On the Bimah

featuring Cantor
Shira Lissek
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### DECEMBER

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 1**
Virtual Chanukah Street Art, Candle Lighting & Singing featuring Jewish Artist, Mike Wirth, 5:30 p.m.

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 2**
Lunch N’ Learn with Rabbi Wolk, 12 Noon

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4**
Torah Tots Chanukah, 5:30 p.m.
Chanukah Under the Stars, 6 p.m.

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5**
TI Youth: Mahar Pizza, Games, and Crafts, 12:15 p.m.
TI Youth: USY NC Joint Event, 12:15 p.m.
TI Youth: Teen Rock Band, 3:30 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8**
Lifelong Learning: The Jewish Experience in America, 7:30 p.m.

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10**
TIRS: Kitah Dalet Class Shabbat, 6:15 p.m.

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11**
Shabbat Experience, 9:30 a.m.
Junior Congregation, 10:30 a.m.
TI Youth: USY & Kadima Secret Chanukah Chaim, 6 p.m.
Torah on Tap: Vodka Latke, 7:30 p.m.

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12**
Rosh Chodesh Study Session, 2 p.m.
Winter Concert: Broadway on the Bimah, 5 p.m.

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18**
TIRS: Kitah Vav Class Shabbat, 9 a.m.

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 23**
Torah on Tap: Holidays in the Text, 7:30 p.m.

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24**
Social Action: Roof Above Cooking/Donations, 11:30 a.m.

### CALENDAR

**GOOD SCENTS**
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### WEEKLY EVENTS

**Sundays**
Temple Israel Religious School (TIRS), 9:30 a.m.

**Tuesdays**
TIRS Weekday Class, 4:45 p.m.

**Wednesdays**
TIRS Weekday Class, 5:15 p.m.

**Thursdays**
Jews & Brews with Rabbi Wolk, 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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RABBI’S COLUMN

By Rabbi Michael Wolk

Last December members of my local neighborhood asked everyone in our neighborhood to wrap our trees in red and green lights in honor of Christmas. Their intention was good. It was a hard winter with Covid and they wanted our neighborhood to be well lit and cheerful in honor of the winter holidays, but we as Jews could not put up anything that looked to us like Christmas decorations. When Klara Rose and Julia started seeing our neighbors putting up lights and decorations, they started to get jealous. I learned that it’s one thing to stand on principle for myself, but a whole other matter to say no to my children who wanted to decorate our house. So, for the first time in my life I bought Chanukah decorations to put outside our house. The six-foot blow-up bear wearing a Tallit and holding a Chanukiyah was clearly Jewish, but I struggled with the blue strings of lights I planned to use to wrap our trees. It just felt like a cheap imitation of our neighbors, but I did it anyway. Our neighborhood is beautiful in December and I actually was proud that our house was part of the show while still making it clear that it was a Jewish house.

One of my favorite Talmudic stories teaches that lighting up our homes during this time of year can actually be considered a very Jewish thing to do. In the tractate of Avodah Zarah, we read a story about Adam, the first man. According to Jewish tradition, God created the world in Tishrei, which we know is in the fall. A month or two later Adam noticed that the days were gradually getting shorter and there was less sunlight. Panicking, he thought that the world was coming to an end. Then several months later, the days again started getting longer and Adam realized that this was the way the world worked. So, the next year, as the days started getting shorter, Adam celebrated an eight-day festival to lift his spirits when the world was so dark.

This story is an attempt to explain why multiple cultures have festivals of light during the short days of December. As I decorate my house with blue lights this year, I will feel grateful that my neighbors and I can light up our street and hopefully our world with the mutual recognition that we are all celebrating very different festivals of light.
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CANTOR’S COLUMN

by Cantor Shira Lissek

BROADWAY: A JEWISH LEGACY

Over the 50-year period of its development, the songs of the Broadway musicals were created almost exclusively by Jewish Americans. There were echoes of Jewish strains in many of the songs. Barchu could be heard in “It Ain’t Necessarily So” for example. From “Yiddishkeit” on the stages of the Lower East Side at the turn of the century, to a wide range of shows including Porgy and Bess, West Side Story and Cabaret. Jewish music and ethos inform many of America’s favorite musicals: Fiddler on the Roof, On the Town, Funny Girl (Barbra Streisand), Cabaret, Bye Bye Birdie (Dick Van Dyke), Lady in the Dark (Danny Kaye), Gypsy (Ethel Merman), and Wicked (Kristin Chenoweth and Idina Menzel).

Irving Berlin, the son of a cantor, went on to write the most popular songs that became part of the fabric of our American lives that our nation took to war, sang to their children at bedtime, and whistled while waiting for the bus, like “God Bless America” and “White Christmas.”

While Jewish music influenced the creation of Broadway, these days Broadway music is influencing our newest Jewish composers of liturgical music. Cantor Laurie Akers says that the music she writes today for the synagogue is influenced by Broadway. About 10 years ago, Laurie Akers traded the Broadway stage for the bimah and never looked back. After experiencing a beautiful Shabbat service, Laurie became very passionate about using music to reflect and elevate prayer through her singing and eventually through her compositions.

This year in “Broadway on the Bimah” we will feature the music of Broadway and we will also feature Cantor Laurie Akers and the liturgical music that she has written and that we sing here at Temple Israel during Shabbat services. We’ll include a song from Rent by Jonathan Larson, a Jewish boy from Westchester who dedicated his life to his craft of composing. You’ll also hear some of your favorite hits from Fiddler on the Roof, Carousel, Annie, and Wicked, along with some of your Disney favorites that made it to Broadway. Moreover, we look forward to celebrating Barney & Harriet Weinstock, our Shofar Award recipients, whose dedication to Temple Israel through the decades has blessed our community.

New York’s Broadway reopened in October (after its longest shut down in history, per the NY Times), welcoming back its biggest shows in musical theater for vaccinated and masked audiences. We are so excited to say that we are following suit here at Temple Israel and will be welcoming back our 3rd Annual Winter Fundraiser Concert, “Broadway on the Bimah” together in the Sanctuary for our masked community. We can’t wait to share this memorable musical event together with you.

To purchase tickets for “Broadway on the Bimah,” please visit templeisraelnc.org.

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

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PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE
by Teresa Brenner
We have so much to celebrate this time of year to fill our hearts with warmth and light, even though our days fall into darkness far too early. Chanukah arrives early this year—the Jewish holidays seem to arrive early or late every year, but never on time. Nevertheless, the eight days of candle lighting, shared with family and friends, is always joyous. Join us for our Chanukah under the Stars event on Saturday, December 4.

Winter Concert
This year’s Winter Concert “Broadway on the Bimah” will be Sunday, December 12 at 5 p.m. featuring our very own Cantor Shira Lissek and honoring Harriet and Barney Weinstock with the Temple Israel Shofar Award. The Weinstocks join recent honorees Irving Bienstock, Audrey Madans (OBM), and Ruth and Alan Goldberg. Cantor Lissek will be joined by special guest Cantor Laurie Akers, a soprano, multi-instrumentalist and composer, and the fantastic Neil Freidline and his musicians. Thank you to Amy Udoﬀ and Norm Shapiro for once again serving as Co-Chairs of the Winter Concert and to their committee members Jodi Michel, Sara Kulbersh, Stephanie Simon, Dedee Cygler and Ken Stern and to Executive Director Karen Turk and the entire professional team. What a wonderful event for this season!

Senior Rabbi Michael Wolk’s Happenings
In addition to Rabbi Wolk’s thoughtful and personal Shabbat sermons and daily minyan, please join Rabbi Wolk’s weekly Jews and Brews Torah study group held most Thursdays at 10 a.m. and his monthly Lunch and Learn gathering on the first Thursday of every month. You can also listen to his short and sweet video teachings every week.

We are continuing to bask in the warmth and love from Rabbi Wolk’s oﬃcial installation as our Senior Rabbi. Let us all extend our gratitude to the members of the Rabbi Search Committee for their multi-year search bringing Rabbi Wolk, his wife Heidi, their daughters Klara Rose and Julia to Temple Israel. The Rabbi Search Committee members included Sam Bernstein, Tom Bock, Stuart Briedbart, Sara Kulbersh, Adina Loewenstein, David Rosenthal, Dan Ruda, Lynne Sheffer, David Waldinger, Ron Weiner, Steve Weiner, Barney Weinstock, and Glenda Barnhardt, Jodi Michel and Ross Udoﬀ under the leadership of Co-Chairs Gary Michel and Amy Udoﬀ.

Temple Israel Religious School
I recently spent some time exploring the Temple Israel Religious School website. It contains so much relevant information from daily reports of the teachers to upcoming “not to miss” celebrations. Rabbi Kornsgold and her teachers and madrichim are teaching and inspiring our children in classes and Junior Congregation. Join me in extending our thanks to the Temple Israel Religious School Advisory Committee chaired by Nicole Levine with members Ilana Esposito, (continued next page)
Especially for You, Our Congregants

During the past 18 months in these columns, I have extended our thanks to many of the volunteers and highlighted the ways in which they volunteer—from committees to affiliate groups to greater Charlotte Jewish community boards or committees to national Conservative Jewish organizations—to benefit every facet of Jewish life, Temple Israel and our greater Jewish community.

The needs are great—from those with financial knowledge to event planning experience to Torah readers and Gabbi to meal preparers to reading tutors to thinkers, dreamers and doers. If any of those opportunities, or service on our Temple Israel Board of Trustees, is of interest to you, please reach out to me so we can find the right opportunity for your interest and skill sets.

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 Chanukah filled with the lights of your menorah and the warmth of your family and friends.

Erin Goldstein, Samantha Harr, Tommy Mann, Caryn Mark, Rachel Seymour, Nikki Sacks and Harriet Weinstock.

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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 Karen Turk at (980) 960-2383 or kturk@templeisraelnc.org.
LIFE EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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- **Howard Dumont**, husband of Anne Dumont; father of Donna Dumont LaBranche and Lee Dumont; grandfather of Zach LaBranche and Preston, Justin and Emma Dumont; brother of Sue (Perry) Tannenbaum

MAZEL TOV

- **Nathan Berger & Alona Izkovitz** joyfully welcomed the arrival of a baby boy, Gev Berger, in Hadera, Israel. Proud grandparents are Tess & Jonathan Berger.

- **Jack Cohen & Noa Silver** joyfully welcomed the arrival of a baby girl, in Berkeley, CA. Proud family includes big sister Alma; grandparents Tammy & Andy Cohen of Charlotte and Noreen & Phillip Silver of Bangor, Maine.

- **Aaron & Suzanne Woland** joyfully welcomed the arrival of a baby girl, Jaclyn “Jackie” Calyse Avra Woland. The proud family includes siblings Eden, Nyah, Netanya, and Cassandra; grandparents Carole & Calvin (OBM) Isralow and Myra & Michael Woland.

- **Stephanie & Dan Rubin** joyfully welcomed the arrival of a baby boy, Mason Joseph Rubin. Proud grandparents include Jodi & Stuart Cohen and Julie & Marc Rubin (Chicago, IL).

- **Eva & Alex Kantor** joyfully welcomed the arrival of a baby boy, Ari David Kantor. Proud grandparents include Howard & Anna Lea Kantor (Utah) and Roger Marcus & Sheila Russian (Maryland).

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.

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Special programs for families with preschoolers are offered throughout the year. For more information, visit templeisraelnc.org or email Melissa at mlefko@templeisraelnc.org.

**BIM BAM SHABBAT**  
**Saturday, December 4, 5:30 p.m.**  
**Location: Mindy Ellen Levine Chapel**  
Join Rabbi Kornsgold, Mr. Caleb and your Torah Tots friends for a musical Shabbat and Chanukah service. Following the service, we will go outside to join the rest of the Temple Israel community to light Chanukah candles as we celebrate the 7th night of Chanukah together.

To register for the Chanukah Under the Stars event, please visit the Upcoming Programs page at templeisraelnc.org.

**PAJAMADALAH**  
**Saturday, January 8, 4:45pm**  
**Location: Mindy Ellen Levine Chapel and Leon & Sandra Levine Social Hall**  
Join Rabbi Kornsgold, Mr. Caleb and your Torah Tots friends for a musical service, followed by a craft and dinner, concluding with Havdalah. Make sure to wear your favorite pajamas!

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Many people have a favorite holiday. I am not one of those people. I love celebrating the Jewish holidays, not only for the specific historical time or event we are celebrating, but for the memories I have associated with these holidays. My parents instilled in me a love for all things Jewish, especially the holidays and the delicious foods associated with each one. But the most important thing about the holidays is spending time with family. Growing up, my family spent all the Jewish holidays together. We would go to synagogue, eat meals together, spend time playing games, taking walks, and just enjoying each other’s company. As an adult who does not live close to her family, I still find it hard not to be able to spend every holiday with them. I have the best memories from growing up!

Even though Chanukah is not my favorite holiday, I still love it! The first thing I think about when I hear the word Chanukah is sufganiyot, jelly doughnuts. I can literally taste them as I am writing this article. There is nothing better than biting into a warm, freshly baked sufganiyah. To this day, my dad and I can eat a box of sufganiyot without even giving it a second thought. The next thing that pops into my mind about Chanukah is the bright lights from the candles. As a child, I loved lighting the candles and staring at the beautiful light emanating from them. The most magical night was the 8th night because the dining room table was filled with candles from all our Chanukah menorahs. It was the most dazzling sight and one I will never forget.

My final memory of Chanukah as a child is the presents. The funny thing is that it was not about the actual present I received, but the excitement of watching my mom go into the bedroom and return with a gift. I would jump with joy as she walked down the hallway to give me the gift. I am not sure if it was the anticipation of getting something which brought me so much joy, the unwrapping of the gift (I still love the activity of unwrapping gifts), watching my parents faces as I opened the gifts, or the sheer routine of doing this each year, but it has given me the best memories with my family.

To me, the holidays are all about time spent with family and friends. Yes, there are specific rituals and foods I love associated with the celebration of Chanukah but for me, it is less about the holiday, and more about the people I choose to spend it with each year.

This year, may you have the chance to spend at least part of Chanukah with the people who mean the most to you. I hope you enjoy some delicious sufganiyot and sizzling latkes, while the flickering lights of the candles reflect in your house and warm your heart. Happy Chanukah!

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YOUTH
For more information about Youth Programs & Events contact Alan Johnathan, Director of Youth and Family Engagement, at ajohnathan@templeisraelnc.org or 980-960-2387.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

MAHAR PIZZA, GAMES, AND CRAFTS (3RD-5TH GRADES)
Sunday, December 5, 12:15-3 p.m.
Join your Mahar friends for a fun afternoon of pizza, games, and crafts after TIRS! Drop-off and Pick-up at TIRS Building. Cost: Free/TI-Y Members; $5/Non-Members. RSVP by 3 pm on Friday, December 3.

USY + NC JOINT EVENT (9TH-12TH GRADE TEENS)
Sunday, December 5, 12:15-7 p.m.
Join Ir Ha-Malka USY as we join other USY chapters from NC! Cost: $15 for the program + $10 for transportation. Drop-off and Pick-up at TI. RSVP by 9 pm on Wednesday, December 1.

SECRET CHANUKAH CHAIM (6TH-12TH GRADES)
Saturday, December 11, 6-7 p.m.
Join your fellow Kadimaniks and USYers for Chanukah games, snacks, and a white elephant style gift exchange! To participate in the gift exchange, bring a wrapped or bagged gift worth $5-15. Drop-off and Pick-up at Amelie’s on Park Road. Cost: Free/TI-Y Members; $5/Non-Members. RSVP by 3 p.m. on Friday, December 10.

IR HA-MALKA USY HAVDALAH, MIX, AND BAKE! (9TH-12TH GRADE TEENS)
Saturday, January 8, 5-7 p.m.
Join your fellow USYers as we learn to make delicious treats! Cost: $5/TI-Y Members; $10/Non-Members. Drop-off and Pick-up at TIRS Building. RSVP by 3 p.m. on Friday, January 7.

MAHAR 5-MINUTE CHALLENGES (3RD-5TH GRADES)
Sunday, January 9, 12:15-2 p.m.
Come join your Mahar friends for a series of 5-minute challenges and games! Winners get to choose a prize from our lovely Box-O-Schlock. Pizza lunch will be provided. Cost: $2/TI-Y Members; $15/Non-Members. Drop-off and Pick-up at TIRS Building. RSVP by 9 p.m. on Wednesday, January 5.

KADIMA ESCAPE ROOM (6TH-8TH GRADES)
Sunday, January 22, 6:30-8 p.m.
Join you fellow Kadimaniks for Havdalah, puzzles, and teamwork as you try to escape from one of the rooms in Timed Out Escape Rooms. Cost: $10/TI-Y Members; $15/Non-Members. Drop-off and Pick-up at Timed Out Escape Rooms. RSVP by 9 p.m. on Wednesday, January 19.

TEMPLE ISRAEL HAS A YOUTUBE PAGE!

YouTube

Now you can watch temple videos & special event recordings on our NEW YouTube page! Be sure to check out our weekly musical blog, Shira With Shira, featuring videos and recordings from Cantor Lissek at Temple Israel. Visit https://bit.ly/2EEiPV0.

#ReadySetGOals
Winter Program Registration Going on Now!
www.charlottejcc.org
(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.

7TH ANNUAL VODKA LATKE
December 11, 8:30 p.m.
Location: Moishe House Charlotte

Vodka Latke is back, in a Covid-safe outdoor space! Join Torah on Tap, Moishe House Charlotte, and Moishe Pod Southend for another fun-filled Chanukah celebration! We’re hosting our 7th Annual Vodka Latke party for Jewish Young Professionals. As is tradition, this is a BYOB event, but we will have latkes, donut holes, and mixers!

Tickets:
$5 Early Bird until Thanksgiving Day
$8 in Advance
$10 At the Door

HOLIDAYS IN THE TEXT
December 23, 7:30 p.m.
Location: Amelie’s, Park Rd. Shopping Center

It’s that festive time of year! We light candles for Hanukkah while other religions are celebrating their own festivals. We’ll explore these various holidays and see how our traditions compare. Because we’re not so different after all!

NEW YEAR’S AT CAMP NORTH END
January 8, 7:30 p.m.
Location: Camp North End

Celebrate the New Year by spending the evening with us at Camp North End! We’ll gather in one of the complex’s beautiful outdoor spaces, explore the great food and drink options, and just hang!

SOCIAL CLUB

Temple Israel Social Club welcomes all Jewish adults 60 and older from greater Charlotte and the surrounding areas. The Social Club holds a variety of activities for its members several times a year. We offer an opportunity to make new friends while socializing with existing members.

Membership dues are $20 per person for the calendar year 2022. However, this past year because of the pandemic and our inability of having in person events, we extended your dues through December 2021.

On Tuesday, November 30, we held a joyous Hanukkah program in the Leon & Sandra Levine Social Hall. We participated in singing Hanukkah songs, led by Cantor Shira Lissek, and we enjoyed a delicious meal which included “Lots of Latkes” prepared by Jered Mond. It was wonderful being able to celebrate in person!

We hope you will join us at these upcoming events:

PAID UP MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON AND PROGRAM
Sunday, January 23, 2022, 1 p.m.
Location: Leon & Sandra Levine Social Hall

Dr. Tom Hanchett, Charlotte-Mecklenburg Library historian-in-residence will be our guest speaker. He will speak about the history of Noda (North Davison) and the surrounding area. The membership luncheon is free for members paid up through 2022.

SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER, MICHAEL DAVIS, AUTHOR OF “STREET GANG: THE COMPLETE HISTORY OF SESAME STREET.”
Sunday, April 3, 4 p.m.
Location: Leon & Sandra Levine Social Hall

The Temple Israel Social Club has the privilege of hosting Mr. Davis who wrote the book “Street Gang: The Complete History of Sesame Street”, a NY Times best seller. Please join us to help celebrate Sesame Street’s 50th anniversary. An invitation is extended to adult congregants of all generations who have a love and/or interest in learning the origins of Sesame Street, and the extraordinary educational opportunity it continues to bring to children through the world.

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

ROOF ABOVE (MEN’S SHELTER OF CHARLOTTE)

Temple Israel supports the mission to end homelessness in Charlotte by providing those in need with meals along with warm clothing and toiletries. We will be cooking a healthy, delicious dinner at Temple Israel, and serving the dinner to 150+ Men in need at the Shelter on:

**Friday, December 24 (Christmas Eve) from 12-4 p.m. at Temple Israel**

To volunteer to help cook and prepare gift bags please contact:
Jonathan Berger (cell) 704-995-1732, (email) jbergertisa@gmail.com

Our goal is to give every person that we feed a New Winter Coat. If you would like to help us achieve this goal, please drop of your coat donation at Temple Israel on or before Friday, December 24. Thank you!

In addition, the Homeless need Gloves, Hats, Socks, Deodorant, and Toothbrushes. Please drop of these donations at Temple Israel also. If you are too busy to go shopping, we are happy to do so for you.

An option is to make a financial donation to help purchase food and clothing for this event – Please make your donation to the “Temple Israel Social Action Fund”.

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**WINTER COAT DRIVE**
Helping The Homeless in Charlotte Stay Warm this Winter

**ROOF ABOVE**
Charlotte’s Men’s Shelter

**Goal = 300 New Warm Winter Coats**

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Volunteers at Temple Israel will be Cooking Fresh Healthy Meals for 300 Men in need at the Roof Above Men’s Shelter on 12.24.21.

Our goal is to give every Homeless Man a NEW WARM Winter Coat with their meal.

If you would like to help us achieve this goal ... Please purchase NEW winter coats and drop them off at TI on / or before Friday 12/15/21.

Thank you for your support !!
Jonathan Berger
jbergertisa@gmail.com

Don’t have time to shop? You can make a financial donation to the “Temple Israel Social Action Fund”
We are happy to do the shopping for you.
Chanukah commemorates the rededication of the Second Temple in Jerusalem after it was defiled as a pagan shrine. During Chanukah, we recount the bravery of the Maccabees over the Syrian-Greek invaders. The story of the Maccabees is an inspirational reminder of the quest for justice and the fight against oppression. According to the Chanukah story, only a small amount of oil was left to light the Temple’s menorah which, miraculously, lasted eight days. The holiday is also a metaphor for bringing light from darkness and for working on behalf of the marginalized. I think of the holiday as a rededication of basic Jewish principles, including helping others in our community.

The Women of Temple Israel has a robust Social Action Committee, led by Andrea Hollander and Jennifer Koss, that seeks out opportunities to support our community through meaningful Tzedakah and social action projects. Over the past six years, the committee has worked with Safe Alliance, a shelter in Charlotte for victims of domestic violence. Most recently, WoTI responded to an urgent request from Safe Alliance. After experiencing untold violence, a family arrived at the shelter with only the clothes on their backs. WoTI provided funding to purchase school uniforms and clothes for this desperate family.

Through your generous contributions at our signature Nosh, Conversation & Kibbitz Sukkot event, we collected backpacks and school supplies for students at Huntington Farms Elementary School, a Title 1 school. This school educates many students from our city’s homeless population. The school supplies we collected helped these students start the school year with the supplies they needed.

The WoTI Social Action Committee is planning a collection drive for Mathilda’s Mentionables. Please save your clean gently used bras to donate. We will also be accepting newly purchased bras and underwear at that time, which will go to women in need at Crisis Assistance Ministry and Safe Alliance domestic violence shelter.

We are actively planning hands-on community service activities and is looking for fresh faces and new ideas. If you enjoy giving back to our community and making a difference in the lives of others, we hope you will consider joining us. You can participate as much or as little as you want. We are happy to have you on our team! For questions or inquiries, please email Andrea Hollander at andeehollander@gmail.com or Jennifer Koss at jennruben@hotmail.com.

During the eight nights of Chanukah, as we light candles, I hope each of us will think about the ways we can make our community better.

Chanukah Sameach!
Karen Knoble
Women of Temple Israel, Past-President

SAVE THE DATES:
ROSH CHODESH
Join these small group discussions via Zoom as we continue to explore themes of B’Yachad (together).
• Sunday, December 12, 2021 - 2-3 p.m. (Israel Part II)
• Sunday, January 9, 2022 - 2-3 p.m. (Tu B’shvat)

NOSH, COOK & KIBBITZ:
CHALLAH BRAIDING WITH A TWIST
Wednesday, January 26
7:15 – 9 p.m.

TORAH FUND
Send an ecard to family and friends and contribute to Torah Fund! Send High Holiday, Mazel Tov, condolences, all purpose, and get-well cards. Each card is just $5. Proceeds go directly to Torah Fund and WoTI gets credit towards its annual Torah Fund fundraising goal.

Go to https://torahfundecards.jtsa.edu/
Questions? Contact Hilary Rosenbaum, dhrose4@gmail.com

The Rose Room
Women of Temple Israel
Judaica Gift Shop

THE ROSE ROOM GIFT SHOP IS OPEN FOR BUSINESS!
STORE HOURS:
Tuesdays, 9:30 - 11:15 a.m.
Wednesdays, 9:30 - 11:15 a.m.
Fridays, 10:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

The Rose Room gift shop is open for business! We have beautiful Holiday, 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 (smeadow@gmail.com)

Contactless pick-up or delivery.
To shop our online store, visit HTTPS://TEMPLE-ISRAEL-GIFT-SHOP.SQUARE.SITE
WoTI AchoTI (sisters)

Margaret Musa

- I am a CPA and previously worked in banking and auditing. Most of my volunteer work centers around children and education. I am co-chair of the Shalom Park Freedom School, a literacy program for children at risk for summer learning loss and have served as treasurer of Jewish Family Services and several PTOs. I am also a teacher at our Temple Israel Religious School.
- My favorite event is always Friday night services on WOTI Shabbat!
- As the Treasurer of WOTI, I am thoroughly enjoying working with and developing relationships with other professional Jewish women. WOTI provides a warm and friendly space to learn, socialize, and connect with Jewish women.
- Did you know? My husband and I enjoy stand up paddle boarding, and we love exploring lakes and rivers around Charlotte.

Robin Husney

- We joined Temple Israel in 1998, soon after we moved to Charlotte from New York. I have been a member of WoTI (and Sisterhood before) every year.
- I am currently a real estate Broker with Dickens Mitchener, licensed in both North and South Carolina, and I have been selling real estate in Charlotte for over 15 years. My background prior to real estate was centered in Health Care.
- I have an MBA in Health Care Administration and I was an executive at a health care company for ten years prior to moving to Charlotte.
- I love the camaraderie and being part of a women's-centered organization made up of volunteers working together towards common goals, and its focus on engaging the women in our community.
- I would like to see WoTI continue the programming excellence we have seen in the past few years, especially given the pandemic. I would like to see events focused on increased membership involvement while at the same time continuing to address the health safety concerns of the membership.
- Did you know? I didn’t take my husband’s name when we married. His last name is “Rubin” so you can figure out why I declined.

MEN’S CLUB

It’s hard to believe that it is almost 2022! The Temple Israel Men’s Club is putting the finishing touches on another successful secular year and planning a number of significant things for the upcoming year. As always, it takes a team of dedicated folks to help make it happen, and having the title of “President” is made easier when the team works as well together as the TI Men’s Club Board currently does.

With an emphasis on building stronger relationships in a Jewish Context, the Men’s Club is excited to have our annual “World Wide Wrap” coming up Super Bowl Sunday, February 13, 2022! The World Wide Wrap (WWW) is an opportunity for all members of the community to celebrate the mitzvah of Tefillin! For guys like me, it’s an opportunity for us to dust off a pair and stretch our memory on how to use them with friends and peers while knowing we are participating in the mitzvah with other Jewish men from our local community and throughout our country. For me, the experience last year was refreshing and rewarding! I hadn’t used my Tefillin in a number of years and I recalled very fond memories of my grandfather who would lay his Tefillin each and every day until he passed. I know he was happy to see the tradition continue, and I hope you will join us for a morning together along with some refreshments and camaraderie.

Right after the WWW, the very next weekend (February 18-20) is the FJMC Regional Men’s Club Retreat at Camp Ramah Darom in Clayton, GA. This year’s retreat is extremely special because Rabbi Wolk will be the spiritual leader for the weekend! As of this writing, we have 13 TIMC Club members from Charlotte signed up for the retreat, and the club has a goal of bringing 18 for the weekend together! If you’d like to learn more about this exciting upcoming event, please email us at Info@templeisraelmen.com

Men’s Club is looking at a number of other upcoming events and we ask that you keep an eye on our Temple Israel Men’s Club Facebook page as well as the weekly email blasts from Temple Israel for more information on upcoming events. We hope to see you soon!

Shalom Y’all!
Josh Loewensteiner
LIFELONG LEARNING

LUNCH N’ LEARN WITH RABBI WOLK
Thursdays, December 2 & January 27, 12 Noon
Join Rabbi Michael Wolk once a month for an engaging clergy-led discussion and a delicious lunch. If you are interested in purchasing lunch, visit the Upcoming Programs page for details and to place your order.

THE JEWISH EXPERIENCE IN AMERICA
Wednesdays, December 8, and January 12 7:30-9 p.m.
All are invited to attend the remaining two sessions of this 4-part class, “The Jewish Experience in America,” with special guest lecturer and TI congregant, Marshal Auron who will continue his dive into the history of Jews in America from Colonial times to present day.

Session 3: Reconstruction and the Gilded Age
- The Russians are coming!
- The Jewish Counter-reformation
- Zionism and Socialism
- Being Jewish in the late 19th Century

Session 4: War, Depression, War and the Baby Boom
- Jewish population in the US
- Jews in Science, the Arts, Sports (yes, Sports!), Politics, and Social Reform/Civil Rights movement
- American Jews and Israel
- Being Jewish in the late 20th Century
- Jewish contributions to America

About Marshal Auron:
Marshal has lectured on the American Presidency (particularly the weaker Presidents), has served as a legislative assistant for a US Congressman and an elected local town council member in Pennsylvania. After studying his family history and tracing his ancestors back to 18th century Poland, he expanded his studies to the Jewish experience in the US as a whole.

INTRODUCTION TO JUDAISM
Wednesdays, 7:30-9 p.m. • Beginning February 2022
Class Cost (includes book): Members, $180, Non-Members, $250

FEBRUARY
9 - From Creation to the Edge of Wilderness
16 - The World of the Bible
23 - A Heart of Many Rooms: Exploring Jewish Diversity

MARCH
2 - Holidays: The Great Wheel of the Jewish Year
9 - Shabbat: A Palace in Time
23 - When Do I Bow? And other questions about Jewish prayer
30 - Passover: The Jewish Master Story

APRIL
6 - God: Encountering the Holy
13 - Talmud: Arguments for the Sake of Heaven
27 - Starting Over: The High Holy Days

MAY
4 - Kashrut: The original soul food
11 - Philosophers, Poets, & Mystics: The Jewish Middle Ages
18 - Love, Marriage & Kosher Sex
25 - Birth to B’nai Mitzvah: Raising a Mensch

JUNE
1 - A Time to Mourn: Traditions for Death, Grief, and Healing
8 - Out of the Darkness: Stories from the Holocaust
15 - Israel: Dreaming of Deliverance
22 - The Jewish Mission to Heal the World

TO REGISTER, VISIT THE UPCOMING PROGRAMS PAGE AT TEMPLEISRAELNC.ORG.

*This course will be taught by Rabbi Helene Kornsgold, through a collaborative educational partnership with the Miller Introduction to Judaism Program of American Jewish University.
CHANUKAH UNDER THE STARS
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4
6 P.M.

Join us for a special Chanukah celebration featuring a family program with Menorah Lighting, Dinner, and more! Pre-registration is required. For menu information and to pre-register, please visit the Upcoming Programs page at templeisraelnc.org.

BROADWAY ON THE BIMAH
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12, 5 P.M.

Please join Cantor Shira Lissek and special guest, singer & composer Laurie Akers, along with Noel Freidline and some remarkable musicians, for a Winter Concert Fundraiser benefiting Temple Israel.

The evening will include performances of favorite Broadway classics, and inspiring Jewish music selections.

In recognition of their decades of service and dedication to Temple Israel, Harriet & Barney Weinstock will be presented with the Shofar Award.

For ticket and sponsorship information, please visit the Upcoming Programs page at templeisraelnc.org.
ANNIVERSARIES - DECEMBER 2021

DECEMBER 1
Amy & Ross Udoff

DECEMBER 2
Robert Haber & Shannon Crystal

DECEMBER 3
Jason & Yvonne Ackerman

DECEMBER 6
Ed & Debora Pizer

DECEMBER 9
Richard & Marc Willenzik

DECEMBER 11
Mark & Emily Greenberg

DECEMBER 12
Jeffrey & Blair Goldsmith
Steven & Nikki Sacks

DECEMBER 16
Mark & Jean Kirsch

DECEMBER 17
Alexandra & Matthew Wendt
Arnold & Rosemary Zulman

DECEMBER 20
Allan & Marcelle Oxman
Stephanie & Mark Rindner

DECEMBER 21
Nicki Fisher & Jonathan Gould
Richard & Annette Gross
Lawrence & Stephanie Seitlin

DECEMBER 23
Marc Manuel & Ruth Friedman
Zigmund & Mindy Stern

DECEMBER 25
Saul & Martha Brenner

DECEMBER 26
Jonathan & Tess Berger
Anne & Barry Mendelson
Morris & Geraldine Wolk

DECEMBER 27
Michael & Meredith Baumstein
Milton & Arlene Berkman

DECEMBER 28
Eric & Susan Lerner
Mattye & Marc Silverman

DECEMBER 29
Sam & Nancy Bernstein

DECEMBER 30
Daniel Greenberg & Elaine Eisenbaum

DECEMBER 31
Warren & Debra Binnick

ANNIVERSARIES - JANUARY 2022

JANUARY 5
William & Karen Futtersak

JANUARY 6
Larry & Tracy Brown
Loren & Sandra Meyer

JANUARY 8
Mike & Alla Mogilevsky

JANUARY 9
Evan & Geneva Boxer
Ilya Volynskiy & Natalya Volynskaya

JANUARY 17
Brian & Marni Rudick

JANUARY 20
Jason & Rebecca Dranove

JANUARY 21
Michael & Denise Abadi

JANUARY 23
Bruce & Louise Kantor

JANUARY 24
Lawrence & Dionne Sands

JANUARY 25
Jeffrey & Myra Brinn

JANUARY 27
Samuel & Abbe Greenfield
Debbie & Rory Vitale

JANUARY 28
Gerald & Minna Aronoff

JANUARY 29
Robert Saltzmann & Michelle Spak

FUND SPOTLIGHT:
SOCIAL ACTION FUND

To support social action programs including Roof Above Men’s Shelter of Charlotte
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### WEEK OF NOVEMBER 26
- Fred Bergen*
- Bertram Morton Blum
- Barbara Nathan Brenner
- Chana Corn
- Rebecca Dubin*
- Salomon Falk*
- Morris Freedland*
- Charlotte Glazier*
- Samuel Goodman*
- Adorea Sylvia Goodman
- Carol Gorelick*
- Leonard Hauser
- Dilla Jaffa*
- Hilda Kobrin*
- Ann Marks Langman*
- Burton Lesack*
- Sarah Levine*
- Frances Reich
- Robert Roth*
- Paul Shafranek
- Patricia Ross Sperber
- Iris Spil*
- Louis Susskind*
- Mildred Thrope
- Betty Weiss*
- Louis Weiss*
- Howard Winokuer
- Albert Wolpin*
- Jacob Ziegelheim

### WEEK OF DECEMBER 3
- Hannah Abrams*
- Rosalie Albaum
- Myer Ashendorf*
- Jenny Baicovitz
- Marilyn Belenky
- Phillip Berlin
- Sam Brenner
- David Brenner
- Ida Marcia Brodsky
- Louis Brownstein*
- Ben Bruck*
- Albert Cheifetz*
- Dora Davis*
- Lillie Lubin Davis*
- Lillian Dibner
- William Aaron Estroff*
- Doris Fligel*
- Schmul Fuchs*
- Michael Furst*
- Mollie Goldfarb*
- Morris Goodman*
- Sandra Harte
- Jack Herd
- Leonard Hollander
- Ann Jennes*
- Beatrice Kantor*
- Fern Dunn Krebs*
- Richard Earl Krebs*
- Lena Schultz Lebovitz*
- Charles Leighton
- Janice Levine
- David Levinson
- Louis Levy*
- Leonora Lewin*
- Mordecai Mendel Mazursky*
- Brenda Meltser*
- Israel Miller*
- June Miller
- Aaron Nurick*
- Jeff Odum
- Cheryl Ann Pepper*
- Sol Richmond
- Alan Rose
- Lore Schifman*
- Sidney Selig
- Bernice Silver
- Milton Steinberger*
- Fred Stern
- Irving Stern
- Kolman Surker*
- Eugene Sweet
- Philip Tager*
- Mamie Tolchoko*
- Magdalena Vero
- Ellen Walker
- Abe Wallsh
- Vera Weisman*
- Phillip Widis*

### WEEK OF DECEMBER 10
- Jimmy Abrahams
- Essia R. Acker
- Phillip Adler
- Jeffrey Aronoff
- Alex Ashendorf*
- Samuel Asrael*
- Emma Buchenheimer*
- Maurice Bazir*
- Helen Bernhardt*
- Karl Boxer*
- Paul Bradlow
- Sylvia Brenner
- Irving Donosky
- Beili Fabian
- Max Fischman*
- Gertrude Sarah Fleischer*
- Hortense Fogelson*
- Jacob Berke Freedland*
- Rachel Harris*
- Calvin Isralow*
- Louis Jurkevich*
- Berta Kaplan*
- Paula Kipnis
- Samuel H. Kornstein*
- Lewis Krieger*
- Sylvia Kronovet*
- Lillian (Laya) Kushner
- Benjamin Kushner
- Saul Levin
- Geysia Libman
- Faye Tanenbaum Liling
- Albert Mandell
- Lucy Margolis
- Henrietta Meltser*
- Stephen Miller*
- Esther Moss
- Lottie Mottson*
- Harry Murnick*
- Joseph Nelson*
- Bryna Newman
- Rose Weiss Oberman*
- Sherwin Palmer*
- William Joseph Paul*
- Florence Reese Perlin*
- William Pizer*
- Herbert G. Roskind*
- Alvin Rotberg*
- Celia Scher*
- Celia Schmalling*
- Norman Schoenbrun*
- Fannie Cohen
- Schwartz*
- Benjamin Schwartz*
- Howard Seff*
- Esther Ita Seid*
- Sidney Seligson
- Esther Shapiro
- Binem Shraga
- Rebecca Silber*
- Bessie Jolson Slesinger*
- Anthony Stillitano
- Hilda Sulman
- Lucille W. Taylor
- Fay Titlebaum
- Roberta Toltchinsky
- Irving Walder
- Sue Warshawer
- Shirley Wasserman*

### WEEK OF DECEMBER 17
- Mitch Abrams
- Madeline Allenstein
- Irwin Batnick
- Molly Benjamin*
- Marvin Bernstein
- Leon Biber
- Frederick Brier*
- Benjamin Leonard
- Brodsky
- Benjamin Mandel Brodsky
- Bettina Simon Buxbaum*
- Abraham Cohen
- Sid Cohen*
- Samuel Davis
- Rosetta Harris Dopkin
- Molly Dubin*
- Regina El-Kodsi*
- Naomi P. Estroff*
- David Feldman*
- Ethel A. Firestone*
- Peter Glassman
- Patricia Karo Gorelick*
- Janice Greenfield*
- Lorraine Guggenheim*
- Bessie Jolson Slesinger*
- Anthony Stillitano
- Hilda Sulman
- Lucille W. Taylor
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- Roberta Toltchinsky
- Irving Walder
- Sue Warshawer
- Shirley Wasserman*

### WEEK OF DECEMBER 24
- Michele Barer
- Charles Barnes
- Jean Bass
- Harry Becker
- Cecile Berkowitz
- Phillip G. Bernstein*
- Doris Bierman
- Sydelle Brinn
- Elaine Cheifetz*
- Harry Colman
- Sarah B. Darholt*
- Murray Fandel*
- Barry Friedman
- Rose Fruschtick*
- Sadie P. Goldberg*
- Annie Gorelick*
- Israel Gorelick*
- Celia Gottlieb*
- Theresa Davis Greene
- Kenneth Gross*
- Dora Rose Harris*
- Dorothy Herman
- Hannah Slesinger Hockfield*
- Jack Kandlis*
- Freda Kantor
- Eileen Kaplan
- Yetta Karp*
- Anna Khais
- Sam Krinsky
- Fanny Kuck
- Alvin Leventhal
- Louis London*
- Feigel Luski*
- Charlotte M. Mackey*
- Gertrude Mathews*
- Samuel Mayer*
- Henry Mehlman*
- Max Myers
- Marvin Nevid*
- Charles W. Oster
- Ana Pincus*
- Edward Daniel Rose
- Dorothy Rosenberg*
- Martha Rusgo*
- Rita Mond*
- Maxine Moore
- Isaac Nelson*
- Sylvia Paul
- Minna Braun Paul*
- I. E. Pittle*
- Frances Z. Pressman*
- Lawrence Reilly
- Herman Rosenstein*
- Bertha Rosenthal
- Harriet C. Ross*
- Valerie Rubin
- Israel Sheftman
- Bessie Stein
- Stanley S. Susskind*
- Conrad Waldinger
- Louis Zigfried Weisblatt*
- Jerome Weisman*
- Jean Weiss*
- Marian Wicks
- Larry Widis*
- Marian Wollman*
- John Young

*Denotes a plaque
**WEEK OF JANUARY 7**

Norma Abrams
Sara Albert
Sara Arenson*
Bill Bennett
Pauline Bernstein
Sylvia Block*
Joy Boxer*
Edward Dordick
Daniel Sholome
Dubin*
Maxwell Jacob Estroff*
Sol Fligel*
Harry Friedman*
Pearl Winkler Gillis*
Henry Ginsberg*
Irving Goldman*
Harry Goldstein*
Ruth Goldstein*
Edwin Goodman
Allan Goresky
Julius Greenfield*
Emanuel Guller*
Sylvia Halpert*
Evelyn Handler*
Cynthia A. Heiman
Leslie Herman*
Blanche Hirschmann*
Annie Johnson
Aidel Devorah Kahn*
Rose Katz
Terry Katz
Sarah Kirschbaum*
Rella Cohen kort* 
Irving C. Kurtz*
Morris Levinson
Arlene Lyons
Paul Malher
Martha Michel
Mollie Minkin
Frances Moore
Mary Orenstein*
Andrew Clifford Oxman*
Louis Podell
Bessie Polakavetz*
Nathan Rabhan
Doris Rapport*
Max Ravitz*
Lawrence Reeves

**WEEK OF JANUARY 14**

Howard August
Rose Bedrick*
Steven Bottner
Serna Braver
Harry Brenner
Eugene Brenner
Eugene Brickman
Fannie Y. Brodsky
Paul Brouthers
Josephine Cohen
Augusta Ellis
Anne Etlinger*
Leonard Fine
Robert Fischer
Yetta Freiberg
Morris Fuchs*
Ruth Furst
Philip Gold
Irving Golub*
Israel Gordon*
Scott Gutstein
Ben Jaffa, Jr.
Dr. Gerald Jentis
Marge Kalel
Jerrold Kantor
Morris Kaufman*
Albert Kossove*
Minnie Kritzer*
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Joe Retra Fried
Israel Gordon*
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Barbara Feldman
Gerald Freedman
Claire Goldfarb*
Mildred Goldfarb
Carol Goldman
Reuben Goldman
Sheldon Grey
Jennie Gross*
Abraham Helbein*
Shirley Herbstman
Moses Jaffa*
Abner Katlowitz*
Louis Kaufman*
Rae Gingold Labovitz*
Herman Levine*
Pauline Levine*
Betty Speizman
Lippman*
Pauline Madans*
Tess Mann*
Willa Miller*
Aron Mond

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

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

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

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

PLEASE NOTE: Temple Israel can no longer send acknowledgements prior to receiving payment for donations. We will happily keep a card on file to assist you in quickly, and easily, making donations in honor or memory of your loved ones and friends. Thank you for your continued support.
Temple Israel gratefully acknowledges these donations made between October 1 - November 30, 2021

ENDOWMENT FUNDS

ALENE & SAMUEL STRAUSE EMERGENCY ENDOWMENT FUND
Betsy Grant-Kaperonis, in appreciation of High Holiday Honor.

ASHENDORF/CITRON/BOXER MEDICAL ENDOWMENT FUND
Ellen Klein, in wishing a misheberach to Linda & Thomas Clark.

BARBARA & JERRY LEVIN RELIGIOUS SCHOOL ENDOWMENT FUND
Barbara & Jerry Levin, in memory of Marilyn Swimmer.

DAVID SILVERMAN SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENT FUND

LEONARD & ANN SLESINGER EDUCATION ENDOWMENT FUND
Cathy, Joel & Meg Slesinger, in memory of Marilyn Swimmer. Cathy Slesinger, in memory of Isaac Luski.

SHELTON GORELICK FAMILY ENDOWMENT FUND FOR TEMPLE ISRAEL

SHERRI SHERMAN & AYLCE LEVINE SOCIAL ACTION ENDOWMENT FUND

TEMPLE ISRAEL IN-HOUSE FUNDS
CANTOR ELIAS ROOCHVARG MUSCIPN FUND

COURTYARD/GARDEN IN HONOR OF RABBI EZRING

GENERAL FUND

HUNTINGTOWNE FARMS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FOX FUND

KRISTALLNACHT FUND
Elliot & Peggy Gartner, in memory of Isaac Luski. Elliot & Peggy Gartner, in memory of Marilyn Swimmer. Marge Goldstein, in wishing Norman Steinberger a good recovery. Marge Goldstein, in honor of the birth of Ruth & Alan Goldberg's great granddaughter, Margo Koster. MADANS FAMILY SHIVAH FUND
MEMBERSHIP OUTREACH FUND
Men's Club.

MEN'S CLUB
Michael & Denise Abadi, in memory of Donna Goldfarb.

BAILA & JOHN PRANSKY FAMILY CAMP RAMAH SCHOLARSHIP FUND
Dora Shalom, Rebecca Shalom & families, in memory of Isaac Luski.

SADIE STARR/ANITA & MARVIN SHAPIRO SILVER FUND
Mark & Jean Kirsch, in honor of Harold Rudin’s 80th birthday.
Mark & Jean Kirsch, in memory of Marilyn Swimmer.
Mark & Jean Kirsch, in honor of the birth of Andy & Tammy Cohen’s granddaughter.
Mark & Jean Kirsch, in honor of the birth of Rosemary & Arnold Zulman’s great granddaughter.
Mark & Jean Kirsch, in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of Mattye & Marc Silverman’s granddaughter.
Mark & Jean Kirsch, in honor of Marvin Shapiro.
Marvin & Anita Shapiro, in memory of Dr. & Mrs. Ed Newman’s sister, Diane.
Marvin & Anita Shapiro, in honor of Linda & Mark Rothman’s anniversary.
Marvin & Anita Shapiro, in memory of Dorothy Shiland’s birthday.
Marvin & Anita Shapiro, in honor of Harvey Barer’s birthday.
Marvin & Anita Shapiro, in honor of Wendy Pake’s birthday.
Marvin & Anita Shapiro, in honor of Will Harris’ birthday.
Marvin & Anita Shapiro, in honor of the marriage of Sandra & Leon Levine’s granddaughter, Haley, to Gavriel Ben David.
Marvin & Anita Shapiro, in honor of the marriage of Lori & Eric Sklut’s daughter, Haley, to Gavriel Ben David.
Marvin & Anita Shapiro, in memory of Isaac Luski.
Marvin & Anita Shapiro, in honor of Jill & Andrew Halverstam’s anniversary.
Marvin & Anita Shapiro, in memory of Marilyn Swimmer.
Marvin & Anita Shapiro, in honor of Rabbi Wolk on his installation.

SENIOR RABBI’S TZEDAKAH FUND
Michael & Denise Abadi, in appreciation of the Temple Israel professional staff.
Michael & Denise Abadi, yahrzeits of family members.
Esther Ain, in memory of Isaac Luski.
Charlotte Country Day School, in memory of Isaac Luski.
Suly Chenkin, in memory of Isaac Luski.
Suly Chenkin, in memory of Marilyn Swimmer.
Tammy & Andy Cohen, in honor of the birth of David & Judy Miller’s grandson, Ezra Calvin Miller.
CPCC Foundation, in memory of Isaac Luski.
Natalie Farber, yahrzeit of family members.
Eileen Friars, in memory of Isaac Luski.
Leslie & Mary Gordon, in honor of Terri Catcart.
Donna & Burt Greenspoon.
Don & Shevi Herbstman, in memory of Isaac Luski.
Steve & Sharon Hockfield, in memory of Isaac Luski.
Kathy & Harold Howe Jr., in memory of Isaac Luski.
Andrew & Dana Kapustin, in honor of Yom Kippur Aliyah.
Gene & Alice Kavado, in memory of Isaac Luski.
Mark & Jean Kirsch, in honor of the birth of Arnold & Rosemary Zulman’s great granddaughter, Ellen Klein.
Harry & Gloria Lerner, in memory of Isaac Luski.
Harry & Gloria Lerner, in memory of Marilyn Swimmer.
Josh & Elissa Levine, in appreciation of Rabbi Wolk and the Temple Israel office team.
Leon & Michal Lisset, in honor of Rabbi Wolk.
Men’s Club.
Josh & Adina Loewenstein, in appreciation of Rabbi Wolk’s generosity toward a mutual friend.
Allan & Marcelle OXman, in memory of Isaac Luski.
Allan & Marcelle OXman, in honor of the birth of Stuart & Jodi Cohen’s grandson, Mason Joseph Rubin.
Allan & Marcelle OXman, in honor of the birth of Andy & Tammy Cohen’s granddaughter.
Allan & Marcelle OXman, in honor of the birth of David & Judy Miller’s grandson, Ezra Calvin Miller.
Morey & Lynne Sheffer, in honor of Julia & George Bock’s B’nai Mitzvah.
David & Beth Thrope, in honor of Terri Catcart’s retirement.

SOCIAL ACTION FUND
Jonathan & Tess Berger, in honor of the birth of David & Judy Miller’s grandson, Ezra Calvin Miller.
Jonathan & Tess Berger, in memory of Marilyn Swimmer.
Jonathan & Tess Berger, in honor of the birth of Andy & Tammy Cohen’s granddaughter.
Dan & Nancy Coblenz, in honor of Stacie Coblenz’s birthday.
Stuart & Sarise Breidbart.
Ruth & Alan Goldberg.
Dana & Leslie Goldfarb.
Morey & Lynne Sheffer, in honor of Sylvia & Irv Swartz on their anniversary.

STEINBERGER Yahrzeit fund
Michael & Denise Abadi, in wishing Norman Steinberger a speedy recovery.

STUART OSTROW YOUTH FUND
James & Cindy Harris, in memory of Sandra Harrold.
Connie Ostrow, in memory of Helene Levine’s brother.
Connie Ostrow, in memory of Marilyn Swimmer.
Connie Ostrow, in wishing Marilyn Kronovet a speedy recovery.
Connie Ostrow, in memory of Chris.
Connie Ostrow, in memory of Sandra Harrold.
Connie Ostrow, in memory of Natalie Godt.
Joel Ostrow, in memory of Sandra Harrold.

SUNDAY MORNING MINYAN BREAKFAST FUND
Michael & Denise Abadi, in honor of the birth of David & Judy Miller’s grandson, Ezra Calvin Miller.
Bruce & Louise Kantor, in memory of Isaac Luski.
Gloria Peper, in memory of Bruce Kantor’s sister.
Beth Pomerantz, in appreciation of Michael Abadi’s kindness.

WOTI (WOMEN OF TEMPLE ISRAEL) YOUTH PROGRAM FUND
Lisa Nagel, in honor of Rabbi Wolk.

Leonard & Judi Strause, in memory of Renee Molk.
Leonard & Judi Strause, in memory of Martin Bernstein.
Perry & Sue Tannenbaum, yahrzeit of Libbyye Dumont.
Perry, Sue & Mabel Tannenbaum, yahrzeit of Harry Tannenbaum.
Howard & Susan Tocman, in honor of Rabbi Wolk.
David & Beth Thrope, in honor of Dan Bibe’s birthday.
Barney & Harriet Weinstock, in memory of Isaac Luski.
Fio Weiss, in appreciation of watching High Holiday services virtually.

SHABBAT MORNING KIDDUSH
Ira & Laurie Davis, in honor of Aliyah.
Steve, Janice, Jacob & Michael Zacks, in honor of Freda Kojokaro.

SHALI RICHARDSON CAMP SCHOLARSHIP FUND
Ron & Janice Weiner, in memory of Marilyn Swimmer.

SHELLE & HARVEY BARER JEWISH EDUCATIONAL FUND
Barry & Laura Reich, in honor of the birth of David & Judy Miller’s grandson, Ezra Calvin Miller.
David & Beth Thrope, in honor of Harvey Barer’s 91st birthday.
Steven & Janice Zacks, in memory of Dr. Harvey Rosenbaum.

JEWISH EDUCATIONAL FUND
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A DRIVE-BY SALUTE TO TERRI CATHCART, AFTER 28 YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO TEMPLE ISRAEL
SEE YOU AT SHUL

I have spent the past 28 years, over 1/3 of my life, working at Temple Israel, Charlotte N.C., and it is time to say thank you to each and every one of the casts of 1000s that I have worked with over the decades. I appreciate the time and partnerships that have grown and developed during this time.

I feel so fortunate to have been a part of the countless lifecycle and community events including: baby namings, brises, b’nai mitzvah, weddings, confirmations, and more. Some of these spanned across three generations of families!

I worked hard over the years because I love Temple Israel, but I couldn’t have done it without you — our congregants, Board of Directors, committee members, and lay leaders who volunteered their time. And, I thank the donors who contributed to the various fundraising campaigns over the years. Temple Israel is what it is today because of each and every one of you.

To the Temple Israel staff, the school office and professionals, office staff, building staff, clergy, and Executive Directors, I say thank you for all of your support, but even more so for your friendship. Temple Israel has brought me so much joy and is a place that I will always call home.

See you all at Shul,

Terri
MISSION STATEMENT
Temple Israel is a welcoming and progressive Conservative community fostering personal growth and a meaningful engaged life through these pillars of our faith:

- Personal connections with God, leading to an enriched life
- Practicing Halakhah (Jewish Law) and Mitzvot (Commandments), to better our lives and those around us
- Celebrating lifecycle events, holidays and Shabbat bringing a spiritual meaning to our Jewish journey
- Mishpacha (Family) including the gifts of youth and the wisdom of elders, to continue the cycle of growth in our community
- Tikkan 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.

INTRODUCTION TO JUDAISM
Wednesdays, 7:30-9 p.m.
Beginning February 2022

*This course will be taught by Rabbi Helene Kornsgold, through a collaborative educational partnership with the Miller Introduction to Judaism Program of American Jewish University.

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