working together on projects to benefit others in the greater Charlotte community.

In celebration of Purim, teachers and students came to school dressed up and had the opportunity to participate in our Purim Parade. For Purim and Passover, Kitah Zayin performed thoughtful holiday plays for everyone to enjoy. Our students are very talented and have a great deal to contribute to our school! The voices of parents, teachers and students filled the sanctuary during our celebratory end of the year assembly.

The new school year has brought with it a new Hebrew curriculum, new courses as well as new teachers. As previously explained (in the August/September issue of Kol Yisrael), the purpose of this new curriculum is to provide students with the opportunity to work at their own pace and ensure their continued advancement in Hebrew. After the Jewish holidays we commenced Class Shabbat programs with Junior Congregation. It is wonderful to see the delight in students’ eyes when they are called up to the bimah to have an Aliyah for the first time. This sight never gets old!

The addition of our experiential education component during our weekday school sessions has far exceeded my expectations! It has added an incredible dimension to our school. Our students are learning about Jewish values in a hands-on manner. I invite you to visit the first and third floors of the school building to look at our gorgeous student artwork on display. This class is spearheaded by Michelle Rusgo, our Kitah Zayin teacher. The creativity she brings to her teaching is truly amazing.

There are many additional programs planned for the spring and I hope you will consider joining us for at least some of them. The final day of school for 2017 is Sunday, December 17th. There will be a school wide Hanukkah assembly followed by an adults only rededication program of the newly renovated building.

Please remember to mark your calendars and join us for our Family Pajama-dallah on Saturday, January 20 (4:30-6:30pm) in the Social Hall. Pajama-dallah is a fun family service with pajamas, music, Havdallah, arts and crafts, and ice cream for kids in preschool – 2nd grade.

Wishing you a very Happy New Year!
B’NAI MITZVAH
MAZEL TOV TO OUR B’NAI MITZVAH

Maya Rose Lesack
JANUARY 13, 2018
Parents: Warren & Michelle Lesack
Maya is in the 7th grade at Marvin Ridge Middle School. She has been playing soccer at WCWAA since she was 2 ½, competing at the highest level offered by the club. She is also a member of the North Carolina Olympic Development Program (ODP). When not on the soccer field, Maya loves spending time with her friends and family. She can also be found on her phone or playing with her 2 dogs, Maggie and Penny. Maya has attended Camp Ramah Darom where she has made lasting friendships. For her Bat Mitzvah project, Maya volunteers her time with WCWAA soccer, working with Micro soccer players ages 3-6. Maya is excited for her upcoming Bat Mitzvah and becoming a member of the adult Jewish community.

Reed Rudick
JANUARY 20, 2018
Parents: Marni & Brian Rudick
Reed is a 7th grader at Marvin Ridge Middle School. He loves hockey, which he has been playing since he was 3 years old, and currently plays on a travel hockey team. For his Bar Mitzvah project, Reed is working with Game Start, a program that donates new and used sporting equipment to less fortunate kids. The equipment he collects is being donated to the Boys & Girls Club of Charlotte.

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, 2018
Hanukkah, Hoops & Hornets
(ALL AGES)
Saturday, December 9 (7:00pm Tip Off)
Join the Charlotte Jewish community for our fourth annual Hanukkah, Hoops & Hornets event as the Charlotte Hornets take on the Los Angeles Lakers! Each ticket comes with an exclusive FREE Charlotte Hornets Hebrew Kippah! In addition, a portion of every ticket purchased through the link below will be donated back to the Jewish Family Services.

To get your tickets, visit: http://bit.ly/1O7GPzw
Password: SHALOM

Gesher: Secret Hanukkah Harry Lounge Night
(8th-12th Graders)
Wednesday, December 13
Come celebrate the 2nd Night of Hanukkah as we light the Hanukkiah and eat a delicious dinner including homemade latkes and donuts. We will also have a Secret Hanukkah Harry gift exchange (white elephant style). To participate you must bring a gift of $5-$10! Location: Levine JCC Teen Lounge

$5/Members; $10/Non-Members (for dinner).
RSVP by Monday, December 11.

3rd Annual NC-Wide Shabbaton
(8th-12th Graders)
Friday, January 12 - Sunday, January 14
Hosted by the American Hebrew Academy in Greensboro, NC
Join teens from all over North Carolina for an awesome Shabbaton weekend! More information to come!

Yom Gemilut Hasadim (Mitzvah Day!)
(ALL AGES)
SUNDAY, January 14 (9:00-11:30am)
Join your friends and family as we support Temple Israel’s Mitzvah Day! This is a wonderful opportunity to get involved and make a difference in both the Jewish and our larger Charlotte communities!

BONIM Movie Night Out: Make-Up Date
(All 6th & 7th Graders)
Saturday, January 27 (7:00-10:00pm)
Join your friends at the Carolina Cinemas for a fun movie night, with reclining chairs and your choice of popcorn or candy and a drink. We will kick-off the night outside the movie theatre with a teen led Havdallah. Drop-off and Pick-Up @ Carolina Cinemas. $15/Members; $20/Non-Members. RSVP by Wednesday, January 24

MAHAR- Ice Skating & Hot Chocolate
(All 3rd-5th Graders)
Sunday, January 28 (7:00-4:00pm)
Is there any better way to spend a cold wintery day than at an ice rink? ice-skating, skate rental, bus transportation, and hot chocolate are all included in the price! Don’t forget to bring socks and a dairy lunch. Drop-off and Pick-Up @ TIRS Building. $15/Members; $20/Non-Members. RSVP by Wednesday, January 24.

YOUTH GROUP LEADERSHIP MEETINGS
Bonim Leadership Council (6th & 7th Grades)
• Sunday, December 10 - 12:00-1:00pm, at TIRS Building
Gesher Leadership Board (8th-12th Grades)
• Sunday, December 10 - 7:00-8:00pm, at Ben & Jerrys

CAMP MINDY MINDY Tween/Teen DAY CAMPS
Preschool · K-5th · Teen
Hosted by the American Hebrew Academy in Greensboro, NC
A Chat Summer ... Celebrating 18 Years!
2018 REGISTRATION BEGINS!
Sun, January 7 Members Only
Mon, January 8 Online Available
Th, February 1 Non-Members
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Flag Football · Lacrosse · All-Sports
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704-366-5007 · charlottejcc.org/camps

www.TempleIsraelInc.org
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 Ariel DiDonato at adidonato@templeisraelnc.org.

HANUKKAH, HOOPS & HORNETS (ALL AGES)
Saturday, December 9 (7:00pm Tip Off)
Join the Charlotte Jewish community for our fourth annual Hanukkah, Hoops & Hornets event as the Charlotte Hornets take on the Los Angeles Lakers! Each ticket comes with an exclusive FREE Charlotte Hornets Hebrew Kippah! In addition, a portion of every ticket purchased through the link below will be donated back to the Jewish Family Services.

To get your tickets, visit: http://bit.ly/1O7GPzw
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4rd Annual VODKAS & LATKES PARTY
Saturday, December 16 (8:00pm)
Join Torah on Tap as we cram eight crazy nights into one fun celebration of Hanukkah with a Vodkas & Latkes Party! $5/in advance; $10/door
Register at templeisraelnc.org
Location: Camden Gallery Uptown
(1750 Camden Rd, Charlotte, NC 28203)

A VERY JEWISH CHRismukkah
Sunday, December 24 (5:00pm)
Join Torah on Tap and other Jewish young professionals as we celebrate “A Very Jewish Chrismukkah,” complete with lighting of the Hanukkah, Chinese food, and a movie out on the town. The evening begins at 5:00pm with dinner reservations at Baoding followed by a movie at Regal Phillips Place.
Even though this event is free, PLEASE REGISTER at templeisraelnc.org to ensure we have enough seats.

OM SHALOM: YOGA WITH A JEWISH TWIST
Thursday, January 11
Kick start your new year with Torah on Tap and a mindful yoga event. More information to come!

YOM GEMILUT HASADIM (Mitzvah Day!)
Sunday, January 14 (9:00am)
Join Torah On Tap as we support Temple Israel’s Mitzvah Day! This is a wonderful opportunity to get involved, and make a difference in both the Jewish and our larger Charlotte community!

CELEBRATE THE NEW YEAR OF TREES
at Red Clay Cider Works
Thursday, January 25 (7:30pm)
Join Torah on Tap as we celebrate the New Year of Trees and its fruits at Red Clay Cider Works, Charlotte’s first cidery. More information to come!

Torah On Tap celebrates “Havdallah-ween”, October 2017
TEMPLE ISRAEL RENOVATIONS: A selection of Before and After Photos
TEMMPE ISRAEL SOCIAL ACTION 2017/2018

Performing Acts of Loving Kindness Together!

Our vision for Social Action is to live Jewish Values as we help those in need. For more information, please visit the Social Action page on www.templeisraelnc.org. Would you like to get involved?

Contact one of our Social Action Committee Co-Chairs:
Steve Cohen (stevencohen99@yahoo.com) or David Thrope (dmthrope@gmail.com).

MEN’S SHELTER OF CHARLOTTE DINNER

The Men’s Shelter of Charlotte operates the only two year-round emergency shelters for men experiencing homelessness in Mecklenburg County. The Shelter provides basic needs including beds, meals, restroom and shower facilities, laundry facilities, and personal hygiene items. A host of on-site supportive services are also available, including our Housing and Employment Resource Center (HERC), substance abuse and mental health services, peer support, medical respite, and bi-monthly visits from volunteer dentists.

For many years, congregants from Temple Israel have assisted the Men’s Shelter in providing basic needs. This year, we will be performing this Mitzvah once again on:

Men’s Shelter Dinner - Sunday, December 24

We will be cooking and serving dinner for 140 men, and providing needed basic essentials to help these men stay warm and clean.

Would you and your family like to get involved? If so, here are a number of ways you can help:
• Help cook a healthy meal at Shalom Park between Noon and 4:30pm.
• Transport the food from Shalom Park to the Men’s Shelter (Statesville Rd) from 4:30-5:30pm.
• Serve the food and distribute basic essentials from 5:50pm-7:30pm (Adults only).
• Make a donation of tzedakah (with a check payable to “Temple Israel Social Action Fund”) to help purchase the food for dinner (food cost = $700/dinner).

To volunteer for this meaningful and fulfilling event, or if you have questions, please contact: Jonathan Berger, 704-995-1732 or jbergertisa@gmail.com.

TEMPLE ISRAEL HOLIDAY COLLECTION DRIVES

December 1 - 13

This December Temple Israel is running three collection drives to benefit Men’s Shelter of Charlotte, Shelter Health Services and Huntingtowne Farms Elementary School. Donations may be dropped off in the Temple Israel lobby, and should indicate the collection your donation is for.

MEN’S SHELTER OF CHARLOTTE

NEW
Warm Gloves
Hats
Underwear (XL)
Sweatshirts (XL)
Winter Coats (XL) and Toothbrushes
Toothpaste (large tubes)
Deodorant
Shampoo (large bottles)

SHELTER HEALTH SERVICES

Shelter Health Services provides free healthcare and health education to homeless women and children through its walk-in clinic located within Mecklenburg County’s largest women’s shelter. Aveeno lotion (eczema/extra dry skin) Sambucol Delsym cough syrup ThermaCare Heatwraps (back, neck, wrist, shoulder) Earwax removal kits Wart remover Wrist splints Finger splints Slippers (large size) Children’s cough syrup Robitussin (regular and DM) Naproxen Pill Planners (3 & 4 days) Hand sanitizer Pedialyte (dry packets or liquid) Flip Flops Body wash Body Moisturizer Multi-Symptom Cold Tabs Multi-Formula Cold medication Hydrocortisone cream Tylenol Ibuprofen (infant, adult) Pain relief gel Powerade or Gatorade Saline nasal spray

HUNTINGTOWNE FARMS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Temple Israel will once again participate in our partnership school’s Holiday Helper program for the school’s neediest children. If you would like to help with this meaningful family gift-buying program, please visit the display in the Temple Israel Lobby and select a “present” (with gift requests) on the large, wooden Hanukkiah.

Questions? Please contact Linda Levy at 704/366-6362 or levyollie@aol.com.
We currently have 105 families who have made Temple Israel part of their legacy. In celebration of 120 years, can you help us achieve 120 legacies?? Please contact our Membership Director, Monty Bennett, at the Temple office, or by email at mbennett@templeisraelnc.org.

SAVE THE DATE

ISRAELI ART SHOW & GALA
Thursday, April 26, 2018

Join Temple Israel as we host an Israeli Art Show & Gala in celebration of Israel’s 70th Birthday.

More information to come.

SHABBATON FOR CANTOR ROOCHVARG
Friday, June 15 - Saturday, June 16

Join us for a very special Shabbaton celebrating Cantor Elias Roochvarg as he prepares to retire after 23 years at Temple Israel!

More information to come.
What makes Charlotte special is that so many of us are from someplace else. Some of us have deep roots far away and some of us are just starting out and trying to figure out where we want to settle down. Whatever your circumstance, belonging to Temple Israel and getting involved makes the transition easier. You are no longer an outsider; you become one of the “in” crowd. Becoming a member of Sisterhood can help you make new friends and deepen your relationship with a new acquaintance.

This year we are trying to change the world. An ambitious project, I know, but we are going to at least try. We’ve contributed to Hurricane relief. We are involved with the Mathilda’s Mentionables program (see Hilary Rosenbaum’s article). Our first meeting was to learn about and contribute to Blessings in a Backpack, so that local children do not go hungry over the weekends (and we had fun). We contribute towards the education of new Rabbis and Cantors (see Karen Brodsky’s article). Through your involvement in these efforts and other causes that are close to your heart, you can make changes for others and yourself at the same time.

I guarantee you will find at least one of this year’s meetings to be of interest to you. If I’m wrong, tell me. Check out the Women’s League website (wlcj.org) to see the many causes we are involved with as well as the webinars available to you. There’s a virtual book club and you’ll also find the resolutions Women’s league has crafted with the input of members. Even if you can’t come to meetings you can take advantage of WLCJ online programs. And…your membership dollars support the infrastructure that makes all this possible.

So, come on, join your “sisters” in changing the world. My hope is that all of us have reason to rejoice in 2018!

Shellie Barer
Sisterhood President
WILL YOU BE “ONE IN A MINYAN”?

Strengthen our Temple Israel community by giving just 15 minutes of your time, at least once a month!

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

Sunday, 9:00am
Rosh Minyan - Alan Raznick
araznick@bellsouth.net
704-540-5423 (h)
704-564-1379 (c)

Sunday, 5:30pm
Rosh Minyan -
Michael Van Glish
mvg3700@outlook.com
704-366-6619 (h)
704-905-8630 (c)

Monday, 7:30pm
Rosh Minyan -
Morey Sheffer
moreysheff@gmail.com
704-540-0502 (h)
704-201-4728 (c)

Tuesday, 7:30pm
Rosh Minyan -
Richard Herd
hrlpromotions@gmail.com
704-846-0907 (h)

Wednesday, 7:30pm
Rosh Minyan -
Leonard Berkowitz
lennyberk1946@gmail.com
803-802-5362 (h)
954-856-6873 (c)

Thursday, 7:30am
Rosh Minyan - Jodi Cohen
SCohen2414@aol.com
704-845-9745 (h)
704-661-1390 (c)

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704-661-1390 (c)

Saturday, 5:30pm
Rosh Minyan -
Cantor Roochvarg
cantor@templeisraelnc.org
704-362-2796
MEN’S CLUB

In my last article I discussed the positive experiences we had at our biennial convention in July. One of the ancillary benefits was developing a relationship with the Men of Reform Judaism (MRJ) which has an ongoing financial and administrative relationship with the Federation of Jewish Men’s Clubs (FJMC).

Capitalizing on that relationship and expanding Temple Israel’s existing relationship with Temple Beth El, our combined men’s clubs just enjoyed a “Scotch and Cigars program” in their Sukkah. I wish to especially thank David Nuno for contributing a box of cigars. It was an incredible experience with over 80 men from our clubs drinking, speaking, smoking and getting to know one another. In fact, the event was so successful it only concluded an hour or so after curfew! We are planning several other combined programs such as other tastings, football games and golf.

We are now in full swing for our yearly Hannukah Dance, which will take place on Saturday December 16, and we plan to serve dinner like we did last year (although not Chinese). By the time you read this there will be a few days left for registration, so please make your plans or contact me if you need more information.

We hope to see you at many more of our programs this year, so you can experience first-hand how our Men’s Club has been fostering our ideals of Leadership, Innovation and Community. We also wish to especially thank all our members who have signed this year for contributing to our success.

Michael J Abadi
President
Abadim7470@aol.com

Men’s Club: A SOCIAL/BUSINESS NETWORKING NIGHT
Thursday, December 7 (7:30pm Boardroom)

Share ideas and gain marketing knowledge from others - all in a social setting. Limited to 25-30 participants. Food & Drinks will be served.

Please RSVP by 11/30 to Richard Freiberg: hvrprez@windstream.net.
The mission of the Social Club is to provide an active social life for active adults (single or couples 55+) who are members of any area synagogue. Through the Social Club’s various events (approximately 8 to 10 per year), the organization becomes a mechanism for newcomers to the Charlotte area to make new friends.

ANNUAL SOCIAL CLUB HANNUKKAH LUNCHEON  
Sunday, December 10, 12:00pm  
(Leon & Sandra Levine Social Hall)  
Please join the Social Club at their annual Hanukkah luncheon! Cantor Elias Roachvarg and Adam Ward will lead us in the Hanukkah blessings and songs at the luncheon.  
Price: $20/members and $24/non-members and guests. After lunch, we will adjourn to the Morris & Sylvia Speizman Sanctuary for a 2:00 pm “Cantor and Friends” George Gershwin concert.

SOCIAL CLUB PAID-UP MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON  
Sunday, January 21, 12:30pm  
(Leon & Sandra Levine Social Hall)  
Calling all members! You won’t want to miss our Annual Paid-Up Membership Luncheon! Come for a delicious lunch and an enjoyable afternoon spent socializing with friends. Entertainment by Alan Kaufman - pianist and storyteller. Topic: “The Rise and Fall of the Borscht Belt.” This event is free with your paid dues.

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

LIFELONG LEARNING

MIKVAH & RENEWAL  
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3  
3:00 – 5:30pm (Mikvah & Boardroom)  
Join Rabbi Klirs as we take a “deep dive” into the many new and creative prayers and rituals developed in recent decades that enable contemporary Jews to experience the deep spiritual and healing qualities of the mikvah in response to significant and/or highly personal events in their lives. After about an hour of study, discussion, and a tour of our newly enhanced mikvah, attendees will enjoy individual time for their own private mikvah experience. Refreshments will be served.  
The fee for using the mikvah is $20, otherwise the event is free of charge. To reserve a slot to use the mikvah, or simply to attend, we request that you rsvp to Dallas Morris: dmorris@templeisraelnc.org.

TORAH CHAI: The Living Torah  
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6  
7:00 – 9:00pm  
Give justice to the weak and the fatherless; maintain the right of the afflicted and the destitute. Psalm 82  
In reaching out to other faiths in our community to respectfully learn from them, we invited ministers of four churches in Charlotte to engage with Rabbi Ezring and Temple Israel to explore how the teachings of the Torah continue to provide inspiration. The Program addresses how the Hebrew Bible and Prophets guide and provide a common bond of values, ethics and community responsibility. Don’t miss our final class with special guest James Howell, Senior Pastor, Myers Park United Methodist Church.
JAVA N’ JEANS
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2
10:00am
Do you have questions about Jewish prayer? Are you seeking a deeper meaning behind the prayers? Join Rabbi Klirs for Java ’N Jeans on the 1st Shabbat morning of the month, when you can delve into and discuss the true meaning and purpose of prayer in an informal setting. Coffee is provided and we welcome everyone, regardless of background. Feel free to wear your favorite pair of jeans or whatever you like! After a robust, interactive study session, everyone is encouraged to join the congregation for the remainder of the service in the main sanctuary and stay for the Kiddush luncheon afterwards.

NEW ALTERNATIVE SHABBAT MORNING PROGRAM TO BEGIN IN JANUARY
Are you searching for a more personal, spiritual connection to Judaism? Would you like to find a way to tap into the gifts of Shabbat and Jewish prayer through your own life and experiences? Shabbat enables us to step back from our busy lives and focus on timeless values, on the mysteries of creation, on our purpose as individuals and as Jews, and most especially, on our blessings.

Rabbi Tracy Klirs is in the process of planning a new kind of Shabbat morning experience which offers an opportunity for spiritual enrichment and renewal through sharing our own blessings and insights, in the context of relevant prayers, music and texts from our tradition. Each time we meet we will explore one of the major themes or ideas of Jewish prayer through objects, poetry, stories, anecdotes or something else personal that interested participants bring to share.

SHABBAT BLESSINGS will begin on Saturday, January 6, alternating with Java ’n Jeans every other month on the first Shabbat morning of the month. Everyone is welcome - members and non-members, people of all backgrounds, seekers and the curious.

If this idea intrigues you, we would love to have your input at a planning meeting to be held Wednesday evening, December 13, immediately following the 7:30 minyan and Hanukkah candle lighting.

Please contact Rabbi Klirs if you’d like to help plan, or simply participate: rabbiklirs@templeisraelnc.org.

HANUKKAH, HOOPS & HORNETS!
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9
7:00pm tip off
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CANTOR & FRIENDS
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10
2:00pm
(Morris & Sylvia Speizman Sanctuary)
Join Cantor Roochvarg (with accompaniment by Adam Ward) as he presents one of his final two Cantor & Friends concerts - a special holiday program, featuring music by the great George Gershwin! Music for the concert hall, Broadway, Hollywood and Tin Pan Alley: George Gershwin did them all, and excelled in them all. For 20 years he was an international celebrity, and people are still performing his music 80 years after his death. Come hear why!

*Cantor Roochvarg will retire in July 2018.
TEMPLE ISRAEL REDEDICATION CEREMONY & HANUKKAH CELEBRATION

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17
9:30am (Morris & Sylvia Speizman Sanctuary)
All are welcome to join us for a Hanukkat HaBayit (“Dedication of the house”) when we gather for both a celebration of Hanukkah with our religious school students and a rededication ceremony marking the conclusion of the temple’s recent renovation. Afterwards, we will enjoy breakfast in the Leon & Sandra Levine Social Hall while the students continue Hanukkah activities and learning back in their classrooms.

FAMILY DINNER & MOVIE NIGHT
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28
5:00pm – Dinner
(Leon & Sandra Levine Social Hall)
6:00pm - Movie
Take a Break from the Cold...Bring a Friend and Enjoy the Show! Temple Israel presents Family Movie Night featuring “Frozen”. Come join us for food and fun for the whole family as we enjoy pizza, salad and “frozen” treats for dessert! The night will also include frozen drinks and hot toddies for the adults. After dinner we will warm up with everyone’s favorite movie, “Frozen”. RSVP online at templeisraelnc.org by Tuesday, December 26th. Cost: $9/adult; $6/child (6-12 year old); $5/little one (1-5 year old)

LADIES NIGHT OUT featuring Author Tracy Curtis
THURSDAY, JANUARY 18
7:00pm
(Morris & Sylvia Speizman Sanctuary)
Ladies: Start your weekend early with a special Ladies Night Out featuring local award-winning author, speaker, and former nationally syndicated humor columnist, Tracy Curtis. Currently working on her first novel entitled “Wit Happens,” Tracy’s Humor Me trilogy of gift books (released in 2016) features collections of her favorite Charlotte Observer columns about the imperfection of motherhood from the last decade. The evening will include wine and a book signing. This event is FREE, however an RSVP is requested at templeisraelnc.org.

FAMILY PAJAMA-DALLAH
SATURDAY, JANUARY 20
4:30pm (Leon & Sandra Levine Social Hall)
Wear your pajamas and bring your pillow for a fun family program including music, Havdallah, arts and crafts, and ice cream. This event is for kids in preschool, 2nd grade and their families.
RSVP at templeisraelnc.org by Monday, January 15.

TEMPLE ISRAEL BOOK CLUB
MONDAY, JANUARY 22
7:30pm (Boardroom)
“An extraordinary, propulsive novel based on the true story of a family of Polish Jews who scatter at the start of the Second World War, determined to survive and reunite.” So reads the introduction to a review of We Were the Lucky Ones By Georgia Hunter.
Copies of the book are available at the Levine-Sklut Judaic Library and the public library and may be purchased for under $20.
Everyone is welcome to attend Temple Israel Book Club meetings even if you haven’t read the book.
For additional information, contact Linda Levy (704-366-6362, levyollie@aol.com.)

SHABBATON FOR SHABBAT SHIRA
Friday, January 26
6:15pm, Shabbat Services
Saturday, January 27
1:30pm, Open Singing Workshop and Sing-Along
7:30pm, Havdallah Concert and Reception
All are welcome to a special Shabbaton for Shabbat Shira, when California-based world-renowned Cantor, singer, and songwriter Linda Hirschhorn visits Temple Israel! In addition to participating in Friday evening’s Shabbat services, Cantor Hirschhorn will host an Open Singing Workshop and sing-along for the entire Jewish Community at 1:30pm on Saturday. Then join us Saturday evening at 7:30pm for a special Havdallah Concert and Reception. Admission is FREE, but registration is requested at templeisraelnc.org.
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16
(Leon & Sandra Levine Social Hall)

6:00 pm - Celebration begins

6:15 pm - Havdallah followed by the lighting of the 5th Hanukkah candle
Bring your favorite menorah and candles to join others in celebration of the Hanukkah miracle

7:00 pm - Dinner
Buffet Dinner featuring Brisket, Fish, Latkes, Kid-Friendly options (Bring your own Kosher Wine)

8:00 pm - DJ, Dancing, and Dessert
Raffles, Kids Games, and a Craft

Cost: $20.00 per person / $60.00 maximum per family

Please RSVP/Register online at templeisraelnc.org no later than December 6.
(Space is limited)

If you would like to send a check, please make it out (and send it) to TEMPLE ISRAEL, and indicate in the memo: Hanukkah Celebration & # of attendees.

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Evening sponsored by your Temple Israel Men’s Club
APPROXIMATELY 140,000 SQUARE FEET, the new Asbury Health and Rehabilitation at Aldersgate is a 180-degree shift from institutional skilled nursing to neighborhood living. There are six amenity-filled households that offer the comforts of a beautiful home. Enjoy meals and individualized Life Enrichment Programming to suit your schedule, not ours.

In addition to our “person-centered” philosophy is the level of care and access to the most advanced technologies. The new Asbury Health and Rehabilitation includes a 3,500-square-foot therapy suite, heated HydroWorx® pool and an outdoor therapy garden. It’s healthcare delivery as you’ve never seen it.

Asbury Health and Rehabilitation, 3800 Shamrock Drive, Charlotte, 28215  l  704.532.7071

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Michael Acker
Daniel Bograd*
Robert Paul Bolande*
Lee Boxer
George J. Brownstein*
Louis Dumont
Sylvia Bienstock
Eisner*

Israel Feller*
David Fellerman*
Leon S. Firestone*
Victor Fragoso
Paul Frost
Frank Goldberg*
Ida Goldsmith*
Sylvia Bienstock
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Israel Feller*
David Fellerman*
Leon S. Firestone*
Victor Fragoso

Week of December 8
Taube Abelowitz
Rachel Araize*
Rachelle Biber
Rose Bierman*
Oscar Bregman
Clarice Breitman
Ivan Cabot
Abi Jack Conn*
Chana Corn
Isadore "Mike"
CorzineRebecca Rubin*
Mary Lee Edelstein
Mourad Y. El-Kodsi*
Mollie Essenfeld*
Larry Eber
David Feingold
Jerrold A. Feldman
Eva Feldman*
Mildred Ettingoff Fox*
Benno Frank

Week of December 15
Myer Ashendorf
Jenny Baikovitz
Yitzchok Assic ben Asher
Zelig v'Sura
Fred Bergen*
Philip Berlin
Bertram Morton Blum
Barbara Nathan Brenner
Sam Brenner
Ben Bruck*
Margaret Carlton
Lillie Lubin Davis*
Dora Davis*
William Aaron Estroff*
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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 (704) 362-2796 for more information.

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Fund Spotlight: SOCIAL ACTION FUND

One of the hallmarks of Temple Israel is our commitment to gemilut hasadim, acts of loving kindness. Through these acts, both on our special day of service in January and throughout the year, we touch the lives of many people in need locally and around the world. One way to engage in the mitzvah of gemilut hasadim is by donating to Temple Israel’s Social Action Fund, which supports many social action programs including Room in the Inn and the Men’s Shelter of Charlotte.
TEMPEL 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!

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**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 Strauss 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 Rousso Purim Endowment Fund  
– To provide Purim programs and celebrations

Etta & Louis Greenspan 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 TJ 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 Temple membership

**TEMPLE ISRAEL IN-HOUSE FUNDS**

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

Cantor’s Music Fund  
– To provide musical programs and activities

Celia Scher Holocaust Fund  
– To support annual Yom Hashoah commemoration

General Fund  
– To provide unrestricted operational support to the Temple

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sadie Starr Silver Fund  
– To purchase sliver for the Temple

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

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

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

Sisterhood Youth Program Fund  
– To support youth programming

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

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

Stuart Ostrow Youth Fund  
– To provide youth programs and activities

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

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

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

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

Temple Israel is in the process of updating its website so that all online donations and payments will be processed on the Temple Israel site. Members/donors will no longer be redirected to PayPal to process a payment. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Barbara in the accounting office.

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14TH ANNUAL CHARLOTTE JEWISH FILM FESTIVAL
FEBRUARY 10 – MARCH 4

Temple Israel is a proud Community Sponsor of the CJFF and the film *Bye Bye Germany* on Sunday, February 11 at 7:15pm

All Festival Pass (a $183 value/15 films): $140 Jan 8 – Feb 10
Early Bird Special: $110 Dec 15 – Jan 7

Ticket Sales Begin Dec 15 at charlottejewishfilm.com
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.

Temple Israel Religious School (TIRS): CHEVROOT/FRIENDSHIP

This Jewish tradition stresses the value of friendship and highlights the importance of ‘give and take’ in our relationships....TIRS students were asked to identify characteristics that make a friend. Students sketched images of friendship onto paper while discussing skills that help people make friends.

Students learned about friendships in their lives and what they can do to develop and nurture these friendships. When finished, they recreated their image onto a fabric square using Sharpee markers, glitter glue, and cut fabric.