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## Welcome to Two New Rabbis

### Rabbi Micah Streifer Joins Temple Beth El



Rabbi Micah Streifer

The summer promises to be an exciting one as Rabbi Micah Streifer will join the staff of Temple Beth El as Assistant Rabbi. His many gifts will not only brighten Beth El, but will, no doubt, touch and transform our broader Charlotte community.

Rabbi Streifer is a gifted educator, having taught students of every age formally at temples and informally at summer camps across our country. Following his studies at George Washington University, where he majored in Judaic Studies, minored in music, and graduated Summa Cum Laude, Rabbi Streifer spent two years developing curriculum and instant lessons for Torah Aura Productions. June 2 will mark his ordination from the Cincinnati campus of the Hebrew Union College after five years of intensive study and practical work in virtually

every aspect of the rabbinate.

Rabbi Streifer is a talented orator, having earned the prize for the best sermon delivered in the Hebrew Union College chapel in 2006. He is a skilled musician and guitarist, with an abundance of experience in song leading. Rabbi Streifer is experienced with pastoral care, have spent significant time training in hospital chaplaincy.

His professors describe him as "very, very bright and capable." His mentors describe him as hard working and great with kids. His peers describe him as a mensch. He is learned. He is humble. He is funny. And he is thrilled to be coming to Charlotte with his wife Shoshana, and their two sons, Jeremiah (who goes by Rami) who is three and Noam who is 18 months. As a family, they are looking forward to calling Temple Beth El, Shalom Park, and our Queen City of Charlotte their new home. ☆



### Temple Israel Welcomes Rabbi Faith Cantor



Rabbi Faith Cantor

Temple Israel is pleased to announce the arrival of Rabbi Faith Cantor as the Associate Rabbi for Temple Israel. Rabbi Cantor will assume her responsibilities starting August 1.

Rabbi Cantor received her Rabbinic ordination and a Masters degree in Jewish Education from the Jewish Theological Seminary in May 2004. After receiving her Rabbinic ordination, she continued her studies to receive an EdD in Jewish Education from the Davidson School of Education at the Jewish Theological Seminary. She has now completed her studies at JTS. While studying for her doctorate degree, Rabbi Cantor worked part time as the Rabbi-in-Residence for Jewish Studies for the Solomon Schechter Day School in Commack, NY. She also worked part time as an Associate Rabbi for the Dix Hills Jewish Center in Dix Hills, NY. Her duties at both part time jobs provided the Rabbi with extensive experience at educational programming, programming for young families with children, pulpit work, Bnai Mitzvah tutoring and working with children with special needs. Rabbi Cantor also has several years of experience as the Director of Education for Camp Ramah in the Berkshires.

Rabbi Cantor grew up in Anaheim, CA, and graduated from California State University with a B. A. Degree in History. She has trav-

eled extensively in Israel and comes to Temple Israel with a passion for the Rabbinate and Jewish education. Currently, Rabbi Cantor is living in Long Island, NY, with her husband, David and their nine month old son Amidan.

Temple Israel is very excited to have Rabbi Cantor join our professional staff and we look forward to the arrival of the Rabbi and her family. There will be several opportunities to meet Rabbi Cantor if you have not already done so after she moves to Charlotte. ☆

