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

Sunday, January 17, 2021

9:30 a.m. - Opening Ceremony with Special Guest Speaker
10 a.m. - Acts of Loving Kindness

Join your Temple Israel family and friends as we continue to do our part to repair the world (Tikkun Olam) through acts of loving kindness (gemilut hasadim).

This day will consist of virtual group projects, DIY projects and even a few on-site activities (pre-registration required). Although we are apart, let us continue to live by the great words of Rabbi Hillel, “If I am not for myself, who is for me? If I am only for myself, what am I? If not now, when?” (Pirkei Avot 1:14).

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Sunday, 5:30 p.m.
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Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.
Thursday, 7:30 p.m.

CANDLE LIGHTING
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January 8 5:10 p.m.
January 15 5:16 p.m.
January 22 5:23 p.m.
January 29 5:31 p.m.

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

SERVICE & CANDLE LIGHTING TIMES*

SUNDAYS
Temple Israel Religious School (TIRS), 9 a.m.

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

TUESDAYS
TIRS Weekday Class, 4:45 p.m.

WEDNESDAYS
TIRS Weekday Class, 5:15 p.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.

* VIRTUAL SERVICES can be accessed online by visiting templeisraelnc.org.

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TORTAH ON TAP: Drive-In-Movie Night, 7 p.m
TI YOUTH: USY & Kadima Havdallah, Hanukkah, Ice Cream and Games, 6 p.m.

MEN'S CLUB: HeBrews Coffee Club, 9:15 a.m.
Winter Concert Fundraiser: The Best Is Yet To Come, 5 p.m.

LUNCH N' LEARN - The Maccabees: Good Guys or Bad Guys?, 12 p.m.

SHABBAT EXPERIENCE, 9:30 a.m.
Light Up the Night Hanukkah Celebration & Dinner, 6 p.m.

SOCIAL CLUB: Hanukkah Musical Program, 12:30 p.m.
TI YOUTH: Mahar Edible Hanukkah and Games, 2 p.m.
Light Over Darkness - Hanukkah Street Art, Candle Lighting & Singing featuring Jewish Artist, Mike Wirth, 5:30 p.m.
USY, BBYO, Hebrew High and NFTY program, 7 p.m.

MEN'S CLUB: Seventh Night: Cigars, Scotch & Light, 8 p.m.

TI YOUTH: Kadima Kehillah, 7:30 p.m.
WoTi: Shining Your Light: A Hanukkah Celebration with Eliana Light, 8 p.m.

BAR MITZVAH OF Zac Bitton, 9:30 a.m.

USY, BBYO, Hebrew High and NFTY program, 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16
Men's Club: Seventh Night: Cigars, Scotch & Light, 8 p.m.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17
TI YOUTH: Kadima Kehillah, 7:30 p.m.
WoTi: Shining Your Light: A Hanukkah Celebration with Eliana Light, 8 p.m.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19
Bar Mitzvah of Zac Bitton, 9:30 a.m.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20
Rosh Chodesh Study Group, 2 p.m.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24
Social Action: Cooking/Collection for Men's Shelter, 12 p.m.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 7
TI YOUTH: Kadima Kehillah, 7:30 p.m.
Torah on Tap: Family Feud, 7:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 8
Torah Tots: Bim Bamb Shabbat, 5:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 9
Shabbat Experience, 9:30 a.m.
Jr. Congregation, 10: 30 a.m.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 10
TI YOUTH: Ir Ha-Malka USY Chevrua, 3:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 14
Lunch N' Learn: Mi Sheberach: Why and How do we Pray for Healing?, 12 p.m.
TI YOUTH: Kadima Kehillah, 7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 16
Bar Mitzvah of Alex Stiefel, 5:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 17
Men's Club: HeBrews Coffee Club, 9:15 a.m.
Yom Gemilut Hasadim, 9:30 a.m.
Rosh Chodesh Study Group, 2 p.m.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 19,
Temple Israel Book Club, 7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 23
Jr. Congregation, 10:30 a.m.
Bar Mitzvah of Brandon London, 5 p.m.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 24
Social Club Paid-Up Membership Luncheon, 12:30 p.m.
TI YOUTH: USY & Kadima Tu B'Shvat Seed Bombs and Trivia, 3:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 31
Torah Tots: Tu B'Shvat Tree Party, 3 p.m.
RABBI’S COLUMN

By Rabbi Michael Wolk

It’s a strange thing to admit as a rabbi, but I enjoy the Christmas season. I admire my neighbors’ lights and decorations and the music puts me in a happy frame of mind. It’s a good thing that we have our own holiday of light around the same time. Another name for Hanukkah is Chag Urim or the holiday of lights and the central ritual is the lighting of candles each night for eight days. While Hanukkah was a minor holiday for much of Jewish history, we have given it increased prominence as American Jews because we want to feel the same festive atmosphere towards the end of the year as our non-Jewish friends, family, and neighbors.

While I am uncomfortable with the often-repeated explanation that “Hanukkah is the Jewish Christmas,” because the two holidays celebrate very different themes, I know that it is not a coincidence that two holidays which feature light as a theme take place so close together.

In the Talmud, the teacher known as Rav explains the origin of an ancient Roman holiday called Kalends. When Adam, the first man, observed that days got shorter and nights got longer as the first year of human history turned to fall, he was terrified that God was returning the world to the primordial darkness. In fear he cries out, “Surely darkness will envelop me.” His fears are unfounded as the seasons turn to spring and the days again grow longer. When he again observes this phenomenon the following year, he celebrates it as a holiday called Kalends, we know took place for eight days following the winter solstice.

This legend teaches that people of all faiths have always looked for light, warmth, and comfort during dark times and used holidays as a way to bring comfort and connection. As the days get shorter and colder this year, this is especially true. We have grown used to seeing each other outside in the warmth of the North Carolina summer and fall, but are worried about our ability to connect in the coming months. Rabbi Jonathan Sacks OBM teaches that Hanukkah is an important Jewish holiday because it celebrates survival in the face of overwhelming odds.1

“That simple act of families coming together to light the lights, tell the story and sing the songs, proved more powerful than armies and longer-lived than empires... Something in the human spirit survives even the worst of tragedies, allowing us to rebuild shattered lives, broken institutions and injured nations. That to me is the Jewish story. Jews survived all the defeats, expulsions, persecutions and pogroms, even the Holocaust itself, because they never gave up the faith that one day they would be free to live as Jews without fear. Whenever I visit a Jewish school today I see on the smiling faces of the children the ever-renewed power of that faith whose symbol is Chanukah and its light of inextinguishable hope.”

Normally on Hanukkah we celebrate Jewish survival in the face of persecution, but this year we should also celebrate the survival of the human spirit in the face of a pandemic that has overturned our world. Despite everything, we are still here and we still light our candles. We all have our sources of light, but I hope that you will participate in some of the great celebrations that we have planned at Temple Israel in honor of this time of year like Cantor Lissek’s concert on December 6, and our in-person Hanukkah celebration on December 12th.

Best wishes for a Happy Hanukkah and a Happy 2021.

CANTOR’S COLUMN
by Cantor Shira Lissek

“I believe in the power of a little bit of light”
- Jacob Spike Kraus

I truly believe in the power of a little bit of light and a little bit of music to lift each other up. On December 6, at 5 p.m. that is exactly what we are going to do. We are going bring a little light and mix it with music and celebrate our Temple Israel family through a live virtual concert. Jazz Pianist Noel Freidline, and his amazing band, will join me to light up the night with favorite Frank Sinatra songs from the American Song book mixed with inspirational Hanukkah songs and even a song by Lady Gaga. We chose this amazing music to bring you inspiration, love, and light as we look forward to Hanukkah.

As the story goes, there was only a little bit of oil to light the menorah but the Maccabees had faith and courage, a miracle happened and the light lasted eight days. That little bit of light continues to serve our people as a beacon of hope when we find ourselves navigating dark passages throughout history. Who would have imagined how challenging navigating these particular dark passages of our lives in 2020 in the midst of a pandemic would be? In these unprecedented times, gathering together virtually for a musical celebration and connecting to the story of Hanukkah can nourish our flickering spirit and remind us that hope and faith make miracles possible.

Each one of us has a particular gift and when we share our gift it brings light into the world. This is what makes our community so special, each of you, your story, your interests, your gifts. This year, as you know, we will be celebrating two beloved recipients of the Shofar Award. Audrey Madans and Irving Bienstock, are shining examples of people who have forever made the Jewish people stronger and our world a better place through sharing their unique light with us.

How will you bring light into the darkness this Hanukkah? As the lyrics go in my friend Jacob Spike Kraus’s brilliant Hanukkah song, Light up the Night: “Now it’s up to you and I believe in you. It’s true. I do. I truly do. So tell me truly do you want to Light up, light up, light up the night. Light up light up light up the night. Eight days of candles burning bright. Light up light up, light up the night. I believe in the power of a little bit of light.”
PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE
by Teresa Brenner
We have so much to celebrate with our Temple Israel community! Weekly Shabbat services and our almost weekly Bar/t Mitzvah simchas bring light and joy into our lives. I find our community’s rituals and traditions particularly special during these months when darkness descends so early every day.

Winter Concert
You will not want to miss this year’s virtual Winter Concert “The Best is Yet to Come: An Evening of Light and Celebration” on Sunday, December 6 at 5 p.m. featuring our very own Cantor Shira Lissek, and honoring Audrey Madans and Irving Bienstock with the Temple Israel Shofar Award. Cantor Lissek will be joined by Justin Ray, a trumpet player who performs with Michael Buble; Tim Gordon, a saxophone player from the Temptations and the Four Tops; Troy Conn, the top jazz and Broadway show guitarist in the Southeast; and last year’s Winter Concert’s spectacular Zack Page (bass) and Al Sergel (drums). Featured guest speakers will share stories about Audrey and Irving as our community pays tribute to them for their leadership, sustained involvement, good deeds and kindness. Thank you to Amy Udoff and Norm Shapiro for once again serving as Co-Chairs of the Winter Concert and to their committee members. What a wonderful event for this season!

Rabbi Wolk’s Outreach
History teaches us about the days when doctors made house calls and North Carolina superior court judges rode the circuit. I am reminded of those times as Rabbi Michael Wolk travels to meet our congregation’s families outdoors in their backyards or driveways, masked and socially distanced. Please feel free to invite him to meet you in such a manner or to visit with him by telephone. In addition to his thoughtful and inspiring sermons, weekly video teachings, and monthly “Jews and Brews”, Rabbi Wolk is also offering JEWs AND BREWS every Monday morning at 10 a.m. Please join virtually with a cup of coffee and study the weekly Torah portion together through traditional and modern commentary.

Courtyard and Garden
I invite you to drive to Temple Israel, park your car, and carefully explore the Courtyard and Garden in honor of Rabbi Emeritus Murray Ezring. It is breathtaking! You will notice the Sam Lerner Amphitheater, the beautiful trees and plantings, and the brick courtyard containing phrases of well wishes from congregants. Should you want to add greetings of your own or commemorate an occasion, please consider purchasing a brick. We are also in need of donations for safety features and enhanced plantings to this exciting space. Donations can be made to the Courtyard and Garden in honor of Rabbi Murray Ezring fund. Thank you to David & Judy Miller, Sam & Nancy Bernstein, Frank & Wendy Rosen, and their committee members, for the vision to honor our clergy and for the financial fundraising foundation to bring this to fruition.

Spotlight on an Affiliate Group
Mazel tov to the Men’s Club under the leadership of Mike Eisner and Josh Lowenstein for hosting a successful, multi-generational “Grill and Chill” during a gorgeous sunny Sunday afternoon in the Temple Israel parking lot for 35 members and a couple of spouses, with delicious food catered by Izzy’s Catering, socially-distanced corn hole games, clothing donations to Roof Above (formerly the Men’s Shelter of Charlotte) organized and collected by Social Action Co-Chairs Jonathan & Tess Berger, and a surprise auction by Josh (an impressive professional auctioneer) which added monetary donations for Roof Above.

Good News to Share
Please join me in extending our congratulations to Eliot Meadow on being nominated to serve as Secretary and a member of the Executive Committee of USCJ, the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism, for a two-year term beginning January 1, 2021. Such a well-deserved honor for Eliot.

The Cantors’ Assembly will be celebrating its 75th Anniversary with a beautiful published book, and Temple Israel will be honoring Cantor Shira Lissek, who serves on the Cantors’ Assembly Executive Committee, and Cantor Emeritus Elias Roochvarg in this publication, which they so richly deserve.

Especially for You, Our Congregants
Our services continue to be primarily virtual with our re-opening for up to 20 pre-registered congregants for Friday evening services as well as up to 20 pre-registered family and guests for our Bar/t Mitzvah on Saturday mornings, all of which are proceeding smoothly. We are continually evaluating additional in-person opportunities. Our ability to provide in-person options depends on our continued collective compliance with all protocols, health pre-screenings, proper mask wearing, social distancing from everyone outside your family unit, community health trends, and the advice of medical professionals. Thank you in advance for your continued cooperation.

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. Thank you for reaching out to me with your thoughts, advice and questions. Please continue doing so. I enjoy hearing from you. Temple Israel is where you belong. It is our house, your home.

Wishing you a Happy Hanukkah filled with the lights of your menorah and the warmth of your family and friends,

Teresa Brenner
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ENGAGEMENT

By Erin Goldstein

Temple Israel has been lucky to welcome 16 new families into our congregation since March 2020! We have new members of all ages and they are excited to be a part of our Kehillah. The staff, clergy and Board of Trustees would like to welcome the following families!

2020-2021 TI New Families:

David, Alexis and Maxwell Abramovitz
Jason and Yvonne Ackerman
Aaron, Shannon and Aiden Berger
Pat Burnham
Tayuanee Dewberry
Natalie Farber
Gail Greene
Paula & Kenneth Kipperman
Ben Lapin
Jason & Kelly Lecker
Howard & Paula Ross
Adam & Alyssa Sosnik
Anna Braverman & Yakov Torchinsky
Rabbi Judith Schindler & Chip Wallach
Rabbi Michael, Heidi, Klara Rose, and Julia Wolk
Cantor Morris & Geraldine Wolk
Hannah Woociker

If you know a family that is new to town or interested in more information about joining Temple Israel, please send them my way. We are currently taking potential congregants on a tour of our building and facility. A mask is required, and an appointment must be set up with me for a tour. It has been WONDERFUL to welcome potential congregants into our beautiful building and give them a feel of what is like to be a member of our kehillah. Please contact me if you have heard of anyone interested in joining or learning more!

We are pleased to announce that, through the generous donation of an anonymous donor, we are able to offer Kosher meals to congregants in need - for whatever reason. Please contact me if you know of a congregant in need or if you, yourself, would like some meals to get you through a tough time. These meals are usually made by the Caring Committee, however, since we have been unable to meet in person we have asked Jered Mond of Izzy’s Catering to help us. I would like to give a very special thanks to Jered for making these delicious meals for our congregants.

I wish you and your family a very Happy Hanukkah, and I hope that the lights burn bright this year. I also wish you and your family a warm, happy and healthy New Year. Let’s hope for a fantastic 2021 where we can be together in person!

Warmly,
Erin

NEW CONGREGANT SPOTLIGHT

Welcome new congregant, Hannah Woociker. Hannah is originally from Florida and recently moved to North Carolina. Hannah is very excited to become involved at Temple Israel, and is hoping to come teach our TIRS kids how to make Challah for Shabbat! Hannah is a Professional Pastry Chef and owns MoonBox Bakery!

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LIFE EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OUR CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILIES OF:

- **Edward Karp**, husband of Arlene Karp (OBM); father of Michael (Allison) Karp, Steven Karp and Carol (Bill) Burton; grandfather of Kyle, Lily, Ella & Laura Karp and Owen & Hayden Burton.
- **Harriet Friedman**, mother of Dr. Karen Futtersak and mother-in-law of Dr. William Futtersak; grandmother of Alex, Joshua and Ginger Futtersak.
- **Natalie Jane Oster Roach**, mother of Patti Norcom; daughter of Charles Oster (OBM) and Frances Wisssler Oster (OBM); wife of Lee J. Roach (OBM); sister of Priscilla Oster Ritter (OBM) and Francis Oster (OBM).
- **Frances Rosen**, wife of Edward Rosen (OBM); mother of Joanne (Jim) Sofen of Urbandale, Morris Rosen of Charlotte, Norm (Maureen) Rosen of Chapel Hill, James Rosen of Des Moines, and Harold (Cheryl) Rosen of Granger; grandmother of 12; great grandmother of seven; sister of Donald Greenblatt (OBM) and Gerald Greenblatt (OBM); sister-in-law of Ruth Greenblatt and Phyllis Greenblatt.
- **Marvin Barman**, husband of Lorri Barman (OBM); father of Scott (Linda Roy) of Rockville, MD, Joel (Joanna) of Indian Trail, NC, and David (Keren) of North Miami Beach, FL; Zayde of Binyomin Barman, Eliezer Barman, Jacob Barman and Emma Barman; brother of Shirley Oliner of Rockville Centre, NY.
- **Louis Bates**, husband of Joan Bates; father of Evan (Susan), Tony (Stefanie), Keith, Kimberly (OBM) and Todd (Jill); grandfather of Kyle (Amanda), Ryan (Lindsey), Adam (Brenna), Sarah, Kaitlyn, Parker and Carson; great grandfather of Asher.
- **Ellis Herbert Levinson**, husband of Mary Ann Levinson (OBM); father of Lynne (Morey) Sheffer, Hal (Holly) Levinson, and Dan (Stacy) Levinson; grandfather of David (Julie) Sheffer, Adam Levinson, Jacob Levinson, and Samantha Levinson; great grandfather of Abe, Miles and Dean Sheffer; brother of Gary (Julie) Levinson.
- **Olga Haime de Abadi**, mother of Michael (Denise) Abadi, and grandmother of Sara Abadi and Mark Abadi.

BIRTHS

- **Mary Gross & Jordan Ransenberg** joyfully welcomed the arrival of a baby girl, Joanie Eloise Ransenberg. Proud family includes grandparents Karen & David Ransenberg and Fran & Don Gross (PA), and great grandmother Eleanor Turk.
- **Rachel & Ian Reifkind** joyfully welcomed the arrival of a baby boy, Alexzander Isaac Reifkind. Proud grandparents include Berry & Richard Zander and Sandy & Eliot Reifkind.

LIFE EVENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you would like to have your happy event, wedding, engagement or birth announcement published in Kol Yisrael, please submit your written information via email to marketing@templeisraelnc.org or fax it to (704) 362-1098. If you have an illness or a death in the family, please contact the Clergy Office at (704) 362-2796.
TORAH TOTS

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

“LIGHT UP THE NIGHT” HANUKKAH CELEBRATION & DINNER (IN-PERSON)
Saturday, December 12, 6 p.m.
Location: Temple Israel Courtyard & Amphitheatre
Celebrate Hanukkah with Torah Tots and your Temple Israel family with a special gathering and dinner! For details, page 21.

VIRTUAL HANUKKAH STREET ART, CANDLE LIGHTING & SINGING FEATURING JEWISH STREET ARTIST, MIKE WIRTH
Sunday, December 13, 5:30 p.m.
Join Temple Israel virtually for a festive evening of street art, Hanukkah candle lighting, and singing! Rabbi Wolk, Cantor Lissek, and their families are thrilled to join acclaimed Jewish street artist, Mike Wirth, as they spray paint the 4th night’s flame on Charlotte’s large Hanukkah Mural Project. For additional details, see page 21.

BIM BAM SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE (VIRTUAL)
Friday, January 8, 5:30 p.m.
Join Rabbi Kornsgold, Rabbi Wolk and Mr. Caleb for a great time celebrating Shabbat together! This will be a brief, but fun filled service for your lil’ ones, including all their favorite songs and dances for Shabbat!

TU B’SHVAT TREE PARTY (IN-PERSON)
Sunday, January 31, 3 p.m.
Location: TBD
Join your Torah Tots friends as we celebrate the birth-day of the trees! Expect an afternoon of fun, crafts and songs all in a safe and socially distant gathering. We look forward to seeing you there!

Check templeisraelnc.org for information about upcoming Torah Tots programming.

The Illustrated Torah

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TIRS

By Rabbi Helene Kornsgold, Director of Congregational Education

You might be familiar with the following lyrics from the Song, Hanukkah Oh Hanukkah:

“Oh Hanukkah, Oh Hanukkah, come light the Menorah,
Let’s have a party, we’ll all dance the Horah.
Gather around the table, I’ll give you a treat,
Sevivon to play with and latkes to eat.”

This year, like all other holidays which we have observed since March, our celebration of Hanukkah will look very different than in prior years. We won’t be having our big annual TI Hanukkah party. We won’t be dancing the Horah together, and we won’t be playing dreidel together. The thought of not doing these fun and celebratory activities with the religious school students and the rest of the synagogue, greatly saddens me. However, one thing that brings me joy is knowing all of us will still be able to fulfill the mitzvah of lighting Hanukkah candles in our own houses. Each of us still has the responsibility to fulfill this mitzvah and to publicize the great miracle of Hanukkah (pirsumei nisah) and to help light up the long and dark winter nights.

As a child, and still as an adult, Hanukkah was one of my favorite holidays. Of course, getting presents had something to do with it, but there was another more meaningful reason as well. The sheer brightness of the lit candles left me mesmerized each night. Often, I would find myself just staring at the candles and reveling in their beauty. I loved watching them flicker and every now and again seeing a majestic rainbow through the rays of the flames. Growing up, each of my five family members lit their own Hanukkah Menorah. As you can imagine, by the end of the holiday there was a lot of light to keep me entertained.

For me, light has always represented optimism and hope. Perhaps, this is also one of the reasons I feel invigorated every time I watch a sunrise. But, it is not just the light from the Hanukkah candles which brought me joy; it was also the act of lighting them while happily reciting the appropriate b’rachot (blessings). The familiar rituals of Hanukkah brought me a sense of peace. Ritual helps us to find grounding and security in knowing how to navigate the waters of life, especially when we are thrown a curveball.

2020 has certainly brought with it plenty of curveballs! During these difficult and challenging times, we must turn towards our tradition to search for solace. Our rituals help us to keep moving forward, even when we may feel depleted and alone. The consistency of Jewish tradition was introduced into the world thousands of years ago. And still today, it is our rich Jewish tradition that continues to bring us stability, purpose, and connection to each other. This Hanukkah, may the bright lights from the Hanukkah Menorah provide you with optimism, hope and a promise of a better tomorrow.

Rabbi Helene Kornsgold

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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@templeisraelinc.org.

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
B’NAI MITZVAH
MAZEL TOV TO OUR B’NAI MITZVAH

Zac Bitton
December 19
Parents: Michael & Lauren Bitton
Zac is an 8th grade student at Jay M. Robinson Middle School. He enjoys playing lacrosse, football, skateboarding, skiing, creating art, traveling, collecting sneakers and pursuing his entrepreneurial interests. For his Mitzvah project, Zac plans on packing lunches for local children whose families are struggling at this time. He is also looking into ways that his up and coming business can donate some of the proceeds to charity as well. Zac is really excited (and a bit relieved) to FINALLY be able to have his Bar Mitzvah! Although it has not been the Bar Mitzvah he had planned for, he is VERY grateful to be in the sanctuary with the clergy and have a few close family members be with him in person to celebrate this most important milestone!

Alex Stiefel
January 16
Parents: Daniel & Lorin Stiefel
Alex is a 7th grader at Charlotte Country Day School. His interests are playing sports, reading, animals, video games, and having fun with his friends. He plays soccer for his middle school’s team and hopes to play baseball this spring for his school. Alex is a competitive baseball player and has played in district, state, regional, and even in a world series. Alex is excited to celebrate his Bar Mitzvah, and share this simcha with his family and friends.

Brandon London
January 23
Parents: Michelle & Bill London
Brandon is a 6th grader at Weddington Middle School. He enjoys playing golf, fishing and playing video games. He also enjoys spending time with his family and friends. For his Bar Mitzvah project, Brandon volunteered at Bright Blessings preparing birthday packages and school supplies for homeless children. Brandon is looking forward to sharing his Bar Mitzvah with his family and friends via Zoom. His family is so proud of all the hard work he has done to prepare for his Bar Mitzvah.

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.
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.

USY & KADIMA
HAVDALAH, HANUKKAH, ICE CREAM AND GAMES
(6TH-12TH GRADES)
Saturday, December 5, 6-8 p.m.
Join your fellow Kadimaniks and USYers for Havdalah, ice cream and Hanukkah related games!
Cost: $5 TI members; $7 non-members
Location: In-person (TBD) & Zoom

USY & KADIMA
MAHAR EDIBLE HANUKKIAH AND GAMES (3RD-5TH GRADES)
Sunday, December 13, 2-3:30 p.m.
Ever wanted to eat your own hanukkiah? Join your Mahar Youth Group friends to create an edible hanukkiah and play Hanukkah-related games.
Cost: $5 TI members; $7 non-members
Location: TBD

BBYO, HEBREW HIGH, NFTY, AND USY
JOINT PROGRAM (8TH-12TH GRADES)
Sunday, December 13, 7 p.m.
Join all Shalom Park 8th-12 grade youth groups for hanukkiah lighting and fun teen led activities!
Location: Zoom and in person (TBD)

USY & KADIMA
TU B’SHVAT SEED BOMBS AND TRIVIA (8TH-12TH GRADES)
Sunday, January 24, 3:30-5:30 p.m.
Celebrate Tu B’Shvat by making seed bombs and playing trivia against your fellow Kadimaniks and USYers!
$5 TI members; $7 non-members
Location: In-Person (TBD) & Zoom

VIRTUAL MEET-UPS

KADIMA KEHILLAH (6-8 GRADES)
Thursdays, December 17, January 7 & 14, 7:30 p.m.
Join your fellow Kadimaniks for programs planned by the Kadima Leadership Council!
https://zoom.us/j/92174433740

IR HA-MALKA USY CHEVRUTA
(9-12 GRADES)
Sundays, January 10, 3:30 p.m.
Join your fellow USYers for programs planned by the Ir Ha-Malka USY Executive Board!
https://zoom.us/j/92527480677

For more information, contact:
Erin.Dennis@hilton.com
Hampton Inn & Suites South Park at Phillips Place
Charlotte, NC 28210 704-319-5700
www.hamptonsouthpark.com
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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

DRIVE-IN MOVIE NIGHT
Thursday, December 3, 7 p.m.
Meet us for a drive-in movie in the TI parking lot! The movie is TBD and we are open to suggestions! Don’t forget to BYOP- bring your own popcorn! Registration is required.

HANUKKAH DONUT GATHERING IN THE PARK
Sunday, December 13, 11 a.m.
Location: Eastover Park 2730 Randolph Rd
You bring the coffee and we’ll bring the donuts for this relaxed, socially distant Hanukkah gathering in the park! We’ll meet in the park next to The Mint Museum, on Randolph Rd. There is plenty of parking in the museum lot. Blankets, chairs, and pups encouraged!

FAMILY FEUD: TORAH ON TAP EDITION
Thursday, January 7, 7:30 p.m.
Grab a beverage and join us on Zoom for our very own version of Family Feud! More details to come.
https://templeisraelnc-org.zoom.us/j/92483649780

YOM GEMILUT HASADIM
Sunday, January 17
Torah on Tap Project: TBD

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

YOM GEMILUT HASADIM - A DAY PERFORMING ACTS OF LOVING KINDNESS
Sunday, January 17, 2021
Nothing can stop our TI Congregants from doing Mitzvot on MLK Weekend!

Join your Temple Israel family and friends as we continue to do our part to repair the world (Tikkun Olam) through acts of loving kindness (Gemilut Hasadim).

This day will consist of virtual group projects, DIY projects and even a few on-site activities. Although we are apart, let us continue to live by the great words of Rabbi Hillel “If I am not for myself, who is for me? If I am only for myself, what am I? If not now, when?” (Pirkei Avot 1:14).

9:30 a.m.- Opening Ceremony with Special Guest Speaker
10 a.m. - Acts of Loving Kindness

More information about all the day’s activities will be sent to you via the weekly emails in January, or you can visit templeisraelnc.org under “Upcoming Programs”.

Interested in leading a program during YGH? If so, please contact Jonathan or Tess Berger.
ROOF ABOVE
(formerly known as Men’s Shelter of Charlotte)
Temple Israel supports the mission of Roof Above (formerly known as Men’s Shelter of Charlotte) to end homelessness in Charlotte by providing their guests with meals along with warm clothing and toiletries. This year, more than ever, the homeless in Charlotte are in need, due to limited space available at the Shelter. As a result, many homeless Men and Women are living in Tents on the grounds of the Urban Ministries on North Tryon just around the corner from Roof Above.

Many congregants have been helping these people in need since Tent City emerged in March with donations of Food, Toiletries, Sanitizer, Tents, Tzedakah, and other essential items. Rabbi Michael Wolk visited Tent City with congregants on August 18 to help deliver donations and prayers. Thank you, Rabbi!

As we have done for over 15 years, Temple Israel volunteers will be cooking a healthy, delicious, dinner and delivering the dinner to 120 + Men in need at Roof Above, and this year, to the people living in Tent City:

THURSDAY DECEMBER 24, 2020
(CHRISTMAS EVE)
Noon – 3:30 p.m.
On this day, we will be cooking at Temple Israel.

Note: Cooking participation is limited to 20 volunteers for health and safety.

We will also bring gifts of warm clothes and toiletries for each Roof Above guest, and Tent City Resident, on this day.

Here are the opportunities for you to get involved:
• Cook the Food
• Deliver the Food
• Donate
  o a New Warm Winter Coat (L or XL)
  o a New Hooded Warm Sweatshirt (L or XL)
  o New Warm Hats, New Gloves, or New Socks
  o a Tent
  o Toiletries: Toothbrushes, Deodorant, Sample Size Shampoo, Soap
  o Masks and Hand Sanitizer

Please also consider a Financial Contribution (Temple Israel’s Social Action Fund) to help fund the food that we will be preparing.

To volunteer to help cook/deliver food, or to donate clothing and toiletries, please contact:
Jonathan Berger, Cell: 704-995-1732 or E-mail: jbergertisa@gmail.com
As Torah Fund Co-Chairs this year, we want to celebrate B’Yachad (togetherness) with our WoTI community. Each year, the Torah Fund campaign of Women’s League for Conservative Judaism (WLCJ) chooses a theme for its activities and programs. This year the theme is, appropriately, B’Yachad. The theme signifies the joy women experience as we create community and work together to better our community. Because we are not able to gather freely in person, social distancing and virtual gatherings have become the norm. Our WoTI programming, while distanced and virtual, is meaningful, spiritual and fun. Likewise, WLCJ brings women across the world together by offering a myriad of on-line classes, which we have personally found enriching.

WLCJ has a long history of educating women and providing financial support for rabbis and cantors. WLCJ was founded in 1917 by Mathilde Schechter, wife of Rabbi Solomon Schechter. In the early 1900s its purpose was to educate newly settled Jewish immigrants in the daily life of rituals, as well as teach English to these new Americans. In 1942, WLCJ established the Torah Fund. While Torah Fund started as a scholarship fund, in 1963 it broadened its mission and began to offer housing subsidies for undergraduate students and fund important capital projects, like the JTS Quadrangle and the WLSS Seminary Synagogue. To support this expanded mission, WLCJ initiated the annual Torah Fund campaign. Today, the Torah Fund campaign supports students at five institutions:

- Jewish Theological Seminary (New York)
- Ziegler School of Rabbinic Studies (Los Angeles)
- Schechter Institute of Jewish Studies (Jerusalem)
- Seminario Rabinico Latinoamericano (Buenos Aires)
- Zacharias Frankel College (Potsdam, Germany)

Since 1942, the modest contributions of thousands of individuals to the Torah Fund have helped educate and train each generation of rabbis, cantors, educators, summer camp directors, and others committed to Jewish life. These are the same people who guide, console and uplift us during these challenging times.

Today many Conservative rabbinic students, and nearly half of cantorial students, are women. The #MeToo movement caused WLCJ to consider ways it should advocate more fervently for women through rabbinic education. It responded by launching the distinct SPACES campaign to build safe physical and spiritual spaces for students. The goal is to raise $100K for a new WLCJ Study Space at JTS and $100K for gender bias and harassment training at the Ziegler School. If you would like more information about the SPACES campaign, or if you would like to make a donation to the Torah Fund, contact Hilary or Gail.

Every auxiliary group of WLCJ, like WoTI, is expected to support the annual campaign through individual member donations. Through the generous support of forty-two WoTI members and other donors, we are happy to announce WoTI has raised over $3,400 towards our annual Torah Fund goal of $5,000. Thank you for supporting the 2020-21 Torah Fund campaign!

Hilary Rosenbaum and Gail Halverson
WoTI Torah Fund, Co-Chairs

WOMEN OF TEMPLE ISRAEL
LET IT SHINE: A HANUKKAH CELEBRATION WITH ELIANA LIGHT
Thursday, December 17, 8-9 p.m.

Join singer-songwriter and educator Eliana Light as we sing, dream, and explore the light in our lives. Eliana Light envisions a joyful, vibrant, heart-centered Judaism that speaks to the soul and moves the spirit. Eliana is a sought-after songwriter and performer and has released three albums of original music.
Torah Fund Contributors
(as of October 2020)

Denise Abadi
Shellie Barer
Tess Berger
Sherrill Blenner
Bunny Bramson
Sarise Breidbart
Teresa Brenner
Karen Brodsky
Terri Cathcart
Suly Chenkin
Roz Cohen
Phyllis Garten
Ruth Goldberg
Gail Halverson
Robin Husney
Judy Kaufmann
Karen Knoble
Anna Langman
Linda Lesack
Adina Loewensteiner
Ina Lubin
Audrey Madans
Alla Mogilevsky
Debbi Moore
Margaret Musa
Tara Green-Rainerman
Jan Raznick
Wendy Rosen
Hilary Rosenbaum
Terri Roth
Toby Ruda
Lyba Rousso
Jennifer Samson
Anita Shapiro
Marlene Shraga
Norman Steinberger
Marcia Stern
Sharon Taubman
Susan Tocman
Jan Weiner
Janice Zacks

ROSH CHODESH
STUDY GROUP
Sundays @ 2 p.m.
December 20 & January 17

WoTI AchoTI

Gail Halverson,
Torah Fund Co-Chair

• WoTI provides me with the opportunity to make new friends and become involved in worthwhile projects.
• The Summer Soiree in August, 2019 is my favorite WoTI event so far. I was able to see so many new faces and meet up with old friends all at one time.
• My goal for WoTI is to help it remain a viable, active organization for a long time to come.
• Did you know? I’m known as a fairly good “fix it lady” around the house!

Tara Green-Rainerman,
Social Action Co-Chair

• Newly married with a blended family of four. Moving to CLT was a big shock, but exciting, too. We were ready for a fresh start.
• Joined WoTI and TI in August 2019, shortly after my husband, son and I moved to CLT from NJ for a job relocation. I attended the Summer Soiree and felt so welcome.
• I am proud of how helpful WoTI is to the CLT community!
• I want to spread the word about WoTI and promote the continuation of service to the CLT community and TI.
• Did you know? I worked in the NJ school system as a LCSW for over 15 years.
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.

On Thursday, October 8 we had a wonderful ZOOM celebration of SUKKOT OF THE ARTS. The evening began from Rabbi Wolk’s family Sukkah where he led us in Brochas and then spoke about Sukkah traditions. We then welcomed, from their home, a musical presentation by retired Charlotte Symphony musicians Gene and Ali Kavadlo who performed a delightful Klezmer program. We concluded the evening with arts critic and writer Perry Tannenbaum, from his home. He shared an interesting and informative slide presentation of art events he reviewed in Charlotte and around the world.

Monday, November 9, during our board meeting, we observed the 82nd anniversary of Kristallnacht, The Night of Broken Glass, by viewing Irving Bienstock’s biographical film.

Upcoming Events:

**Sunday, December 6 - Temple Israel Shofar Award & Winter Concert, 5 p.m.**

Please join us as Social Club members, Irving Bienstock and Audrey Madans, are honored as this year’s Shofar Award winners, and enjoy a wonderful concert featuring Cantor Lissek.

**Sunday, December 13 - Hanukkah Program, 12:30 p.m.**

Please join us for our annual Hanukkah program via ZOOM. We will virtually light our Hanukkah Menorahs and spin our dreidels together. We are so pleased to welcome back Cantor Emeritus Elias Roochvarg who will help us celebrate with Hanukkah tales and lead us in Hanukkah songs.

**Sunday, January 24 - Annual Paid-up Membership Program, 12:30 p.m.**

More details will be coming soon.

This past year we have enjoyed seeing our members, old and new, through our virtual ZOOM gatherings. We look forward to the time when we can get back together in person. We welcome any suggestions and ideas that you may have for future programs.

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

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

MEN’S CLUB

November was a great month for your Men’s Club! We had perfect weather for our Grill & Chill cook-out in the TI parking lot, where 36 people shared a delicious grilled lunch, fun, fellowship, and friendly corn hole games. Rabbi Wolk led an impromptu Mincha service and participants said it was a very moving minyan because we were able to see each other in 3D! The icing on the cake was the coat drive with TI’s Social Action Committee. We collected more than 275 garments for our neighbors in need to be distributed by the Men’s Shelter of Charlotte. The Men’s Club donated $360 to help fund the Men’s Shelter of Charlotte’s Thanksgiving Dinner effort by Social Action, which was fully matched by one of our members. There were some additional donations and, then, IT happened! A new Fireball Whiskey corn hole set, donated by a Men’s Club member was auctioned off to support the Men’s Shelter. Between a challenge match and attendees kicking in, we raised an additional $1,600 for the Men’s Shelter, thanks to our very generous guests and the outstanding professional auctioneering skills of Josh Loewensteiner. It was a truly amazing day!

Like all of us, Men’s Club is working hard to find the right balance between Covid-19 safety and getting back to in-person relationship building. It seems like we will be forced to deal with Zoom fatigue for another few months. Look for our Hanukkah message and new and exciting ways the Men’s Club will provide the men of Temple Israel with opportunities to build stronger relationships in a Jewish context.

To help further develop our focus on relationship building, we invite you to buy, borrow, or rent the book The Talmud of Relationships, Volume 1: God, Self, and Family. https://www.amazon.com/Talmud-Relationships-God-Self-Family/dp/0827612648 Whether we get together in person, over Zoom, or both, reading this book and getting together in January to talk about it should be an enlightening and rewarding experience.

L’hitraot,

Mike Eisner, President

Men’s Club
LIFELONG LEARNING
MONTHLY LUNCH N’ LEARN WITH RABBI MICHAEL WOLK: MEET, EAT, DISCOVER

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

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10 - The Maccabees: Good Guys or Bad Guys?
12 Noon - 1 p.m. (menu: BBQ Chicken Sandwich, Fresh Latkes, and Fruit Cup)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 14 - Mi Sheberach: Why and How do we Pray for Healing?”
12 p.m. - 1 p.m. (menu: NY Deli)

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.

JEWISH & BREWS
Mondays, 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

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!

Look for announcements of upcoming Empty Nesters events in the weekly e-blast, The TI Insider, or on Temple Israel’s Facebook page.

Winter Concert
THE BEST IS YET TO COME: AN EVENING OF LIGHT & CELEBRATION
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2020, 5 P.M.

Please join Cantor Shira Lissek, along with some remarkable musicians, for a Winter Concert Fundraiser benefiting Temple Israel. The evening will include performances of favorite classics, and uplifting Jewish music. In recognition of their decades of service, we will also be honoring Audrey Madans and Irving Bienstock this evening with the Shofar Award. For ticket and sponsorship information, please visit the Upcoming Programs page at templeisraelnc.org
SPECIAL EVENTS

YOM GEMILUT HASADIM
Sunday, January 17, 9 a.m.
For details, please see inside front cover.

TEMPLE ISRAEL BOOK CLUB MEETING
Tuesday, January 19, 7:30 p.m. (via Zoom)

Sue Eisenfeld is a Yankee by birth, a Virginian by choice, an urbanite who came to love the rural South, a Civil War buff, and a nonobservant Jewish woman. In Eisenfeld's non-fiction book, Wandering Dixie: Dispatches from the Lost Jewish South, she embarks on a journey to 9 states to educate herself about Southern Jewish culture. In the process, she discovers the unexpected ways that race, religion, and hidden histories converge. All are welcome as we discuss this book that Jewish Book Council notes is “not only a fascinating read; it’s also a model of engaged scholarship.”

The book is available at public and Jewish libraries, and may be purchased for less than $20. Contact Linda Levy (704-366-6362, levyollie@aol.com) for additional information.

TEMPLE ISRAEL SHABBAT EXPERIENCE
Saturdays, December 12 & January 9
Join Cantor Lissek and Rabbi Wolk (on the 2nd Shabbat of the month) as we pray, learn, and strengthen the community through a soulful and musical service. This service is meant to enrich and enhance your Jewish journey and connect you to tradition, community, and prayer.

Send Us Your Family Hanukkah Photos!
Menorah Lighting, Latke making, Sufganiyot baking, and more! Send us your holiday photos to post and share with the Temple Israel community.

PRANSKY FAMILY CAMP RAMAH SCHOLARSHIP FUND
(To help religious school students attend Camp Ramah)
For info/application for the Pransky Camp Ramah Scholarship, visit https://bit.ly/Ramah_Scholar

Shai Richardson Camp Scholarship Fund
(To help children attend a Jewish Camp)
To apply for the Shai Richardson Camp Scholarship, please send a written request to Rabbi Wolk (rabbiwolk@templeisraelnc.org)
*Scholarships available for first-time campers only
Virtual Hanukkah Street Art, Candle Lighting & Singing featuring Jewish Street Artist, Mike Wirth  
Sunday, December 13, 5:30 p.m.

Join Temple Israel virtually for a festive evening of street art, Hanukkah candle lighting, and singing! Rabbi Wolk, Cantor Lissek, and their families are thrilled to join acclaimed Jewish street artist, Mike Wirth, as they spray paint the 4th night’s flame on Charlotte’s large Hanukkah Mural Project. This mural will be located at the edge of the Queens University campus (1900 Selwyn Avenue) and is being supported by the Stan Greenspon Center for Peace and Justice.  Eight street artists in eight different cities will be painting a menorah, and Temple Israel is thrilled to be a part of this collective opportunity in Charlotte.  

Please visit templeisraelnc.org and our Upcoming Programs page for additional information.
Aldersgate offers all the living options and amenities you could wish for: a pool and spa, gardening, a wood shop, six dining venues, a dog park, acres of trails and a 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 coming to SouthPark with Generations at Shalom Park 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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| **January 4** | Edel Berlin Alyssa Fischer Annette Gross Daniel Kipnis Laura Sinai | | | | | | 
| **January 5** | Barbara Bernhardt Paul Jennses Logan Jennses Deborah Leighton Erik Wind Steven Zacks | | | | | | 
| **January 6** | Lillian Buller Sara Mond Alice Rouff Ross Udoff | | | | | | 
| **January 7** | Vera Felberg Jeffrey Klein Linda Roochvarg Dionne Sands | | | | | | 
| **January 8** | Toby Spitzer Jeffrey Stern | | | | | | 
| **January 9** | Jennifer Payton Ed Pizer Reed Rudlick | | | | | | 
| **January 10** | Sonni Besnoy Annabella Garrison Stormy Scott Yakov Torchinsky | | | | | | 
| **January 11** | Erika Kauffman Sandra Levine Andrew Silverman Gregory Weill | | | | | | 
| **January 12** | Brandon London Rachel Pomerantz Debra Porter Landon Stillitano | | | | | | 
| **January 13** | Bari Bagdan Maxwell Becker Samuel Bernstein Richard Brophy Evan Fischer Robert Haber Evan Novick | | | | | | 
| **January 14** | Ezra Kornfeld Emily Neuwirth Diane Schwartz | | | | | | 
| **January 15** | Michael Baumstein Jaron Esposito Hilary Jaben Avery Levine Wendy Rosen Nicole Rosenbaum Emma Sherrill Jarred Silverman Sue Worrel | | | | | | 
| **January 16** | Lewis Fisher Leon Golynsky Ron Gordon Andrea Hirsch Daniel Lisk Ruben Sidranski Sophie Sidranski | | | | | | 
| **January 17** | Malka Me-Zahav Renee Steiner Miranda Stoogenke | | | | | | 
| **January 18** | Mattie Abitz Rachel Cohen Joan Goldsmith Elias Harr Carly Ruda Rebecca Sachar | | | | | | 
| **January 19** | David Moskowitz Seth Williams | | | | | | 
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| **January 21** | Brett Birnberg Bill Kwiatkowski Mia Shraga Gali Socolovsky-Hull | | | | | | 
| **January 22** | Lorrie Horn Ava Shraga | | | | | | 
| **January 23** | Ronald Kahn Howard Kushner Noa Moskowitz Miriam Roochvarg Harold Rousso Alec Wallach | | | | | | 
| **January 24** | Marshall Auran Julia Bock Mark Farbman Betty Roskind Steven Starr | | | | | | 
| **January 25** | Joshua Feldman Kenneth Hollander Michael Roochvarg Karen Singer-Freeman | | | | | | 
| **January 26** | David Abramovitz Evan Aranda Jacob Bitton Reid Pickett Rebecca Plaisance Matthew Pomerantz Diana Turk Maxwell Wallach | | | | | | 
| **January 27** | Howard Campbell Joshua Rosen | | | | | | 
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MAY THEIR MEMORIES BE A BLESSING

*Denotes a plaque

WEEK OF DECEMBER 4
Taube Abelowitz
Rachel Arazie*
Rachelle Biber
Rose Bierman*
Oscar Bregman
Irving Cabot
Abi Jack Conn*
Isadore “Mike” Corzin
Louis Dumont
Mary Lee Edelestein
Sylvia Bienstock Eisner*
Mollie Essenfeld
Dave Feingold
Jerold A. Feldman
David Fellerman*
Mildred Ettingoff Fox*
Benno Frank*
Jesse Funt
William George
Sophia Goodman*
Mimi Benzell Gould
Louis L. Greenspon*
Pete Hochberg
Aron Motel ben Israel
Avraham
Philip Kalchman
Beatrice Kraus
Rose Leader*
Max Levine*
Bertha Levy
Nellie Liss*
Lillian Listhaus*
Sylvia Messe*
Irving Miller*
Bernard Ernest Newman*
Annette Pomerance
Ruth Portnoy
Arnold Rosenberg
Samuel Roth
Harold Schapiro*
Bernard Shearer*
Anna Sherman
Linwood Shields
Ralph A. Sinkoe*
Samuel Strouse*
Eve Sweet
Jean Levin Tager*
Isadore Jack Tepper*
Samuel Joseph Thier
Alan Waldman*
Yetta Watnik*

WEEK OF DECEMBER 11
Jenny Baicovitz
Fred Bergen*
Phillip Berlin
Bertram Morton Blum
Barbara Nathan Brenner
Sam Brenner
Ben Bruck*
Chana Corn
Lillie Lubin Davis*
Dora Davis*
Rebecca Dubin*
Mourad Y. El-Kodsi*
William Aaron Estoff*
Salomon Falk*
Eva Feldman*
Morris Freedland*
Schmuel Fuchs*
Charlotte Glazier*
David Alan Golden*
Samuel Goodman*
Carol Gorelick*
Leonard Hauser
Jack Herd
Leonard Hollander
Dilla Jaffa*
Janie Berger Kane*
Hilda Kobrin*
Fern Dunn Krebs*
Richard Earl Krebs*
Rebecca Kushner
Ann Marks Langman*
Charles Leighton
Celia Katz Lesack*
Burton Lesack*
Janice Levine
Sarah Levine*
Louis Levy*
Mordecai Mendel Mazursky*
Israel Miller*
June Miller
Marge Muller
Aaron Nurick*
Frances Reich
Sol Richmond
Israel Rivera
Alan Rose
Robert Roth*
Sidney Seff*
Albert Gerson Segal*
Bernice Silver
Patricia Ross Sperber
Iris Spil*
Milton Steinberger*
Fred Stern*
Irving Stern
Louis Susskind*
Kolman Sutker*
Philip Tager*
Mildred Thrope
Mamie Tolochko*
Magdalena Vero
Vera Weisman*
Betty Weiss*

Louis Weiss*
Phillip Widis*
Albert Wolpin*
Eric Wulff
Jacob Ziegelheim

WEEK OF DECEMBER 18
Jimmy Abrahams
Hannah Abrams*
Essia R. Acker
Rosalie Albaum
Jeffrey Aronoff
Myer Ashendorf*
Emma Bachenheimer*
Marilyn Benely
Helen Bernhardt*
Karl Boxer*
David Brenner
Sylvia Brenner
Ida Maria Brodsky
Louis Brownstein*
Albert Cheifetz*
Max Fischman*
Gertrude Sarah Fleischer*
Doris Fligel*
Jacob Berke Freedland*
Michael Furst*
Mollie Goldfarb*
Morris Goodman*
Rachel Harris*
Ann Jennes*
Beatrice Kantor*
Berta Kaplan*
Paula Kipnis
Samuel H. Kornstein*
Lewis Krieger*
Sylvia Kronovet*
Lillian (Laya) Kushner
Benjamin Kushner
Len Schultz Lebovitz*
Saul Levin
David Levinson
Leonora Lewin*
Geysia Libman
Faye Tanenbaum Lilling
Brenda Meltser*
Lottie Mottsmans*
Harry Munn*
William Joseph Paul*
Cheryl Ann Pepper*
Florence Reese Perl*
William Pizer*
Herbert G. Roskind*
Loe Schifman
Celia Schmalling*
Norman Schoenbrun*
Benjamin Schwartz*
Fannie Cohen Schwartz*
Howard Seff*
Sidney Seligson
Binem Shraga
Bessie Jolson Slesinger*
Hilda Sulman
Eugene Sweet
Lucille W. Taylor
Fay Titlebaum
Abe Wallsh
Sue Warshauer
Shirley Wasserman*

WEEK OF DECEMBER 25
Mitch Abrams
Madeline Allenstein
Alex Ashendorf*
Samuel Asrael*
Irwin Batch*
Molly Benjamin*
Leon Biber
Paul Bradlow
Frederick Brier*
Benjamin Leonard Brodsky
Benjamin Mandel Brodsky
Abraham Cohen
Sid Cohen*
Samuel Davis
Irving Donosky
Rosetta Harris Dopkin
Naomi P. Estoff*
Beili Fabian
David Feldman*
Hortense Fogelson*
Patricia Karro Gorlick*
Celia Gottlieb*
Sophie Hermann*
Edward Hirsch*
Calvin Isralow
Louis Jurkevich*
Yetta Kadin*
Jack Kandis*
Benjamin Kurtz*
Ida Landsman
Barbara Leven Levine*
Dora London*
Albert Mandell
Henrietta Meltser*
Irving Mond*
Rita Mond*
Esther Moss
Isaac Nelson*
Joseph Nelson*
Rose Weiss Oberman*
Charles W Oster
Sherwin Palmer*
Sylvia Paul
Frances Z. Pressman*
Lawrence Reilly
Bertha Rosenthal
Alvin Rotberg*
Valerie Rubin

Celia Scher*
Esther Ita Seid*
Esther Shapiro
Rebecca Silber*
Anthony Stillitano
Roberta Tolchinsky
Irving Walder
Louis Zigfried Weissblatt*
Marian Wicks
Larry Widis*

WEEK OF JANUARY 1
Jean Bass
Harry Becker
Cecile Berkowitz
Doris Bierman
Bettina Simon Buxbaum*
Elaine Cheifetz*
Harry Colman
Molly Dubin*
Regina El-Kodsi*
Murray Fandel*
Ethel A. Firestone*
Peter Glassman
Sadie P. Goldberg*
Annie Gorlick*
Theresa Davis Greene
Janice Greenfield*
Lorraine Guggenheim*
Frieda Hartman
Dorothy Herman
Sarah Isaac*
Helen Jacobowitz*
Yetta Karp*
Zelda Katz
Ev Kesselman*
Sam Kinsky
Fanny Kuck
Bertha Levy
Louis London*
Charlotte M. Mackey*
Minnie Madansky*
Samuel Mayer*
Henry Mehlman*
Maxine Moore
Max Myers
Marvin Nevid*
Minna Braun Paul*
I. E. Pittle*
Dorothy Rosenberg*
Herman Rosenberg*
Harriet C. Ross*
Dave Sanderson
Sam Schwartz*
Claire Shearer*
Israel Sheftman
Louis Silverstein*
Bessie Stein
Jack Stern*
Stanley S. Susskind*
Conrad Waldinger
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 Emergency Endowment Fund
– To provide emergency assistance for individuals and families

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– To assist with medical expenses

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– To provide religious school scholarships and financial assistance

Cissy Wollman Membership Scholarships Endowment Fund
– To provide financial assistance to subsidize the cost of Temple membership

David Silverman School Scholarship Endowment Fund
– To provide religious school scholarships and financial assistance

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

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 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 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

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

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

Sam Lerner 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.
Temple Israel gratefully acknowledges these donations made between September 1-October 31, 2020

AARON & RHODA GLEIBERMAN SIMCHAT TORAH CELEBRATION ENDOWMENT FUND
Bunny Bramson, in memory of Natalie Roach.
Bunny Bramson, in memory of Robin Becker.

ALBERT & MARY KATHLEEN MILLER ENDOWMENT FUND
Beth & Steve Stillitano, in appreciation of Larry Sands for creating beautiful Zoom services.

ALENE & SAMUEL STRAUS EMERGENCY ENDOWMENT FUND
Marvin & Elaine Schefflin, in appreciation of High Holiday Honor.

Lloyd Scher, in appreciation of Rabbi Wolk's first leadership & humility during High Holiday Services.

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Michael Meiselman Legacy

EDITH GORDON.
Endowment Fund

Weinstein Adult Education

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Pearl & Ralph Kier Sukkot Endowment Fund
Therese Brooks, in appreciation of Littlest Cat Z.

Shelton Gorelick Family Endowment Fund for Temple Israel
Jeff & Bari Gorelick, in appreciation of Yom Kippur Honor.

Sherman & Alyce Levine Social Action Endowment Fund
Josh & Adina Loewenstein, in honor of Jodi & Bobby Pittenger.

Josh & Adina Loewenstein, in honor of Steve & Debbie Moore.

Temple Israel Education Endowment Fund
Marvin Barman, in appreciation of High Holiday Honor.
Dana & Leslie Goldfarb, in appreciation of Rabbi Wolk.
Menaham & Malka Me-Zahav, in honor of Rabbi Wolk's kindness.

Temple Israel Endowment Fund
Jill & Craig Balick, in appreciation of Yom Kippur honor.
Irving Bienstock, in appreciation of holding the Torah during Kol Nidre.

Al & Phyllis Garten, in appreciation of High Holiday Honors.
Leslie & Dana Goldfarb, in appreciation of Rabbi Wolk.
Leslie & Dana Goldfarb, in memory of Helyn B. Reich.

Elia & Linda Roochvarg, in honor of Terri Cathcart.
Cantor Morris and Geraldine Wolk, in appreciation of High Holiday Honor.

Cantor Elias Roochvarg Music Fund
Laura & Howard Bernstein, in appreciation of Cantor Lissek for sharing her beautiful voice during High Holiday services.
Stuart & Shari-Ellen Goldstein.
Eugene & Alice Kavadlo, in appreciation for Rosh Hashanah Honor of blowing the Shofar.

David & Beth Thrope, in honor of Sharon Hockfield's birthday.
David & Beth Thrope, in memory of Clement Wyle.

David & Beth Thrope, in memory of Helen Wyle.

Celia Scher Holocaust Fund
Lloyd Scher, in appreciation of High Holiday Honor.

Courtyard/Garden in Honor of Murray Ezring, Rabbi Emeritus


General Fund
Bob & Ann Abel, in honor of Rabbi Siegel.
Bob & Ann Abel, in honor of the birth of Justin & Diana Bregman's daughter, Zivah Shirah Bregman.
Bob & Ann Abel, in memory of Martin Freiman.
Bob & Ann Abel, in memory of Mary Wojnowich.
Bob & Ann Abel, in memory of Marshall Rosenfeld.

Bernard & Teri Ackerman, in appreciation of High Holiday Honor.
Rebecca Bamford, in appreciation of Rachel Sheftman Steinberg.

Glenda & Brian Bernhardt, in appreciation of High Holiday Honor.
Laura & Howard Bernstein, in appreciation of Tayunee Dewsberry and the office team for logistical coordination of High Holiday Services.
Julie Bradlow & Wayne Petrea, in memory of Justice Ruth Bader Ginsberg

Stuart & Jodi Cohen, in appreciation High Holiday Honors.
Dedee & Irv Cygler, yahrzeit of Florene E. Gould.

Dedee & Irv Cygler, in honor of the birth of Judy & David Miller's granddaughter, Abby Skylar Miller.
Elaine Dinerman, yahrzeit of Rosamond Weissman.
Shelton & Ellen Goldstein, in appreciation of Yom Kippur Aliyah.

David & Judy Miller, in honor of the birth of Karen & David Ransenberg's granddaughter, Joanie Eloise Ransenberg.

David & Judy Miller, in memory of Harriet Friedman.
William & Debra Porter, in appreciation of High Holiday Aliyah.

Dan & Toby Ruda, in appreciation of High Holiday Honor.

Marlene Shraga, yahrzeit of Sam Shraga.
Berta Straz & family, yahrzeits of Rose and Abe Luski.
Berta Straz & family, in honor of Isaac Luski's birthday.

David & Beth Thrope, in appreciation of High Holiday Honors.
David & Beth Thrope, in honor of Barney Weinstock's birthday.

Terry & David Waldinger, yahrzeit of Lillian Waldinger.
Terry & David Waldinger, yahrzeit of Jean Bass.

Terry & David Waldinger, yahrzeit of Conrad Waldinger.
Terry & David Waldinger, yahrzeit of Wendy Burell.

Huntingtowne Farms Elementary School Fox Fund
Sam & Linda Levy, in appreciation of High Holiday Honors.
Beth & Steve Stillitano, yahrzeit of Olivia Feir.
Beth & Steve Stillitano, yahrzeit of Anthony Stillitano.

Madans Family Shiva Fund
Monty Bennett, in memory of Robin Becker.
Monty Bennett, in memory of Natalie Roach.

Audrey Madans, in honor of Judy & Steve Kaufmann's anniversary.
Audrey Madans, in wishing Marvin Barman to get well soon.
Audrey Madans, in memory of Natalie Roach.

Sue & Perry Tannenbaum, in memory of Libbyse Dumont.
Bonnie Wallish, in memory of Maurice Samuel Wallish.

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Jean & Mark Kirsch, in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of Meryl Perloff's grandson, Daniel.
Jean & Mark Kirsch, in wishing Max Alexander Cohen a happy birthday.

Senior Rabbi's Tzedakah Fund
Rebecca Bamford, in memory of Gwen Kastin.
Laura & Howard Bernstein, in appreciation of Rabbi Wolk for his leadership & humility during High Holiday Services.
George & Julia Bock, in appreciation of Rabbi Wolk's first High Holiday Services at Temple Israel.

Laura & Howard & Sanya Bernstein, in memory of Dr. Marvin Bernstein.
Michael & Renee Flash, in appreciation of High Holiday Honors.
The Glass Family.
Shelton & Ellen Goldstein, in honor of Rabbi Wolk's first Rosh Hashanah.
Ellen Klein, in wishing Rabbi Wolk and his family a sweet, healthy, peaceful New Year.
Steve & Debbie Moore, in appreciation of welcoming Rabbi Wolk.
Allan & Marcelle Oxman, in honor of the birth of David & Judy Miller's granddaughter, Abby Skylar Miller.
Steve & Beth Stillitano, in appreciation of Rabbi Wolk's wonderful High Holiday Services.
Sue Tannenbaum, in honor of Perry Tannenbaum leading the Yom Kippur Shacharit service.
Steve & Barbara Weiner, in appreciation of High Holiday Honor.
Flo Weiss, in appreciation of Rabbi Wolk and Cantor Lissek.

SHAI RICHARDSON CAMP SCHOLARSHIP FUND
Ruth & Alan Goldberg, in appreciation of High Holiday Honor.

SHELLIE & HARVEY BARER EDUCATIONAL FUND
Laura, Howard & Sanya Bernstein, in appreciation of Rabbi Kornsgold for leading meaningful High Holiday family services.
Barry Bobrow & Karen Knoble, in honor of Steven Zacks becoming a U.S. Citizen.
Dedee & Irv Cygler, in honor of Harvey Barer’s 90th birthday.
Lidia Epel, in honor of Shellie & Harvey Barer.
Margi Goldstein, in honor of Harvey Barer’s 90th birthday.
David & Beth Thrope, in honor of Harvey Barer’s 90th birthday.

SOCIAL ACTION FUND
Dedee & Irv Cygler, in appreciation of High Holiday Aliyah.
Gene Kavadlo, yahrzeit of Metty Kavadlo.
Norman Steinberger & Gail Halverson, in wishing Marvin Barman continued good health.
Norman Steinberger & Gail Halverson, in memory of Arlene Sweet.

SOCIAL CLUB FUND
Ruth & Alan Goldberg, in wishing Suly Chenkin a speedy and complete recovery.
Ruth & Alan Goldberg, in honor of Ruth & Frank Paul’s 50th wedding anniversary.
Ruth & Alan Goldberg, in honor of the marriage of Scott & Jennifer Kaufmann.
Irving & Sylvia Swartz, in appreciation of High Holiday Honor.
Perry & Sue Tannenbaum, in appreciation of Ariel DiDonato and her creativity and expertise in making my Zoom presentation great.

SUNDAY MORNING MINYAN BREAKFAST FUND
Barbara Herd, in memory of Ginger Snitz
Barbara Herd, in memory of Judy Biber

WOTI (WOMEN OF TEMPLE ISRAEL) YOUTH PROGRAM FUND
Bunny Bramson, in appreciation of Yom Kippur Honor.

FUND SPOTLIGHT:
SAM LERNER AMPHITHEATER AND MEMORIAL GARDEN FUND
This fund provides support for the Amphitheater, Memorial Garden, and associated programs. This beautiful outdoor space provides an intimate and meaningful location for special events and socially distant gatherings.
Winter Concert

THE BEST IS YET TO COME:
AN EVENING OF LIGHT & CELEBRATION

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2020
5 P.M.

Please join Cantor Shira Lissek, along with some remarkable musicians, for a Winter Concert Fundraiser benefiting Temple Israel. The evening will include performances of favorite classics, and uplifting Jewish music. In recognition of their decades of service, we will also be honoring Audrey Madans and Irving Bienstock this evening with the Shofar Award.

For ticket and sponsorship information, please visit the Upcoming Programs page at templeisraelnc.org
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 Halakah (Jewish Law) and Mitzvot (Commandments), to better our lives and those around us
- Celebrating lifecycle events, holidays and Shabbat bringing a spiritual meaning to our Jewish journey
- Mishpacha (Family) including the gifts of youth and the wisdom of elders, to continue the cycle of growth in our community
- Tikkun Olam- the healing of the world for the benefit of everyone
- Lifelong learning for all
- Support for the state of Israel to preserve our homeland.

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