

Happenings at Temple Emanuel in Gastonia

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The youngest Sunday School class at Temple Emanuel in Gastonia has a new teacher and curriculum this year. Devorah Leah Gordon is teaching the Aleph class, composed of Kindergarten, first and second graders. Our principal, Donna DeGroot, has worked with Devorah Leah to develop the new curriculum. Donna is very excited about our new teacher and our students.

Sunday School continues to be a vital part of our children's religious education. Our Religious School committee chair, Jason Gluck, has big plans for the 2007/2008 school year. We have already had Sukkah hop where we visited both the Miller and Epstein family's Sukkahs and enjoyed a wonderful lunch at the Shaw's.

There are many other wonderful happenings at our Temple. On August 26, the Sisterhood hon-

ored long time member Evelyn Osborne and past president, Hanah Hawkins at a luncheon hosted by Temple President Stacey Bhalla. We had a wonderful turnout to show our appreciation for all they have done for both the Temple and Sisterhood. Our "older" members shared happy memories of their experiences. It demonstrated to all our newcomers the sense of community we have always had here and the immediate acceptance of anyone new to the area. Our Sisterhood President, Talia Wurcher, has



some wonderful ideas to bring to the group. The first Friday night of each month, preceding our monthly Saturday morning Shabbat Service, is Ladies' Night Out. We all join at a member's home for wonderful companionship and our monthly meeting.

Adult Education continues to be important at Temple Emanuel. On October 8, Mark Epstein presented an audio-visual presentation titled The Jewish Experience in Lithuania: A Personal & Collective Litvak Journey. Mark spoke of his travels and experiences while searching for his family's roots. We will also continue Mussar studies with our Spiritual Leader, Dr. Charlie Brown. This class will begin again on Wednesday, November 7, and continue for each consecutive Wednesday at 7:30 PM at the Temple. Of course no one can forget our Sunday Schmoose.

Congratulations go to both Julia Wirth and Daniel Safirstein on becoming B'nai Mitzvah. We join their families to welcome them as adults in the congregation (as long as they realize they're still kids at home).

Temple Emanuel is a Reform Jewish community located at 320 South Street in Gastonia, NC. We serve the communities of Gaston, Lincoln, Cleveland, York and Mecklenburg Counties. Our mailing address is P.O. Box 550085, Gastonia, NC, 28055-0085. We can be reached by phone at 704-865-1541. Services are 10 AM on the first Saturday of each month and at 7:30 PM on each Friday night thereafter. Any and all guests and newcomers are welcome. ☆



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Please contact Sandy Lewis, Career Services Coordinator, at Jewish Family Services for more information: 704-364-6495, sandy.lewis@jfscharlotte.org. ☆

