



# Temple Israel News



**"We're ready for our close-up now, Mr. De Mille."**  
 Miriam Aniel and Lara Schewitz brush up on their repertoire in preparation for Temple Israel's Chanukah concert and sing-a-long at the Stonecrest fountain. Participants included the Junior Choir, Adult Choir, Youth Band and the congregational family as well as many other guests.

## Temple Israel Book Club Best Contemporary Jewish Writing Edited by Michael Lerner

MONDAY, MARCH 11, 2002 AT 7:45 PM

"I have tilted towards writers who might contribute to the healing and transformation that our planet and our community so badly need." The selection criteria, so aptly explained by the editor, Rabbi Michael Lerner, is certainly timely and compelling for today's challenging times. Rabbi Lerner may be better known as the editor of the magazine "Tikkun." His anthology includes great fiction, poetry, social analysis and spiritual insight. Contributors are such renowned writers as Philip Roth, Marge Piercy, Senator Joseph I. Lieberman, Adrienne Rich and William Safire, as well as newcomers. The material presented covers the years 1994-2000.

The book is divided into sections: "The Many Identities of a

Jew Reclaiming the Spirit in Judaism Rereading Sacred Texts of Our Tradition," "Living in the Shadows of the Holocaust," "Israel in Conflict," and "The Pleasure of Jewish Culture." Perhaps each participant will concentrate on a favorite section, making for an engaging, entertaining discussion at the March 11 book club meeting.

*Best Contemporary Jewish Writing* is available at the public library and the Speizman Jewish Library, or may be purchased at the local book stores and on line for about \$17. For additional information, call Book club co-chairs Linda Levy (704-366-6362) or Sandra Hirschman (704-867-7051). Everyone is welcome to attend, whether or not you have the book. ☆

## Social Action

### Room In the Inn 2001-2002

This is our 6th year providing food and lodging for our homeless neighbors. Your participation in the past five years has been nothing short of wonderful. Again, we thank you and hope you will be helping out again. This year's remaining dates and locations are as follows:

Feb. 16: Temple Israel

Mar. 2: Temple Israel

Additional dates in March at the JCC.

Sign up for overnights and other tasks by mail, fax, email, or telephone. Please notify us by one of those methods of your availability. Volunteer categories are overnight monitors, food service (dinner, lunch or breakfast), servers (evenings) set up and make beds, clean up (mornings) drivers (evening or mornings) laundry driver (Monday drop off and Wednesday pickup). We also need volunteers that will be willing to supervise the whole process for each evening.

Please contact Ron Weiner at 704-688-2431 voice, and

Rweiner@gunk.com by email or Eric Placock at 704-364-8513 or EIP60@aol.com.

You can also sign up at [www.beth-el/RoomInn.htm](http://www.beth-el/RoomInn.htm).

This is one of our most important Social Action Committee events of the year and we know we can count on you to help.

So don't hesitate, lock in your best dates now. Please see the registration form for more information. You can help someone in need this winter to keep warm and have a great meal. It's a mitzvah. ☆

## Purim Events

Do you like to have fun? How about sing? If you answered yes, come join the Temple Israel Purim Singers as we present The Megillah according to Motown. Please call Cantor Roochvarg at 704-362-2796 if you are interested in participating.

### Purim Dinner and Purim Shpeil

Temple Israel's Sisterhood presents the annual Purim Dinner and Purim Shpeil: "The Megillah According to Motown" on Monday, February 25, 2002 at Temple Israel at 6:00 PM.

The Purim Schedule is as follows:

**Monday, February, 25, 2002.**  
 Dinner (by reservation only) from 6:00 PM. to 7:00 PM.

Ma'ariv is 6:45 PM to 7:00 PM.  
 Purim Shpeil "The Megillah according to Motown" is 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM.

Traditional Megillah Reading is 8:00 PM to 8:45 PM.

**Tuesday, February 26, 2002.**

Purim Services and Megillah Reading (Continental Breakfast) at 7:30 AM. ☆

## Men's Club News

### Fiddler On The Roof

Join the Temple Israel Men's Club for an afternoon performance of Theodore Bikel in *The Fiddler on the Roof* on Sunday, April 14, 2002 at 2:00 PM at Ovens Auditorium. Mezzanine seating at \$38.80 per seat. Please send your check made payable to "Temple Israel Men's Club," for as many seats as you want. All checks

should be sent to the TI Men's Club c/o Temple Israel, 4901 Providence Road, Charlotte, NC 28226, no later than February 25, 2002. Questions, please call Alan Stein at 704-752-1073. Even if you have seen *Fiddler* before, come join us to watch Theodore Bikel in one of the great works of American musical theater. ☆

## Room in the Inn

Please sign me up for Room in the Inn for the following date(s) I/we, would like to volunteer in the capacity of .....

There will be.....( # ) of adults and children over 10 years old.

Name.....Phone.....  
 Address.....City.....State.....Zip.....

Mail to: Eric Placock 4925 Charmapeg Ave., Charlotte, NC 28211

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## WORSHIP SERVICES

### SHABBAT

Friday ..... 6:15 pm  
 (3rd Friday each month is Family Shabbat as well as an additional 8:15 pm service)

Saturday  
 Shacharit..... 9:30 am  
 Torah..... 10:00 am  
 Musaf..... 11:00 am

Ma'ariv..... 5:30 pm  
**WEEKDAY**  
 Sunday ..... 9:00 am  
                   7:30 pm  
 Monday..... 7:30 pm  
 Tuesday..... 7:30 pm  
 Wednesday..... 7:30 pm  
 Thursday..... 7:30 am  
                   7:30 pm

Visit our Temple Israel website at <http://templeisraelinc.org>

## EMAIL ADDRESSES

*It's time for us to get with it!*

Please email us at [templeisrael@nc.org](mailto:templeisrael@nc.org) or fax us at 704-362-1098, your name(s) and email address(es). We would like both husband and wife's email if available. Help us help you get the major synagogue news the way you want it.



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- ☆ and everything Judaica



**GIFT SHOP HOURS:**  
 SUNDAYS, TUESDAYS,  
 WEDNESDAYS & THURSDAYS  
 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM  
 or by Appointment

*IT'S NOT TOO EARLY TO BEGIN THINKING ABOUT PASSOVER! IT COMES EARLY THIS YEAR - 1ST SEDER IS MARCH 27*

Temple Israel's Adult Education Committee presents

Cantor Elias Roochvarg on

**"THE JEWS AND AMERICAN MUSICAL THEATER"**

Wednesday, February 20, at 8:00 PM  
 Temple Israel

*This lecture is free and open to the entire community. Refreshments will be served.*