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**JUNE**

**FRIDAY, JUNE 4**
Torah Tots Picnic Shabbat, 5 p.m.

**SATURDAY, JUNE 12**
Shabbat Experience Morning Service, 9:30 a.m.
Evening Services (including Minyan), Bat Mitzvah of Nomi Bagdan, 5:30 p.m.

**SUNDAY, JUNE 13**
Torah Tots: Fun Field Day, 9:30 a.m.
Rosh Chodesh Study Group, 2 p.m.
Torah on Tap: Ice Cream and Brewery Crawl, time TBD

**JULY**

**SATURDAY, JULY 10**
Shabbat Experience Morning Service, 9:30 a.m.

**SATURDAY, JULY 17**
Erev Tisha B’Av Service, 9 p.m.

**SUNDAY, JULY 18**
Tisha B’Av Morning Service, 9 a.m.
Tisha B’Av Afternoon Service, 5:30 p.m.

**SUNDAY, JULY 25**
Torah on Tap: Summer BBQ, time TBD

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**SERVICE & CANDLE LIGHTING TIMES**

**SHABBAT SERVICE TIMES**
Friday 6:15 p.m.
Saturday, 9:30 a.m.

**MORNING MINYAN TIMES**
Sunday, 9 a.m.
Thursday, 8 a.m.

**EVENING MINYAN TIMES**
Saturday, 5:30 p.m.
Sunday, 5:30 p.m.
Monday, 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.
Thursday, 7:30 p.m.

**CANDLE LIGHTING**
June 4 8:16 p.m.
June 11 8:19 p.m.
June 18 8:22 p.m.
June 25 8:23 p.m.
July 2 8:23 p.m.
July 9 8:22 p.m.
July 16 8:19 p.m.
July 23 8:15 p.m.
July 30 8:10 p.m.

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

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**WEEKLY EVENTS**

**THURSDAYS**
Lifelong Learning: Jews & Brews, 10 a.m. (through June)

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

**ACCESSIBLE SEATING**
Accessible seating is available in the choir loft area of the Morris & Sylvia Speizman Sanctuary.

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**Temple Israel’s Integrated Software Program**

**MEMBERS ARE ABLE TO:**

- View and update your member information (e.g. Hebrew names, yahrzeits of loved ones, birthdays, work, and contact information)

- Register for events, make donations, and make a payment on any open balances

- Renew your Temple Israel Membership

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These days, the question that I get the most often is when we will stop using Zoom for services. Thanks to the rapid vaccination of a large number of our congregants, we have felt safe and confident in holding in-person services in the Temple Israel sanctuary. At the same time, almost 40% of the respondents on the High Holidays survey indicated that they planned on participating in High Holiday services in September virtually. It is clear that although there was an obvious starting point to the pandemic, there will not be a clear ending to it. Similarly, it is not clear to me or to most rabbis when or even if, we will stop using Zoom at services. Countless Jews (and non-Jews) across the world have become “regulars” over the last 14 months at Shabbat services from the comfort of their homes and that is a hard habit to break. Some of them were physically unable to attend services before the pandemic and some of them just never thought that they would find meaning in Shabbat until they tried it out.

I have mixed feelings. On the one hand, I have found the work that we have done since March 2020 to be the most important work I have done in my career. Our mission was to show people that Jewish practice and faith could be a comfort and a guide to them in the darkest hours and I believe we accomplished that mission. Now that the pandemic is slowly coming to an end, we have a new mission. We must demonstrate that even though Zoom has been an essential tool, Zoom Judaism is not a substitute for in-person Judaism. At best, Zoom can supplement what we do but Judaism is best lived as a communal faith surrounded by friends, family, and community members. While people will always be able to access our beautiful services broadcast through our sanctuary cameras, my goal is to bring all the participants in services back in the temple.

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- Rabbi Michael Wolk

This is where I turn to you; our congregants. We have spent so long away from the people we care about and I hope that we have learned just how indispensable human connection is for us. Now is the time to act on what we have learned. If you are not vaccinated, get vaccinated. It is the best thing that you can do for yourself and for the people around you. Then come to services at Temple Israel. Yes, the masks will be part of life for the foreseeable future and no, there will not yet be a Kiddush. But you can once again sit next to people and enjoy Cantor Lissek’s beautiful renditions of our treasured prayers and learn about our tradition through the lens of the weekly Torah reading.

In Pirkei Avot, Hillel famously taught: “If I am not for me, who will be for me? And when I am for myself alone, what am I?” Through the pandemic we have learned the importance both of taking care of ourselves and our own health, but also that our actions always have an effect on other people as well. The final clause of this teaching reads: “And if not now, when?” Now is the best time to give Jewish life a chance to come to Temple Israel.
CANTOR’S COLUMN
by Cantor Shira Lissek

Hineni- Here I am, here you are, here we are!

Has it really been a year, and are we really headed towards High Holidays 2021? Yes, we are.

Hineni, here I am, here you are, here we are together. This year, even when we were physically distant, we were here, each of us, together, showing up to be spiritually connected at Temple Israel. At Kabbalat Shabbat, on Shabbat and holiday morning, at TIRS Shira/Tfillah, and at weekday minyan. We read Torah, learned together and sang together; we comforted mourners, and prayed together from wherever we were.

It has been extraordinary partnering with Rabbi Wolk and our TI staff during this unprecedented time for funerals, weddings, bris’s, services, and all of the many details that needed immediate attention in this new landscape. Together we were able to overcome many challenges and create warm, engaging new Temple Israel minhagim that we’ll bring with us as we re-open.

Thank you to Adam Ward, our maestro on the piano, and Shawn Severt, our AV guru. This team was able to enhance our prayer experiences and extend our reach beyond the walls of our extraordinary sanctuary. Our Shabbat Services, the highlight of our week, including the once a month Shabbat Experience, continue to grow and uplift our community.

I am proud of our B’nei Mitzvah students, our Adult B’nai Mitzvah class and their families, and how we were all able to pivot and create meaningful and uplifting experiences together. Together we all learned what is most important in life.

Looking ahead to next year we have exciting new programs and wonderful opportunities for connection, music, prayer, and learning. Get involved - there is truly something for everyone. We are so excited to be re-opening and can’t wait to see each of you in person as we continue together on our Jewish Journey at Temple Israel.
PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE
by Teresa Brenner

We hope you are enjoying your summer. Your congregational officers and Board of Trustees, along with your professional staff, Clergy, and dedicated volunteers, are busy planning for our High Holidays, which come early this year and will include in-person services.

We invite you to join us for services in-person as we continue following guidance from the CDC, our state and local governments, and our medical advisors and in keeping with our Jewish values. We will also continue livestreaming our services as we had been doing prior to the pandemic but with greatly enhanced camera and sound systems. Please join Rabbi Wolk and Cantor Lissek in our beautiful sanctuary. I look forward to greeting and welcoming you.

As the New Fiscal Year Begins
Your Board of Trustees is turning from the past year of what corporate leaders refer to as “crisis management” and focusing on enhancing our experience for you, our congregants. We have successfully transitioned Rabbi Wolk as our Senior Rabbi, and his partnership with Cantor Lissek is a wonder to behold. We strive to be a warm, welcoming, inclusive community respecting our individuality and forming meaningful connections. We are a true Kehillah. Come join us.

Annual commitments are in process and include a user-friendly, online process and include opportunities to join our affiliate groups, such as Men’s Club and Women of Temple Israel, and enroll in Temple Israel Religious School. Please take some time to activate or re-activate your ShulCloud account and explore its many features. Your account may be accessed multiple ways, including from the Temple Israel website as well as from the ShulCloud App once downloaded to your phone or tablet. Thank you for your financial support of our congregational family.

Good News to Share
Please join me in wishing a hearty Mazel Tov to our Adult Bat Mitzvah, Dionne Sands, who was called to the Torah during Shavuot. I would like to thank our congregants who serve on the Board of the Hebrew Cemetery of Greater Charlotte---Kevin Levine, Moses Luski, Robert Valenstein, Craig Goldstein, Norman Steinberger, Bill Gorelick, and Marc Silverman. They provide a vital and necessary service to our greater Charlotte Jewish community.

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

Kind regards,

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

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

**TEMPEL ISRAEL REVENUE (000s)**
FY 2020-2021 ACTUAL + FORECAST (03/31/2021)
TOTAL REVENUE: $2,059,022

- High Holy Days: $277.4 (1%)
- TIRS Tuition: $959.6 (5%)
- PPP Loan: $162.8 (8%)
- Fundraising: $88.6 (4%)
- Endowment & Spendable Income: $226.1 (11%)
- Other Income: $13.5 (1%)
- Total Commitments (Donor & Standard): $1,361.6 (66%)

**TEMPEL ISRAEL EXPENSE (000s)**
FY 2020-21 ACTUAL + FORECAST (03/31/2021)
TOTAL EXPENSE: $2,020,052

- High Holy Days: $57.8 (1%)
- Program: $111.3 (6%)
- General: $228.6 (11%)
- Personnel (includes clergy): $196.3 (9%)
- Facilities: $256.5 (13%)

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**2021-2022**
**Member Renewal**
Forms* are DUE by June 30.

*Seating information available soon
ENGAGEMENT
By Erin Goldstein
Membership Minute
I hope that you are having a BEAUTIFUL summer so far. I am so happy that we can be together, in person again after such a tough year for everyone. It is wonderful to see your faces whether it be on zoom or in person.

We have started our annual membership campaign for Temple Israel. Each congregant/family unit will receive two mailings. One is your membership form which I encourage you to complete and send them back to Temple Israel by June 30, 2021. As we continue to work on the High Holy Days, it is pertinent to get your paperwork in on time.

We are thrilled that we are able to roll out the annual membership forms online! All forms are available through our Temple Israel Website. I encourage you to complete the process online as it is very user-friendly and easy!

You can find all online forms on our website at: https://www.templeisraelnc.org then follow the links for the Recommitment Campaign. You will find other forms online that you can fill out including:
- Membership Form
- Book of Remembrance
- Humash/Mahzor Order Form
- Register for Temple Israel Religious School
- High Holiday Registration
- Family Service Information and Registration

Please call/email me if you need any assistance with the forms. I am available to assistant any of our congregants and happy to help!

I wish you continued health at this time.
OUR CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILIES OF:

- **Anna Poyner**, mother of Janice (Ron) Weiner and Donna (Michael) Miller; grandmother of Aaron (Sarah) Weiner, Becca (Drew) Green, Jordana Weiner, Kendra (Kevin) Baumer, and Kevin Waters; great-grandmother of Asher Weiner, June Weiner, and Daniel Green.

- **Howard Kushner**, husband of Mary Jean Kushner; father of Laya (Igor) Kushner, Mathew (Rachel) Kushner, and Tina Kushner; uncle of Stacy (Jeff) Strauch and Brian (Wendi) Kushner; great-uncle of Isabel Ghica.

- **Audrey Madans**, mother of Craig Madans of Charlotte and Maxine (Barry) Klenicki of Newton, MA; grandmother of Alex (Nancy) Madans of Denver, CO; Ari (Erica) Klenicki of Washington, DC; Rachel Klenicki and Ryan McGear of Seattle, WA; Marshall Cannon of Los Angeles, CA; and Carolyn (Prescott) Van Buskirk of Houston, TX; great-grandmother of Allegra Lieb Madans. Samuel Klenicki, and Lawson and Barrett Van Buskirk.

BIRTHS

- **Becca & Drew Green** joyfully welcomed the arrival of a baby boy, Daniel Harrison Green. Proud family members include grandparents Jan & Ron Weiner and Jane & Bob Green (Durham); aunts and uncles Jordana Weiner (Charlotte), Adam Green (Raleigh) and Aaron & Sarah Weiner (Sarasota, FL); cousins Asher & June Weiner (Sarasota, FL).

- **Robin & Brian Roth** joyfully welcomed the arrival of a baby girl, Evelyn Rose. Proud grandparents include Karl & Margo Goldberg of Columbia, SC and Arthur & Terri Roth of Charlotte, NC.

- **Sarah & Garret Mann** joyfully welcomed the arrival of a baby girl, Harper Madeline Mann. Proud grandparents are Pearl & Alan Mann of Charlotte, NC, and Lisa & Lee Baydush of Potomac, MD.

MAZEL TOV

- **Tess & Jonathan Berger** joyfully announce the marriage of their son, Nathan, to Alona Izkovitz. Rabbi Wolk officiated at the beautiful backyard ceremony during their recent surprise visit to the U.S. The couple lives in Hadera, Israel.

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

PICNIC SHABBAT
Fridays, June 4 + August 6,
5-6:15 p.m.
Location: Temple Israel Lawn
Join Rabbi Kornsgold, Mr. Caleb and your friends for some summertime fun! Enjoy a 30-minute energetic musical service in Temple Israel’s new courtyard, followed by individually-boxed dinners from Izzy’s catering. Then spend time playing with bubbles and enjoying the sunny weather. Bubbles will be provided. Bring your own blankets, chairs and more. Boxed dinners must be ordered in advance. Sign-up information will be available on the Upcoming Programs page on the TI website. Looking forward to spending the summer with our Torah Tots families!

SPECIAL PERSON AND ME FIELD DAY!
Sunday, June 13, 9:30 – 10:30 a.m.
Location: Temple Israel Lawn
Grab your special person in your life and join us for a fun field day! There will be games and good times in Temple Israel’s grassy area. You do not want to miss out on the fun. Please visit the Upcoming Programs page to register today!

The Illustrated Torah

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

Thank you to all of our previous sponsors.

Reserve your place in Temple Israel's history. Purchase a pasuk (verse), aliyah or parsha corresponding to a Bar or Bat Mitzvah, anniversary, birthday, or any other simcha. You may also purchase an entire book. Visit templeisraelnc.org or contact the Temple Israel office at 704-362-2796.
Another school year at TIRS has come to an end. This has been quite a different year at Temple Israel Religious School since I began working here five years ago. The hallways have been quieter, the carpool line has been shorter and in general, the pace has been a little slower. However, the learning, the patience, and the commitment on the part of students and teachers has been higher than I could have ever imagined.

Although most of our students have been studying online for the year, the learning and engagement in Jewish life has never stopped at TIRS. On Sunday mornings the hallways of the first floor of building E were abuzz with the voices of our youngest students in Gan-Kitah Bet. Each week, seeing the excitement of these students as they arrived at school is what kept us going, even though it was not easy. These kids put on masks and kept their distance from one another, but still came together to learn about and experience the joys of Judaism and being Jewish. Together we celebrated the Jewish holidays, though our celebrations looked a little different this year; there were drive throughs, drive by parades and joyful socially distanced song sessions and dance parties. We created new ways to be together and find community, even while being physically separated.

Each week, one of my favorite parts of the school day is the last 30 minutes, when the entire school comes together for Shira/Tefillah. It is an amazing site to see the entire school together singing and praying with sincere joy. This has remained true even during the pandemic. The end of the school day concludes with Shira/Tefillah, just as in prior years. This year the focus of Shira/Tefillah was on the Shabbat morning service. It has been incredible to watch the students learn new tefillot in addition to new tunes to already familiar tefillot. I cannot wait until we can be together once again in Temple Israel’s sanctuary, singing together, in unison, raising our voices in song to praise God.

Thank you to the wonderful teachers and staff at Temple Israel Religious School for their devotion to providing the best possible educational experience for the students, despite the challenges that were faced during the past year. Looking forward to seeing everyone in the building again this fall.

As we go our separate ways for the summertime, please remember that this year Rosh Hashanah begins at the beginning of September. Make sure to get in your Honey from The Heart orders early. The initial deadline for early bird pricing is July 7. Honey from The Heart is a perfect way to wish everyone a sweet new year and an easy way to support TIRS.

Have a wonderful summer!
B’NAI MITZVAH
MAZEL TOV TO OUR B’NAI MITZVAH

Nomi Bagdan
June 12
Parents: William Bagdan and Jenny Hassid Johnson
Nomi is a rising 8th grade student at South Charlotte Middle School who loves animals and horseback riding! For her mitzvah project, she is volunteering with a veterinarian/animal shelter. Nomi is looking forward to celebrating her milestone!

Clara Cigler
July 15 (at Camp Judea)
Parents: Jordan & Michael Cigler
Clara is a rising 8th grader who loves coding, science, and fencing. For her mitzvah project, Clara prepared care packages for frontline workers. She is excited, but nervous, for her special day.

Ramona Cigler
July 15 (at Camp Judea)
Parents: Jordan & Michael Cigler
Ramona is a rising 8th grader who loves reading, writing, and playing softball and volleyball. Ramona prepared care packages for frontline workers for her mitzvah project, and is excited to become an adult in the Jewish community.

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

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

TEMPLE ISRAEL SIMCHA TREE
Looking for a great way to mark a special simcha? Why not purchase a leaf on Temple Israel’s Simcha Tree, located in the Leon & Sandra Levine Social Hall.
Simcha Tree Leaves can be purchased to mark your special family or individual accomplishments, such as a birth, consecration, Bar or Bat Mitzvah, confirmation, graduation, engagement, marriage, anniversary or milestone birthday.
Cost is $180.
For more information, please contact 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.

Thank you for another successful year!
The mission of Temple Israel’s Youth Department is to empower our 3rd-12th grade students to interlink their home, school, community, and congregation in order to bridge connections to the greater Jewish community, while learning inspired Jewish living through fun and meaningful shared experiences.
Although a large portion of our programming this past year has been exclusively virtual, our youth continue to interact and thrive. Throughout the year, our youth participated in cooking classes, crafts, games, and hangout sessions in order to maintain their connections with one another.

Our five-person Ir Ha-Malka USY Executive Board, led by President Madison Harr, was hard at work deciding on events, reaching out to other USY Chapters, and finding ways to further enhance our 9th-12th grade growth. Our three-person Kadima Leadership Council, led by President Rupert Pittenger, helped create exciting ideas for programming and learned how to be leaders in our Shul.

The College Outreach Program was also able to provide college students with four care packages this year in gift card form, for Rosh Hashanah, Chanukah, Purim, and an end-of-the-year pre-final boost.
Wishing everyone a fun, safe, and healthy summer!
L’Shalom,
Alan Johnathan
### MAZEL TOV to Our 2021 Graduates!

*List includes all information shared with us prior to May 19, 2021.*

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Torah On Tap

(Young Professionals)

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

SAVE THE DATES:

SUNDAY, JUNE 13
Ice Cream and Brewery Crawl

SUNDAY, JULY 25
Summer BBQ

*times tbd

SOCIAL CLUB

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

Membership dues are $20 per person for the calendar year. However, this year because of the pandemic and our inability of having in person events, we will be extending your present paid-up membership for one year. Your paid-up membership will be good through December 2021. This past year we have enjoyed seeing many old and new members through our virtual Zoom gatherings. We are hopeful that at the end of August we will be able to meet again in person. Please stay tuned for more information.

Save The Dates

L’CHAIM 5782 CELEBRATION
Sunday, August 15, 3 p.m.
Welcome in the New Year with a L’Chaim 5782 celebration. We will enjoy Wine, Cheese, Desserts. We are hoping we will be able to celebrate outside and in person in Temple Israel’s Courtyard/Garden, in honor of Murray Ezring, Rabbi Emeritus.

TEMPLE ISRAEL SOCIAL CLUB
SUKKAH DINNER
Thursday, September 23, 6 p.m.
Join us for the annual Temple Israel Sukkah Dinner. Weather permitting, we will dine in the Sukkah and enjoy a special program.

HANUKKAH LUNCHEON AND MUSICAL PROGRAM
Tuesday, November 30, 1 p.m.

PAID UP MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON AND PROGRAM
Sunday, January 23, 2022, 1 p.m.

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 to get involved, you will be glad you did.

Jonathan and Tess Berger, Chair Persons
Cell: 704-995-1732, Email: jbergertisa@gmail.com

HUNTINGTOWNE FARMS ELEMENTARY
Temple Israel’s Partnership School!
With the school being closed this past year, it’s been difficult to lend a hand.

BUT, there is a great way for you to help us show love for the teachers and staff who have worked so incredibly hard this past year. The HFES PTA is fundraising to provide their amazing teachers some love. The goal is to raise $50 per staff person for a total of $5,500. We would be grateful for your support to help us reach our goal.

These funds will provide the following for each staff person:
- A complimentary catered appreciation luncheon
- Personal gifts
- Plant bar - staff will have fun building and creating their own air plant arrangement
- Coffee, juices, and muffins delivered to their classroom on our kindness cart

If you would like to donate – Please send your donation to the “Temple Israel Fox Fund” Any and all support is appreciated. Thank you!

Volunteers are lining up their activities with teachers and children for the 2021-2022 school year. Many more opportunities for us to help students and the school have presented themselves including – Tutoring, Mentoring, Holiday Celebrations, Teacher Support / Appreciation and Donations of School Supplies.

If you’re interested in getting involved, contact Linda Levy (704-366-6362 or levyollie@aol.com) to make a difference in these children’s lives - there are many fulfilling ways to do so.

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.

Mark your calendars!
We will be cooking a healthy, delicious, dinner at Temple Israel, and serving the dinner to 150+ Men in need at the Shelter on:

Sunday 11/21/21 (Sunday prior to Thanksgiving)
Friday 12/24/21 (Christmas Eve)

We will also bring gifts of warm clothes and toiletries for each Shelter Guest these days.

To volunteer to help cook/serve please contact: Jonathan Berger at 704-995-1732 or jbergertisa@gmail.com

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

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

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

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

Please join Temple Israel in supporting Freedom Schools: freedomschoolpartners.org
With the expiration of my term as President of Women of Temple Israel, I want to express my gratitude for having been able to represent the Women of Temple Israel.

The past few years have been transformative for WoTI and for me. I got involved in WoTI about 4-1/2 years ago following an informal conversation about ways that Temple Israel could better engage women in synagogue life. The conversation centered on rebranding Sisterhood and focused on “How do we get women to show up?” Over time, I and other WoTI leaders learned that we should be asking ourselves two different and, ultimately, more impactful questions: “What do women need from a women’s organization and what value can a women’s organization create for each woman?” I believe that shifting our approach to answer these questions is the reason why WoTI has been successful. The value derived from involvement with WoTI will be different for each woman, and I am proud of how WoTI has been able to meet the needs of each of our members.

This shift in mindset has also had a positive effect on my relationship with Judaism. Until I became involved in WoTI, my Temple Israel experiences centered around attending Shabbat and High Holiday services and supporting the Jewish education of my three children. I didn’t have regular touchpoints with other Temple Israel women. Over the past four years that I have been involved with WoTI, that I need intellectual, spiritual connection and engagement with women in our community. I have learned that my relationship to Temple Israel and to Judaism are richer when I have strong personal connections with women in my Temple community. WoTI has allowed me to meet and form enduring friendships with women of all ages. These relationships have grounded and sustained me during the pandemic. My Judaism has been strengthened by celebrating Jewish holidays with Jewish women and by discussing the parsha and contemporary issues with Jewish women. My experiences with WoTI have also allowed me to see my place at Temple Israel in a new light, one that is distinctly female and feminist, as well as uniquely mine.

What I have loved most about this leadership role is the opportunity to work with other women to help create something that is bigger than myself. I want to thank the women who have shared the progress of WoTI with me through their roles as leaders and committee members. Their creativity and dedication sparked so many of the new ideas we have successfully implemented over the past few years. Our success would not have been possible without immense teamwork, as collaboration has enabled us to continue moving forward, even during the pandemic. Thank you for giving your time and energy to making this a successful endeavor.

I would also like to thank the Temple Israel staff, particularly Ariel and Betsy. From the outset of our rebranding as the Women of Temple Israel, the Temple Israel staff encouraged us and provided critical support at all junctures. Thank you.

Like me, if you are seeking a place at Temple Israel where you feel more personally connected, or you feel you would benefit from closer relationships with women in our Temple, I encourage you to get involved in WoTI.

Karen Knoble
President, Women of Temple Israel

Save the Dates

ROSH CHODESH SUMMER DISCUSSIONS
A Three-Part Series: When TI Says, “Welcome Home,” What Do We Mean?

Sunday, June 13, 2 p.m.: LGBTQIA+ in Jewish spaces
Sunday, July 11, 2 p.m.: Including Jews by Choice and Inter-Married Couples - a panel discussion moderated by Rabbi Kornsgold
Sunday, August 15, 2 p.m.: Where Do We Go from Here? A Conversation with Rabbi Wolk

KAWFEE TAWK AND WINE NIGHTS ARE BACK!
Look for dates in the WoTI email and Facebook page

*Highlights of Women of Temple Israel activities during 2020-21 can be found in the Temple Israel Annual Report, located at templeisraelnc.org/annual-report
**WoTI AchoTI (sisters)**

**Jenn Koss, Social Action Co-Chair**

- Joined TI in 2008 and became a member of WoTI in 2019.
- I earned a Masters Degree in Social Work. Before becoming a full-time mom, I worked 13 years locally and as a Social Worker in Community Based Adult Mental Health Services. My passion for social work extends to my volunteer work where I enjoy tutoring 3rd graders through the HELPS reading program at Huntingtowne Farms Elementary.
- My favorite WoTI activity to date was the high tea and fashion show where I shopped for jewelry from Brownlee Jewelers after the event.
- “I’ve learned something new each month during the Rosh Chodesh groups. The topics discussed from a Jewish perspective are fresh, current, and thought provoking.”
- Did you know? I love celebrating birthdays with family and close friends. I’m known as the birthday planner and love to make others feel special on their one-and-only day. “I love celebrating my own birthday and always plan an outing, fancy dinner, and yummy dessert with my husband each year.”

**Ina Lubin, WoTI Secretary**

- Moved to Charlotte July 2019 from northeastern Pennsylvania (with my husband), and joined the synagogue and WoTI almost immediately.
- My professional career was in the non-profit sector beginning as a teacher right out of college, then as a Penn State University administrator/Director. Upon retirement, with the non-profit skill set in her ‘genes’, I took on a variety of leadership roles in my conservative synagogue, and with several Jewish and secular Executive Boards of Directors.
- As a newcomer, I joined WoTI to meet Jewish women of all ages. I also have been invited to apply my leadership ability in a variety of ways. I am so grateful to have been welcomed not only with open arms, but also with an appreciation of my experience.
- Did you know? I participated in the Women’s March in Washington DC in 2017. During my early adult years, protests were happening all over the country, but I was never involved. Although it was a cold January day, I decided my time had come to march. I joined 10,000 others in DC that day along with marchers in cities all over the country to make a strong statement supporting women’s rights.

**Audrey Madans**

Our dear friend, Sisterhood Past President, and Temple Israel Matriarch died on April 14, 2021. To know Audrey was to love her. She was a one-of-a-kind woman with a distinct style, from her bright yellow nail polish and colorful wardrobe, to her shock of perfectly coiffed white hair. She drove a fire engine red convertible emblazoned with a vanity plate that read “M5” (meaning, “fifth matriarch”). Audrey was proud of the title, M5. She was not only a caretaker of our community, but she also felt a responsibility to foster relations between people of different faiths.

Audrey traveled extensively and made admiring friends wherever she went. She collected hat pins and became great friends with other collectors across the world, traveling often to spend time with them. During the pandemic, Audrey became active in a weekly Women’s League of Conservative Judaism virtual discussion group of the Psalms. It didn’t take long for these “Zoom” buddies across the country to appreciate her wisdom and grow to respect and love her, despite the virtual nature of the interactions.

Audrey was a strong-willed and intelligent woman with many talents. Although she moved to North Carolina from Boston seventy years ago, she never lost her Boston accent or her Bostonian directness. During her long life, Audrey did big things. She served on countless boards, including the Blumenthal Jewish Home for the Aged, Jewish Family Services, Temple Israel, and Rowan County Public Library, to name a few. She served as the President of Temple Israel Sisterhood twice in Charlotte, as well as in Salisbury, NC. She was a braille transcriber. She loved singing in the Temple Israel choir. She chaired major events, ran impactful committees, and worked tirelessly to make the Jewish community the best it could be.

Despite all the big things that Audrey did, her dear friend Margi Goldstein noted that what Audrey will be remembered for most are the innumerable “little” things she did every single week to brighten and enrich the lives of others. I agree. When Audrey entered the hospital for the final time, she called me. Her voice was weak, but she wanted to make sure that someone was going to hand-write condolence notes to several congregants.

At the virtual Temple Israel Winter Concert last December, Audrey was honored along with her long-time friend, Irving Bienstock. We couldn’t give Audrey a hug, and she couldn’t look out from the bimah to see the hundreds who admired her. Just the same, this honor meant the world to her.

Audrey was a woman of valor. She was a positive force of nature, whose zest for life defined her and strengthened all who knew her. Her passing creates a void in the Charlotte and Temple Israel community, but she leaves a legacy of goodness that will sustain her memory. We will miss you, Audrey.
MEN’S CLUB

Dear Friends,

According to Kohelet Chapter 3, Everything has an appointed season, and there is a time for every matter under the heaven. That includes the transition of your Men’s Club leadership group. By now, our transition from a club led by older guys (like me) running programs for our kehillah has been nearly completed. We aren’t discarding the older guys; we are just getting out of the way to make room for guys who are the age we were when we first got involved! Josh Loewenstein-er, Erik Wind, Marc Sokolowicz, Leon Golynsky, and other really energetic, creative guys were mentored by the “old guard” of George Schneider, Michael Abadi, Mike Mogilevsky, Nick Rose, and others. We were also fortunate enough to have a great group who don’t admit to being in either group--Mike Fried, Steve Moore, Dana Goldfarb, and Jon Berger. The younger guys learned from the rest of us what it takes to run a successful Men’s Club and more importantly—why run a successful Men’s Club. The older guys were energized and really enjoyed building stronger relationships with this new group.

Because I wanted to set the bar high for the younger guys about what is possible (and perhaps because they aren’t all that tired yet), we just concluded one of our best years ever. As Dan Biber mentioned in his moving Men’s Club Shabbat sermon, there has been plenty of positive new things coming out of the age of Covid. The Men’s Club’s focus on building stronger relationships in a Jewish context is one of those positives. In fact, I recently submitted 14 individual Torch Award applications as well as one for overall Club excellence. We will learn at June’s FJMC International (Virtual) Convention how we did and you will hear about it in another Kol Yisrael article, I’m sure. We also met all six of the required elements to receive another Quality Club award and more than ten optional requirements.

Even though by now a new Men’s Club Board will be in place and I will have assumed the most coveted of titles of Immediate PAST President, neither I nor the other old guys are going away. We did such a great job of getting the club ready to turn over that we don’t want to leave!

We succeeded greatly at our new mission of building stronger relationships, and we and all of Temple Israel’s family will continue to labor and enjoy the fruits for years to come.

I would like to close by singling out two people for special mention (even though everyone has been absolutely fantastic). Josh Loewenstein-er, our new Men’s Club president, has fully embraced the people, process, and work of leading a relational organization for men at Temple Israel. I have been proud of his involvement and growth during this past transitional year and I’m looking forward to what comes next. I am especially proud of our new, strong friendship. I also want to thank George Schneider for his friendship, his humor, his dedication to Temple Israel, our Men’s Club, and our checkbook for close to forty years. Even though George’s abacus and slide rule can finally start gathering dust, his amazing spirit and sense of fun and goodwill will continue to make our Men’s Club great into the future. Whether in the kitchen, at a Schach gathering with chainsaw and trailer, or really anything else our club has asked of him, George has served with a smile.

I am grateful to our Men’s Club leaders, our 110 members, the supportive TI staff and Rabbi Wolk and Cantor Lissek for doing their part to make this past year of leading in the age of Covid a true honor, privilege, and fun treat. Thank you all.

B’Shalom, and L’hitraot,
Mike Eisner

LIFELONG LEARNING

JEWS & BREWS
Thursdays, 10 a.m. (through June)

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

SPECIAL EVENTS

EREV TISHA B’AV SERVICE
Saturday, July 17, 9 p.m.

“Abandoned sits the city, that was once filled with people” (Lamentations 1:1)

Join us this evening for an opportunity to come together and mourn the destruction of both Temples in Jerusalem, and the pain and suffering that the Jewish people have experienced for generations.

*Tisha B’Av services:
Sunday, July 18
Morning Service, 9 a.m.
Afternoon Service, 5:30 p.m.
### ANNIVERSARIES - JUNE 2021

| JUNE 1  | Leonard & Bernna Berkowitz  
|         | Ralph & Sonni Besnoy  
|         | David & Karen Ransenberg  |
| JUNE 2  | Joseph & Tara Spil  |
| JUNE 3  | Karen & Jeffrey Turk  |
| JUNE 4  | Herbert & Laura Sinai  
|         | Burton & Donna Greenspon  
|         | David & Judith H. Lecker  |
| JUNE 5  | Philip & Stacie Coblenz  
|         | Leon & Sandra Levine  
|         | Morey & Lynne Sheffer  |
| JUNE 6  | Howard & Phyllis Campbell  |
| JUNE 7  | Glenn & Eleanor Kunkes  |
| JUNE 9  | Eric & Lori Sklut  |
| JUNE 10 | Miles & Debra Levine  
|         | Joe & Susie Oringel  
|         | Norman & Dorothy Shapiro  |
| JUNE 11 | Roslyn & Marty Birnbaum  
|         | Martin & Alice Rouff  |
| JUNE 12 | Stuart & Jodi Cohen  
|         | Tracy & Elisha Klers  
|         | Michael & Judith Van Glish  |
| JUNE 14 | Eric & Judy Laxer  
|         | Marc & Jodi Schilian  
|         | George & Lois Schneider  |
| JUNE 18 | Stefanie & Andrew Aranda  
|         | Stacy & Allen Baum  
|         | Ed & Roberta Bograd  
|         | Michael & Renee Flash  
|         | Steven & Sharon Hockfield  |
| JUNE 19 | Michael & Beverly Grey  
|         | Joel & Carol Prystowsky  
|         | Alan & Sandy Rosenberg  
|         | Steven & Stephanie Starr  
|         | Kenneth & Marcia Stern  |
| JUNE 20 | Mark & Linda Goldsmith  
|         | Thomas & Bethany Mann  |
| JUNE 21 | Irving & Deborah Cygler  
|         | Rick & Donna Greene  
|         | Gerald & Barbara Schaprio  
|         | Gregory & Jessica Weill  |
| JUNE 22 | Daniel & Janice Bernstein  
|         | Mark & Teri Moffett  
|         | Joseph & Renee Steiner  
|         | Harry & Marilyn Swimmer  |
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|         | Alan & Pearl Mann  
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| JUNE 27 | Bradley & Rachel Couchenour  
|         | Jeffrey & Bari Gorelick  |
| JUNE 28 | Alan & Ruth Goldberg  
|         | Barry & Laura Reich  
|         | Herbert & Temma Silver  |
| JUNE 29 | Michael & Sarah Davis  
|         | Arthur & Elyse Nevid  |
| JUNE 30 | Andrew & Dana Kapustin  
|         | Richard & Paula Klein  
|         | Joel & Wendy Kveskin  |

### ANNIVERSARIES - JULY 2021

| JULY 3  | Scott & Rebecca Goodman  
|         | David & Nancy Strunk  
|         | Barnet & Harriet Weinstock  |
| JULY 4  | Robert & Linda Isser  
|         | Brian & Stephanie Kreitman  |
| JULY 5  | Joseph & Erika Kauffman  
|         | Eugene & Alice Kavadiio  
|         | Jonathan & Barbara Shraga  |
| JULY 6  | Leonard & Judi Strause  |
| JULY 8  | Jerry & Barbara Levin  |
| JULY 9  | Adam & Elizabeth Greenhagen  
|         | Jeffrey & Rebecca Stern  |
| JULY 11 | Jamie & Bruce Becker  |
| JULY 12 | Alan & Deborah Hirsch  
|         | Barry & Michelle Perlmutter  |
| JULY 18 | Laura & Howard Bernstein  
|         | Sandro & Judy Nascimento  
|         | Daniel & Ruth Stanton  |
| JULY 20 | Peter & Judith Slade  |
| JULY 21 | Brian & Mattie Ablitz  
|         | David & Leigh Altman  |
| JULY 22 | Irving & Sylvia Swartz  |
| JULY 23 | Leslie & Mary Gordan  
|         | Darren & Staci Mond  
|         | Stephen & Beth Stillitano  |
| JULY 24 | David & Andrea Gamlin  |
| JULY 26 | Emily & Steve Snyder  |
| JULY 28 | David & Kathy Warshaw  |
| JULY 29 | Zachariah & Pili Gerger  |
| JULY 30 | Hilary & Daniel Rosenbaum  |
| JULY 31 | Steven & Sandra Rogelberg  
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Due to a formatting change within our account management system (ShulCloud), a number of Birthdays and Anniversaries were inadvertently omitted from our April/May Bulletin. With our sincerest apologies, we wish to extend belated Birthday and Anniversary greetings to the following Temple Israel congregants:

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

APRIL 1
Jacob Goldstein
Shirley Gorelick
Stephanie Rousso

APRIL 4
Mattye Silverman

APRIL 6
Claudia Cohen
Stacy Gorelick
Richard Gross
Moshe Usadi

APRIL 7
Elyssa Gorelick

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Stephanie Seitlin

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Alison Lerner

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Barbara Sklut

APRIL 13
Sara Kulbersh
David Swimmer

APRIL 14
Ofer Hubara
Kathy Warshaw

APRIL 16
Jonathan Rubin

APRIL 17
Wilbur Gorelick

APRIL 18
Andy Cohen
David Warshaw

APRIL 19
Robin Husney

APRIL 20
Taylor Kulbersh

APRIL 22
Jodi Michel

APRIL 23
Craig Rubin

APRIL 25
Miles Levine

APRIL 26
Tess Berger
Henry Gorelick
Nathan Nalibotsky

APRIL 28
Julia Meadow
Mara Michel
Robert Saltzmann

APRIL 29
Albert Nalibotsky

MAY BIRTHDAYS

MAY 2
Cheri Titlebaum

MAY 3
Lauren Halperin

MAY 8
Dylan Kulbersh
Norman Steinberger

MAY 9
David Thrope

MAY 11
Arlene Berkman
Russell Browning

MAY 12
Olivia Halperin

MAY 14
Gary Michel

MAY 15
Allie Michel
Julia Winer

MAY 16
Eliana Berger
Adina Loewenstein
Adina Peck

MAY 17
Elissa Levine

MAY 18
Jordyn Miller

MAY 19
Craig Sherman

MAY 20
Sarise Breidbart
Marcelle Gorelick

MAY 21
David Brenner

MAY 23
Lisa Davidson

MAY 24
Sandy Brenner

MAY 26
Nancy Bernstein
Stuart Goldstein
Risa Miller
Stephen Stillitano

MAY 27
David Greenman
Herb Greenman
Evan Levine

MAY 29
Barbara Levin

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

APRIL 1
Jeffrey & Lauren Halperin

APRIL 3
Rael & Gabrielle Gorelick

APRIL 4
David & Risa Miller

APRIL 11
David & Beth Thrope

APRIL 19
Eric & Lisa Seitlin

APRIL 20
Michael Jaffa & Debra Foster

APRIL 21
Julie Bradlow & Wayne Petrea

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

MAY 8
Barry Bobrow & Karen Knoble

MAY 9
Daniel & Leigh Levine

MAY 12
Neal & Gail Kronovet

MAY 16
Stuart & Shari-Ellen Goldstein

MAY 19
Bernard & Teri Ackerman

MAY 20
Frank & Wendy Rosen

MAY 21
Dan & Stacy Levinson
Josh & Adina Loewenstein

MAY 24
Albert & Janice Nalibotsky

MAY 26
Teresa & Irving Brenner
Elliot & Stephanie Meadow

MAY 27
David & Julie Sheffer

MAY 30
Todd & Stacy Gorelick
Marvin & Anita Shapiro

FUND SPOTLIGHT:
MADANS FAMILY SHIVAH FUND
To provide comfort to mourners and visitors and foster meaningful experiences for shivah services held at the temple.
MAY THEIR MEMORIES BE A BLESSING

*Denotes a plaque

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Mary Badt
Stanley Balick
Jack Berger*
Samuel Blumenthal*
Peretz Bravver
Erwin Caplan
Richard Chenkin*
Mary Ann Clester
Florence Freid Coblenz*
Pesach Dogin*
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Milton Edelstein*
Lester Engel*
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Rosalie Fisher
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Beverly Goodfriend
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Rebecca Katzen*
Sylvia R. Katzen*
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Samuel Leder
Sarah Levin
Benjamin Levy*
Abraham Menuckin
Jack Moore
Raymond P. Newman*
Gayle Susan Newmark
Mark Nozik*
Deborah Reese*
Otto Rich
Solomon Rouss*
Edward Lee Ruben
Rubin Schefflin*
Murray Schiffman*
Sadie Shapiro
Meyer H. Silverman*
Ginger Snitz
Lewis Spitzer
Anna Valenstein*
Mildred Weinstein*
Abe Weitman
Rebecca Wittenberg

WEEK OF JUNE 11
Rosa Asrael*
Betty Auerbach
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Meyer Berkowitz*
Hy Berman*
Bertha Berry
Wendy Block
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Gail J. Carter
Wendy Williams Cohen
Annie Colman
Roy Dermack*
Louie Doobrow*
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Barry S. Goodman
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Milton Kronovet*
Alyce Levine*
Bobbi Levy
Louis London*
Lila Mann
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Nathan Rabinovitz*
Sandra Rindner
Samuel Rosenberg*
Harry Roth*
Ben Schuman*
Mildred M. Schwartz*
Sarah Seff
Harvey Shapiro
Esther Sharoni
Rae Shubin
Philip Sigal*
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Ida Sheftel Sobel*
Louise Sobo*
Alice Speizman*
Philip Stahl
Therez Stiefel*
Ida Teles*
Runny Thier
Janice Grossman Vaughan
Henry Wasserman*
Harold Weingarden
Leslie Wicks
Harry Wiesner
Ruth Wiesner
Andrew Wilson
Simon Wolf*

WEEK OF JUNE 18
Alice Baum
William Becker*
Raymond Bennett*
Anna Bernstein
Benay Kleeger Chandler
Allan Cohen
Herbert Cohen
Ethel Cohen*
Helen Cramer
Jack Deckelbaum
Epaminondas Pereira
Do Nascimento
Samuel Fagin*
Dorothy Falk*
Sidney Fisher
Edith Frost
Lillian Gilbert
Leona Glucroft
Michael Goldsmith*
Charlie Grinberg
Gladyss Gross*
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Hilda Shangold*
Maxine Silverstein*
Morris Snyder
Saul Spil*
Michael Taylor
Natalie Udell*
Michael Volynski
Fred Wise
Eva Lea Witten*

WEEK OF JUNE 25
Debbie Abelow
William Abrams
Harry Besnoy
Herman Brenner
Nechoma "Nina" Bronstein
Fred Bruck
Edith Cabot
Mark Cohen
Freda Kesselman Dans*
Samuel W. Denham*
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Irving Fogelson*
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Rae Grosswald*
Annie Rachel Hirsch*
Sara Rita Hunger
Herbert Jacobs*
Bella Lewan Jacobs*
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Donald Katz
Monroe Katz*
Arnold Kivelson
Abraham R. Kushner
Isaac Lepek*
Sadie Madans*
Stuart Franklin Ostrow*
Yonathan Pezarker
Bernard Rafkin
Benjamin Raznick
Barry Rich
Sue Ann Rogel
Otto Rosenberg
Rudolph Rosenberger*
Abraham Rouff
Michael Schmalling*
Miriam Shraga
Morris Benjamin
Sinkoe*
Ralph Smith*
Myer Solomon
Morris Stern
Julius Strouse*
Sidney Tocman
Harriet Warshaw
Martha Webber
David Weiner*
Carla Leveck Willenzik
Adrienne Zwim

WEEK OF JULY 2
Helen Baim
Albert Berger*
Lillian Bienstock*
Charlotte Bilsky
Ethel Binnick
Madelon C. Blumenthal*
Phillip Chernoff
Leon Dobbs
Maxine Dorum*
Morris Eisenberg*
William Erdheim
Carol Ezring*
Jack Fields*
Barbara Ann Fisher
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

Ashendorf/Citron/Boxer Medical Endowment Fund
– To assist with medical expenses

Barbara & Jerry Levin Religious School Endowment Fund
– To provide religious school scholarships and financial assistance

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Michael Meiselman 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

TEMPLE ISRAEL IN-HOUSE FUNDS

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

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

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

Celia Scher Holocaust Fund
– To support annual Yom Hashoah commemoration

Courttyard/Garden in honor of Murray Ezring, Rabbi Emeritus
– To support the children’s kindergarten, religious school and education programs including 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 Jahrzeit Fund
– To offset the cost of the Book of Remembrance and assist families with the cost of memorial plaques

Stuart Ostrow Youth Fund
– To purchase silver for the Social Hall and other items needed for the temple that can be enjoyed by the entire congregation.

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

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

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

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Temple Israel gratefully acknowledges these donations made between March 1-April 30, 2021.

ENDOWMENT FUNDS

AARON & RHODA GLEIBERMAN SIMCHAT TORAH CELEBRATION ENDOWMENT FUND

ALENE & SAMUEL STRAUSE EMERGENCY ENDOWMENT FUND
Betsy Grant-Kaperonis, yahrzeit of B. David Grant.

BARBARA & JERRY LEVIN RELIGIOUS SCHOOL ENDOWMENT FUND
Jery & Barbara Levin, in memory of Audrey Madans.

LEONARD & ANN SLESINGER EDUCATION ENDOWMENT FUND

MAURICE A. & ROSA B. WEINSTEIN ADULT EDUCATION ENDOWMENT FUND
Stephanie & Jon Simon, in memory of Roberta Shulman.

SHABBAT MORNING KIDDUSH
Barry & Karen Bobrow, in memory of Ted Abel.
Barry & Karen Bobrow, in memory of Lorraine Peck.
Barry & Karen Bobrow, in wishing Audrey Madans a speedy recovery.

SHELTON GORELICK FAMILY ENDOWMENT FUND FOR TEMPLE ISRAEL
Bar & Jeff Gorelick, in memory of Marcia Luski Kokiel.

SHERMAN & ALICE LEVINE SOCIAL ACTION ENDOWMENT FUND
Marc & Cheri Titlebaum, in memory of Anna Poyner.

SHIRLEY & SOL LEVINE RELIGIOUS SCHOOL TEACHER EDUCATION ENDOWMENT FUND
Michael & Denise Abadi, in memory of Anna Poyner. Michael & Denise Abadi, Yizkor donation.

TEMPLE ISRAEL BUILDING ENDOWMENT FUND
Mark & Emily Greenberg, sale of Chametz.

Anna Langman, in memory of Ted Abel.

TEMPLE ISRAEL EDUCATION ENDOWMENT FUND
Glenda & Brian Bernhardt, in honor of the TIRS teachers and professional staff. Cindy & Marlin Jennes, in honor of the birth of Jan & Ron Weiner’s grandson, Daniel Hanson Green.

TEMPLE ISRAEL ENDOWMENT FUND

WENDY & FRANK ROSEN ENDOWMENT FUND

TEMPEL ISRAEL FUNDS

BAILA & JOHNNY PRANSKY FAMILY CAMP RAMAH SCHOLARSHIP FUND
Don & Sheli Herbstman, in memory of Anna Poyner.

CANTOR ELIAS ROOCVARG MUSIC FUND

COURTYARD FUND
Aviva Ezring, in memory of Audrey Madans. David & Judy Miller, in memory of Anna Poyner.

GENERAL FUND
MEMBERSHIP OUTREACH FUND
Glenda & Brian Bernhardt, in honor of the birth of Amy Mann-Novick and Evan Novick's baby, Owen Maxwell Novick.

MEN'S CLUB

SAIDIE STARR/ANITA & MARVIN SHAPIRO SILVER FUND

SAM LERNER MEMORIAL GARDEN FUND
Nancy, Dave & Michael Strunk, in memory of Roberta Shulman.

SENIOR RABBI'S TZEDAKAH FUND

SHAI RICHARDSON CAMP SCHOLARSHIP FUND

SHELLIE & HARVEY BAREJ JEWISH EDUCATIONAL FUND


SOCIAL ACTION FUND

SPECIAL ANNIVERSARY FUND

STEINBERGER Yahrzeit FUND Irv & Sylvia Swartz, in appreciation of Pesach Yizkor.

STUART OSTROW YOUTH FUND

SUNDAY MORNING MINYAN BREAKFAST FUND

WOTI (WOMEN OF TEMPLE ISRAEL) YOUTH PROGRAM FUND
Our House. Your Home.

WoTI Shabbat

Torah on Tap’s Socially Distant Lag B’Omer Picnic
A beautiful day at Charles T. Myers Golf Course as 18 Men's Club members got together for a day of golf.

TIRS’ midweek class

TIRS’ Kitah Gimel (3rd grade) students received their Siddurim in a special ceremony

Ir Ha-Malka USY Executive Board: Madison Harr, Mikayla Prushik, Anna Warshaw, Eliana Harr, and Elliot Kreitman
Aldersgate offers all the living options and amenities you could wish for: six dining venues, an indoor pool, salon and spa, wood shop, dog park, gardening, acres of trails and a picturesque lake. Plus, you can rest easy with special services during COVID-19, including grocery and dining delivery, as well as ample “distant socializing” opportunities.

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

Check out our calendar of events at AldersgateCharlotte.com. Or schedule a virtual tour of our beautiful campus at (704) 266-4798.
The Book of Remembrance

Traditional Jewish practice encourages us to remember our departed ones at Yizkor Services at four stated times in the Religious year. This year, the Book Of Remembrance will be used for:

Yom Kippur on September 16, 2021,
Shemini Atzeret on September 28, 2021,
Pesach on April 16, 2022, and
Shavuot on June 5, 2022.

As we have done in the past, our congregation will distribute the Book of Remembrance at the Yizkor Service on Yom Kippur. Our Book of Remembrance contains the prayers, meditations and readings that are part of our Yizkor Service, along with the names of loved ones whose memory we honor. If you have a memorial plaque for your loved one, their name is automatically listed in the front of the book.

A separate section of our book is devoted to those loved ones whose memory you wish to commemorate by making an $18 charitable donation per name.

You may place your order online at https://www.templeisraelnc.org/bookofremembrance#

Deadline for submitting names with payment is June 30, 2021

MAHZORIM/HUMASHIM BOOKPLATES

Temple Israel offers two different opportunities to honor your loved one(s) with the contribution of a prayer book or service accompaniment.

Mahzor Lev Shalem is used each High Holidays season and includes resources and commentary to deepen our community's shared worship experiences.

The Etz Hayim Humash includes the Hebrew text and English translation of each Torah and Haftorah portion, providing a way to follow along during Shabbat, weekday and festival services, in addition to multiple commentaries and essays.

$36 charitable donation per Mahzor

$72 charitable donation per Humash

To order online, visit the GIVING tab on the top navigation bar 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 Halakhah (Jewish Law) and Mitzvot (Commandments), to better our lives and those around us
• Celebrating lifecycle events, holidays and Shabbat bringing a spiritual meaning to our Jewish journey
• Mishpacha (Family) including the gifts of youth and the wisdom of elders, to continue the cycle of growth in our community
• Tikkun Olam- the healing of the world for the benefit of everyone
• Lifelong learning for all
• Support for the state of Israel to preserve our homeland.

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

For additional details, see page 9 or visit the Giving tab on the top navigation bar at templeisraelnc.org.