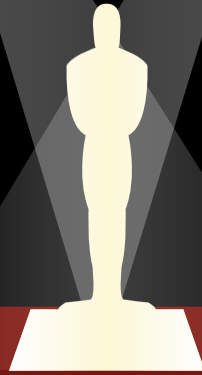


Who do you think will walk away with the coveted Golden Boy?



BEST ACTOR IN A LEADING ROLE  
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Sunday, February 22, 2015  
Oscar Morning, 9:30 AM - noon



Please Join Us  
for a Red Carpet Brunch!

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## Seeking Instead of Finding

Rabbi Jonathan Freirich

“From the cowardliness that shrinks from new truth;  
From the laziness that is content with half truth;  
From the arrogance that thinks it knows all truth;  
O God of truth, deliver us.”

*Rabbi Mordecai M. Kaplan’s Prayer Against Fanaticism  
as it appears in Tikun HaNefesh edited by Allen Maller and James Kaufman*

“Those people are so unreasonable.”

How many of us have uttered that accusation in frustration?

The Judaism that I aim for and the path that I struggle to climb ask me to accept that any truth that is out there is God’s, and not mine. I can reach for it, I can feel its echoes, and I can be informed by glimpses of it, and I may never claim it.

I want to be correct. Still I must cope with the temporary nature of any moments of “rightness.” My Judaism asks me to ask, especially of myself, just how good the answers I have arrived at are, and just how long I think I can hold onto them without revising, reworking, reviewing, and rethinking.

The events of the recent past have cast into sharp spotlights all of the horrors and violence that come when fanaticism holds sway over people. A belief in an absolute truth that one person, or one group holds by itself, leads to violence – physical, intellectual, spiritual, and emotional harm inflicted on individuals and all human endeavors.

We must unite in our efforts to boldly question and stand for principles of relating that transcend whether or not we are correct on a single issue.

Cass Sunstein, a Harvard professor and author of the recent book, *Wiser: Getting Beyond Groupthink to Make Groups Smarter*, reports on research that notes that whenever we talk to people we agree with, we become more extreme in our shared areas of agreement. Left-leaning people will move farther to the left, and right-leaning people will move farther to the right. The more time each of us spends among people of similar opinions, the farther from the center we will drift.

We can work towards the delivery from fanaticism that Rabbi Mordecai Kaplan prayed for with our own efforts. Professor Sunstein suggests that the best way to avoid groupthink is to spend time talking to people who think differently from us.

The key to overcoming polarization and fanaticism lays in our hands when we insist on leaving the comfortable confines of our normal group and reach out a hand and listen with our hearts and minds to those who have different opinions.

Let us overcome the barriers that have been erected between right and left. Reach for a book written by someone that we virulently disagree with. Pick up, click on, or switch to the “other” news source for an article or half an hour.

Let us make our new calendar year of 2015 the year of reaching past our comfort zones and breaking into the middle.



## **Jewish Living Groups at Temple Beth El**

**Cantor Mary Thomas**

The synagogue is a *beit t'filah* - a house of prayer, a *beit midrash* - a house of study, and a *beit k'nesset* - a house of gathering. At Temple Beth El, we have dynamic services, learning opportunities for all ages, and a place of connection for many.

Temple Beth El has created a very successful youth engagement program and our Senior Youth Group is number one in the country among Reform congregations. One of the challenges that emerges from having such a stellar youth engagement program is that sometimes parents - sub-consciously or not - focus their Jewish involvement and participation on their children, and not themselves. Synagogues throughout the country face the struggle of a “carpool culture”, where students are dropped off and parents rarely enter the synagogue for their own enrichment and spiritual development. Oftentimes, this occurs out of necessity: kids’ schedules are challenging, there is an incredible amount of driving involved, and work is demanding. When do you find time to buy groceries, go to the gym, or have the occasional date night, never mind the synagogue and Jewish living?

We hope to get ahead of this national trend of disaffiliation by strengthening TBE as a *beit k'nesset* - not just a house of gathering, but a hub for building unique, small communities engaged in Jewish Living.

Through strong lay partnerships, we are building networks of Jewish Living Groups. Jewish Living Groups are small communities within Temple Beth El united by interest, affinity, or life circumstance.

The first Jewish Living Group is Club Sandwich, comprised of members caring for family members in multiple generations, such as aging parents and teens still living at home. Club Sandwich has been meeting since October 2014 and has observed holidays and, *havdalah*, as well as engaging in study while deepening their interpersonal relationships.

In February we will launch the Mah Jongg Mavens Jewish Living Group, an intergenerational mix of Mah Jongg players from novice to expert who will explore Jewish wisdom as they study their tiles. March will bring the first meeting of “Bourbon and Banter”, Bourbon and Jewish Ideas Jewish Living Group. Other groups in development include an Outdoor Activities Group, Single Women in their 50s and 60s, and more. Please go to [www.beth-el.com](http://www.beth-el.com) to register.

All you need to start a Jewish Living Group is a passion, two dedicated lay leaders, and a willingness to welcome Jewish perspective and content into that activity.

Temple Beth El is and will continue to grow as a place of prayer, study, action, and gathering, but also remain a focal point for a renewed engagement with daily Jewish life. Please contact me at [CantorMary@beth-el.com](mailto:CantorMary@beth-el.com) for more information about the existing Jewish Living Groups or if you are interested in forming one of your own.

Together, we can find new and fulfilling ways to build meaningful Jewish lives.

“All you need to start a Jewish Living Group is a passion, two dedicated lay leaders, and a willingness to welcome Jewish perspective and content into that activity.”

## February Congregational Shabbat – Something for Everyone

**Saturday, February 14th**

**Come to one component or stay for it all**

**9:00 AM** - Shabbat morning experiences

- Tot Shabbat
- World Café – Come engage in meaningful conversations on topics surrounding Jewish life and love while meeting new people and learning from the collective wisdom of the community.
- Teen Band and Teen Vocal Ensemble with Cantor Bernard
- Sheva Seventh Grade Program with Rabbi Freirich
- The Farber Leadership Program

**10:15 AM** – Congregational Shabbat Brunch

**11:00 AM** - Congregational Shabbat Service

This service is for and by you, the members of our Temple family. This month, the D’var Torah will be presented by Elliott Tate Mayer. The Torah will be chanted by Dawn Gold, Sara Stinemetz and Sara Markovits. The haftarah will be chanted by Rebecca Levy. We will invite for separate aliyot, Stacy Marx in celebration of her healing, Laura Bernstein in celebration of her becoming the new Executive Director of Temple Beth El, and (since this is February 14) we will celebrate all of our 2015 Temple Beth El wedding couples. There are lots of opportunities for participation. If you want an honor in the service, just let the clergy know.

## Tu Bishvat Seder

**Tuesday, February 3rd at 6:00 PM**

**At Temple Beth El**

Join Rabbis Judy Schindler and Jonathan Freirich for a celebration of the gifts of trees and a reflection on the spiritual connection between nature, our Judaism, and our souls. Fruits, nuts, grape juice, and wine will be served. Please consider a donation of \$5 per person.

## Celebration of Wisdom

**“A Senior Celebration  
of Our Wisdom”**

**Saturday, February 28th**

**Service: 5:30 to 7:00 PM,**

**Reception to follow.**

**At Temple Beth El**



[Click here](#) to R.S.V.P. by February 18th or simply call the Temple at **704-749-3070**.

Please join the Senior Sage participants in this joyous service of legacy and wisdom. This service incorporates liturgy, Torah, song and innovative presentations.

The service will be followed by a reception featuring hot and cold hors d’oeuvres and homemade desserts. Wine and soft drinks will also be served.

We look forward to having you join us.

## The Senior Sage class of 2013-2015

Annette Bilczic  
Doris Goldsmith  
Faylinda Lindner  
Elly Miller  
Michael Norman  
Carol Sandler  
Bob Wolf

Caren Carr  
Joan Kirschner  
Don Liss  
Martin Multer  
Milt Poler  
Robert Weiss

Barry Brodsky  
Vicki Hopkins  
Marshall Lindner  
Elsa Multer  
Barbara Phillips  
Richard Simmons  
Sandi Wolf

Shirley Fytelson  
Linda Levy  
Ellice Liss  
Tamar Myers  
Gene Ruth Poler  
Susan Weiss

## Temple Beth El Presents 18th Annual Comparative Religion Series

### “Religion and Science:

### Can They Coexist?”

#### Tuesday Evenings February 3rd – February 24th

Temple Beth El’s 18th Annual Comparative Religion Series will explore whether religious belief does or should have anything to do with scientific reasoning. The entire community is invited to attend this series that seeks to understand the religious perspectives on the question: *“Religion and Science: Can They Coexist?”*

This January and February, educators and religious leaders representing five Charlotte area faiths will discuss their faith’s perspectives on this topic. They will provide compelling answers to such questions as: How do your sacred texts align and conflict with scientific developments? How do scientific developments impact your day to day congregational lives? What are some of the current scientific developments or discoveries with which you are grappling, and what teachings or texts in your tradition will you employ to deal with those challenges?

The series will culminate with a panel discussion with Rabbi Jonathan Freirich, Temple Beth El, and Dr. Derek Raghavan, President of the Levine Cancer Institute, a cancer researcher and medical oncologist, who will address such questions as: Is God involved in science? Does science impact our views of God? Sessions will run from 7:00 to 9:00 PM. Educators and religious leaders representing Judaism, Buddhism, Roman Catholicism, Islam and the Baptist faith will offer their perspectives and respond to your questions on this engaging topic. This program is FREE and open to the public. No RSVPs are necessary.

#### Schedule:

- **February 3:** Brother Guy Consolmagno, SJ (Society of Jesus), Vatican Observatory, Roman Catholic perspective
- **February 10:** To Be Determined
- **February 17:** Reverend Russ Dean, Co-Pastor, Park Road Baptist Church, Baptist perspective

- **February 24:** Rabbi Jonathan Freirich, Temple Beth El, and Dr. Derek Raghavan, President of the Levine Cancer Institute, internationally-renowned cancer researcher and medical oncologist Panel discussion to culminate the Comparative Religion Series.
- **March 3:** Snow date

## YOUTH

### STAR (Sex, Torah, & Relationships)

Beginning this month, we will offer for the tenth year in a row, our highly successful human sexuality program for sixth graders, part of the STAR (Sex, Torah, and Relationships) curriculum. Formerly known as Just Say Know, this important program gives parents and students the tools they need to navigate the difficult challenges that adolescence and our society pose. The program is timed to give students and parent the opportunity to prepare for the increase in social activity brought about by the seventh grade bar/bat mitzvah year.

The primary goal of the program is to foster communication between parents, the primary sex educators, and their children on what can be a very intimidating topic. We also want the students to know that they can seek information and support from their specially-trained teachers and clergy in the Jewish community, and that Temple Beth El is a place of safety for them.

Two key objectives are to foster self-esteem and provide knowledge. The ability to form healthy relationships and make good decisions is rooted in self-esteem. This principle pervades the lessons. A corollary to self-esteem is fostering respect for others. Valuing every human being — ourselves and others — is a core Jewish value. Understanding what it means to be created in the image of God and acting in a way that is consistent with this concept is the way we connect self-esteem and making healthy choices — for ourselves and in regard to our relationships.

#### The program has three parts:

##### 1.) Sunday, February 8th at 9:00am or 11:30am

A one-hour parent program is designed to give parents the opportunity to express their concerns, ask questions, and increase empathy for the challenges their soon-to-be adolescent child will face. This largely informational session does not require a commitment for the entire program.

**2.) Saturday, February 28th, 1:00 – 7:00PM**

The six-hour program for kids focuses on friendships, safety, and puberty through lessons, games, and video.

**3.) Sunday, March 8th, 5:30 – 7:00PM**

The wrap-up dinner for parents and kids together furthers the conversation and is an opportunity to ask questions and share ideas.

The cost of \$50 includes a copy of *It's Perfectly Normal* (one of the most informative, age-appropriate books on the subject), dinner and snacks during the kids program, and dinner for parents and their 6th grader at the wrap-up session.

## Upcoming Youth Events

RSVP for all Youth events online at [www.beth-el.com](http://www.beth-el.com).

### **LIBERTY (9-12) NFTY Convention**

**Friday, February 13th – Tuesday, February 17th**

LIBERTY (9-12) NFTY Convention in Atlanta, GA  
Details forthcoming.



### **Beneath the Helmet**

**Wednesday, February 18th, 7:00- 9:00 PM**

Beneath the Helmet screening as part of Charlotte Jewish Film Festival. Wednesday, February 18th, 7:00 PM 9:00 PM. Join your friends from Hebrew High and across the Park. Sponsored by Teen Coalition.

### **Purim Prom**

**Saturday, March 14th**

Purim Prom sponsored by LIBERTY on Saturday, March 14th. Save the date for this Camp Jenny fundraiser.



### **Havdalah + A Movie**

**Saturday, February 21st at Ballantyne Village**

**5:30 PM dinner | 6:45 PM havdalah |**

**7:15 PM Film: Belle and Sebastian**

Enjoy dinner and a movie with The Porch and Temple Beth El. [Click here](#) to register and to purchase tickets at our group discount rate and select a restaurant for dinner.

Based on the novel of the same name, Belle and Sebastian is a French war-time family film set among the sweeping Alps in a village on the French-Swiss border. Director Nicolas Vanier gives us glimpses of breathtaking scenery as resistance workers smuggle Jewish refugees across the border to Switzerland. As the Nazis invade the village, everyone seems to have a secret and a courageous boy, Sebastian, and the beautiful mountain dog he befriends seem to be involved with them all.

### **Happy Hour**

**February 10th at 6:00 PM**

**At Blackthorne Restaurant and Bar**

**11318 North Community House Road, #200**

Have a drink or some dinner with friends old and new!

### **Shabbat Evening Songfest!**

**February 6th from 5:30-5:50 PM**

Little ones can't make it through Friday night services? We've got you covered! Join Cantor Mary and Ms. Patty for our first Shabbat Evening Songfest. Meet us in the front of the Blumenthal Sanctuary. Shabbat preneg (our pre-oneg!) begins at 5:15 PM so come by early for a bite to eat. We encourage you to stay for the 6:00 PM family service. Please feel free to leave whenever it is appropriate for your family.

## Tot Shabbat

### Sponsored by Charlotte Jewish Preschool

**February 14th at 9:00 AM**

Join Ms. Patty, Cantor Mary, little ones, and their grownups for singing, dancing, and praying! Services are followed by a special snack and craft sponsored by CJP. To lend a hand, [Email The Porch](#).

Save the date for a Very Special Tot Shabbat with **Dan Nichols**, a Jewish rock musician, on March 14th at 9:00 AM.

## Shabbat Supper Club

This is The Porch's dynamic, premier experience. We have many active and unique Shabbat Supper Clubs: with couples, singles, and families with younger children. Shabbat Supper Clubs meet once a month and organize their own Shabbat dinners at homes, restaurants, and sometimes very creative places.

[Click here](#) to register.

# JEWISH LIVING GROUPS

Jewish Living Groups are small networks of Temple Beth El members and the not-yet-affiliated who are united by interest, affinity, or life circumstance. Jewish Living Groups bring Jewish values, ideas, and practice to your daily experiences.

## Tiles and Tribulations

**Jewish Living Group Shabbaton**  
**Friday, February 20th at 5:45PM and Saturday,**  
**February 21st at 9:00AM - 2:00PM**

\$40, dinner, lunch, and Mah Jongg card

Tiles and Tribulations Jewish Living Group will bring together Mah Jongg players of all abilities for a very special Shabbat. If you love Mah Jongg, can't wait to learn to play, and would like to infuse your play with a little Jewish learning, this Jewish Living Group is for you. The Mah Jongg Mavens JLG will kick off with an amazing Shabbaton. Experienced players and newbies will work side-by-side to elevate their play, while

noshing and exploring Jewish topics. After the Kick-off Shabbaton, those who wish to go forward will be placed in ongoing groups who will schedule their own games.

[Click here](#) for more information and to RSVP.

## Club Sandwich Boxing

### 9Round Kickbox Fitness

**February 22nd at 9:00 AM**

**at 929 Park Center Drive #102, Matthews**

Join Club Sandwich for an energy packed, stress-relieving opportunity to learn about Jewish teachings on caring for the body while also working out as you battle the bag at 9Round

in Matthews. We will meet at 9Round, have a short program about Jewish Teachings and Self Care, and then embark on our 30-minute workout. Although the workout does require some sweat, trainers will help adapt the exercise to each person's degree of ability. Be sure to wear work-out clothes, athletic shoes, and are well-hydrated and fueled!

Cost: \$13 /person – the gym will be open only for us!

[Click here](#) to RVSP by February 15. Early RSVP date assures the correct number of trainers.



## Bourbon & Banter Jewish Living Group

**March 7th at 7:00 PM**

**at the home of Ken Katz**

This Jewish Living Group is dedicated to all things Jewish and all things Bourbon! Gather once a month to sip some amazing spirits while studying Jewish ideas. Register for the kick off event by Wednesday, March 4th. Please bring an appetizer or Bourbon to share. Ken's address will be distributed with RSVP.

[Email Cantor Mary](#) for more information.

## Outdoors Jewish Living Group

### To Launch in March

This Jewish Living Group will build community around outdoor activities such as hikes, walks, white-water rafting, geo-gaching, camping and more! The JLG will meet in March to vision and begin to plan their year. Watch for more information or [Email Cantor Mary](#) for updates.

## S.P.I.C.E.

### Monday, February 2nd at Temple Beth El

- **11:00 AM** - Rabbi Schindler - *“Jewish NYC”*
- **12:00 PM** - Lunch - corned beef and pastrami sandwiches, salad, fruit and cookies
- **12:45 PM** - Dr. Emily Seelbinder, Professor of English and Chair of the Department of English, Drama, and Creative Writing at Queens University, - *“Harlem Renaissance”*

[Click here](#) to RSVP by Thursday, January 29th.

### Monday, February 16th at Temple Beth El

- **11:00 AM** - Rabbi Schindler - *“And You Shall Teach Your Children: Jewish Commitment to Education”*
- **12:00 PM** - Lunch - Chinese food
- **12:45 PM** - Kelly Gaines, TBE congregant, discusses Tanza care, a non-profit organization providing rural public schooling in Tanzania.

[Click here](#) to RSVP by Thursday, February 12th.

### Monday, March 2nd at Temple Beth El

- **11:00 AM** - Rabbi Jonathan - *“Jews in Politics”*
- **12:00 PM** - Lunch - Israeli, Mediterranean and vegetarian dishes
- **12:45 PM** - Senator Josh Stein - *“NC Legislature Today.”*

[Click here](#) to RSVP by Thursday, February 26th.

## Calling All Textiles!

The Ways and Means Committee announces donation drive for clothes, shoes, handbags, towels, linens, ALL TEXTILES!

Did you know the number one cause of toxins in our landfills is CO2 (carbondioxide) emissions from textiles?

Donate your clothes, shoes, purses, linens, towels, or any textiles to our collection bins and help save the environment:

- All textile materials accepted in plastic bags
- Items in any condition—reusable, torn, dirty
- All items repurposed for sale in thrift stores or recycled

The bin is located at Temple Beth El. Drive by and deposit your items (**in plastic bags**) directly in the bin. Donation receipts will be available at the Temple’s reception desk.

*( Save your household items, furniture, sporting goods, etc. for our Attic Sale May 3rd and 4th! )*



## Red Carpet Brunch

**Sunday, February 22nd**

**Oscar Morning, 9:30 AM - Noon**

Brunch is \$10 per person.

We'll have movies for your children while you enjoy brunch. Ballots will be available for \$30 each. Prizes given to those who pick 6 out of 7 winners.

[Click here](#) to RSVP by February 18.



## Save the Dates

- **March 29** Chocolate Seder
- **April 19** Fashion Show
- **April 24** Spring Kallah Shabbat Dinner
- **May 8** Sisterhood Shabbat Dinner & Community Shabbat Celebrating Sisterhood



## Brotherhood First Thursday Social

**Thursday, February 5th at 7:00 PM at Trio Restaurant 10709 McMullen Creek Parkway**

Come join fellow TBE Brotherhood members for casual dinner at Trio. No RSVP is required.

## Brotherhood Breakfast

**Sunday, February 8th at 10:00 AM at Temple Beth El**

Details on the speaker and program can be found on your Punch Bowl invitation as well as at the link in the recent Shabbat to Shabbat emails. Cost is \$10 for breakfast and program. Open to all TBE Brotherhood members and guests. RSVPs are required by [Emailing Jeff Bierer](#) or via your Punch Bowl invitation.

March Madness is coming! March promises to be an exciting month for Brotherhood with three of our most popular events – Brotherhood Shabbat, Yom HaShoah candle packing, and Brotherhood Men's Seder. If you've been thinking about coming to a Brotherhood event, mark your calendar for these events. The following is a summary of Brotherhood events through June:

- **March 20** Brotherhood Shabbat & Man of Distinction Award
- **March 29** Sunday Brunch – Yom HaShoah candle packing
- **March 31** Brotherhood Men's Seder
- **April 19** Sunday Brunch - Yom HaShoah program featuring: Dr. Susan Cernyak-Spatz
- **May 17** Sunday Project: Mitzvah Day
- **June 10** Brotherhood Annual Meeting / BBQ
- **June 14** Sunday Brunch

[Email our Brotherhood President, Jeff Bierer](#) for more information or if you want to get more involved with Brotherhood.

## Learn to Read Hebrew- Morning and Evening Classes

Learning to read Hebrew is a great way to become more connected to services and prayers. Join us for a beginning Hebrew class that will give you the opportunity to learn to decode and read Hebrew. Members and non-members are welcome. The class fee includes all materials.

Class fee is \$125. TBE member discounted price is \$100. Class fee must be paid in full prior to the first session.

- **Wednesday evenings** March 11, 18, 25, April 15, 22, 29, May 6, 13, 20, 27 from 7-8PM
- **Thursday mornings** March 12, 19, 26, April 16, 23, 30, May 7, 14, 21, 28 from 10-11AM

[Email Susan Jacobs](#) for more information.  
[Click here](#) to register for the morning class.  
[Click here](#) to register for the evening class.

## Hebrew, Prayer and Torah Study

Taking a deeper look into our Siddur, prayers for Shabbat, Holidays and Jewish Life Cycle events. Students should be able to read Hebrew to participate.

- **Classes will meet on Thursday mornings-** March 12, 19, 26, April 16, 23, 30, May 7, 14, 21, 28 11:00 am -12:00 noon, in the Bernstein Education building on the third floor.

Class fee is \$125. TBE member discount is \$100. Class fee must be paid in full prior to the first session.

[Email Susan Jacobs](#) for more information.  
[Click here](#) to register.

## Adult B'nei Mitzvah – Join our new Anshei Mitzvah class...

Anshei Mitzvah is an opportunity for those adults who never became Bar or Bat Mitzvah to participate in group study that will culminate in being called to the Torah. This program is designed for those Jewish members of Temple Beth El who want to broaden their Judaic knowledge and experience. Former participants have commented that the Anshei Mitzvah experience helped strengthen their Jewish identity and enhanced their connections to our Jewish community in ways they never imagined. It is a moving and emotional experience and one that you will always cherish.

Classes will be taught by the clergy and master teacher, Barbara Feld.

The Anshei Mitzvah program will begin with learning to read Hebrew and will continue with Torah and liturgy study that culminates with individual Torah assignments. Upon completion of the curriculum, participants will be called to Torah to celebrate with the congregation. If you are interested in beginning this meaningful journey, please [Email Susan Jacobs](#). [Click here](#) to register.

Anshei Mitzvah participants who do not read Hebrew should sign up for the Learn to Read Hebrew class.

## SouthPark Talmud Wednesdays, Noon

Please join us February 4th & 18th,  
March 4th & 25th at Rooster's Wood Fired Grill  
on 6601 Morrison Blvd.

## Uptown Talmud Wednesdays, Noon

Please join us February 11th & 25th, March 11th & April 1st at Bechtler Museum Café, 420 S. Tryon St.

## Jolt of Judaism Saturday, February 21st 1:45 PM

Please join us on February 21st at 1:45 at  
Katz' NY Deli on 8045 Providence Rd.  
We will be discussing the topic: *Reform  
Jewish Activism – What Next for the RAC?*

## Clergy Book Club

### Songs for the Butcher's Daughter, by Peter Manseau

**Sunday, February 22nd at 12:00 noon  
at Temple Beth El in the Jonathan Howard  
Board Room**

Join the discussion about this charming novel about religion, love, typesetting, and much more. Reading the book ahead of time is optional. Bagels and coffee provided, please consider a donation of \$5.

## Religious School

**Beloved Jewish Rocker, Dan Nichols, is coming to TBE on Saturday, March 14th at the 11:00 AM Shabbat morning service.**



Celebrate with Dan at Education and Teacher Appreciation Shabbat!

Dan Nichols is a singular talent in the world of Jewish music. He is one of the most dynamic, influential and beloved Jewish musicians in North America. Dan's melodies have become an integral part of the spiritual and liturgical experience of countless individuals and Jewish communities. Dan's live performances are legendary for their unrestrained energy and infectious spirit.

## SOCIAL JUSTICE & ACTION

### Sterling Elementary

Sterling Elementary's kindergarten team is in need of magnetic letters, educational puzzles, and cassette players (for listening stations - the stories they have available for listening to are mostly on cassettes). All donations can be made in the Temple Beth El lobby. Thank you!!!

## Support Teens: Wear Orange on February 10th

Everyone wants healthy and respectful relationships for their kids. But violent, sexist messages in music, the arts, sports, and games, combined with the amount of technology now available to teens, can make that a tough goal.

"Respect Week", February 9th -13th, is being celebrated during Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month to encourage teens to creatively advocate for and promote healthy relationships. The National Youth Advisory Board for LoveIsRespect sponsors this national event and has made a guide available for teens offering information and advice on everything from using social media to awareness displays, pep rallies t-shirt contests, chalking, posters and ways to engage their schools.

Our Jewish teens will be participating and displaying their creative work in February. They and the Jewish community encourage everyone to wear orange on Tuesday, February 10th in honor of Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month.

Spread the message **#Orange4Love** and help all of us to remember that love has many definitions, but abuse isn't one of them.

[Click here](#) to learn more about this cause nationally. To learn more about this cause locally, for more more information on Respect Week and to access the Guide, please [Click here](#).

For questions, [Email Marsha Stickler](#).

## Room in the Inn (RITI) Needs Volunteers!

Temple Beth El, Temple Israel, and The Levine JCC partner each year with Urban Ministries to provide shelter and food for the homeless during the winter months. The goal is to keep our city's homeless people from freezing in the cold winter nights. There are so many ways to help!

To volunteer, please contact [Email Patty Torcellini](#) or call **704-236-1855**.

We are hosting our friends Feb. 14th – 15th.

## Mitzvah Day 2015

**Sunday, May 17, 2015**

Calling all Mensches! Get ready to roll up your shirt sleeves and lend a hand for Mitzvah Day on Sunday, May 17, 2015. Choose from over 25 different projects on the park or off-site as we perform mitzvot big and small from planting gardens and painting rooms to making lunches and putting on a carnival for kids. With so many choices, there is definitely a project for you and your family. If you are interested in leading a project, please [Email Lisa Moreland](#).

For more information, please [Email Sandra Goldman](#) at [Email Brian Yesowitch](#). This event is the result of collaboration between the Hebrew Cemetery Association and Trees Charlotte. Sandra Goldman is the Director of HCA, and Tammy Seigel is the Program Director of TreesCharlotte.

## Shalom Park Freedom School



The Shalom Park Freedom School is once again pleased to accept applications for its Teen Board, which will serve the 2015 summer program at Shalom Park.

Twenty-seven rising 10th-12th graders will be chosen from both the Jewish community as well as the broader Charlotte community to work with CMS 1st - 5th graders to boost their literacy skills and enrich their cultural experiences during the summer months.

Teen Board members will commit to work as school assistants for at least two successive weeks between June 18th and July 29th. Hours will be 8:15 AM - 3:15 PM (some days until 4:15 PM), five days per week. Opportunities will include working in classrooms, accompanying teachers and students on field trips, planning activities for the classroom, securing and delivering supplies, and other assistance as needed. A swim test and swimming with scholars will be required. Additionally, fundraising will be a component to the program; a book drive and a fundraising event, "Challah for Scholars," will be planned by the Teen Board.

In addition to serving as school assistants, Teen Board members will commit to attend two instructional meetings. April's meeting (date TBD) which will focus on social justice, learning about the challenges of urban education and poverty in Charlotte, developing leadership and organizing skills, learning about the Freedom School literacy and science curriculum and participating in Shalom Park Freedom School volunteer orientation. The second meeting will be held June 16th or 17th for set up and a swim test.

### Application Deadline is Monday, March 9, 2015

If you are interested in applying to the Freedom School Teen Board [Email Dana Ditesheim](#) or [Email Shana Suris](#) for an application.

## Jewish Community

### 2015 Charlotte Jewish Film Festival



**February 14th to March 2nd**

The 2015 Charlotte Jewish Film Festival is back and ready to bring you the best cultural extravaganza in Charlotte! The CJFF will showcase 14 award-winning, entertaining and thought provoking films in 17 events that will run February 14th to March 2nd. Our diverse 2015 slate will continue our goal of bringing you films that make you laugh, cry, think and feel.

[Click here](#) for more information about the 2015 CJFF. See you at the movies!

### Tu Bishvat Celebration

**Sunday February 8th, from 1:30 -3:30 PM**  
**At Hebrew Cemetery at 1801 Statesville Ave**

All Temple Beth El Members of all ages are welcome to join in the celebration on Sunday February 8th, from 1:30-3:30 PM, RAIN OR SHINE at the Hebrew Cemetery at 1801 Statesville Ave. During this event, we will plant 40 trees at the Cemetery. Our community's clergy will lead us in prayer and teach us about the mitzvot associated with the holiday of Tu B'Shvat. The event is child friendly. Following the planting and activities, tours will be available for those who wish to learn more about our Community's oldest Jewish institution.

## February B'nei Mitzvah



### **Joshua Evan Sorell**

**Parashat Yitro**

**February 7, 2015**

Joshua is the son of Kim and Vali Sorell. His grandparents are Rachael Capelouto of Charlotte, NC and Dora Sorell of Berkeley, CA. Joshua is the brother of Ethan and Niyana.



### **Saul Alexander Vitner**

**Parashat Yitro**

**February 7, 2015**

Saul is the son of Amy and Mark Vitner. His grandparents are Roger & Susan Gamache of Sutton, MA and Joan Vitner of Atlanta, GA. Saul is the brother of Sylvia and Eli.

## Sharing Our Lives

### February 2015

#### Milestone Birthdays

- February 2:** Stephanie DiPaolo
- February 3:** Daniel Brooks
- February 8:** Randy LeClair  
Walter Marx
- February 14:** Stuart Hennes
- February 15:** Penny Krieger
- February 16:** Rose Atkinson  
Barry Blau
- February 17:** Peter Marx
- February 19:** Barry Wohl
- February 20:** Kim Worrel  
Monique Werner
- February 24:** Laura Rubin

### February 2015

#### Milestone Anniversaries

- February 1:** Paul and Debbie Paskoff, 40 years
- February 15:** Terry and Jackie Stutts, 40 years
- February 17:** Jeff and Lee Bierer, 30 years
- February 18:** Tom and Becki Seddon, 20 years
- February 26:** Max and Sabina Markel, 60 years

## Our Condolences:

- **Saul Gottlieb**, cousin of **Cissy Gottlieb**
- **Paul Radow**, cousin of **Milt**, **Gene** and **Jordan Poler**
- **June Gittlin Gordon**, grandmother of **Stephen Gundersheim**
- **David Reznick**, father of **Laura Reznick**
- **Warner Fox**, father of **Suzanna Wicker**
- **Michael Mead**, brother of **Mary Rutman**

## Mazel Tov:

- **Nancy Tarbis** on the birth of her great granddaughter, **Poppy Isadora Laterveer**, born December 28, 2014. Proud parents are **Mandy & Brandon Laterveer**.
- **Beth & Art Mattos** on the engagement of their daughter, **Emily**, to **Bryan Moore**.
- Congratulations to **Teri Saurer** who was saluted by the Charlotte Observer's editorial board as one of 11 Charlotte-area residents who made this a better place to live in 2014.
- **Elliott Tate** will sponsor the Oneg Shabbat on Friday evening, February 13, 2015 in honor of her conversion.

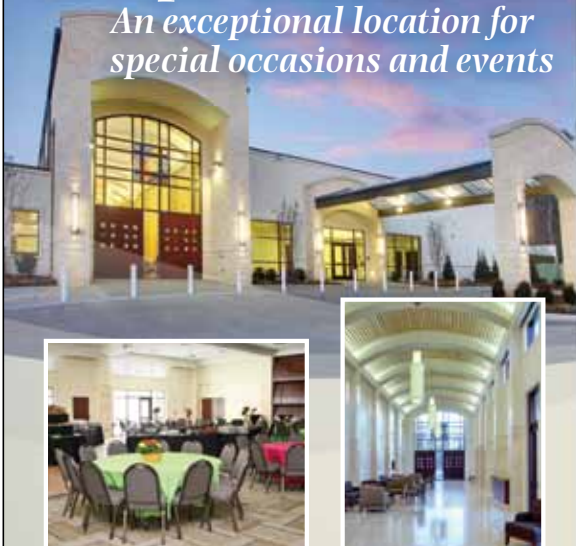
## New Legacy Members Recognized:

Temple Beth El recognizes those individuals and families who are leaving gifts to Temple Beth El as a result of our Create a Jewish Legacy (CJL) program. They are:

- **Gary and Janie Levinson**

We owe a huge debt of gratitude to our former Temple Beth El members and leaders who made sure that we would have a strong and viable temple today. Now it is our turn to help ensure the future of Temple Beth El. We deeply appreciate the thoughtfulness and generosity of all our Legacy Society members.

## Temple Beth El: *An exceptional location for special occasions and events*



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Temple Beth El's beautiful, newly renovated building will help make your lifecycle events more enjoyable and memorable, your parties more festive, and your meetings more productive.

With distinctive Jerusalem stone throughout, our 32,000-square foot building is as aesthetically attractive as it is functional. There are meeting rooms and spaces for formal receptions to intimate rehearsal dinners, large lectures to small corporate meetings. And our experienced and professional staff is dedicated to making your event a success.

For more information, please contact Denise Troutman, Facilities & Events Coordinator at 704-749-3055 or [dtroutman@beth-el.com](mailto:dtroutman@beth-el.com). You can also download a facility brochure at [www.beth-el.com/facilities](http://www.beth-el.com/facilities).



**Funds for February 2015**

**FUNDS** – Contributions to funds shall be considered income to the Temple and shall be used on an as needed or annual basis for the purposes set forth in the creation of the fund. These funds may be considered income for budget purposes.

**CHILDREN & YOUTH****Angel Fund**

Provides funds through the Social Action Committee to help mothers provide basic needs for their children.

**A donation by:**

*Erin & Stuart Wernikoff  
Dana, Scott & Maddie Gorelick*

**In honor of:**

Scott Menaker's 55th birthday  
*Wendy & Michael Hennes*

**In memory of:**

Esther Bass  
*Linda & Ira Bass*

**Cojac-Mintz Summer Camp Fund**

Provides scholarship assistance for youth attending Reform Jewish summer camps

**In honor of:**

Stan Garnet's birthday  
*Sid Cocjac*

**Estelle Gold Children's Fund**

Provides for miscellaneous needs of Temple youth programs

**A donation by:**

*Marcia Reger*

**In honor of:**

Dawn Gold's Anshei Mitzvah  
*Myles Osterneck*  
Mickey & Dawn Gold  
*Tonda & Mitch Rifkin*

**Scott Katowitz Youth Scholarship Fund**

Provides scholarships for NFTY activities and URJ camps

**In honor of:**

Jon Schuller's 70th birthday  
*Sue Victor*

**In memory of:**

Joan Meltz  
*Christine & Jon Schuller*

**Youth Engagement Fund**

Provides for Youth programs, activities and events

**A donation by:**

*Volkswagen of South Charlotte*

**In honor of:**

David Lindner's Bar Mitzvah  
Maxwell Lindner's Bar Mitzvah  
*Nancy Glass*

**EDUCATION****Adult Education Fund****A donation by:**

*Nancy Novell  
Kent Novell  
Barbara & James Stoner*

**Arthur Tirsun Education Shabbat & Religious School Fund**

Provides for the Annual Education Shabbat and other Religious School programs

**In memory of:**

Pearl Polk  
*Ellen Fligel*  
Sol & Shirley Levine  
*June & Jon Levine*

**Bregman-Wallace Book Fund**

Provides for the purchase of books and education materials

**In memory of:**

Arnold Kridel  
*Honey Kridel*

**Confirmation Class Scholarship Fund**

Provides scholarships for the Confirmation Class trips and programming

**Interfaith & Outreach Fund**

Provides for programs for interfaith families and education for individuals on the path to conversion.

**Jennifer Andrea Hunt Tikvah Charlotte Fund**

Provides funds to Temple Beth El, which will be used to provide support for those students with special needs and priority given to those going through the B'nei Mitzvah program.

**In honor of:**

Janet Hunt's Anshei Mitzvah  
*Robert Friedman  
Nancy & Jay Conison  
Ross Andresen  
Kathleen Koch  
Deidre Grubb  
Ellen & Stuart Fligel  
Debra Rudin  
Kurt Berney  
Doris & Norbert Gruenfeld  
Marian & Michael Rhein  
Susan & John Piscitelli  
Marilyn Sanborne  
Laura & Randy Shields  
Fran & Chris Teter  
Janet Holcombe*

Temple Beth El

*Susan & Donald Jacobs*

**In memory of:**

Roslyn Berney  
*Janet & Tom Hunt*  
Jennifer Hunt  
*Sandra Weinstein  
Daniel Lesser*

**Judy Perlin Scholarship Fund**

Provides scholarships to Religious School; administered by the Sisterhood

**In memory of:**

Joseph Sherman  
*Adrean & Louis Abrams*

**Steven Gainsboro Teen Educator Fund**

Provides support to teens that educate and mentor younger students through the Religious School Madrichim Program, the B'nei Mitzvah Peer Tutoring program and other involvement where teens supervise, teach and engage with younger students.

**In honor of:**

Marshall Lindner  
*Florence Jaffa*  
 Susan Jacobs  
*Margie Komito & JoAnne Blackstone*

**Teddi Segal Jewish Identity Education Fund**

Provides funding for the Jewish education component of our Jewish Living Groups-groups that are formed around a common affinity, special interest or demographic likenesses to bring congregants together.

**In honor of:**

Teddi Segal  
*Faylinda & Marshall Lindner*

**RELIGIOUS & RITUAL**

**Alan Shuart Sound Fund**

**A donation by:**

*Nancy Tarbis*

**In memory of:**

Donald Margolies  
 Trish Fleishman  
*Susan Shuart*

**Norman Steinberger Yizkor Fund**

Provides for the publication of Yizkor memorial books and maintenance of the Memorial Boards

**In memory of:**

Stephen Steinberger  
 Milton Steinberger  
 Irene Steinberger  
*Norman Steinberger*  
 Mollie Roseman  
*Rose Atkinson*

**Pepper Music Fund**

Provides for Temple music programs and the Temple Beth El Choir

**Resnik-Gold Prayerbook Fund**

Provides for the purchase of prayerbooks for Temple Beth El

**Robert and Audrey Ezarsky Fund**

Provides for worship and other services provided to Temple Beth El members

**In honor of:**

Kelly Wilson's Anshei Mitzvah  
*Mary Ellen & Barry Ezarsky*  
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*Tonda & Mitch Rifkin*

**Solomon Schwartz Torah Fund**

Provides for repair of Temple Torahs

**A donation by:**

*Marcia Reger*

**In honor of:**

Barbara Feld  
*Janet Hunt*  
 The Holy Rollers  
*2015 Anshei Mitzvah Class*

**Susan Kramer Healing Fund**

Provides materials for healing and spirituality

**In honor of:**

Steve Menaker's 55th birthday  
*Linda Linn*  
 Hardy Spatz  
*Susan Cernyak-Spatz*

**Sandra Gold Weinstein Hospitality Fund**

Provides hospitality for programs which outreach the general Charlotte Community such as the Comparative Religion Series, dialogs with community groups and others held at Temple Beth El

**In honor of:**

Sandra Weinstein's Anshei Mitzvah  
*Nancy & Jay Conison*  
*Jim Bender*  
*Joan & Tom Brockenbrough*  
*Lynda & Jim White*  
*Meredith & Tom Forshaw*  
*Janet Hunt*  
*Ellen & Stuart Fligel*  
*John & Susan McIntyre Goodman*  
*Jill & Ed Newman*  
*Elise Menaker*  
*Nancy Glover*  
*Ollie & Sam Polk*  
*Judith & Joseph Gaines*  
*Celia Mandel*  
*Paula Musler*  
*Mary & Les Cantor*  
*Lee & Alan Blumenthal*

**ADULTS**

**Peggy & Joe Grifenhagen Older Adult Services Fund**

Provides for older adults services

**A donation by:**

*Marcia Reger*

**Speedy recovery wishes for:**

Elizabeth Klein  
*Gloria & Bill Grifenhagen*

**In honor of:**

Sandra Weinstein's Anshei Mitzvah  
*Gloria & Bill Grifenhagen*

**In memory of:**

William & Rhoda Golembe  
*Trish & Barry Golembe*  
 Lynn Werner  
*Jodi Greenwald*

**Robyn Farber Leadership Development Fund**

Provides for training and motivating future leaders of our Temple

**In honor of:**

Larry Farber  
*Laura McGirt*  
 Sherri McGirt & Larry Farber  
*Tonda & Mitch Rifkin*

**Social Justice & Action Fund**

Provides for Social Justice & Action programs

**A donation by:**

*Jill Blumenthal*  
*Debbie Sigmon*

**In honor of:**

Sophie Alley's Bar Mitzvah  
*Cheryl & David Alley*

**In memory of:**

Joseph Sherman  
*Shelley & Zack Levine*  
 Howard Novell  
*Nancy Novell*  
*Kent Novell*  
 Eleanor Stickler  
*Robert Stickler*  
 Adolph Marx  
*Walter Marx*

**GENERAL****Brotherhood Fund**

Provides support for Temple Beth El programming

**In memory of:**

Irving Garfinkle

*Phil Garfinkle*

Trish Fleishman

*Anne & Bob Yudell*

**Building Fund**

Provides for general building improvements

**In memory of:**

Harry Trodler

*Marsha Small*

**Capital Campaign Fund**

Contributions to our "It's Our Turn Capital & Endowment Campaign"

**In honor of:**

Scott Menaker's 55th birthday

*Linda Linn*

*Janie & Gary Levinson*

Steve Menaker's 55th birthday

*Janie & Gary Levinson*

Larry Polsky

*Matty & Marc Silverman*

Dale & Larry Polsky's 45th anniversary

*Emily & Sam Zimmern*

**In memory of:**

John McManus

*Peggy McManus*

**General Fund – pass through to budget**

Provides funds to supplement Temple operating expenses

**A donation by:**

*Kwame Boyd*

*Walter Brawer*

*Selina & Mark Brooks*

*Tom Ferrell*

*Karen & Barry Greenblatt*

*Susan & Donald Jacobs*

*Diane White*

**In appreciation of:**

Temple Beth El Staff

*Alison & Jack Levinson*

High Holy Day Services

*Linda Greenfield & Ira Dunst*

Temple Beth El

*Barry Bobrow*

**In honor of:**

Alec Wallach's Bar Mitzvah

*Susan Cernyak-Spatz*

*Louise & Stan Rose*

David Weinrib & Liz Wahls

*Barbara Huffman*

Mary Thomas

Andy Bernard

Jonathan Freirich

*S.P.I.C.E.*

Barbara Feld

*January 2015 Anshei Mitzvah Class*

Sophie Alley's Bat Mitzvah

*Deidre & William Grubb*

**In memory of:**

Flora Schuman

Eric Wand

Philip Wand

*Thelma Wand*

Harold Wesley

*Nancy & Bruce Shapiro*

Joseph Ritter

Richard Morawetz

Elfrieda Morawetz

*Carol Ritter*

Ian Stutts

*Linda & Bob Isser*

Trish Fleishman

*Judy & David Miller*

*Judy & Stan August*

*Barbara & Bob Wendell*

*Trish & Barry Golembe*

Isadore & Mary Weinstein

*Gloria & Alex Weinstein*

Leona Lefkowitz

Warner Fox

*Alison & Jack Levinson*

Sharon Newman

*Judy & Joel Golden*

*Dorothy Rose*

*Sylvia & Mike Silverman*

*Susan Harper*

*Irene Reiter*

*Lisa Cines*

*Edythe & Robert Mazer*

*Frank Federman*

Henrietta Gold

*Adrienne & Harvey Gossett*

Eleanor Miller Joffe

*Shirley Miller*

*Margery White*

*Emi Miller*

Samuel Smith

*Howard Ross*

**Kitchen Improvement and Maintenance Fund**

Provides funding for improvements and maintenance of the temple kitchens

**Sisterhood Oneg Shabbat Fund**

Provides for the Oneg on Shabbat evenings

**Temple Beth El Art Fund**

Provides funds for the purchase of art for the Temple

**In honor of:**

Dale & Larry Polsky's 45th birthday

*Bobbie & Don Bernstein*

**In memory of:**

Trish Fleishman

Roberta Howard

Leona Lefkowitz

*Marcy & Fred Dumas*

**YOUNG FAMILIES & YOUNG ADULTS****Roz Greenspon & Marty Birnbaum Young Families & Young Adults Fund**

Provides funds for programs for Young Families & Young Adults

**In honor of:**

Marshall Lindner

*Roz Greenspon & Marty Birnbaum*

**ENDOWMENTS – Building For Our Future**

The income generated from the Endowments' shall be considered as income of the Temple and shall be spent or accumulated as determined by the Temple's Endowment Committee.

**Principal Endowment**

Provides money for ongoing financial security of Temple Beth El Dawn Gold's Anshei Mitzvah

*Lee & Alan Blumenthal*

**In honor of:**

Marshall Lindner  
 Create a Jewish Legacy Committee  
 Phil Warshauer  
 Nancy Kipnis

*Alison & Jack Levinson*

The marriage of Mel Rosenbaum & Tom Stutts  
 Kelly Wilson's Anshei Mitzvah  
 Dawn Gold's Anshei Mitzvah  
*Lee & Alan Blumenthal*

**In memory of:**

Sheldon Martin  
*Edith Martin*

**Brotherhood Endowment**

Provides funding for Temple Beth El programs

**David Cohen Family Social Justice & Action Endowment**

Provides funding to support and implement social justice and action programs

**Donna S. & Norman Levin Family and Ross Levin Endowment for Education**

Provides for educational programs

**Fred & Vi Winton High Holy Day Music Endowment**

Provides music for the High Holy Days

**In memory of:**

Alfred Szego  
 Leonard Szego  
*Violet Winton*

**Joe & Carol Voynow Building Maintenance Endowment**

Provides for capital improvements to the building

**Lash Family Teen Travel Endowment**

Provides annual support to assist TBE teens with travel expenses to participate in Jewish experiences

**Madrichim Endowment**

Provides general financial support of Temple Beth El's Madrichim program

**Marian Segal Bennett Musical Arts Endowment**

Provides for special programs of Jewish Music

**David Silverman Youth Activities Endowment**

Provides for youth programming

**In honor of:**

Larry Polsky  
*Matty & Marc Silverman*

**In memory of:**

Sue Appelbaum  
*Matty & Marc Silverman*  
 Harold Mendelson  
*Barbara Guller*  
 Lorraine Guggenheim  
*Lori Wojnowich*

**Michelle Miller Jewish Commitment Endowment**

Provides the Michelle Miller Award for Jewish Commitment of a Confirmation Student

**S.A. Schloss Special Book Endowment**

Provides Torah commentaries for the Sanctuary

**Sam & Raenea Siegel Endowment Fund**

Provides funds for general purpose use

**Sisterhood Children's Endowment**

Provides financial aid and scholarships for temple-sponsored children's programs

**In honor of:**

The birth of Samuel Aaron Ribakow

*Judy Szatmary*  
*Shelley & Larry Leibman*

Marshall Lindner

*Shelley & Larry Leibman*

**In memory of:**

Sue Appelbaum  
*Lee & Alan Blumenthal*  
*Anne & Bob Yudell*

**Sonny Melasky Nursery Endowment**

Provides babysitting service and nursery improvements

**Ted & M.E. Hessberg Endowment for Temple Programs**

Provides funds to support temple programs

**DISCRETIONARY FUNDS**

The rabbis and cantors act as agents of the synagogue in disbursing funds from their discretionary funds.

**Rabbis' Discretionary Funds**

Provides scholarships, Tzedakah contributions, direct assistance, books, materials and Temple programs

**A donation by:**

*Robert Friedman*  
*Shelley Pawlyk*  
*Micah Parker*  
*Robert & Maxine Stein*  
*Linda & Sam Levy*

**In appreciation of:**

Rabbi Judy  
 Rabbi Jonathan  
*The Kapustin Family*  
*Trevor Tate & Nicole Kryz*  
*Peggy McManus*  
*Inta & Bob Lidz*  
*Stephanie Brodsky & Rob Haynes*  
*Merridith & Howard Glazer*  
*Barbara & Jim Stoner*

Prayers for Dr. Merv Rosen

*Betsy Garfinkle*

**In honor of:**

Emilia Lucia Coen  
 Rabbi Judy  
*The Coen Family*  
 Barry Gordon's 70th birthday  
*Leslie Gordon*  
 The birth of Samuel Aaron Ribakow  
*Sera & Marv Callif*  
 Leah Naliboff's 30th birthday  
 The marriage of Jessie Sachs & Yonie Cohen  
 The marriage of Andrew Klein & Lucy Xu  
 The anniversary of Rabbi Judy & Chip Wallach  
*Elizabeth & Walter Klein*  
 David Lindner's Bar Mitzvah  
 Maxwell Lindner's Bar Mitzvah  
*Mary & Bob Rothkoff*  
 The marriage of Stephanie Brodsky & Rob Haynes  
*Lee & Alan Blumenthal*

Cheryl Solomon's 60th birthday

*Ellen & Joel Mandell*

Marshall Lindner

*Sera & Marv Callif*

**In memory of:**

Rafael Kapustin

*Sara Kapustin*

Jay Schoolnick

Benjamin Rosenberg

*Linda Rosenberg*

Morris Belotz

*Leslie Gordon*

Charlotte Dworsky

Sadie Cook

Samuel Cook

*Jill & Randy LeClair*

Etta Ellis

*Helen Josephs*

Peggy Shainberg

Norman Shainberg

William Sass

*Lynn & Ken Sass*

Trish Fleishman

*Claire & Alan Krusch*

*Nancy & Mike Yaffe*

*Lynne & Stuart Cojac*

*Marcia & Paul Simon*

*Helga Baer*

*John Vilas*

*Richard McCracken*

*Susan Mitchell*

*Susie & Jack Desarno*

*Diane & Bennie Stinson*

*Lisa & Robert Pharr*

*Engineering World Health*

*Nancy Romanoff*

*Eleanor Fleishman*

Shirley Kramer

*Murray Spitzer*

Ben Leader

*Jack Leader*

Minnie Stein

*Paulette Cohen*

Nita Goldfarb

Ellen Goldfarb

*Marty Goldfarb*

Samuel Rivlin

*Helene & Allen Rivlin*

Melvin Gordon

*Barry Gordon*

Pearl Polk

Hyman Polk

*Ellen Polk Fligel*

Morris Cohen

*Jeff Cohen*

Antonio Darienzo

Janice Rand

*Beverly Darienzo*

Jack Zemel

*Harriet & Bill Teasdale*

Tony Lieberman

Florence Lieberman

*Michael Lieberman*

Louis Sandler

*Neil Sandler*

Beverly Foster

*Sam Foster*

Sylvia Goldstein

*Mollie & Howard Braverman*

Sue Appelbaum

*Nancy Solomon*

*Julie Stein*

*Lauren Appelbaum*

*Betty Levin*

Sharon Newman

*Vicki Hopkins*

Steve Festinger

*Lynda & Jim White*

Joy Beale

*Kelly & Roger Gaines*

Ruth Rifkin

*Linda Marshall*

Joseph Bornstein

*Ruth & Stephen Davis*

Allen Gordon

Bobby Green

*Barbara Green*

### **Cantor's Discretionary Fund**

Provides scholarships, Tzedakah contributions, direct assistance, books and materials and Temple programs

**In appreciation of:**

Cantor Bernard

Cantor Mary

*Shelley Pawlyk*

*Faylinda & Marshall Lindner*

**In memory of:**

Benjamin Phillips

*Barbara & Stephen Phillips*

Bernard Zeitlin

*Bernice Zeitlin*

Sue Appelbaum

*Lisa, Ronnie, Ben & Adam Cyzner*

Helen Werner

*Seth Werner*

*The Executive Director acts as an agent of the synagogue in disbursing funds from this discretionary fund for unanticipated Temple needs.*

### **Executive Director's Discretionary Fund**

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### **PASS THROUGH FUNDS**

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RELIGIOUS SCHOOL  9:30 Board of Directors Meeting  1:00 LIBERTY LTI  6:00 ChaiLytes Super Bowl Party	RELIGIOUS SCHOOL  11:00 SPICE Program	4:30 B'nei Mitzvah Tutoring  6:00 Tu Bishvat Seder  7:00 Comparative Religion Series	RELIGIOUS SCHOOL  12:00 South Park Talmud  6:30 Contemplating Conversion  7:00 Hebrew High School		<b>6:00 Family Shabbat Worship Service</b>  <b>6:00 Kabbalat in Chapel</b>  <b>8:00 Late at Eight</b>	9:30 FIJI  9:30 Torah Study  <b>11:00 Shabbat Morning Service - B'nei Mitzvah of Joshua Sorell and Saul Vitner</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
RELIGIOUS SCHOOL  9:00 STAR Parent Program  10:00 Brotherhood Breakfast  11:30 STAR Parent Program  5:00 TVE Rehearsal  6:00 B'nei Mitzvah Tutoring	RELIGIOUS SCHOOL  11:00 SPICE Committee Meeting  5:30 Comparative Religion Committee  7:00 Member Services Committee  7:00 Tzedek Council	3:30 CJL Team Meeting  5:30 B'nei Mitzvah Tutoring  7:00 Comparative Religion Series	RELIGIOUS SCHOOL  12:00 Uptown Talmud  6:00 Ways and Means Meeting  7:00 Hebrew High School  7:30 Communications Meeting		NFTY Convention in Atlanta, GA  8:00 Torah Yoga  <b>7:00 Community Shabbat</b>	NFTY Convention in Atlanta, GA  9:00 Sheva  9:00 Robyn Farber Leadership  9:00 Tot Shabbat  9:00 World Café  10:15 Congregational Shabbat Brunch  <b>11:00 Congregational Shabbat Service</b>
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<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
RELIGIOUS SCHOOL  9:30 Red Carpet Brunch  10:00 Jewish War Veterans  12:00 Book Club  1:30 LIBERTY LTI  6:00 B'nei Mitzvah Tutoring	RELIGIOUS SCHOOL  10:00 Senior Sage  6:00 Executive Board Meeting  6:30 Brotherhood Board Meeting  6:30 Youth Engagement Committee  7:00 Finance Committee	5:30 B'nei Mitzvah Tutoring  7:00 Comparative Religion Series	RELIGIOUS SCHOOL  12:00 Uptown Talmud  7:00 Hebrew High School		8:00 Torah Yoga  5:45 The Porch Supper Club  <b>7:00 Community Shabbat Service</b>	9:30 FIJI  9:30 Torah Study  <b>11:00 Shabbat Morning Service</b>  1:00 STAR  5:00 Havdalah Service-Senior Celebration of Wisdom



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Monday - Thursday 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM  
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## Worship Services – February 2015

### Friday, February 6

Family Shabbat Worship 6:00 PM  
 Kabbalat in Chapel 6:00 PM  
 Late at Eight Worship Experience 8:00 PM

### Saturday, February 7

Torah Study 9:30 AM  
 Shabbat Morning Service/B'nei Mitzvah 11:00 AM

Joshua Sorell,  
*Son of Kim and Vali Sorell*  
 Saul Vitner,  
*Son of Amy and Mark Vitner*

### Friday, February 13

Community Shabbat 7:00 PM

### Saturday, February 14

Tot Shabbat 9:00 AM  
 World Café 9:00 AM  
 Congregational Shabbat Brunch 10:15 AM  
 Congregational Shabbat Service 11:00 AM

### Friday, February 20

Service of Healing & Comfort 6:15 PM  
 Community Shabbat 7:00 PM

### Saturday, February 21

Torah Study 9:30 AM  
 Shabbat Morning Service 11:00 AM

### Friday, February 27

Community Shabbat 7:00 PM

### Saturday, February 28

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