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**APRIL**

**FRIDAY, APRIL 2**  
Shabbat & Pesach Evening Services, 6:15 p.m.

**SATURDAY, APRIL 3**  
Shabbat & Pesach Morning Services, 9:30 a.m.  
Pesach Evening Service, 5:30 p.m.

**SUNDAY, APRIL 4**  
Pesach Morning Service (Yizkor), 9:30 a.m.

**FRIDAY, APRIL 9**  
Torah Tots Israel-themed Bim Bam Shabbat Service, 5:45 p.m.  
Men’s Club Shabbat Services, 6:15 p.m.

**SATURDAY, APRIL 10**  
Men’s Club Shabbat Service, 9:30 a.m.  
Empty Nesters’ Virtual Scavenger Hunt, 8:30 p.m.

**SUNDAY, APRIL 11**  
Community Yom Ha-Shoah Commemoration, 2 p.m.  
Ti Youth: Ir Ha-Malka USY Chevruta, 3 p.m.

**TUESDAY, APRIL 13**  
Men’s Club Golf Outing, 8 a.m.

**SATURDAY, APRIL 17**  
Jr. Congregation, 10:30 a.m.

**THURSDAY, APRIL 15**  
Torah on Tap: Cooking Class, 7 p.m.  
Ti Youth: Kadima Kehilla, 7:30 p.m.

**SUNDAY, APRIL 18**  
Ti Youth: Mahar Lag B’Omer Smores and Games, 1:30 p.m.  
Rosh Chodesh Study Group, 2 p.m.  
Ti Youth: Kadima & USY Joint Program, 3 p.m.

**THURSDAY, APRIL 22**  
Ti Youth: Jr. Kadima Kehilla, 7 p.m.

**SATURDAY, APRIL 24**  
Torah Tots Bim Bam Shabbat Service & Springtime Fun!, 9 a.m.  
Bat Mitzvah of Dori Braverman, 9:30 a.m.

**SUNDAY, APRIL 25**  
Social Club: How to Recognize Scams with Jason Stoogenke, 1 p.m.

**THURSDAY, APRIL 29**  
Men’s Club Lag B’Omer Bonfire & Steaks, 5 p.m.

**MAY**

**SATURDAY, MAY 1**  
Bat Mitzvah of Natalie Berman, 9:30 a.m.  
Bat Mitzvah of Lucy Silverstein, 5:30 p.m.

**SUNDAY, MAY 2**  
Torah Tots Mommy/Grandma & Me Tea, 9:30 a.m.  
Ti Youth: Ir Ha-Malka USY Chevruta, 3 p.m.  
Torah on Tap: Socially Distant Lag B’Omer Picnic, 5 p.m.

**THURSDAY, MAY 6**  
Ti Youth: Kadima Kehilla, 7:30 p.m.

**FRIDAY, MAY 7**  
WoTI Kabbalat Shabbat, 6:15 p.m.

**SATURDAY, MAY 8**  
Ti Shabbat Experience, 9:30 a.m.  
Jr. Congregation, 10:30 a.m.

**THURSDAY, MAY 13**  
Lunch N’ Learn with Rabbi Wolk, 12 Noon  
Ti Youth: Jr. Kadima Kehilla, 7 p.m.

**SATURDAY, MAY 15**  
Bar Mitzvah of Dylan Sacks, 9:30 a.m.

**SUNDAY, MAY 16**  
Ti Youth: BoB the Mensch of Justice: Pebble Edition, 1 p.m.  
Rosh Chodesh Study Group, 2 p.m.  
Ti Youth: Kadima and USY Elections (5th-12th grades), 3 p.m.  
Erev Shavuot Joint Family Program with CJDS, 6 p.m.  
Erev Shavuot Service, 7:30 p.m.  
Erev Shavuot Tikun Leil featuring special guests Rabbi Menachem Creditor and Neshama Carlebach, 8 p.m.

**MONDAY, MAY 17**  
Shavuot Morning Service & Adult B’nai Mitzvah Celebration, 9:30 a.m.  
Torah Tots Shavuot Program, 10 a.m.  
Shavuot Evening Services, 7:30 p.m.

**TUESDAY, MAY 18**  
Shavuot Morning Services (Yizkor), 9:30 a.m.

**SUNDAY, MAY 23**  
Temple Israel Annual Meeting, 10:30 a.m.  
Torah on Tap: Game, Set, Match! Tennis Tournament, 2 p.m.

**MONDAY, MAY 24**  
Temple Israel Book Club, 7:30 p.m.

**SATURDAY, MAY 29**  
Bar Mitzvah of Ben Spiegler, 9:30 a.m.

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**SERVICE & CANDLE LIGHTING TIMES**

**SHABBAT SERVICE TIMES**

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

**MORNING MINYAN TIMES**

- Sunday: 9 a.m.
- Thursday: 8 a.m.

**EVENING MINYAN TIMES**

- Saturday: 5:30 p.m.
- Sunday: 5:30 p.m.
- Monday: 7:30 p.m.
- Tuesday: 7:30 p.m.
- Wednesday: 7:30 p.m.
- Thursday: 7:30 p.m.

**CANDLE LIGHTING**

- April 2: 7:27 p.m.
- April 9: 7:33 p.m.
- April 16: 7:38 p.m.
- April 23: 7:44 p.m.
- April 30: 7:50 p.m.
- May 7: 7:56 p.m.
- May 14: 8:01 p.m.
- May 21: 8:07 p.m.
- May 28: 8:12 p.m.

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

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**WEEKLY EVENTS**

**SUNDAYS**

- Temple Israel Religious School (TIRS), 9 a.m. (through May 16)

**TUESDAYS**

- TIRS Weekday Class, 4:45 p.m. (through May 11)

**WEDNESDAYS**

- TIRS Weekday Class, 5:15 p.m. (through May 12)

**THURSDAYS**

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

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

**CALENDAR NOTICE:** Temple Israel strives to ensure that the calendar information is complete and accurate. However, event information may change. For up-to-date information, please visit our online calendar on our website, www.templeisraelnc.org.

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When Passover ends, we enter a period of time on the Jewish calendar called Sefirat HaOmer. We count 50 days from the second night of Passover until the eve of Shavuot, seven weeks later, and we believe that this represents the time it took our ancestors to leave Egypt and arrive at Mount Sinai where they entered into the covenant with God. Traditionally, this has been a time of semi-mourning because the Talmud teaches that during this time thousands of students of the famous Rabbi Akiva died of a plague.

Although the period of the Omer goes all the way back to the Torah, this period of time is most well-known for the modern observances that have been added to the Jewish calendar to mourn and to celebrate the two most important Jewish events of the 20th century. On the 27th day of Nissan, we mark Yom HaShoah or Holocaust Memorial Day, which was established by the Israeli Knesset in 1951. A week later we shift our focus from the destroyed Jewish communities of Europe to the miracle of the modern State of Israel. On the 4th of Iyyar we mark Yom HaZikaron, or memorial day, for Israel’s fallen soldiers and then, the very next day, we celebrate Yom HaAtzamut or Israeli Independence Day. Anyone who has been in Israel for these days has witnessed the incredible transition that takes place as the whole country shifts from grieving to celebration when the sun sets between the two days. Finally, on 28th of Iyyar we mark Yom Yerushalayim, which commemorates the reunification of Jerusalem in 1967.

The organizations of the Charlotte Jewish community mark Yom HaShoah together each year by hearing the stories of our friends and neighbors like Irving Bienstock and Suly Chenkin, who survived the atrocities of the Nazis. This year Temple Israel is serving as the host of the communal virtual program and we will be hosting a special guest speaker.

The first Holocaust survivor I met was my “Aunt Stella,” a close family friend who lived down the street from my parents and sat with us in shul every week. Stella Marcus was a survivor of Auschwitz and other death camps and, like many survivors, took the lead in bringing Holocaust education to the synagogue. Her daughter Max has taken her mother’s early influence and based her legal career on defending victims of atrocities across the world. She has served as an international criminal prosecutor and investigator and recently founded Partners in Justice International. I hope that you will join the Charlotte Jewish Community on April 11 when Maxine Marcus speaks about: Let us be Upstanders, not Not Bystanders: Honoring Shoah Victims and Survivor Memories.
**Temple Israel Courtyard Pavers**

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

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

**LIVE STREAMING of Services**

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

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

**Ayn k’mo babayit – there’s no place like home.**

The Hebrew word for home, bayit, transcends the brick and mortar structure, as it also describes a state of mind. Temple Israel is not only a gathering place, but it is a place to engage with Judaism and to transform your life through Torah, worship and acts of loving kindness.

Our egalitarian kehillah kedosha was founded in 1895 by visionaries and is continued today by visionary lay leaders, clergy, and professional staff who want to help you find a sacred and safe place to connect to each other and to Judaism. Won’t you join us on this journey? Temple Israel…our house, your home.

**Temple Israel Needs 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 Membership Director Erin Goldstein at (980) 960-2380 or egoldstein@templeisraelnc.org.
CANTOR’S COLUMN
by Cantor Shira Lissek
Our Personal Connection to Torah Through Time

In his book “God was in this Place,” Rabbi Lawrence Kushner writes, “Each person has a Torah, unique to that person, his or her innermost teaching. Some people seem to know their Torahs very early in life and speak and sing them in a myriad of ways. Others spend their whole lives stammering, shaping, and rehearsing them. Some are long, some are short. Some are intricate and poetic, others are only a few words and still others can only be spoken by gesture and example. But every Soul has a Torah. To hear another say Torah is a precious gift.”

The Holiday Shavuot is also called Chag Matan Torah, the holiday of the giving of the Torah. It is a custom to stand during the Torah reading on this day because we are recreating the experience when the entire Jewish people stood around Mount Sinai to receive the Torah. On Shavuot, we do not simply remember what once occurred; we relive the experience and tap into the power of receiving the Torah. According to Jewish tradition, “we were standing together at the foot of a mountain…and at that time, not only were the newly released slaves from Egypt there but they were accompanied by the souls of all Israelites that would be born in the future.” says Rabbi Reuven Hammer.

This Shavuot at Temple Israel, four Adult B’nai Mitzvah, George & Julia Bock, Dionne Sands, and Kathy Berlin will be called to the Torah. One of the reasons that we choose Shavuot to celebrate the B’nai Mitzvah of our Adult B’nai Mitzvah is that we will witness each of them demonstrating naaseh v’nishma - we will do and we will listen, as they chant Torah and teach us their Torah and link themselves to Israelites of all time.

This Shavuot we will also gather for a Tikkun Leil Shavuot, a study session to show how excited we are to receive the Torah. This custom developed from the kabbalists’ (mystics’) practice. The mystics had the idea that at midnight the heavens open and favorably receive the thoughts, study, and prayers of those who remain awake on the anniversary of the Revelation. Rabbi Wolk and I are thrilled to host Rabbi Menachem Creditor and Neshama Carlebach, two of the most inspirational Jewish spiritual leaders of our time, who share their Torah through music and teaching to teach our Temple Israel community that evening. Through their unique voices they each model the importance of making Torah study personal and powerful in our world today.

Each of us has a unique Jewish Journey and insight, Torah, to reveal. This Shavuot at Temple Israel we are excited to receive the precious gift of hearing another say Torah at our Adult B’nai Mitzvah celebration and our Leil Tikkun Shavuot study session with Rabbi Creditor and Neshama Carlebach. Look forward to “seeing” you there.

TEMPLE ISRAEL HAS A YOUTUBE PAGE!

Watch temple videos & special event recordings on Temple Israel’s YouTube page! Each week, Rabbi Michael Wolk shares video greetings & commentary on the weekly parsha with Words from the Rabbi, and Cantor Lissek produces a weekly musical blog, Shira With Shira, featuring videos and recordings. Visit https://bit.ly/TempleIsrael_YT
PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

by Teresa Brenner

Dear Temple Israel Family,

This is the season of Passover and Shavuot, the time when we celebrate our freedom and the gift of the tablets from G-d and Moses reflecting our covenant with G-d and one another. The themes of freedom and how we are to treat others in our community particularly resonate with all of us this year.

We look forward to the “Counting of the Omer” with Senior Rabbi Michael Wolk, Cantor Shira Lissek, and Director of Congregational Education Rabbi Helene Kornsgold. And, we eagerly anticipate Rabbi Wolk’s First Annual, community-inclusive, Study and Teaching Sessions for Shavuot starting the evening of May 16.

What’s to Come Towards Fiscal Year-End

Your Board of Trustees is beginning its governance process for the Annual Meeting, which is scheduled for May 23 at 10:30 a.m. Please plan on attending the Annual Meeting, where you will, among other things, hear a financial report from Treasurer Tommy Mann; vote for officers and open trustee positions, after hearing the recommendations of this year’s Nominating Committee; express gratitude to outgoing trustees; and share what’s on your mind. Be on the look-out for the usual and customary official notices. We currently expect this year’s Annual Meeting to be held in a virtual format.

I would especially like to thank Executive Director Tayuane Dewberry, our accounting professionals Barbara Paterek and Maria Leonard, Treasurer Tommy Mann, our Finance Committee members Tom Bock, Nikki Sacks, Hilary Rosenbaum, and Leon Golynsky, among others, as well as the Executive Committee and the Board of Trustees for their tireless work on next year’s realistic and thoughtful balanced budget.

Especially for You, Our Congregants

I am excited we are beginning to slowly and safely re-open our physical building at Temple Israel to our congregants while continuing to offer services and programs through our outstanding virtual platforms. Come join us in person!

Under the leadership of Tayuane Dewberry, we are working towards a user-friendly, automatically renewing, online Annual Commitment process, which will include opportunities to join our affiliate groups, such as Men’s Club and Women of Temple Israel. Please take some time now to activate or re-activate your ShulCloud account and explore its many features. Your account may be accessed multiple ways, including from the Temple Israel website as well as from the ShulCloud App once downloaded to your phone or tablet.

Good News to Share

We have many, many congregants supporting our Greater Charlotte Jewish community. I am humbled—indeed awed—at how many of you serve as lay leaders of other partners and agencies, including on Boards and special committees. And, I could not resist identifying congregants who serve as employees of these agencies as well. Please join me in extending our thanks to some of the so very many of you who are called to serve. We owe all of you a debt of gratitude.

The Charlotte Jewish Preschool, Norman Shapiro, Elliot Brown, Brian Ablitz and Adina Lowensteiner as TI representatives; and Jeff Richek, Karen Turk, Tara Spil and Michelle Bamford;

 Consolidated Hebrew High’s recent governance work, Julie Bradlow;

The Charlotte Jewish Day School, Stacy Gorelick, as President, Jessica Cohen, Alison Lerner, Adina Lowenstein, Risa Miller, Karen Ransenberg, and Debra Van Glish;

The Foundation for the Charlotte Jewish Community, Mark Lerner, who completed his two-year term for TI, and Tom Bock, for beginning his two-year term for TI, Glenda Bernhardt, Ira Slomka, Michael Scharf, and Mark Lerner, and staff members Nancy Kipnis and Phil Warshauer;

The Foundation of Shalom Park, David Rosenthal and Ron Weiner, as TI representatives, Amy Udoof, David Miller, Risa Miller, Bill Gorelick, Jen Rosen, Michael Koss, and Todd Gorelick; and Barry Bobrow, as Immediate Past President;

Jewish Family Services, Louis Sinkoe, as President, Gary Lerner, Matt Luftglass, Jennifer Golynsky, Mason Sklut and Jan Weiner, Immediate Past President;

The Levine Jewish Community Center, Todd Gorelick, Jonathan Kulbersh, Mark Lerner, Staci Mond, Michelle Perlmutter, Steven Rogelberg and Jeff Turk, as Immediate Past President, and staff member Peter Blair along with many others;

(Continued next page)
The Federation of Greater Charlotte, Risa Miller, Michael Baumstein, Julie Sheffer, Ira Slomka, Brad Winer, Jon Kulbersh, Jan Weiner, Barry Bobrow, and Alison Lerner, as Immediate Past President, and staff members, Sam Bernstein, Cheri Titlebaum, and Sue Worrell. For the 2021 Campaign leadership roles, Sarah Kulbersh, Jen and Andrew Rosen, Meredith Baumstein, Melanie Brown, Debra Van Glish, Karen Ransenberg, Alyssa Levine, Staci Mond, and Debra Porter.

Shalom Park Freedom School Co-Chair, Margaret Musa, and staff member Glenda Bernhardt. Glenda also serves as a lay leader on the Kehillah Committee of the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism, whose focus is on transformation and strengthening Conservative Judaism today. It is gratifying to have congregants assume meaningful roles benefiting Conservative Judaism.

Connections
I welcome the opportunity to have coffee or ice tea with you outside (weather permitting) at a mutually convenient location. If you are interested, reach out to me. I enjoy hearing from you. As always, I look forward to joining you in services and periodically in minyanim, to learning with you in our Clergy’s educational classes, and to seeing you in our affiliate groups’ events. Temple Israel is where you belong. It is our house, your home. Welcome home!

Chag Pesach Sameach,

Glenda Bernhardt

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.

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ENGAGEMENT

By Erin Goldstein
Membership Minute

I hope that this article finds you well. It seems unreal to me that my article a year ago was an article regarding crisis services and how to help those that were most vulnerable to Covid-19. Here we are, a year later, with hope on the horizon. We have all learned new things this year; we have learned new ways to cope, new ways to communicate and new ways to feel a part of something greater than ourselves, like our wonderful Kehillah at Temple Israel.

I am very excited to let you all know that for the last six months, Rabbi Kornsgold, Rabbi Wolk, Alan Jonathan and I have been working with an organization called Keshet to increase Temple Israel’s awareness, inclusion and equity of our LGBTQ congregants and community members. Keshet is an international organization whose mission is to work for the full equality of all LGBTQ Jews and their families in Jewish life. That includes professional development and consulting, programming, leadership training programs, advocacy, and education.

Our group at Temple Israel is taking part in the Keshet Leadership Training Initiative with 10 other congregations from around the country. We are working on an action plan that we can implement at Temple Israel to ensure that we are welcoming, inclusive, and equitable to all members of our community. If you start to see some rainbows around the synagogue or start hearing us talk about using inclusive language, that is because it is one of our goals in our action plan. We are also partnering with other organizations on the park and in the greater community to further our resources and education around LGBTQ Issues.

I am so excited and proud that our leaders agreed that this is an important initiative for programming staff to take on. We are excited to continue to learn and bring our thoughts and experiences to the community. Rabbi Wolk, Rabbi Kornsgold, Alan Johnathan and I will be working with various groups involved at TI over the next year to educate and promote safe spaces for all. If you are interested in having a conversation to further your knowledge, please let me know and I would be happy to walk you through our action plan. We are excited to see what the rest of this year and next year bring as far as innovative programing and being a warm and welcoming house of worship for all.

To learn more about Keshet, please visit their website: http://www.keshetonline.org
NEW CONGREGANT SPOTLIGHT

Aaron, Shannon, and Aiden (5) Berger joined Temple Israel in August 2020! Aaron’s parents (Tess & Jonathan Berger) have been members at Temple Israel for many, many years so it made sense that Aaron & Shannon joined! Aaron works in medical/surgical sales and their son, Aiden, attends CJP, where he is in the 4’s! Shannon is a North Carolina Licensed Clinical Mental Health Counselor Associate (LCMHC) and a South Carolina Licensed Professional Counselor Associate (LPCA). Additionally, she is a Nationally Board-Certified Counselor (NCC). Shannon just opened her own private counseling practice, BK Counseling Services. She is trained in Mindfulness interventions, Dialectal Behavioral Therapy, and Internal Family Systems. To learn more about BK Counseling Services, please visit Shannon’s website: https://www.bkcounselingservices.com/

LIFE EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OUR CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILIES OF:

- **Norman Steinman**, husband of Jean Steinman and father of Adam and Benjamin Steinman.
- **Irwin Levy**, husband of Bobbi Levy (OBM); father of Stephanie (Greg) Lopes, Michael Levy, and Susan Levy; grandfather and great grandfather of too many to list; brother of Sam (Linda) Levy.
- **Vere Strogatz**, mother of Sherrill (Robert OBM) Blenner and Marta (Martin) Binstock of Timonium, MD; grandmother of Bonnie (David) Bornstein, Jonathan (Tami) Blenner, Jessica (Chris) LaTerza, and Greg Binstock; great grandmother of Joshua, Justin, Leo, and Max.
- **Lorraine Peck**, wife of Milton Peck (OBM); mother of Ellen (Paul) Peters, Cheri (Marc) Titlebaum, and David (Erin) Peck; grandmother of Stacey (Joe) Constant, Rachel (Jared) Peterson, Paul (Emily) Peters, Matthew (Tegan) Titlebaum, Abigaile Peck, and Arlo Peck; great grandmother of Miriam and Josie Constant, Robin Peterson, and Ezra and Asher Peters.
- **Allen Waga**, husband of Donna Waga; father of Roni (Chuck) Gearhart and Ryan Waga; grandfather of Cody Privette and Morgan Privette; brother of Harriet Frost of Scottsdale, AZ; uncle of Alison Frost.
- **Alan Breitman**, husband of Cathy Breitman; brother of Myra (Ross) Frapart and Paul Breitman; brother-in-law of Lewis (Janice) Fisher, Ellis Thomas (Judy) Fisher, Alan (Robbie) Fisher and Margie (Daniel) Hyde; uncle and great uncle of many nieces, nephews, great nieces, and great nephews.
- **Robert Shulman**, mother of Michelle Rusgo and Susan Shulman; grandmother of Dillon, Hayley and Sydney Rusgo; sister of Jean Appel.
- **Joseph Mier Perl**, husband of Irene Perl; father of Bonnie (Gary) Wilson, Janice (Rick) Brown, Alan Perl, and Rosa Calamia; grandfather of Luke and Anna Wilson; Ilana Brown; and Scott and Rachel Harris.
- **Marcia Luski Kokiel**, wife of Daniel Kokiel; sister of Isaac Luski and Abraham Luski (OBM); aunt of Berta Straz, Moses Luski, Frances Luski, and Ellie Valenstein.

BIRTHS

- **Amy Mann-Novick & Evan Novick** joyfully welcomed the arrival of a baby boy, Owen Maxwell Novick. He joins big brothers, Jordan and Daniel. Proud grandparents include Pearl & Alan Mann; Jill Novick & Scott Lechter (MA) and Phyllis & Bruce Novick (MA). Proud great grandparents are Elaine & Sidney Shuman (MA).

MAZEL TOV

- **Melissa Van Glish** for being named “Teacher of the Year” at Rama Road Elementary school.
- **Anita & Marvin Shapiro** on the upcoming Bat Mitzvah of their granddaughter, Leah Madlyn Shapiro, daughter of Lee & Adriane Shapiro of Alpharetta, Georgia.
- **Lauren Mond** for being selected as one of the NC State University Caldwell Fellows, Class of 2024.

LIFE EVENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you would like to have your happy event, wedding, engagement or birth announcement published in Kol Yisrael, please submit your written information via email to marketing@templeisraelnc.org or fax it to (704) 362-1098. If you have an illness or a death in the family,
The Illustrated Torah

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

Thank you to all of our previous sponsors.

Reserve your place in Temple Israel’s history.
Purchase a pasuk (verse), aliyah or parsha corresponding to a Bar or Bat Mitzvah, anniversary, birthday, or any other simcha. You may also purchase an entire book. Visit templeisraelnc.org or contact the Temple Israel office at 704-362-2796.

TORAH TOTS, Temple Israel’s high-energy Shabbat program for families with preschoolers. For more information, visit templeisraelnc.org.

BIM BAM ISRAEL-THEMED SHABBAT FUN!
Friday, April 9, 5:45 p.m.
Location: Zoom
Join your Torah Tots friends along with Rabbi Kornsgold and Mr. Caleb for a great time celebrating Shabbat and Israel! This will be a brief, fun-filled service for your little ones, including all their favorite songs and dances for Shabbat and Israel! Visit the Upcoming Programs page at templeisraelnc.org to join us!

SHABBAT MORNING SING-A-LONG & SPRINGTIME FUN!
Saturday, April 24, 9 a.m.
Location: Temple Israel Front Lawn
Are you looking for fun ways to engage your lil’ ones on Shabbat morning? Join Rabbi Helene Kornsgold for an interactive, and socially distant, Shabbat Sing-A-Long and some springtime Fun! This event will be limited in attendance. Please visit the Upcoming Programs page to register today!

MOMMY/GRANDMA & ME TEA
Sunday, May 2, 9:30 a.m.
Location: Temple Israel Front Lawn
Bring your Mommy and/or Grandma and join us for a fun morning of breakfast and crafting. This event will be limited in attendance. $15 per couple (Adult + Child); $5 for each additional guest. Please visit the Upcoming Programs page to register today!

TORAH TOTS SHAVUOT PROGRAM
Monday, May 17, 10 a.m.
Location: Temple Israel Front Lawn
Come sing, dance, and pray with Rabbi Kornsgold as we celebrate Shavuot socially distant and outdoors! Our energetic service will be followed by a special Shavuot craft and snack. This event will be limited in attendance. Please visit the Upcoming Programs page to register today!
By Rabbi Helene Kornsgold,
Director of Congregational Education

This year the month of April is bursting at the seams with Jewish holidays, celebrations, and days of remembrance. April is going to be an extremely busy month for all of us! During April we will be experiencing a wide array of emotions. We begin with the joys of being a free people as we start April celebrating the last days of Passover. Move down the road a few days and we will be taking a moment of silence on Yom Hashoah as we remember the lives of the 6 million Jewish people killed during the Holocaust. The following week will tug at your heart strings as you revel in a two-day Rosh Chodesh observance, followed by an extremely somber day when we remember Israel’s fallen soldiers on Yom HaZikaron, Israel’s Memorial Day; and finally, we erupt in joy as we celebrate Yom Ha’atzmaut, Israel’s Independence Day.

However, the month is only half over. Hopefully, you still have enough energy to get you through the next couple of weeks. Each day of the month of April we continue to count the Omer until finally arriving at Lag B’omer, the 33rd day in the of the Omer (coincidentally, falling on the last day of this very busy month). From the 2nd night of Pesach until the 33rd day of the Omer, the Jewish people live in a semi state of mourning. We observe a semi state of mourning because in Jewish history the Omer period was a time of great sadness. One of the events we remember are the deaths of Rabbi Akiva’s 24,000 disciples, who died from a plague.

So, what do all of these celebrations and memorials, high and low points falling within a few short weeks teach us? What can we learn from this?

We learn there is a lot of Jewish living to do each day.
We learn to be present for each day.
We learn time is fleeting.
We learn life is a combination of ups and downs.
We learn not to take any day for granted.

Join Rabbi Wolk and me each night as we Count the Omer and offer a daily reflection. Beginning Monday, March 29, for seven weeks, until we arrive at Shavuot. These posts will be available on Temple Israel’s Facebook page.
**B’NAI MITZVAH**

**MAZEL TOV TO OUR B’NAI MITZVAH**

**Dori Braverman**
April 24
Parents: Gabby Braverman and Josh Braverman

Dori is a 7th grade student at South Charlotte Middle School. Her interests include tennis, cooking, and baking! Dori is excited to be called to the Torah as a bat-mitzvah, and to be looked at as an adult in the eyes of G-d. The day feels so much more special given the current pandemic, and she has been working hard doing her lessons all online over Zoom. Dori also feels honored to get to read from the Torah as it was not that long ago that women were not even allowed on the bimah.

**Natalie Berman**
May 1
Parents: Alexis & David Berman

Natalie is in the 7th grade at Omni Montessori. She enjoys reading, baking, basketball and engineering. For her mitzvah project, Natalie has been tutoring children in math for the past year. In the beginning she did it in person, and once COVID started, Natalie continued tutoring over Zoom. She is very excited for her big day!

**Lucy Silverstein**
May 1
Parents: Tami Silverstein and Scott Silverstein

Lucy is a 7th grader at South Charlotte Middle School where she participates in both drama and chorus. Her interests include singing and acting and she is most at home when up on stage. During this crazy year she has been lucky enough to spend her days at the JCC’s Camp 365 in their performing arts program. Aside from being with friends all day, she has the opportunity to work on her skills as well as to help out with younger campers. For her Mitzvah project, Lucy has volunteered with South Charlotte Dog Rescue. We found our dog, Ziggy, through them last year. The more familiar Lucy became with the work the rescue does and all the dogs that need homes, she decided she wanted to help. She has worked at many adoption events helping families get to know the puppies. As a family, we have fostered dogs waiting for their forever homes with Lucy taking on the brunt of the responsibilities. Lucy is the fourth generation of Silverstein’s to celebrate their B’ni Mitzvah at Temple Israel. She is very excited and thankful to share it with the people she loves.

**Dylan Sacks**
May 15
Parents: Nikki & Steven Sacks

Dylan is a 6th grade student at Weddington Middle School. He is working on becoming trilingual, having been in a Spanish immersion program at school, and having attended Temple Israel Hebrew School since kindergarten. Dylan’s passion is basketball, which he loves playing, watching, and doing fantasy with advanced analytics. He also enjoys music, summer camp, vacationing with his extended family, spending time with friends, as well as playing with his brother Ian and his dog Aero. For his mitzvah project, Dylan has been helping people impacted by COVID-19, including donating items to homeless families, making lunches for Project Sandwich, and preparing food baskets for front line workers. Dylan is excited to share his Bar Mitzvah day with his family and friends.

**Ben Spiegler**
May 29
Parents: Karen & Jason Spiegler

Benjamin is a 7th grade student at South Charlotte Middle School. His interests include playing, and following, all sports especially swimming, basketball and football. Benjamin loves being part of the SwimMac and JCC swim teams and spends most of his free time training in the pool. For his Bar Mitzvah Project, Benjamin has been working on projects for the Humane Society including making dog blankets. He is very excited to become a Bar Mitzvah and to share this occasion with friends and family.

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**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.**
YOUTH
For more information about Youth Programs & Events contact Alan Johnathan, Director of Youth and Family Engagement, at ajohnathan@templeisraelnc.org or (704) 944-6772.

KADIMA & USY JOINT PROGRAM (5TH-12TH GRADES)
Sunday, April 18, 3 p.m.
Join your fellow Kadimaniks and USYers for an event planned by USY’s Mem/Kad VP and the Kadima Executive Council! https://templeisraelnc-org.zoom.us/j/92527480677

MAHAR LAG B’OMER SMORES AND GAMES (3RD-5TH GRADES)
Sunday, April 18, 1:30 p.m.
Get ready to join your Mahar Youth Group friends for smores, Lag B’Omer trivia, and games! Smores craft kits are available for pick-up. Location: TBD. https://templeisraelnc-org.zoom.us/j/93691137415

Materials included/Needed:
- Mini kosher marshmallows
- Honey Maid Lil’ Squares Graham Crackers
- Hershey’s milk chocolate snack size bars
- Tea light candle
- Toothpicks

Cost per kit: $5 TI Members; $7 Non-Members

TEEN COALITION SHABBAT SERVICE (8TH-12TH GRADES)
Saturday, May 1 (Pending)
Join teens from all over Charlotte for a special Shabbat morning service with USY, BBYO, and NFTY! More information to come!

BOB THE MENSCH OF JUSTICE: PEBBLE EDITION (3RD-12TH GRADES)
Sunday, May 16, 1:30 p.m.
Do you miss BoB the Mensch of Justice? Do you find yourself wishing you had a more portable, convention-friendly, version of Alan’s class mascot? Then get ready to build your own pebble sized BoB the Mensch of Justice! BoB the Mensch of Justice craft kits will be available for pick-up!
Location: TBD.
https://templeisraelnc-org.zoom.us/j/93691137415

Materials Included/Needed:
- Small pocket-sized rock
- Permanent marker
- 2 googly eyes
- Black felt
- 1 Round felt furniture pad

Cost per kit: $5 TI Members; $7 Non-Members

KADIMA AND USY ELECTIONS (5TH-12TH GRADES)
Sunday May 16, 3 p.m.
Join all your fellow Kadimaniks and USYers for the Kadima Leadership Council and Ir Ha-Malka Executive Board Elections! https://templeisraelnc-org.zoom.us/j/92527480677

REGULAR VIRTUAL MEET-UPS
JR KADIMA KEHILLAH (5TH GRADE)
Thursdays, April 22 and May 13, 7 p.m.
Join your fellow Jr Kadimaniks for virtual games and fun!
https://templeisraelnc-org.zoom.us/j/92174433740

KADIMA KEHILLAH (6-8 GRADES)
Thursdays, April 15 and May 6, 7:30 p.m.
Join your fellow Kadimaniks for programs planned by the Kadima Leadership Council!
https://templeisraelnc-org.zoom.us/j/92174433740

IR HA-MALKA USY CHEVRUTA (9-12 GRADES)
Sundays, April 11 and May 2, 3 p.m.
Join your fellow USYers for programs planned by the Ir Ha-Malka USY Executive Board!
https://templeisraelnc-org.zoom.us/j/92527480677
Social Action
Performing Acts of Loving Kindness, Together!
Our vision for Social Action is to live Jewish Values as we help those in need. In December and January, our efforts are aligned with critical needs in the Jewish and broader Charlotte Community, as well as Jews in Israel. We encourage you get involved, you will be glad you did.
Jonathan and Tess Berger, Chair Persons
Cell: 704-995-1732, Email: jbergertisa@gmail.com

MITZVAH’S WITH THE TEMPLE ISRAEL MEN’S CLUB
On Sunday February 28, 2021 the Temple Israel Men’s Club hosted a great event at Temple Israel filled with Mitzvahs. The day began with beautiful Minyan led by Rabbi Wolk outside at Temple Israel.

Following Minyan, the attendees broke out into teams:
Team #1 transported hundreds of pounds of old Prayer Books from the Temple to the Hebrew Cemetery to be buried.
Team #2 got out their chain saws and trimmed trees at the entrance of the Temple.
Team #3 pugged in their Pressure Washers and cleaned the sidewalks and entrance ways around Temple Israel.

In parallel, generous congregants donated hundreds of socks that were given to help those in need in our community. Thank You!
Thank you to the Temple Israel Men’s Club, and to everyone who participated in this great event.

Many thanks to everyone who performed the Purim Mitzvah of Giving Charity to those in need by making donations of food to Jewish Family Services. Your gifts and generosity are greatly appreciated.

FREEDOM SCHOOL PARTNERS
Freedom School Partners promotes the long-term success of children by preventing summer learning loss through igniting a passion for reading and inspiring a love of learning.

Freedom School Partners fulfills this mission by:
1. Delivering a culturally diverse curriculum that affirms our scholars with engaging literature and exposure to the broader community.
2. Serving families and children who lack access to quality summer enrichment opportunities.
3. Addressing the whole child by supporting their academic, social and emotional needs.
4. Offering a work-force development opportunity for college students to gain professional experience, serve as positive role models and enter the teacher pipeline or social service pipeline.
5. Collaborating with diverse community stakeholders who contribute to and benefit from the partnerships.

Freedom School offers Summer Learning to students at Huntingtowne Farms Elementary School: Temple Israel’s Partnership School.

To support this educational program, Temple Israel Social Action will be making a $2,000.00 donation to Freedom School in 2021.

Please join Temple Israel in supporting Freedom Schools by visiting freedomschoolpartners.org
During the Festival of Shavuot, we read the Book of Ruth, a short megillah of 85 verses with an unlikely, bold heroine. Ruth, a young Moabite widow, chooses to follow Naomi, her Israelite mother-in-law, back to Bethlehem, where Ruth faces hardships and ostracism as an outsider. Despite these obstacles, Ruth, a strong and resourceful woman, challenges existing norms. The bold choices she makes, guided by compassion, loyalty and love, positively transform her life and those around her and ultimately establishes a lineage that leads to King David.

I see parallels between Ruth’s influence on her community and WoTI’s mission. Like Ruth, we find value in close friendships with other women, supporting one another through difficult experiences and celebrating life’s simchas. We use our collective time, treasure, and talent to support other women in the Greater Charlotte community through social action projects. By fortifying ourselves and investing in our relationships with other women, we also establish a legacy for Jewish life in Charlotte which will benefit future generations of Temple Israel members.

In the Book of Ruth, we also watch as Ruth steps up to leadership and is transformed by the role she plays in her community. It has been a joy over the past two years that I have been WoTI President to watch women develop new leadership skills and use their personal talents in ways that build self-confidence and improve our community. We welcome new volunteers with WoTI year-round, but during this time of the year, in particular, we are looking for members of our community to join our leadership team. I invite you to be part of our Nominating Committee’s process by nominating yourself or another WoTI member to be part of the leadership team that guides our Programming, Membership and Social Action teams. More information about the nominations process with be available soon over email and at WoTI’s Facebook group. In the meantime, you can join these committees by emailing me (kknoble@bellsouth.net).

All of us have the potential to be like Ruth, and if you are inspired by her legacy, I hope you will take the leap to get more involved in WoTI.

Karen Knoble
President, Women of Temple Israel

Save the Date
WoTI SHABBAT - CELEBRATING B’YACHAD...
TAKE MY HAND, I’LL TAKE YOURS
Friday, May 7

ROSH CHODESH STUDY GROUP
Sunday, April 18 – 2 p.m.
B’Yachad and the Importance of Prayer
Sunday, May 16 - 2 p.m.
B’Yachad and American Jews Relating to Israel

A correction:
In the Jan/Feb issue of Kol Yisrael, we listed Torah Fund Contributors. We mistakenly said the donations were “as of December 2020.” Instead, we should have noted that these 23 contributions were made in the month of December. As of February, 75 people have contributed to the Torah Fund.
WoTI AchoTI (sisters)

Beth Stillitano

- Two weeks after our family moved from NY in 2005, we joined TI. We immediately felt at home. After acting as emcee for the WoTI Fashion Show, I decided to become more active in WoTI. Being part of a fun and unique program made me want more.

- *Did you know?* I was a teacher, a job I loved. Since becoming disabled, I lead a support group for people with chronic pain and their caretakers. My family established a non-profit to educate and bring awareness of Complex Regional Pain Syndrome (CRPS).

- I am grateful to WoTI for continuing their programming via Zoom during the pandemic. It helps me maintain my connection to TI and has allowed WoTI members to continue supporting important tzedakah projects. Through WoTI I have made friends across generations. I now know people that I saw around shul but never even knew their names.

Andrea Hollander, WoTI Social Action Co-Chair

- *Did you know?* My husband and I lived abroad in Geneva, Switzerland and London, England. Our son was born in London.

- I am a Real Estate Broker for Investor Jackson/Christie’s International Real Estate.

- I joined WoTI in 2019 and have enjoyed so many wonderful events. Pre-pandemic, the evening events were always fun! Participating in Social Action has kept me engaged with many in the TI community through email, phone calls and collection drives while helping others during this challenging time.

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The Rose Room

Women of Temple Israel Judaica Gift Shop

The Rose Room Gift Shop is Open for Business!

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

Torah On Tap

(Young Professionals)

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

**SAVE THE DATES:**

**THURSDAY, APRIL 15 at 7 P.M.**
Cooking Class (on Zoom)

**SUNDAY, MAY 2 at 5 PM**
Socially Distant Lag B’Omer Picnic

**SUNDAY, MAY 23 at 2 P.M.**
Game, Set, Match Tennis Tournament
SOCIAL CLUB

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

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

We hope you all enjoyed our virtual Paid-up Membership Luncheon in March. Medical journalist, Kevin Soden, M.D., educated us on covid 19 and the vaccinations as well as other important medical news. We give a tremendous Todah Rabah to Irving Bienstock for donating the delicious box lunches in Memory of his Beloved Wife, Lillian, of Blessed Memory.

This past year we are sad to say we lost too many members of our Social Club. May their memories be a blessing:
Shellie Barer (Board Member of Social Club)
Marvin Barman
Judy Biber
Richard Herd
Ellis Levinson
Pearl Rosenthal
Ruth Silverman (Past President of Social Club)
Ginger Snitz

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

Save The Date

HOW TO RECOGNIZE SCAMS - WITH SPECIAL GUEST, JASON STOOGENKE
Sunday, April 25, 1 p.m. (via Zoom)

Please join us on Sunday, April 25 via Zoom to learn how to be on the lookout for scams. Jason Stoogenke, who works for WSOC Action 9 as their Consumer Investigator, will enlighten and alert us on how to recognize some of the most prevalent scams. Jason and his family are also members of Temple Israel.

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

EMPTY NESTERS

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

EMPTY NESTERS’ VIRTUAL SCAVENGER HUNT
Saturday, April 10, 8:30 p.m.

Join your Empty Nester friends for a fun evening interacting virtually while completing tasks to win some amazing prizes! It’s you versus your fellow Empty Nesters (and the clock) to determine the winner! Cost: $10/household

To register for this event, please visit our Upcoming Programs page at templeisraelnc.org
MEN’S CLUB
TI, USCJ, RA, CJP, LJCC, CJDS, TBE, CJN—Oy vey for all the Jewish acronyms! The smartest group could be Women’s League, but then again, we have WoTI! This month’s Men’s Club focus is on FJMC and LDI—Federation of Jewish Men’s Clubs and their Geffen Leadership Development Institute.

FJMC is the umbrella organization for Conservative/Masorti Jewish Men’s auxiliary groups serving 250 groups and more than 25,000 men around the world. FJMC serves as the hub of the wheel to keep all of our clubs and members rolling along toward our goal of building stronger relationships in a Jewish context. Just some of the ways we strive to serve:

- Shomrei Ha’aretz environmental program
- Men’s Wellness Initiative
- Involving our Generation Y’s
- Yad shel Chai (for young Torah readers)
- Yom HaShoah yellow candle program
- World Wide Wrap tefillin program
- Hearing Men’s Voices guided discussion groups
- Hebrew literacy tools
- Art of Jewish Living series
- Regional retreats, International Convention, and Men’s Club Shabbatot
- Sharing Conservative/Masorti Judaism around the world
- Rabbi Joel S. Geffen Leadership Development Institute

We believe that an organization is only as good as its leadership. The FJMC values the hard work and dedication that it takes to run our clubs, regions, and international organization. Over 25 years ago, Norm Kurtz and Dr. Burton Fischman, z’l, developed the Leadership Development Institute (LDI). Once each year, we bring together regional leaders and a handful of emerging leaders from each of our regions for a long weekend of fun, educational and leadership development sessions, to strengthen the skills of the participants, to share great ideas, and to build friendships.

This year, our own young leaders Erik Wind and Josh Loewensteiner attended LDI, but sadly they didn’t get the full experience of an in-person conference, but got the next best thing—they were together for the virtual sessions. Here’s what Josh said about his experience:

As I’ve become more involved in the Temple Israel Men’s Club over the past year, I have started learning more about the Federation of Jewish Men’s Clubs (FJMC) and how the FJMC helps clubs like ours to prosper and thrive. One of the FJMC’s key initiatives is to help local clubs develop new leaders and they accomplish this by having their annual Leadership Development Institute (LDI) held in early February annually.

This year’s LDI was held virtually due to COVID-19 but the speakers and breakout sessions did not disappoint. Our Regional FJMC Leadership held a small Zoom meeting the week before to help us meet and interact with some of the other regional attendees. It is always so refreshing to meet new people who are actively engaged in growing their local chapters. This meeting was a great warmup for the larger meeting where we were able to openly share ideas and ask questions of other local chapters to learn more about our collective challenges and opportunities for growth and most importantly, engagement.

FJMC lined up a great group of speakers. Topics covered included, Social Media Marketing, Leadership Skills, Building Zoom Leadership Expertise, and of course there was plenty of time for socializing and for Shabbat Services to daven with peers from around the U.S.

We attended several of the sessions together and it was great to be in person with Erik to talk about some of the meetings together and how we can bring these ideas and programs to our local club.

This was a great use of time for me to help bring more enthusiasm and stronger leadership to our local TI Men’s Club. For anyone who is interested in talking more about this event, or future TI Men’s Club happenings, please feel free to drop me a line any time! I look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events!

PROGRAM NOTES:

Men’s Club Shabbat is April 9-10, and because we won’t have a Kiddush to share, club members will deliver special gift packages to all members on April 7-8. These gifts will include Yom HaShoah memorial candles (to be lit April 8) as well as a full complement of Shabbat observance essentials. We have more than 100 members, so this will be a full team effort!

For Men’s Club Shabbat, we will be organizing Temple Israel’s men of all ages to lead a weekend of services that won’t disappoint. The theme of the weekend is "Growth after trauma—from the Exodus until today." As Sesame Street might say, the weekend is sponsored by the number eight—tune in to learn more!

B’Shalom,
Mike Eisner, Men’s Club President
LIFELONG LEARNING

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

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

THURSDAY, MAY 13

The Mystery of the Fleishigs Chicken or Is Chicken Parm Kosher?

12 Noon - 1 p.m. (menu: An Italian Feast)

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

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

JEWS & BREWS

Thursdays, 10 a.m.

Join Rabbi Wolk for a cup of coffee and study the weekly Torah portion through the lens of traditional and modern commentaries. To join the class, please visit: templeisraelnc.org/lifelong-learning

TEMPLE ISRAEL ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, May 23, 10:30 a.m.

We invite all Temple Israel members to attend the Annual Congregational Meeting.

At this meeting, we will:

- Elect new Board of Trustee members and officers
- Thank outgoing Board members
- Review a year in the life of Temple Israel in pictures
- Get an update on Temple Israel’s financial position
- Hear President Teresa Brenner’s report on the state of Temple Israel and the plans for the years ahead

For more information, visit our Upcoming Programs page.

SPECIAL EVENTS

YOM HASHOAH COMMEMORATION

Sunday, April 11, 2021 – 2:00pm

Keynote Speaker: Maxine Marcus

“Let us be Upstanders, not Bystanders: Honoring Shoah Victim and Survivor Memories”

Maxine (“Max”) Marcus is the Founder and Director of Partners in Justice International. She is an international criminal prosecutor and investigator with 24 years’ field-based and courtroom-based experience in international criminal law. Mrs. Marcus is a long-time faculty member of the Institute for International Criminal Litigation. She is an Honoree on the Gender Justice Legacy Wall at the International Criminal Court, and the 2018 recipient of the Prominent Women in International Law Award by the American Society of International Law. Max is inspired by her heroine, her mother, Stella Marcus, who survived Auschwitz and 12 other concentration camps during her teenage years.

Also featuring local Holocaust survivors, Suly Chenkin and Irving Bienstock.


PLEASE JOIN US FOR SHAVUOT SERVICES AND PROGRAMS – FOR ALL AGES!

EREV SHAVUOT: SUNDAY, MAY 16

Join the Temple Israel clergy (times tba) as we gather together for thought provoking study and stimulating discussions, as we prepare ourselves for the receiving of the Torah on Shavuot.

- Joint Family Program with Temple Israel & CJDS
- Erev Shavuot Service
- Tikkun Leil featuring special guests Rabbi Menachem Creditor and Neshama Carlebach!

SHAVUOT – DAY 1: MONDAY, MAY 17

(TI OFFICES CLOSED)

9:30 a.m. - Shavuot Morning Service and Adult B’nai Mitzvah Celebration
10 a.m. - Torah Tots Shavuot Program
7:30 p.m. – Shavuot Evening Service

SHAVUOT – DAY 2: TUESDAY, MAY 18

(TI OFFICES CLOSED)

9:30 a.m. - Shavuot Morning & Yizkor Service
7:30 p.m. - Evening Minyan
Aldersgate offers all the living options and amenities you could wish for: six dining venues, an indoor pool, salon and spa, wood shop, dog park, gardening, acres of trails and a picturesque lake. Plus, you can rest easy with special services during COVID-19, including grocery and dining delivery, as well as ample “distant socializing” opportunities.

NEW luxury living also coming to the Shalom Park campus with Generations by Aldersgate. The best-in-class independent living, assisted living and memory care community in Charlotte is now taking deposits, first come, first served. Call (704) 532-5400 for more information.

Check out our calendar of events at AldersgateCharlotte.com. Or schedule a virtual tour of our beautiful campus at (704) 266-4798.
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Mark & Iris Simon  
Robert & Ellie Valenstein |

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Adrian & Andrea Mesoznik  
Norman & Jean Steinman |
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Darren & Andrea Hirsch  
Ian & Rachel Reifkind  
Daniel & Lorin Stiefel |
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Nicholas & Leigh Rose |
| MAY 28 | Eric & Nancy Levine  
Richard & Marlene Pomerantz  
Eugene & Elena Zilber  
Adam & Alyssa Sosnick |
| MAY 29 | Scott & Marnie Moskowitz |
| MAY 30 | Jim & Melissa Duller  
Jonathan & Julie Fisher  
Jason & Karen Spiegler |
| MAY 31 | Graig & Samantha Harr  
Andrew & Megan Harkavy |

## FUND SPOTLIGHT:

**CELIA SCHER HOLOCAUST FUND**

Donations support the annual Yom HaShoah  
(Holocaust Remembrance Day) commemoration.
# BIRTHDAYS - APRIL 2021

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Annie Goldsmith  
Craig Goldstein  
Linda Levy  
Florence Widis  
| APRIL 2 | Michael Bravver  
Frances Emily  
Cohen  
Zachary Gamlin  
Nathan Moore  
James Shearer  
| APRIL 3 | Michael Eisner  
Baila Pransky  
Kenneth Prushik  
David Stiefel  
| APRIL 4 | Justin Bregman  
Gary Schuler  
| APRIL 5 | Lisa Bayer  
Norman Snyder  
Isabella Weill  
Geraldine Wolk  
| APRIL 6 | Richard Zander  
| APRIL 7 | Robin Becker  
Ralph Besnoy  
Shelton Goldstein  
Emily Hollander  
Jordan Novick  
Robert Pittenger  
| APRIL 8 | David Bornstein  
Muri Corzin  
Sandra Rogelberg  
| APRIL 9 | Aliya Stanton  
| APRIL 10 | Matthew Cohen  
Robert Speizman  
Jason Spiegler  
Richard Willenzik  
| APRIL 11 | Michael Wolk  
| APRIL 12 | Jodi Cohen  
Adam Greenhagen  
Beth Levine  
Chaitman  
Brian Meltsner  
Sasha Rogelberg  
Ava Sands  
Karen Turk  
| APRIL 13 | Emma Barman  
Robert Comen  
Sadie Lisk  
Edwin Newman  
Susan Shure  
| APRIL 14 | Hannah Ross  
| APRIL 15 | Michelle Bamford  
Cary Chaitman  
Robert Jacobson  
Ian Miller  
Margot Richel  
George Schneider  
Carol Speizman  
Hannah Woociker  
| APRIL 16 | Nathaniel Ross  
Martin Rouff  
| APRIL 17 | Gerald Berkowitz  
Tonya Meltsner  
Shelley Typrin  
| APRIL 18 | Joel Albaum  
Gil Altman  
Nicki Fisher  
Jessica Goldfarb  
| APRIL 19 | Richard Pomerantz  
Gregory Rose  
Abraham Willoughby  
| APRIL 20 | Michael Davis  
Garret Mann  
Mindy Stern  
| APRIL 21 | Jocelyn Aranda  
Geneva Boxer  
Seth Cohen  
Jim Duller  
Wendy Kornegay  
Jacob Lavitt  
Adam Sosnick  
| APRIL 22 | Eliza Dranove  
Elizabeth Greenhagen  
| APRIL 23 | Stefanie Aranda  
Nicole Prushnik  
Stephanie Simon  
Marcia Solomon  
Michale Thalberg  
| APRIL 24 | Charlotte Miller  
Marci Willenzik  
| APRIL 25 | Joshua Lishaus  
Ben Petricoff  
Sandy Rosenberg  
| APRIL 26 | Graig Harr  
Harper Moskowitz  
Alan Rosenberg  
Brian Rudick  
| APRIL 27 | Nancy Coblenz  
Dave Levy  
Norman Mehlman  
| APRIL 28 | Zoe Braverman  
Diana Bregman  
Bethany Mann  
| APRIL 29 | Harry Chernotsky  
| APRIL 30 |
| MAY 1 | Karen Kropp
Rachel Moskowitz
Nyah Woland |
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| MAY 2 | David Altman
Mark Kirsch |
| MAY 3 | Murray Ezring
Brian Goldsmith
Max Harr
Lauri Kaufman
Barry Reich
Ruth Stanton |
| MAY 4 | Phyllis Garten
Leah Pittenger
Seth Weiss |
| MAY 5 | Jack Meltsner
Ilya Volynskiy |
| MAY 6 | Maureen Brodie
Julie Fisher
Barbara Karro
Elizabeth Mond |
| MAY 7 | Claire Mann
Linda Thailer
Jacob Vitale |
| MAY 8 | Lindsey Rosenbaum |
| MAY 9 | Tracy Brown |
| MAY 10 | Maxine Albaum
Nicholas Bolger
Will Moskowitz
Grey Rosen
Abigail Wind |
| MAY 11 | Linda Ashendorf
Stacey Schuler
Marjorie Sigal |
| MAY 12 | Martha Brenner
Edward Bressman
Micah Cooper
Robert Friedman
Robert Kornfeld
Abigail Smallman
Daniel Stanton |
| MAY 13 | Leonard Berkowitz
Madeline Rosen
Robert Sisson
Jeffrey Turk
Rachel Vaughan |
| MAY 14 | Eytan Grumberg
Richard Klein
Gerald Miller
Madison Rudick
Debbie Vitale |
| MAY 15 | May 16
Warren Pittenger
Leah Porter
Talia Sidranski
Aviva Sidranski |
| MAY 17 | May 17
Tamara Silverstein |
| MAY 18 | May 18
Michael Denenberg |
| MAY 19 | May 19
Zachary Bitton
Natalie Cohen
Howard Fine
Cindy McManus |
| MAY 20 | May 20
Arthur Roth |
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Abigail Cohen
Timothy Glauberman
Leslie Gordan
William London
Andrew Rosen |
| MAY 22 | May 22
Lindsey Gartner
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Eliana Greenhagen
Scott Jaben |
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Donna Greene |
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Elisha Klirs
Lily Slomka |
| MAY 26 | May 26
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Zack Listhaus
Emma Nascimento
Jennifer Willenzik |
| MAY 27 | May 27
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Elliot Gartner
Diane Rosenberg
Barry Sobel |
| MAY 28 | May 28
Monique Elliott
Michael Grunwald
Mikayla Prushik |
MAY THEIR MEMORIES BE A BLESSING

*Denotes a plaque

WEIGHT OF MARCH 26
Ida Marie Berman*
Rose Cohen*
Fannie Garten
Jay Malher
Max Powell
Abraham Richmond
Gerald Warshaw
Selma Widis*

WEIGHT OF APRIL 2
Joseph Bacherneimer*
Elisa Joy Barman
Ethel Berkowitz
Sandor Bock
Lous Carr
S. I. [Sam] Citron*
Sarah Cohen
David Daumit
Harry Diamond*
Flora M. El-Kods*
Fanny Epstein
Annie Estroff
Helene Feldman
Leah D. Fine
Paul Fixman*
Andrew Fox*
Ethel Goodhart*
Alvin Goodman
Florence Green*
Miriam Mary Greenman*
Samuel Greenspan*
Charles Halle*
Lewis Halpert*
Adam Matthew Hirsch
David William Hirsch*
Irvn Hirsch*
Sol Jaffe*
Herbert Kandall
Esther Kaufman*
Irene Kossove*
Helene Lapping
Charles Levinson*
Daniel Litwak*
Robert Lurie*
Wilhelmina Newman Mackler*
Esther Mehman
Herman Meiselman*
Carlo Michel
Ethel Montag
Edward Moore
Christopher M. Newman*
Emil Oppenheimer*
Bessie Oxer*

Gertrude “Polly” Poliakoff Pressman*
Solomon Reichenberg*
Michael Rooshvarg*
Harold W. Ross*
Helen Scheib
Seymour Schriner*
Esther Schwartz*
Victor Schwartz*
Sarah Rachel Schwartz*
Hattie Smith Sinkoe*
Joan Slade
Bella S. Smith*
Cyril F. Speizman*
Beverly Spiegler
Ruben Steinman
Sarah Thailer
Mildred Thaler
Henry Zucker

WEIGHT OF APRIL 9
Jacob Baiozvit*
Sheldon Bobrow
Pamela Godwin Carroll
Sara Dixon
Sanford Epstein
Irving Epstein
Jacob Feldman
Charles Ginsberg*
Gabriel Gleberman*
Beatrice Goodman*
Arthur Gordon*
Roseanne Grant
Joseph Greenspan
Walter Heskins*
Irving Hochstat*
Phillip Elliot Katzen*
Julius M. Katzen*
Nathan Kaye*
Esther Koss
Regina Gelfand Landis
Libby Levinson*
Jeanne Major
Michael Meiselman*
Esther Michel
Bette Miller*
Philip Nalibotsky
Harry Nelson*
Dora Nelson*
Julius Newman
Helen Reichard
Rachel Rosenbaum
Louis Rotker*
Maymie Schaffer*
Ira Schulman*
Mary Srededo*
Sheppard Shapiro*
Shiry Silverstein*
Johanna Simons*
Elizabeth Savadkin Small*
Irwin Thailer
Helen Weinstein
Gary Witt
Harry Wolfert*

WEIGHT OF APRIL 16
Dora Abel*
Wolf Ashendorf*
Lottie Ashendorf*
Joan August
Kimberly Susan Bates*
Aaron Berman*
Ruth Bograd
Sadie Boyce
Gertrude Cohen*
Steven Cole
Esther Dorris
Sidney Effross
Charles Fine*
Selma Firestone*
Janyse G. Friedland*
Leona Gartner
Anna Ginsberg*
Joel Goldman
Irving K. Jacobson*
Janet Jaffa*
Isaac Katzenelson*
Herman Kleeper*
Philip Klein
Sheila Kritzter*
Helen Levine
Arnold Levinson
Frank Lubin
David Meltsner
Esther Mourad
Raymond Oppenheimer
Bernice Pinchuk*
Natalie Podlofsky
Helga Rosenberger*
Helga Rosenberger*
Lillian Rosenfeld*
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Celia Rubin*
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Marian Schneider*
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**Into God’s Hand I Commit My Spirit**

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

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

Did you know that Temple Israel has nearly 20 endowment funds that help to support Temple Israel’s ongoing operational needs, specific program efforts and our Temple members through financial assistance and religious school scholarships? In addition, the Temple has more than 20 in-house funds that support the Temple’s outreach efforts to members, ongoing maintenance and repair needs, scholarships, holiday and annual programs, and other operational needs.

Each month, dozens of Temple members and friends make contributions to these funds in honor or in memory of loved ones and friends. These generous gifts make it possible for our endowment and in-house funds to provide ongoing support to the Temple on an annual basis that supplements the operating budget and ensures that sufficient funding is available to meet the needs of our members.

Thank you to all of the generous donors who regularly contribute to Temple Israel’s endowment and in-house funds. Your donations truly make a difference!

TEMPLE ISRAEL ENDOWMENTS

Aaron & Rhoda Gleiberman
Simchat Torah Celebration Endowment Fund
– To subsidize the costs of annual Simchat Torah celebrations

Albert & Mary Kathleen Miller Endowment Fund
– To provide religious school scholarships and youth programming including trips, camp and Israel travel experiences

Alene & Samuel Strause Education Endowment Fund
– To provide religious school scholarships and financial assistance

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

Shelton Gorelick Family Endowment Fund for Temple Israel
– To provide youth programming including trips, camp and Israel travel experiences

Temple Israel Building Endowment Fund
– To maintain the Temple building

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

William & Patty Gorelick Endowment Fund
– To provide financial assistance to subsidize the cost of Temple membership

Doris & Albert Roussou Purim Endowment Fund
– To provide Purim programs and celebrations

Etta & Louis Greenspoon Senior Citizen Endowment Fund
– To provide senior activity programs

Harold & Bette Wolfson Schapiro Senior Programs Endowment Fund
– To provide senior citizen programs

Harry & Micky Schwartz Education Endowment Fund
– To provide religious school scholarships and Israel travel experiences for children

Leonard & Ann Slesinger Education Endowment Fund
– To provide religious school scholarships and financial assistance

Maurice A. & Rosa B. Weinstein Adult Education Endowment Fund
– To provide adult education programs

Michael Meiselman 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 Kler Sukkot Endowment Fund
– To provide Sukkot celebrations

Shirley & Sol Levine Religious School Teacher Education Endowment Fund
– To subsidize the costs of teacher education

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

Temple Israel Building Endowment Fund
– To maintain the Temple building

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

William & Patty Gorelick Endowment Fund
– To provide financial assistance to subsidize the cost of Temple membership

TEMPLE ISRAEL IN-HOUSE FUNDS

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

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

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

Celia Scher Holocaust Fund
– To support annual Yom Hashoah commemoration

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

General Fund
– To provide unrestrained operational support to the Temple

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

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

Madans Family Shivah Fund
– To offer 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

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

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

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

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

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

Women of Temple Israel Youth Program Fund
– To support youth programming

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

Social Club Fund
– To subsidize TI Social Club activities

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

Stuart Ostrow Youth Fund
– To provide youth programs and activities

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

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

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

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ENDOWMENT FUNDS

AARON & RHODA GLEIBERMAN SIMCHAT TORAH CELEBRATION ENDOWMENT FUND
Jeffrey & Marcia Gleiberman, in memory of Norman Steinman.

ALENE & SAMUEL STRAUSE EMERGENCY ENDOWMENT FUND
Marcia Solomon, in appreciation of Cantor Roorchvarg's musicality, historical knowledge and role model of a Mensch.
Marcia Solomon, in appreciation of Dr. Will Conner's support and comfort to his patients, especially Marcia Solomon.

BARBARA & JERRY LEVIN RELIGIOUS SCHOOL ENDOWMENT FUND
TIRS PTO, in memory of Leslie Abadi.

Cissy Wollman Membership Scholarship Endowment Fund
Tara Hubara, in honor of Jill Pickett's birthday.

David Silverman School Endowment Fund
Michael & Judie Van Glish, in honor of Marc & Mattye Silverman's grandson, Alex's Bar Mitzvah.
Mark & Jean Kirsch, in memory of Yudi Dukes.
Mark & Jean Kirsch, in honor of Dr. Lee Benjamin's 50th birthday.

Doris & Albert Rosso Purim Endowment Fund
Jacob Erakidis, in appreciation of his family.
Barry Bobrow & Karen Knoble, in honor of the birth of Dr. Sarise and Stuart Breidbart's grandson, Ethan Martin.

Etta & Louis Greenspon Senior Citizen Endowment Fund
Mark & Jean Kirsch, in wishing Celie Spangenthal well.

Leonard & Ann Slesinger Education Endowment Fund
Eric & Ilana Esposito, in memory of Olga Haimee de Abadi.
Steven & Sharon Hookfield, in wishing Marcy Mehlmam a speedy recovery.
Steven & Sharon Hookfield, in memory of Robert Harris.
Steven & Sharon Hookfield, in memory of Ted Abel.
TIRS PTO, in memory of Olga Haimee de Abadi.

Sherman & Alyce Levine Social Action Endowment Fund
Jerry Segal, yahrzeit of Dorothy Segal.
Temple Israel Building Endowment Fund
Michael & Denise Abadi, in memory of Ted Abel.
Neal & Joy Golub, in memory of Irving Golub.

Temple Israel Education Endowment Fund
Michael & Denise Abadi, in appreciation of the Purim Shpiul and wonderful holiday celebration.
Steve and Beth Stillitano, yahrzeit of Edith Gordon.
Jerry Weissfeld, in honor of Penina Polsky's Bat Mitzvah.

Temple Israel Endowment Fund
Irving Bienstock, in memory of Irwin Levy.
Michael & Denise Abadi, in memory of Shellie Barer.

William & Patty Gorelick Membership Endowment Fund
Jennifer & Doug Samson.

Temple Israel Funds

Cantor Elias Roorchvarg Music Fund
Michael & Denise Abadi, in memory of Jack Gottlieb.
Neal & Joy Golub, in memory of Elaine Cheifetz.
Donna & Rick Greene, in memory of Jack Gottlieb.
Josh Loewenstein, in appreciation of Cantor Lissek's assistance in helping him learn & chant his Bar Mitzvah Haftarah.
Daniel & Lorin Stiefel, in honor of Cantor Lissek and her help & time with Alex's Bar Mitzvah.
Carole & Jeffrey Sternstein, in memory of Vere Strogatz.

Courtyard/Garden in Honor of Murray Ezing, Rabbi Emeritus
David & Judy Miller, in memory of Ted Abel.

General Fund
Bob & Ann Abel, in memory of Olga Haimee de Abadi.
Bob & Ann Abel, in memory of Leslie Abadi.
Bob & Ann Abel, in memory of Ellis Levinson.
Bob & Ann Abel, in memory of Marvin Barman.

Bob & Ann Abel, in memory of Shellie Barer.
Bernard & Teri Ackerman, in memory of Shellie Barer.
Glenda & Brian Bernhardt, in memory of Lorraine Peck.
Sam & Nancy Bernstein, in memory of Freida Cohen.
Irving Bienstock, in memory of Ted Abel.
Barry Bobrow & Karen Knoble, in memory of Mike Tuckman.
Karen Brodsky, in memory of Olga Haimee de Abadi and Leslie Abadi.
Dee Cannell, wishing Marcy Mehlmam a speedy recovery.
Stuart & Jodi Cohen, in memory of Lorraine Peck.
Ivan & Wendee Cutter, in honor of Audrey Madans.
Marilyn Edwards, in memory of Irene & Philip Weinstein.
Gloria Peper, Elliot Engel and Sam Foster, in honor of Audrey Madans receiving the Shofar Award.
Carmen Fragoso, in memory of Shellie Barer.
Stuart & Myra Golub, yahrzeit of Irving Golub.
Stuart & Myra Golub, yahrzeit of Elaine & Albert Cheifetz.
Barry & Michelle Goodman, yahrzeit of Lillian Youman.
Gail Green, wishing Audrey Madans a happy birthday and speedy recovery.
Michael & Jennifer Koss, in memory of Ted Abel.
Paul & Susan Kronsburg, yahrzeit of Zelda Katz.
Gale Osborne, in honor of Rabbi Wolk and Cantor Lissek.
Diane Rosenberg, in memory of Ted Abel.
Edwin & Leslie Rusgo, yahrzeit of Martha Rusgo.
Edwin & Ruth Rusgo, in memory of Lorraine Peck.
Morey & Lynne Sheffer, in memory of Olga Haimee de Abadi and Leslie Abadi.
Linda Thaler, in memory of Ellis Levinson.

Huntingtown Farms Elementary School Fox Fund
Glenda & Brian Bernhardt, in memory of Ted Abel.
Donald & Shevi Herbstman, in memory of Irwin Levy.
Robert & Maxine Stein, in memory of Irwin Levy.

Kristallnacht Fund
Elliott & Peggy Gartner, in memory of Lorraine Peck.
Michael Stewart, in memory of Henry Hirschmann.
Margi Goldstein, thinking of Malka.

Sadie Starr/Anita & Marvin Shapiro Silver Fund
Toby Gordon, in memory of Cheryl Tuttle.
Toby Gordon & family, yahrzeit of our loving mother, grandmother and great grandmother Sadie Shiland Starr.
Mark & Jean Kirsch, in memory of Stephen Silberberg.
Mark & Jean Kirsch, in memory of Lynn Freed's husband.
Mark & Jean Kirsch, in wishing Anita & Marvin Shapiro a happy new year.
Mark & Jean Kirsch, in memory of the mother of the Meakin family.
Anita & Marvin Shapiro, in memory of Robert Guggenheim.
Anita & Marvin Shapiro, in honor of Sandra Levine's birthday.
Anita & Marvin Shapiro, yahrzeit of Patty Gorelick.
Anita & Marvin Shapiro, in memory of Shellie Barer.
Anita & Marvin Shapiro, in honor of Lorin & Daniel Stiefel's son Alex on the occasion of his Bar Mitzvah.
Anita & Marvin Shapiro, in honor of Mattye & Marc Silverman's grandson, Alex on the occasion of his Bar Mitzvah.
Anita & Marvin Shapiro, in memory of Phyllis Weinstein.
Anita & Marvin Shapiro, in honor of Jean Kirsch's birthday.
Anita & Marvin Shapiro, in memory of Ted Abel.
Anita & Marvin Shapiro, yahrzeit of loving mother, grandmother, great grandmother Sadie Shiland Starr.
Anita & Marvin Shapiro, wishing Bunny Bramson continued good health.
Anita & Marvin Shapiro, in honor of Wendy & Lee Pake’s anniversary.
Anita & Marvin Shapiro, in honor of Dale & Larry Polsky’s granddaughter, Penina on the occasion of her Bat Mitzvah.

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Karen Brodsky, in memory of Shellie Barer.
Suly Chenkin, in memory of Shellie Barer.
Andy & Tammy Cohen, in memory of Shellie Barer.

Irvn & Dedee Cygler, in memory of Shellie Barer.
Dr. Lidia Epel, Diana Epel-Bloom and Bryan Epel, in memory of Shellie Barer.
David & Aileen Epstein, in memory of Shellie Barer.
Elliot & Peggy Gartner, in memory of Shellie Barer.
Barbara Glassman, in memory of Shellie Barer’s 74th birthday.
Ruth & Alan Goldberg, in memory of Shellie Barer.
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Sam & Linda Levy, in memory of Shellie Barer.
Sheldon & Ina Lubin, in memory of Shellie Barer.
Patty Norcom, in memory of Shellie Barer.
Judith and Michael Norman, in memory of Shellie Barer.
Ed & Debora Pizer, in memory of Shellie Barer.
Gene Ruth Poler & Milt Poler, in memory of Shellie Barer.
Alan & Jan Raznick, yahrzeit of Rebecca Sovatsky Raznick.
Alan & Jan Raznick, in memory of Shellie Barer.
Mark Rindner, in memory of Shellie Barer.
Robyn & Tom Romeo, in memory of Shellie Barer’s birthday.
Nicholas & Leigh Rose, in memory of Shellie Barer.
Jennifer & Doug Samson, in memory of Shellie Barer.
David & Beth Thrope, in memory of Shellie Barer.
David & Beth Thrope, in honor of the birth of Cindy & Marlin Jennes’ grandchildren, Averie Rose and Nash Walter.

**SUNDAY MORNING MINYAN BREAKFAST FUND**

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Alan & Jan Raznick, yahrzeit of Mildred Goldfarb.

**SOCIAL ACTION FUND**

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Morris Rosen.
Irvn & Sylvia Swartz, wishing Ruth Goldberg a speedy recovery.
Robert & Maxine Stein.

**STUART OSTROW YOUTH FUND**

Marcelle Gorelick, in memory of Anna Vitale.
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Connie Ostrow, in memory of Mark Codner.
Connie Ostrow, wishing Jill Newman a speedy recovery and happy new year.
Connie Ostrow, in memory of Anna Vitale.
Joel Ostrow, yahrzeit of Henry K. Ostrow.
Britt, Shelly, Sydnie and Logan Simon, in memory of Anna Vitale.

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Jonathan & Tess Berger, in memory of Irwin Levy.
Brian & Glenda Bernhardt, in honor of the birth of Cindy & Marlin Jennes’ grandchildren, Averie Rose and Nash Walter.
Terri Cathcart, in honor of WoTi’s hard work.
Melissa Lefko, in honor of the birth of Cindy & Marlin Jennes’ grandchildren, Averie Rose and Nash Walter.
Zeev Neuwirth & Lisa Davidson, yahrzeit of Ruth Neuwirth.
Gloria Reeves, in memory of Shellie Barer.
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