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## February 2018

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3**  
Bar Mitzvah of Max Ganem, 9:00 a.m.  
Alternative Service: Java N’ Jeans, 10 a.m.

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4**  
World Wide Wrap, 9 a.m.

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7**  
TI Youth: Gesher Casino Lounge Night, 6 p.m.

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9**  
CJP/ Torah Tots Shabbat Dinner, 5:30 p.m.  
Torah Tots Service, 6:15 p.m.

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10**  
Legacy Shabbat/Beyond B’nai Mitzvah, 9:30 a.m.  
Alternative Service: Java N’ Jeans, 10 a.m.  
Jr. Congregation, 10:30 a.m.  
Torah On Tap: Party of 5, 7 p.m.

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11**  
TI Youth: Bonim Leadership Council Meeting, 12:15 p.m.  
TI Youth: Gesher Leadership Board Meeting, 7 p.m.  
CJFF/Temple Israel present: Bye Bye Germany, 7:15 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14**  
Teen Coalition Jewish Film Festival Night, 7 p.m.

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16**  
Cantor Shira Lissek visit

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17**  
Rosh Chodesh Study Group, 1 p.m.  
Bat Mitzvah of Molly Moskowitz, 5:30 p.m.  
Cantor Shira Lissek visit

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18**  
Cantor Shira Lissek visit

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23**  
Cantor Jason Green visit

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24**  
Bar Mitzvah of Ben Baum, 9:30 a.m.  
Jr. Congregation, 10:30 a.m.  
Torah On Tap: Celebrate Queen Esther at Queen Park Social, 8 p.m.  
Cantor Jason Green visit

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25**  
Community-Wide Purim Carnival, 12 p.m.  
Cantor Jason Green visit

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28**  
Torah Tots Purim Program, 5 p.m.  
Temple Israel Purim Celebration, 5:30 p.m.

## March 2018

**FRIDAY, MARCH 2**  
Empty Nester Shabbat Dinner, 7:15 p.m.

**SATURDAY, MARCH 3**  
B’not Mitzvah of Rebecca Sachar and Hannah Sidranski, 9:30 a.m.  
Alternative Service: Shabbat Blessings, 10 a.m.  
TI Youth: The Great Gesher Overnight, 7:30 p.m.

**SATURDAY, MARCH 3**  
B’not Mitzvah of Rebecca Sachar and Hannah Sidranski, 9:30 a.m.

**MONDAY, MARCH 5**  
Temple Israel Book Club, 7:30 p.m.

**SATURDAY, MARCH 10**  
Bat Mitzvah of Miranda Stoogenke, 9:30 a.m.  
Jr. Congregation, 10:30 a.m.

**SUNDAY, MARCH 11**  
Torah On Tap: March Madness Mitzvah Tournament, 10 a.m.  
Cantor & Friends, 4 p.m.

**THURSDAY, MARCH 15**  
Social Club: Matthews Heritage Museum Tour, 10 a.m.  
Mens Club: A Social/Business Networking Night, 7:30 p.m.

**SATURDAY, MARCH 17**  
B’nai Mitzvah of Josh Cohen and Nathan Plaisance, 9:30 a.m.  
Rosh Chodesh Study Group, 1 p.m.

**THURSDAY, MARCH 22**  
Torah On Tap: Pharaoh, Let My People Out of the Escape Room!, 8 p.m.

**FRIDAY, MARCH 23**  
Kitah Bet Class Shabbat, 9:30 a.m.

**SATURDAY, MARCH 24**  
Men’s Club Shabbat, 9:30 a.m.  
Torah Tots, 10 a.m.  
Jr. Congregation, 10:30 a.m.  
TI Youth: Bonim Adventure Landing – READY, SET BE JEWISH!, 8:15 p.m.

**SUNDAY, MARCH 25**  
TI Youth: Mahar Movie Outing (A Wrinkle In Time), 12:15 p.m.  
Bingo With Bunny, 1 p.m.

**SATURDAY, MARCH 31**  
Community Cooperative Seder, 6 p.m

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

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### Service & Candle Lighting Times

**Shabbat* Service Times**
- Friday, 6:15 p.m.
- Saturday, 9:30 a.m.

**Minyan Times**
- Sunday, 9:00am, 5:30 p.m.
- Monday-Thursday, 7:30 p.m.
- Thursday, 7:30 a.m.
- Saturday, 5:30 p.m.

### Calendar Notice

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RAVIB EZRING'S COLUMN
By Rabbi Murray Ezring

On December 31/January 1 we celebrated the secular New Year. In our lifetimes, it has always been a night of parties marked by feasting and drinking. Many of us have forgotten that our Jewish calendar, especially 5778/2018, commemorates three wonderful holidays, including two Jewish New Year celebrations: Tu B’shvat, the New Year of the Trees, falls on January 31; Purim follows on March 1; the Jewish New Year of Nisan 1 is March 17, and is closely associated with Pesach which begins Shabbat, March 30/31.

Our holidays, which are also marked by feasting and drinking, are not the anything goes reckless experiences of the secular festivities. Tu B’shvat recognizes the beauty of God’s creation. In recent years, it has become attached to environmentalism and the need for human beings to connect spiritually to the world by accepting our role as protectors of the planet. A Kabbalistic ceremony, the Tu B’shvat Seder, brings together the delicious, natural flavors of seven species of fruit that grow in Israel. While consuming Israeli produce, we acknowledge that they are gifts from God by reciting blessings and thanking God for each one. Wine is used to show how we can combine natural products to create new colors and flavors.

Purim commemorates our survival during the days of the Persian Empire. We are reminded that even in countries that welcome, there will be times that we need to confront the hatred that is directed at us because we are different. Perhaps we masquerade to remind ourselves that no matter how comfortable, no matter how assimilated we become, underneath, we are who we have always been, “strangers in a strange land.” The frivolity of Purim reminds us that life is good. Even when Evil arises, good people who share a vision of righteousness will celebrate in the end. The faith shared by good people eventually overpowers hatred and distrust.

The first of Nisan and the holiday of Pesach, are celebrations of the nationhood of Israel. We gather with our families, retell the story of the Exodus and remind ourselves that we were once idolaters. The recognition of a Nation of People founded by our faith in God and a covenant God will always support, helps us break out in song as we drink wine and enjoy our existence.

When I was a child, I remember saying to my father that I felt badly that our neighbors did not enjoy all the holidays we enjoyed. He responded by telling me that the beauty of America is that we have the ability to invite others to our celebrations so they can see what we do and that we are not so different. We become different when we forget our holy days, our calendar and our customs. This year, as we progress from one new year to the next, let us celebrate each as it was intended: in our homes, in our synagogues and with our community.

Happy New Year and Purim to all.

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-Rabbi Murray Ezring

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*All Candle Lighting Times are based on GPS location for Temple Israel and are taken from Hebcal.com*
In early December, I had the opportunity to attend the 2017 USCJ Convention with several members of Temple Israel’s Board of Trustees. The convention involved a wonderful Shabbaton and three days of workshops, plenary sessions, performances, presentations and informal opportunities to interact and engage with other professionals and lay people from Conservative congregations located around the United States and Canada. It was a fantastic experience and I came home feeling inspired, renewed and ready to help lead our congregation toward a successful future. Here are a few of my key takeaways from the convention:

1) Conservatism Judaism is alive and well and uniquely positioned to contribute meaning, purpose and values to guide us during this challenging, complex moment in time. Our movement encourages us to achieve continuity through change and approach change in the context of tradition.

2) The Jewish community in America has changed and the way Jewish people view identity is ever evolving. We have to make sure we create a meaningful product to share with both current and potential members of our community in order to ensure that people fully understand and appreciate the value of their Temple Israel membership.

3) We need to work hard to attract and engage the next generation of volunteers and leaders into the life of our congregation. We have a lot to offer and a lot of work to do and we need your help!

4) If we can provide the members of our Temple Israel community with opportunities to build relationships with Torah, each other and G-d, then we are creating opportunities for transformative experiences that will enrich the lives of individual members of our community and our congregation as a whole.

5) There is significant power in kehillah (community). Through our kehillah, we can bring relevance, meaning and purpose to people’s lives...and if we work to strategically and intentionally strengthen our kehillah, there are no limits to the impact we can have.

6) Temple Israel is on the verge of embarking on significant changes that will shape our community for years to come. We must be ready to meet people where they are and be open to exploring new opportunities for engagement and involvement in our congregation.

7) There is some truly inspirational and moving music that is coming out of vocalists and musicians within the Conservative movement. If we incorporate some of these new sounds into our services, we will be able to create deeper connections to our tradition.

We must head toward the future with confidence, not fear, for we can write the future of Temple Israel and our community together! We can create transformational, experiential, substantive opportunities for members of our community to connect to Judaism and each other. Through this engagement, we will ensure Temple Israel is a vibrant, thriving congregation 120 years from now.
You may have already heard that Temple Israel has rejoined the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism (USCJ), which is the largest network of Conservative Jews in the world. That became official at the USCJ Annual Meeting which was held in Atlanta on December 3, 2017 during the International Convention and Shabbaton that began on December 1st and concluded on the 5th. I attended that convention along with Glenda Bernhardt, David Rosenthal and Audrey Madans. Please ask any of us about our experiences as we are eager to share the enthusiasm and optimism that characterized the convention which was themed “Dare Together.”

The programs, speakers and networking opportunities were all outstanding. I am confident that Temple Israel will benefit greatly from our return to USCJ (teshuva). We have already received support from USCJ professionals on several fronts, including youth programs (USY), board development (we have an on-site training program scheduled April 15) and the Senior Rabbi Search that will be in full swing this spring.

The information and insights shared in the dozens of programs and sessions was exhilarating. A very brief sampling of topics included: Where Does Torah Belong, Learning From the Wicked, Disrupting Our Synagogues—What it takes, What We Gain, What Teens Want, and Emerging Trends in Family Engagement.

We heard from innovators and thought leaders in our movement and learned about nontraditional approaches taken by Sixth & I (www.sixthandi.org) in Washington, DC and The Kitchen, in San Francisco (www.thekitchensf.org) and how they are successfully engaging Jews of all ages and building vibrant new Jewish communities. Look at their websites to see real time “disruption” of a traditional synagogue model that is attracting non-affiliated Jews into an active Jewish life. These examples hold lessons for Temple Israel that we must leverage going forward.

The plenary sessions were particularly inspiring for me. The challenges facing Conservative Judaism were not simply acknowledged, they were embraced as realities we must transcend. It is not like we haven’t faced grave challenges before. Leaders of our movement beautifully expressed the value Conservative Judaism offers. They also acknowledged that new ways of delivering that value are critically needed today. Three presenters really resonated with me. They were, Rabbi Ed Feinstein (Ziegler Rabbinic School), Chancellor Arnold M. Eisen (JTS), and Rabbi Steve Wernick (CEO USCJ). Google any of them to learn more about their messages. In summary, they held that even with materialism, assimilation, declining affiliation, isolation, disengagement and disappointment in religious institutions (and governmental as well) that we face today, Conservative Judaism has never been more relevant to living a meaningful and enriched life. Likewise, regarding many other universal issues ranging from social justice to the environment (tikkun olam). These lessons inform our Temple Israel Board and community leaders as we adopt new ways to reach our increasingly dispersed community.

We are not alone in this effort. Another theme of the USCJ Convention was “Seek Meaning Together.” We will change and USCJ will be our partner in these efforts as we continue to network with innovators in this space. We may have to rebrand our message or disrupt how we deliver our “product” but we have thousands of years of experience in ethical debates, search for truth and justice and study on how to improve our human condition. As Conservative Jews, our faith, traditions, love of music and the Hebrew language connects us to each other. This is our sweet spot. We just need better branding.

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-Ron Weiner
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CLERGY SEARCH UPDATE
By Beth Stillitano, Congregational Engagement Committee

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

The clergy search process is well under way and we are moving forward with continued opportunities for congregational engagement as well as getting into the tachlis (details) of the search for a new cantor. As a reminder, Cantor Roochvarg will retire on June 30, 2018. In the last several months, members of the search committee have held two Town Hall meetings and conducted outreach to multiple stakeholder groups including Temple Israel Religious School (parents and students), Sisterhood, Torah on Tap and Torah Tots.

On December 11, 2017, immediately following our daily minyan, we were delighted to have 38 people attend the second Clergy Search Town Hall meeting. It was great to see many new and returning faces in the crowd. At this meeting, Dana Stoogenke provided an overview of the search process and an update on the progress of our search. Temple Israel submitted an application to the Cantors Assembly in November and we have begun to receive applications. As the applications come in, each is evaluated and moved through a set of steps established by the search committee and including a phone interview, a Skype interview, and ultimately on-site visits for finalist candidates.

After the presentation, attendees were given the opportunity to visit different tables in the room, each table addressing a different issue connected to the clergy search: what activities/programs would you like to see during candidate visits? How can the Communications and Community Engagement Committee reach out to more people to keep them up informed about the upcoming changes at Temple Israel? General questions/concerns.

Thank you for your input! The information collected at this Town Hall will help to inform the visits scheduled this spring. Stay tuned for interview weekend dates and event information. The specifics will be shared with the congregation as soon as dates are solidified with our finalist candidates. This is an exciting time for Temple Israel and we hope you will be an active part of the process.

MAHZORIM
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ENGAGEMENT
By Monty Bennett, Membership Director

The word mitzvah has a different meaning in Hebrew than it does in Aramaic. Rabbi Bradley Artson explains, “In Hebrew, the word ‘mitzvah’ means commandment. At its simplest level, then, a mitzvah embodies God’s will, creating an imperative for those who would live their lives in accordance with God’s desire.” In his same blog post he elucidates, “In Aramaic, the word ‘mitzvah’ means connection.” It is this concept that I wish to explore.

How can we strengthen our connections with Conservative Judaism, Temple Israel and each other? I pose this question not only for those reading this article, but also for myself.

The mitzvot we perform bring us closer to each other and ultimately strengthen our relationship with Hashem. We are called to “be a nation of priests, a holy people” (Exodus 19:6), being partners with God in creation and also healing the world. Rabbi Artson says, “On a personal level, we strive to cultivate sensitivity, learning and decency. And on a communal level, we work to foster the ideals of hesed (loving kindness), kedushah (holiness) and tzedek (justice).” A dynamic Judaism requires us to perform mitzvot, which can be as simple as serving as a greeter or as detailed as being a congregational leader. A minister I know recently posted on his Facebook page about a visit he made to one of the elderly members of his congregation. The gentleman explained that the reason he served faithfully as an usher was to bring a smile to members of that particular congregation. The smile or greeting from the usher requires minimal effort, but can change a person’s day.

What mitzvot will you take on in order to make the world a holier place and further our Jewish ideals? Will you keep Kosher and become more holy? According to Kabbalah, animals properly slaughtered and prepared have more sparks of holiness, which we absorb. Will you give of your time and volunteer at the shul or in the community? Serving our congregation as a greeter, a committee member, or participating in events helps repair the world, but can brighten the day of a shul member or someone at a school or in a nursing home, and leads to making new friends in the congregation. As I am writing this during Hanukkah, I have to wonder how we can all bring light into the world?

By performing mitzvot and adding new ones to our lives, let us strengthen our connections with our Judaism, each other and ultimately with the Holy One, who instructed us to do so.

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- Lore Schiftan, mother of Peggy (Elliot) Gartner and Michael (Marlene) Schiftan; grandmother of Geoffrey (Meredith) Gartner, Rachel Schiftan and Mitchell Gartner; great-grandmother of Samantha and Lindsay.
- Marilyn Rosen Belenky, who is survived by her loving family, Neil, Erik (Sally), David, Stephen (Rachel) and Maggie; Miller Belenky and Jacqueline Pilaski.
- Irwin M. Batnick, father of Carol (Joel) Prystowsky, Lisa McCoy and Amy (Rich) Burckhardt; grandfather of Freda and William Prystowsky, and Brian McCoy.
- Larry Widis, husband of Florence Widis; father of Ashley (Chick) and Amy (Michael); grandfather of Cooper, Miles and Nathan; brother of Howard (Helen) and Robert (Sharon).
- Sid Aaron Cohen, son of Jessie & Jonathan (Joni) Cohen; brother of Ben Cohen; grandson of Susan & Donald Jacobs and Jennifer and Jerry Cohen; great-grandson of Florence Jaffa; nephew of Robby and Jessica Sachs, Lauren and David Weiner, Adam and Dara Jacobs, Talya and Mike Tateo, Michelle and Mike Forman, Guy Cohen and Laura Untz, Jessie and Ramon Valencia, and Joel Cohen.

BIRTHS

- Nancy & Gabriel Kaunitz joyfully welcomed the arrival of a baby girl, Leah Rose. Proud big brother is Gideon Zev; proud grandparents are Hannah & Franklin Kaunitz.
- Madison & David Levine joyfully welcomed the arrival of a baby girl, Ashton Elizabeth. Proud grandparents include Miles & Debbie Levine, Nicki Fisher & Jon Gould, Rebecca Penney & Doug Leach, and Raymond & Deana Smith.
- Emily & Mark Greenberg joyfully welcomed the arrival of a baby girl, Celia Matiel Greenberg. Proud grandparents include Dr. Gerald & Nancy Sonenshine, and Dr. Jerry Greenberg and Dr. Toby Block; proud great-grandmother is Mildred Sonenshine (Charleston).
- Laurie & Ross Mehlman joyfully welcomed the arrival of a baby boy, Carter Henry Mehlman. Proud grandparents include Marcy & Norman Mehlman, and Dee & Stewart Cannell (TN); Proud great-grandmother is Anne Shuman (MD).
- Julie & Michael Levy joyfully welcomed the arrival of a baby girl, Sophia Renee Levy. Proud grandparents include Lois & George Schneider.

ENGAGEMENT

- Mazel Tov to Rabbi Helene Kornsgold on her recent engagement to Alon Avital

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 (980) 960-2379.
SHALOM!
By Rabbi Helene Kornsgold,
Director of Congregational Education

Do the Jewish holidays ever really come early or late? Who determines what is early vs. late?

Growing up I always associated the Jewish holidays with a specific month: Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur were in September; Sukkot and Simchat Torah were in October; Hanukkah was in December; Tu B’Shvat was in February and Purim was in March; Passover was in April and Shavuot was in June. This was when the holidays “were supposed” to occur. However, as we know, the Jewish holidays are always right on time. It is when we see where they fall in relation to the secular calendar that we make the determination whether they are early or late each year. This year the dates of the holidays are a little confusing; Purim begins the last day of February, but ends in March, and Passover begins in March and ends in April. To me, when the holidays fall “early” it makes keeping track of the holidays a little more difficult.

How will the students at TIRS be celebrating Purim and Passover? The school celebration for Purim will include the Gan (Kindergarten) and Kitah Vav (6th grade) baking hamentashen together. Some of the classes will be putting together Mishloach manot (gifts of food we give to friends). Other classes will be creating a picture megillah depicting the story of Megillat Esther. All of these activities will culminate in a school-wide festive Purim Parade. For Passover, some classes will learn about and be taking part in the mitzvah of bedikat chametz (searching for chametz – bread), being part of a mock seder, performing a special Passover play for the school, as well as other fun and meaningful activities. Celebrating the holidays together as a school and synagogue community brings us closer together and infuses the holidays with additional meaning. Observing customs and traditions enables us to feel connected to our rich history. Knowing that we are taking part in something that Jewish people around the world are also observing is special.

Purim is a fun holiday for both children and adults. I hope you join the rest of the Temple Israel community as we celebrate (February 28 – see page 20) with a Megillah reading, funny sing-along songs, creative customs and festive atmosphere! It will be an evening your family will want to attend. In addition, all religious students who attend the Megillah reading will receive five raffle tickets.

I can’t wait to see your costume!
Chag Purim Sameach!
B’NAI MITZVAH
MAZEL TOV TO OUR B’NAI MITZVAH

Max Ganem
FEBRUARY 3, 2018
Parents: Jacques & Sherry Ganem
Max is a 7th grader at Providence Day School. He enjoys baseball, working out, skateboarding and hanging out with all his school and neighborhood friends. Max looks forward to visiting his grandparents’ homes in NYC, Virginia Beach and the Shenandoah Valley, and he is excited about the upcoming family reunion. Max has worked diligently to prepare for this milestone and he appreciates the significance of his upcoming Bar Mitzvah. He was honored to work with Rabbi Ezring this past summer and more recently, he has been fine-tuning his prayers with Cantor Roachvarg. For his mitzvah project, Max will be participating in community service projects that help feed the hungry. We are very proud of his accomplishments and the joy he brings to our family.

Molly Adira Moskowitz
FEBRUARY 17, 2018
Parents: David & Karen Moskowitz
Molly is a 7th grader in the STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math) program at McClintock Middle School. She really likes to design and build things and enjoys anything related to robotics or science. She loves to read, take walks in the park and play with her dog and cat. For her mitzvah project, Molly is collecting toys, food and blankets for the local animal shelter to make sure the animals are comfortable while waiting to be adopted. Molly cannot wait to complete her studies and share this mitzvah with her friends and family. Her parents are very proud of their daughter as she works hard to prepare for it.

Ben Baum
FEBRUARY 17, 2018
Parents: Stacy & Allen Baum
Ben is a 7th grader at Randolph Middle School. He loves helping and working with younger kids. He has been a tutor at his old elementary school (Olde Providence) since graduating, two years ago. In his spare time, Ben can be found doing Taekwondo, at Math Club or at Board Game Club. He also enjoys hanging out with his friends and family or watching Michigan football or basketball. For his Bar Mitzvah project, Ben is continuing to tutor at Olde Providence Elementary and has been collecting gently used books to donate to the teacher libraries there. Ben has attended Camp Coleman for two years, and will be returning for his third year at Six Points SciTech in Boston. Ben is excited to celebrate his Bar Mitzvah with his family and friends in February.

Rebecca Sachar
MARCH 3, 2018
Parents: David & Caryn Sachar
Rebecca is a 7th grade student at Alexander Graham Middle School. She likes hanging out with her friends, attending overnight summer camp and caring for animals. For her mitzvah project, Rebecca is volunteering at The Humane Society of York County, SC. She is excited to have her Bat Mitzvah!

Hannah Leah Sidranski
MARCH 3, 2018
Parents: Ruben & Jody Sidranski
Hannah is a 7th grader at South Charlotte Middle School. She has a love for the theater, acting and dance and has performed at various theaters around Charlotte. Hannah also enjoys dancing en pointe, jazz, lyrical and Broadway at Miller Street Dance Academy. Hannah’s mitzvah project is devoted toward assisting young children at Huntingtowne Farms Elementary who are having trouble reading. She will also be donating a collection of gently used children’s books. As an avid reader, and one that loves working with young children, she is looking forward to this opportunity. Hannah is excited to celebrate her Bat Mitzvah with her close friends and family from Las Vegas, California, Florida, New Jersey and New York.

Miranda Stoogenke
MARCH 10, 2018
Parents: Dana & Jason Stoogenke
Miranda is a 7th grader at South Charlotte Middle School. She loves singing, drama, sewing, cooking with her mother, throwing a football in the house with her father, and doing technology with her brother. For her mitzvah project Miranda is helping Loaves & Fishes collect and distribute food, especially allergy friendly food, for underprivileged families. She encourages you to donate healthy items to this worthy cause. Miranda can’t wait to share her special day with family, friends and Temple Israel guests.

Josh Cohen
MARCH 17, 2018
Parents: Jessica & Ron Cohen
Josh Cohen is in 7th grade at Charlotte Preparatory School, where he plays the bass clarinet in his school band. He is an avid sports enthusiast and plays basketball and football outside of school. For his mitzvah project, through Charlotte Prep, Josh is tutoring elementary school students weekly in reading and math at Rama Road Elementary School. Josh is looking forward to spending quality time with family and friends and celebrating his hard work toward becoming a Bar Mitzvah.

Nathan Plaisance
MARCH 17, 2018
Parents: Andre & Rebecca Plaisance
Grandparents: Alan & Jan Raznick
Nathan is a 7th grade student at South Charlotte Middle School, and loves playing soccer (as a defender) for Charlotte Soccer Academy. He also loves the New Orleans Saints, Manchester United, playing with his brother and sister, and playing the tenor saxophone. For his mitzvah project, Nathan is collecting used soccer equipment that his soccer club will donate to youth in Africa. He is looking forward to his Bar Mitzvah and following in the path of his family as he becomes a Bar Mitzvah.
YoUTH
For more information about our Temple Israel’s youth program, please contact Ariel DiDonato, Director of Engagement and Programming, at (704) 944-6772 or adidonato@templeisraelnc.org.

Gesher:
“Gelt Without Guilt” Casino Lounge Night
(8th-12th Grades)
Wednesday, February 7 (6-7 p.m.)
Come hang with your friends at Gesher’s first “Gelt Without Guilt” Casino Night. There will be fun casino games and a delicious dinner.
RSVP by Tuesday, February 6.

Beyond B’nai Mitzvah
(8th-12th Grades)
Saturday, February 10
Take part in this beautiful, annual Shabbat morning service led by our congregation’s 8th-12th graders. There are many ways to participate. For more information contact Ariel DiDonato at adidonato@templeisraelnc.org.

Teen Coalition Jewish Film Festival Night
(8th-12th Grades- GESHER, BBYO, LIBERTY, Hebrew High, LJCC & Federation)
Wednesday, February 14 (7-9 p.m.)
Location: Gorelick Hall, Shalom Park
More information to come!

Purim Carnival Volunteers Wanted!
(6th-12th Grades)
Sunday, February 25
(Two Shifts: 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. or 1:30-3:30 p.m.)
Fill your Community Service requirement at the TI-Youth Game Booths at this year’s Community-wide Purim Carnival. This is always a great family fun event! *MUST SIGN-UP AHEAD OF TIME!

The GREAT Gesher Overnight: Make-Up Date
(8th-12th Grades)
Saturday, March 3 (7:30 p.m.)-Sunday, March 4 (9 a.m.)
Our epic night begins with Havdallah and a flashlight Gaga Ball tournament. We will then travel to Urban Air where the lights are out and the lasers are on for a TEEN-ONLY NIGHT - which includes a DJ, pizza and a dodge ball tournament. Afterward we will return to Shalom Park for an exclusive overnight. A light breakfast will be served in the morning. Cost: $20/BI-Y members; $30/non-members. RSVP by Wednesday, February 28.

Bonim:
Adventure Landing-READY, SET, BE JEWISH!
(6th & 7th Grades)
Saturday, March 24 (8:15-10:30 p.m.)
Join BONIM for a night of Havdallah, go-carts and fun at Adventure Landing! In addition, you will receive an arcade card, play putt-putt and have tons of fun with other Jewish 6th & 7th graders. Cost: $15/BI-Y members; $20/non-members. Drop-off and Pick-Up @ Adventure Landing. RSVP by Wednesday, March 21.

Mahar: Movie Outing- A Wrinkle in Time
(3rd- 5th Grades)
Sunday, March 25 (12:05-3:30 p.m.)
Join your friends as we go see the new movie, “A Wrinkle in Time.” We will kick-off the event with a great discussion centered on the Jewish values of imagination and time. Bring a packed dairy lunch, but leave room for popcorn or candy and a drink. Drop-off and Pick-Up @ TIRS Building. Cost:$15/BI-Y members; $20/non-members. RSVP by Wednesday, March 21.

YoUTH GROUP LEADERSHIP MEETINGS
Gesher Leadership Board (8th-12th Grades)
• Sunday, February 11 - 7-8 p.m., at Ben & Jerrys
Bonim Leadership Council (6th & 7th Grades)
• Sunday, February 11th - noon-1 p.m., at TIRS Building

HAVE YOU HEARD?
Temple Israel Youth has re-affiliated with USCJ’s national youth groups, USY and Kadima. We have already begun conversations with our regional affiliates on how to better empower our teens and continue their sense of belonging to the Jewish people. More information to come, including information on regional and national youth convention opportunities!
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 addonato@templeisraelnc.org.

**PARTY OF 5**
*Saturday, February 10 (7 p.m.)*

NEW TO CHARLOTTE? LOOKING TO MAKE SOME NEW FRIENDS? LOOKING FOR SOMETHING FUN AND DIFFERENT TO DO ON A SATURDAY NIGHT? Join Torah On Tap on February 10, as we put together groups of at least five to meet for dinner, drinks and great conversation at a variety of Charlotte’s top-rated restaurants. Following dinner, all of the Parties of 5 will gather at 9 p.m. for an “After Party” at All American Pub. You can request to be grouped with friends or to go as a couple, but the goal is to meet new people! We will choose the restaurants which will be located in the South End area. Participants pay for their own meal.

**Celebrate Queen Esther at Queen Park Social**
*Saturday, February 24 (8 p.m.)*

Join us for a night of food and games as we celebrate Purim in the QC! Crowns encouraged, costumes optional. Light appetizers will be provided.

**March Madness Mitzvah Tournament**
*(benefiting Jewish Family Services)*
*Sunday, March 11 (10 a.m.)*

Join us for our first 3v3 basketball tournament benefiting Jewish Family Services (JFS) of Charlotte. Entry fee is $5 to play or watch. 100 percent of the proceeds will be donated to JFS. Location: TBD.

**Pharaoh, Let My People Out of the Escape Room!**
*Thursday, March 22 (11 a.m.)*

Do you have what it takes to escape Pharaoh’s wrath? If so, come join us for a pre-Passover activity at a Charlotte escape room. Location: Levine JCC.
TEMPEL 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).

WAYS TO GET INVOLVED IN SOCIAL ACTION!

1 - EDUCATION AND CHILDREN
Huntingtowne Farms Elementary School
Shalom Park Freedom School
TIRS Social Action

2 - FOOD/COLLECTION DRIVES
Yom Kippur
Purim
Hanukkah
Blessings In A Backpack (ongoing)
Jewish Family Services (ongoing)

3 - CARING FOR THE HOMELESS
Men’s Shelter of Charlotte
Room In The Inn
Shelter Health Services

4 - COMMUNITY SERVICE
Yom Gemilut Hasadim
Refugee Initiatives
Shalom Bayit
Shalom Green
Torah On Tap

5 - OTHERS
Israel
Bright Blessings
Clyde & Ethel Dickson Domestic Violence Shelter
Operation Sandwich
Ronald McDonald House
Sunrise and Carriage Club
ZABS
Ongoing Temple Israel Social Action Projects
Bikkur Cholim
B’nai Mitzvah projects

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.

TI Volunteers served a hot dinner to 200 men at the Charlotte Men’s Shelter on Christmas Eve. We also provided warm hats, gloves, and a small bag of toiletries to the attendees.

VOLUNTEER AT SHALOM PARK FREEDOM SCHOOL
Join the Shalom Park Freedom School Steering Committee!
The Shalom Park Freedom School is a literacy-based summer program that works to prevent summer learning loss for students from Sterling and Huntingtowne Farms Elementary schools.

Sponsored by a coalition of Shalom Park agencies, we are entering our eighth year of giving children three resources needed to develop their potential and inspire a love of reading and learning: literacy skills, character strengths and a community that believes in them.

Interested in getting involved? We’re looking for Steering Committee members to help coordinate volunteers, manage supply drives and shopping, oversee site set-up and clean up, write articles for Shalom Park publications, or update the Shalom Park Freedom School website and Facebook page.

Your volunteerism can make a meaningful difference in these children’s lives. By the end of third grade, lower income children are typically two years behind in reading. Without significant intervention, three fourths of students who are not reading on grade level by third grade will never catch up. Lower income students typically lose two to three months’ reading ability over the course of the summer, but 90 percent of our Shalom Park Freedom Scholars suffer no summer learning loss, and most gain one or more levels of reading ability.

If you are interested in volunteering with the Shalom Park Freedom School, please contact Margaret Musa at mmusa@carolina.rr.com or (704) 651-5076.

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Women Of Temple Israel

By now many of you know we have changed the name of Sisterhood to Women of Temple Israel. Our goals are the same: we are still affiliated with the Women’s League of Conservative Judaism and we adhere to their guidelines (wlcj.org), we still contribute financially to Temple Israel and we still contribute to Temple Israel in all the ways we always have.

The name change was done for several reasons. We want to show we are here for women of all ages and stages in life. We have already established several interest groups that will appeal to a variety of women and we are not separating by age, just interests. We hope to attract groups of women who may have been put off by the name “Sisterhood.” Ultimately, we hope these women will assume leadership positions in Women of Temple Israel.

Our first venture for Women of Temple Israel will be the Ladies Night Out featuring author and humorist Tracy Curtis. This event was rescheduled to February 1 due to inclement weather.

As I write this, we are planning our Purim celebration, which will be a lot of fun for all of our members. And don’t forget that our monthly Rosh Chodesh discussions are open to all of our women as well. Please contact Barbara Ezring for information at bezring@bellsouth.net.

I ask that all Temple Israel’s women will keep an open mind as we start this journey together!

Shellie Barer, President

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The Rose Room

TI Women of Temple Israel Judaica Gift Shop

SUNDAY 9:00AM -12:30PM, TUESDAY - THURSDAY 10:00AM - 1:00PM, FRIDAY 11:00AM - 1:00PM

Special appointments outside normal business hours are available.

Please call Tess Berger at (704) 488-3842 or Cindy Jennes at (704) 443-764.

Stop by to see our newly designed gift shop!

Proceeds support Temple Israel, the Women of Temple Israel, Temple Israel Youth Programs, and Social Action Initiatives
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 - Richard Herd
hrlpromotions@gmail.com
704-846-0907 (h)

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

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

SAVE THE DATE
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.

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

If you would like to receive just the digital version of our bi-monthly publication, please email marketing@templeisraelnc.org.

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MEN’S CLUB

The Men’s Club has been active in the past few months, as the secular year came to a close and a new one started. We sponsored another successful Temple-wide Hanukkah Celebration & Dance, had some joint activities with Temple Beth El Brotherhood, provided lunch for Yom Gemilut Hasadim and are busy preparing for the next World Wide Wrap where we are linking with several congregations inside and outside the US.

Our Hanukkah Celebration & Dance, expertly co-chaired by David Cohen and Jessica Weill, was one for the generations, literally. Our guests spanned many generations, from toddlers to seniors; there was something for everyone; and it will be talked about for many years. We started with Havdallah, followed by the lighting of the fifth candle on the menorah, led by Rabbi Ezring. More than 20 families brought their own menorahs and were encouraged to participate. We had a live DJ and dancing with a variety of music, as well as craft tables for the little kids to explore their creative sides. Popcorn was available for anyone to enjoy. The tables were decorated beautifully with hand-crafted centerpieces, and a large Hanukkah balloon hovered over the DJ table. A professional photographer (Christina Lombardi - http://christinalombardi.com/) captured some of the magic that evening:

We had a delicious dinner masterfully prepared by Steve & Debbi Moore, with offerings of salad, latkes, rolls, brisket, cooked vegetables, mashed potatoes, fish and pasta. Dancing continued as revelry took center stage. Later in the evening, raffle numbers were announced and prizes were handed out to the excited winners. A magnificent pareve ice cream sundae bar (featuring ice cream and toppings, mandelbread cookies, chocolate and strawberry sauces, whipped cream, cherries, crushed cookies, chocolate chips and sprinkles) was open to everyone, and our volunteers tirelessly scooped ice cream as everyone lined up to enjoy dessert.

The Hanukkah Celebration also had a special meaning as it helped bring to a conclusion Temple Israel’s 120-year anniversary celebration. The following morning Temple Israel rededicated the Synagogue building. The word Hanukkah means rededication, and we also remembered the rededication of the Second Temple in Israel. Echoing some of our participants’ comments, the Men’s Club Celebration & Dance embodied the joy and celebration of the true meaning of Hanukkah!

Please continue to watch this space as we prepare for Men’s Club Shabbat and a Lag Ba’Omer celebration later this year.

Michael J Abadi
President
Abadim7470@aol.com

For more Hanukkah Celebration photos, go to the TI website, and visit Photo Albums (under “About Us” tab).

Photos courtesy of Christina Lombardi (http://www.christinalombardi.com)
Men’s Club: A SOCIAL/BUSINESS NETWORKING NIGHT
Thursday, March 15 (7:30 p.m. 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 3/8 to Richard Freiberg: hvrprez@windstream.net.

Men’s Club Shabbat
Saturday, March 24
(9:30 a.m. – Services, with guest speaker)

Sunday, March 25
(9:00 a.m. – Breakfast, with guest speaker)

Football, Food, Family and Faith is the theme of Men’s Club Shabbat this year at Temple Israel. Our guest speaker is former NFL Offensive Lineman Geoff Schwartz, and co-author of the popular book, “Eat my Schwartz.” The Men’s Club will be supporting our religious school’s Bet Class on Friday night, and we will lead services Saturday morning followed by our delicious Kiddush Lunch. On Sunday morning, we are hosting a breakfast with Geoff where he will answer questions on life as an elite Jewish athlete, world-class latke maven, and what it was like playing in the first game in NFL history where two Jewish brothers were on opposing teams.

Sunday’s breakfast is free, and open to all. However, a $5 donation per person would be greatly appreciated.

Please contact Mike Eisner at 704-779-0768 to volunteer or become a co-sponsor.

SOCIAL CLUB

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.

The Social Club’s Annual Paid-Up luncheon was a huge success. We enjoyed our special guest, Alan Kaufman. His presentation, “The Rise and Fall of the Borscht Belt,” told through story-telling was a big hit. Jered Mond’s Izzy’s Catering “Borscht Belt” lunch was fantastic.

Due to the Charlotte Jewish Film Festival, we do not have anything planned for February. However, for March we have the following:

MATTHEWS HERITAGE MUSEUM TOUR
Thursday, March 15, 10 a.m.

The Social Club will be taking a trip to the Matthews Heritage Museum. We will meet at the museum at 10 a.m. and our visit will be led by a docent highlighting many examples of Matthew’s 150 years of history. After visiting the museum we will enjoy a lunch at a local restaurant in downtown Matthews. Museum Location: Massey-Clark House in Historic Matthews, 232 North Trade Street.

UPCOMING:
CPCC Culinary School Tour
In April, after Passover, we are planning to take a trip to the CPCC Culinary School for a tour of the kitchen and lunch prepared by the students. Details forthcoming.....

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

JAVA N’ JEANS
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3
10 a.m.
Do you have questions about Jewish prayer? Are you seeking a deeper meaning behind the prayers? Join Rabbi Klirs for Java ’N Jeans every other month, on the first Shabbat morning of the month. We will 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.

SHABBAT BLESSINGS
SATURDAY, MARCH 3
10 a.m.
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.

Join Rabbi Klirs for the new Shabbat Blessings learning service, at 10 a.m. in the Mindy Ellen Levine Chapel. Each time we meet, we’ll study a text or two in advance about the topic selected for that session. On March 3, our topic will be:

“Responding to God’s Blessings with Gratitude and Humility.”

Information on our topic will be made available at least two weeks in advance of the service.

WORLD WIDE WRAP
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4
9 – 9:15 a.m. - Wrapping
(Mindy Ellen Levine Chapel)
9:15 - 10 a.m. - Service
(Mindy Ellen Levine Chapel)
10 - 10:30 a.m. - Breakfast
(Boardroom)

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.

LEGACY SHABBAT
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10
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 10
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
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28
5-5:30 p.m. – Torah Tots program
5:30-6:15 p.m. – Pizza Dinner
6:15-7 p.m. – Megillah Reading and “Beauty & The Beast” Purim Shpiel
7-7:30 p.m.– Ice Cream Dessert Party & Adult Bar
7:30-8 p.m. – Interactive Maariv

Please join us at Temple Israel for a special Purim celebration! To register for the pizza dinner ($5/person), please visit templeisraelnc.org by Friday, February 23.
EMPTY NESTER’S SHABBAT DINNER
FRIDAY, MARCH 2
7:15 p.m. (immediately after services)

Looking for a new Temple Israel connection? If you have young adult children who have left the nest for college, new jobs, or moved to a new city, then check out the NEW “Empty Nester’s “ group at Temple Israel! Join us for services, followed by an elegant Shabbat dinner (Leon & Sandra Levine Social Hall) catered by Fran’s Filling Station. We will also have a Passover wine tasting. Cost: $45/person. RSVP/Register at templeisraelnc.org by Monday, February 26. We look forward to celebrating Shabbat with you!

BINGO WITH BUNNY
Sunday, March 25
1-3 p.m.

The Women of Temple Israel invite you to this fun FAMILY EVENT on Sunday, March 25.

The cost is $5 cash per person (payable at the door) and includes a Bingo card with 6 games and light refreshments. Please RSVP to Wendy Rosen (WJRosen@aol.com) by Sunday, March 18. Gift donations, to be used for prizes, would be greatly appreciated.

2018
CHARLOTTE JEWISH FILM FESTIVAL
BYE BYE GERMANY
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11
7:15 p.m.

Temple Israel Community Partner Film

Frankfurt, 1946. David Bermann (Moritz Bleibtreu) and his Jewish friends have escaped the Nazi regime and are now dreaming of leaving for America. But how will they get the money in these tough post-war times? The smooth-talking businessman focuses on what the Germans now need most: fine bed linens nicely wrapped in amusing stories! The six talented entertainers go from home to home, praising housewives with ashy chutzpah until the flattered ladies have no choice but to buy their irresistible items. Business flourishes and a bright new future can be seen on the horizon. But questions about Bermann’s past catch up with him.

Director: Sam Garbarski
Languages: German with English subtitles
Run Time: 102 minutes
Drama/Comedy
Germany • 2017

The film at heart is an admiring salute to European Jews who chose to stay put, toughing out the painful reminders of the past to reclaim their violated patria.

- The Hollywood Reporter

The following additional screenings will also take place at Temple Israel:
Saturday, February 10 (Opening Night)
“A Night of Comedy: The Chop, Humor Me” (7:15 p.m.)

Wednesday, February 14
“An Israeli Love Story” (7:15 p.m.)

Thursday, February 15
“1945” (7:15 p.m.)

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

TEMPLE ISRAEL COOPERATIVE COMMUNITY SEDER
SATURDAY, MARCH 31
6 p.m.

We are pleased to announce that our 5th Annual Cooperative Community Seder will take place on Saturday evening, March 31. Izzy’s Catering will provide most courses and, as this is a Cooperative Seder, each attendee is expected to contribute in some way to the preparation, service, organization or clean up. If you are interested in participating in this special Seder, please register at templeisraelnc.org.
| FEBRUARY 1  | Bonnie Bornstein  
|            | Zoe Kaufman      
|            | Tami Bernat      
|            | Liza Simon       
|            | Michelle Perlmutter |
| FEBRUARY 2  | Judy Nascimento  
|            | Marshall Rauch   
|            | Louis Sinkoe     
|            | Noah Kipnis      
|            | Terri Roth       
|            | Linda Segal      
|            | Eliana Spector   |
| FEBRUARY 3  | Fayne Fischer    
|            | Andrew Korczynski  
|            | Adele Gordon     
|            | Jonah Weiss      
|            | Diane Symons    |
| FEBRUARY 4  | David Dobbs     
|            | Jenny Meiselman  
|            | Emery Eisner     |
| FEBRUARY 5  | Kim Wojnowich   
|            | Brett Goodman    |
| FEBRUARY 6  | Craig Balick     |
| FEBRUARY 7  | Amy Tyndall     
|            | Shellie Barer    
|            | Isabella DiDonato|
| FEBRUARY 8  | Teri Seidman    
|            | Noah Levi        |
| FEBRUARY 9  | Rachel Fine      
|            | Anna Ditesheim   |
| FEBRUARY 10 | Zviya-Crystal Ben- 
|             | Yohanan          
|            | Ashley Warshauer |
|            | Paula Bravver    
|            | Donna Greenspon  
|            | Zigmund Stern    |
| FEBRUARY 11 | Karen Ransenberg |
|            | Rachel Spector   |
|            | Liat Hubara      
|            | Daniel Rosenbaum |
| FEBRUARY 12 | Jody Sidranski   |
| FEBRUARY 13 | Teri Karlin      
|            | Bernice Roberts  
|            | David Levi       
|            | Rebecca Goodman  |
| FEBRUARY 14 | Emma Sachar     
|            | Renee Flash      |
| FEBRUARY 15 | Adrienne Kronovet 
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|            | Shai Scheinson   |
| FEBRUARY 16 | Emily Ganem     
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|            | Stephen Belenky  |
| FEBRUARY 17 | Jared Birnberg   
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|            | Arlene Davis     
|            | Susan Tocman     
|            | Benjamin Spiegler|
| FEBRUARY 18 | Emily Turk       |
| FEBRUARY 19 | Alexander Ransenberg |
| FEBRUARY 20 | Kim Worrel       
|            | Joshua Loewensteiner 
|            | Monique Werner   |
| FEBRUARY 21 | Joshua Bornstein 
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|            | Dana Stoogenke   
|            | Edna Bernanke    |
| FEBRUARY 22 | Joel Reichard    
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|            | Adam Carlton     |
| FEBRUARY 23 | Adelaide Gorelick 
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|            | Ben Baum         
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|            | Shaina Gleiberman|
| FEBRUARY 25 | Cindy Levinson   
|            | Emily Vining     
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| FEBRUARY 26 | Rachel Couchenour 
|            | Marilyn Swimmer  
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|            | Brandon Lavitt   
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Celia Rabinowitz*
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Pauline Levine*
Abner Katlowitz*
Frank Brosdowski
Rachel Weinstein*
Gerald Freedman
Sam Portnoy
Marie Steiner*
Artline Warshauer
Hildene Pratt
Joseph Porter Sims

WEEK OF FEBRUARY 9
Tess Mann*
Pauline Madans*
Mildred Goldfarb
Robert Blevner*
Fannie Rafkin
Marjorie Bazar*
Milton Wirth
Ed Goldberg
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Andrea Fisher Seitel
Ruth Birnbach
Albert Sands
Jacob “Jake” Burgen
Ira Meiselman*
Max Bressman*
Jacob “Jake” Burgen
Florence Bennett
Lillian Berman
Ann Levinson
Hadassah Gottesman
Frederick Swartz
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Bert Bodenheimer
Charles Harvey Simon
Dorothy Braiker
Kandlis*
Ralph Rabinowitz
Morris Hockfeld*
Selma Zander
Irving L. Greenman*
Mary Hockfeld*

WEEK OF FEBRUARY 16
Sadie Starr*
Bette Freedman
Mary Rouff
Raquel Pascar Mesoznik
Frieda Myers
Toya Fuchs*
Maier Hirschmann*
Gary Davis
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Clara Kazilsy*
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Morris Sklut*
Leo Aft
Joseph Newman
Gertrude Lane
Lazar Golynsky
Horty Gendzier
Larisa Zilber
Samuel Rabinowitz*

WEEK OF FEBRUARY 23
Karen Bazar
Sadie B. Friedman
Evelyn Deckerbaum
Karen Bazar
Rhea Tannen
Herman Gould
Samuel Weber
Philip Glazier*
Cecilia Feldman
Riva Baicovitz*
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Rivka Kolari Kutchei
Benjamin Fratkin*
Henry Spitzer
Leila Chernotsky
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Ferdinand Fillmore
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Bess Oppenheimer
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Sessie Ransenberg*
Marilyn Roth*
Olivia Feir
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Martin Katz*
Errol Cohen
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Thomas Formica
Ruth Neuwirth
Mary Kosofsky
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Week of March 2
Sidney Mandell
Alvin Gittler
Lillian Zerner
Bernice Rotberg*
Sophie Dobbs
Isaac Madansky*
Abraham Levine*
Anne Puterman
Meyer M. Hunger
Jerome Burke
Esther Kohl Vale
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Miriam Miller
Rebecca Gordon*
Pauline Burgen*
Stanton Poliakoff*
Anna Cygler
Robert “Bob” Guggenheim*
Irving Livingston
Louis A. Goldberg*
Harry Goldfarb
Leonard Rabhan
Charlotte Gold
Mae Kropp*
Florence Zibel
Arnold Prystowsky
Lillian Messinger Bauer*
Renee Buxbaum*
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Lenora Stein
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Muriel S. Kronsburg
Arthur Becker
David Levine
Nelson Sfreddo*

Week of March 9
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Abe Slutsky*
Brucha Kliger*
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Issy Kazilsky*
Eric Moore
P. B. Fisher
Khaya Galinsky
Eric Moore
Zane Steinberg*
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Aaron Gottesman
Morris Maurer
Annie Idex Mackler*
Simon Snitz*
Burton “Bob” Peetluk
Armin Gold*
Morris Raffkin
Melvin Stein
Lottie B. Lafkowitz*
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Gnesya Gorelick*
Clara Rogovin*
Elsa Herzfeld Frank*
Howard M. Sobel
Saul Wojnowich*
Harold Kossove
Lou Schwartz
Alvin Rosenthal
Arthur Eisner
Abraham Rubinoff*

Week of March 16
Roger Helprin
Jack Miller
Norman Willenzik
Alwyn Goldstein
Selma Polinsky*
Jerome Oxman*
Huschie Silverstein*
Max Koss
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Audrey Gottesman
George Sherman
Henry Leven*
B. David Grant
Frieda Edelstein*
Sam Stein
Leo Baikowitz
Bernice Goodman
Chaim Levner*
Samuel Goldfarb*
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Louis Elden*
Harry Aaron Mackler*
Max Abelowitz
Ruth Nathan Zelen
David Shapiro
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Henry B. Fox*
Michael Werner
Harvey R. Alexander
Paula Levine

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Rose Lewis Eisner
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Jean F. Roskind*
Rosa Baer Weinstein*
Harry Meltsner*

Week of March 30
Fannie Levenkrone*
Mr. Isadore Freidman

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.
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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Stuart & Sarise Breidbart

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David & Terry Waldinger
Gary & Julie Wirth

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Dana & Leslie Goldfarb Michael & Jordan Cigler

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Clive & Andrea Schewitz

February 26
Thomas & Zahava Rosenberg

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Jeffrey & Emily Vaughan

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David & Karen Rosenthal

ANNIVERSARIES - MARCH 2018

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Howard & Susan Tocman

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Harold & Lyba Rousso

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Geoffrey & Meredith Gartner

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Meg Goldstein & Matthew Luftglass

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Jacques & Sherry Ganem

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Michael & Elena Bravver

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David & Brenda Levin Menahem & Malka Me-Zahav

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Richard & Madalyn Liling

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Joel & Joanna Barman Ruben & Jody Sidranski

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Albert & Phyllis Garten

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Harris & Billie Green Zee Neuwirth & Lisa Davidson

Fund Spotlight:
DORIS & ALBERT ROUSSO PURIM ENDOWMENT FUND

Temple Israel is known for its joyful celebration of Purim each spring. Your donations to the Doris & Albert Rousso Purim Endowment Fund enable us to provide high quality, engaging programming for this holiday each year.
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!

**TEMMPEL ISRAEL ENDOWMENTS**

Doris & Albert Rousse Purim Endowment Fund
- To provide Purim programs and celebrations

Etta & Louis Greenspon Senior Citizen Endowment Fund
- To provide senior activity 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 Temple membership

**TEMMPEL ISRAEL IN-HOUSE FUNDS**

Associate Rabbi’s Tzedakah Fund
- To be used at Rabbi Klir’s discretion

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

Chel 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 silver for the Temple

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

Senior Rabbi’s Tzedakah Fund
- To be used at Rabbi Ezring’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

**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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**AARON GLEIBERMAN**

SIMCHAT TORAH CELEBRATION ENDOWMENT FUND

Bunny Bramson, wishing Shari Marcus a speedy recovery.

Bunny Bramson, in honor of Shellie Barer.

Bunny Bramson in honor of the birth of Ashton Elizabeth Levine.

Bunny Bramson, wishing Richard Herd a speedy recovery.

Bunny Bramson, in honor of the birth of Celia Greenberg.


Marc & Mattye Silverman, in appreciation of Ira & Stacey Slomka.

Marc & Mattye Silverman, in memory of Fay Sinkoe.

Marc & Mattye Silverman, in memory of Lore Schiftan.

Bunny Bramson, in memory of David Silverman on what would have been his 50th birthday.

Bunny Bramson, wishing the Klirs family a Happy Chanukah.

**DAVID SILVERMAN SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENT FUND**

Barry & Karen Bobrow, in memory of Eddie Leighton.

Barry & Karen Bobrow, in honor of the birth of Leah Kaunitz.

Mark & Jean Kirsch, in memory of Leah Kaunitz.

**MICHAEL MEISELMAN TI OPERATIONAL SUPPORT ENDOWMENT FUND**

Ron & Jan Weiner, in honor of the birth of Celia Greenberg.

**SHELTON GORELICK FAMILY ENDOWMENT FUND FOR TEMPLE ISRAEL**

Jeff & Bari Gorelick, in memory of Fay Sinkoe.

**SHIRLEY & SOL LEVINE RELIGIOUS SCHOOL TEACHER EDUCATION ENDOWMENT FUND**

Ed & Debra Pizer, in memory of Anna Sherman.

**TEMPLE ISRAEL BUILDING ENDOWMENT FUND**

Monty Bennett, in memory of Jay Mensuskin.

Ann Langman, in memory of Fay Sinkoe.

Monty Bennett, wishing Cantor & Linda Roochvarg a Happy Chanukah.

Monty Bennett wishing Cantor Roochvarg a happy birthday.

Irving & Lillian Bienstock, in memory of Metty Kavadlo.

Jason & Rebecca Dranove, in appreciation of Cantor Roochvarg.

Barry & Lorrie Klemens, in memory of Metty Kavadlo.

Sam & Linda Levy, wishing Audrey Madans a happy birthday.

Samuel Foster & Gloria Peper, in memory of Metty Kavadlo.

Temple Israel Social Club, in appreciation of Cantor’s performance at the Social Club Hanukkah luncheon.

**CANTOR’S MUSIC FUND**

Monty Bennett, in memory of Fay Sinkoe.

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Richard & Suly Chenkin, in memory of Anna Sherman.

Richard & Suly Chenkin, in honor of the birth of Elsa Koster.

Dan & Nancy Coblenz.

Stuart & Jodi Cohen, wishing Judy & David Miller Mazel Tov on the engagement of Matthew to Amanda.

Carmen Fragos, in memory of Israel Rivera.

Carmen Fragos, in memory of Victor Fragos.

Carmen Fragos, in memory of Trinidad Fragos.

Melvin & Caren Frank, in memory of Fay Sinkoe.

Melvin & Caren Frank, in memory of Miriam Goldman.

Elliot & Peggy Gartner, in memory of Metty Kavadlo.

**ALENE & SAMUEL STRAUSS EMERGENCY ENDOWMENT FUND**

Lisa & Lucky Levinson, in memory of Lore Schiftan.

**BARBARA & JERRY LEVIN RELIGIOUS SCHOOL ENDOWMENT FUND**

Menahem & Malka Me-Zahav, in memory of Eddie Leighton.

Menahem & Malka Me-Zahav, in memory of Anna Sherman.

**CISSY WOLLMAN MEMORIAL FUND**

Ellen Klein for Yizkor.

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**SADIE STARR SILVER FUND**

Marvin & Anita Shapiro, wishing Arnold Shiland a happy 85th birthday.
Marvin & Anita Shapiro, wishing Carol & Bob Speizman a happy anniversary.
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**SENIOR RABBI’S TZEDEKAH FUND**

Monty Bennett, wishing the Ezring family a Happy Chanukah.
Irving & Lillian Bienstock, in honor of the birth of Elsa Koster.
Andy & Tamara Cohen, in honor of the birth of Leah Kaunitz.
Andy & Tamara Cohen, in memory of Jay Menuskin.
Jason & Rebecca Dranove, in appreciation of Rabbi Ezring.
Ellen Klein, misheberach for Marjorie Newmark.

**SISTERHOOD YOUTH PROGRAM FUND**

Howard Kushner.

**SOCIAL ACTION FUND**

Jonathan & Tess Berger, support Men’s Shelter, in memory of Renate & Stefan Berger.
Dan & Nancy Coblenz.
Cindy Harbacevich & Family, yahrzeit of Helen Solow.
Arthur Lavitt, support Men’s Shelter.
Eric Lerner, support Men’s Shelter.
Marc Titlebaum, support Men’s Shelter.
Frank Shepard, support Men’s Shelter.
Fred Shporer, support Men’s Shelter.
Steve & Beth Stillitano, yahrzeit of Anthony Stillitano.
David & Beth Thrope, in honor of the birth of Sophia Levy.
Bonnie Wallsh, yahrzeit of Abe Wallsh.
Bonnie Wallsh, yahrzeit of Murray Fandal.

**NORMAN F. STEINBERGER YAHARZEIT FUND**

Michael & Denise Abadi, yahrzeits of Estelle Kogut & Faye Tanenbaum Liling.
Dan & Nancy Coblenz.
Norman Steinberger, yahrzeits of Irene Steinberger, Milton Steinberger & Stephen Steinberger.
Perry & Sue Tannenbaum, yahrzeit of Louis Dumont.

**STUART OSTROW YOUTH FUND**

Michael & Denise Abadi, in honor of the birth of Celia Greenberg.
Connie Ostrow, in honor of Rachel Ostrow Benedetto.
Connie Ostrow, in honor of the birth of Avery Michele.
Connie Ostrow, in memory of Fay Sinkoe.
Connie Ostrow, in memory of Bob Weinstein.
Connie Ostrow, in memory of Celia Mandel.

**SUNDAY MORNING MINYAN BREAKFAST FUND**

Jason & Rebecca Dranove, in memory of Jay Menuskin.
Al & Phyllis Garten, in honor of Alan & Jan Raznick.
Norman Steinberger, wishing Irv Swartz continued good health.
Franklin & Ruth Paul, in memory of Anna Sherman.
Alan & Jan Raznick, yahrzeit of Rebecca Sovatsky Raznick.
Ruth Silverman, in memory of Anna Sherman.
Steve & Beth Stillitano, in appreciation of Mike Eisner for all his support.

**TEMPLE ISRAEL RELIGIOUS SCHOOL**

Jonah Bernhardt.

**ILLUSTRIATED TORAH**

Frank & Wendy Rosen, in honor of our granddaughter Madeline becoming a Bat Mitzvah.
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
• Tikkn 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.

CANTOR CANDIDATE VISITS
Please join us to meet:

Cantor Shira Lissek, February 16-18
Cantor Jason Green, February 23-25

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