

SYNAGOGUES & CONGREGATIONS

Barbara Ezring to Attend World Zionist Congress

Barbara Ezring of Charlotte is among the American Jewish leaders who are traveling to Israel to attend the quadrennial World Zionist Congress.

A member of Temple Israel, Ms. Ezring will be participating on behalf of MERCAZ USA, the Zionist organization of the Conservative movement. For more information, go to www.mercazusa.org.

Barbara has lived in Charlotte since 1994. A teacher for Temple Israel Religious School, she is married to Rabbi Murray Ezring and has four children. Her selection on the MERCAZ USA slate comes in recognition of her volun-

teer service in Women's League for Conservative Judaism.

The 36th World Zionist Congress, set for mid-June, comes 113 years after Theodore Herzl, the founder of the modern Zionist movement, gathered about 200 Jewish leaders from around the world in Basel, Switzerland, to discuss the condition of the Jewish People. The delegates at the meeting decided to create the World Zionist Organization, which led the campaign that culminated in the establishment of the State of Israel in 1948.

All American Shabbat Family Shabbaton

Are you wondering what to do

over July 4 weekend? Will you be in town? Come and spend Shabbat with your Temple Israel family at our "All American Shabbat" Family Shabbaton. We will celebrate Independence Day with *ruach* and fun for the whole family. Friday night will begin with an All American BBQ – hot dogs, burgers, and apple pie. Services on Friday night will be memorable. While the words will stay the same, come and try to figure what American music is taking over the sanctuary.

Shabbat day will be filled with learning for all ages. We will have a special kid's service with a guest storyteller. After services and

Kiddush, there will be a variety of learning opportunities. You will have the chance to talk with Jewish veterans, discuss issues surrounding immigration, and learn more about how the Jewish community positively affects American politics, social justice causes, and even the entertainment industry.

During the afternoon, kids will have the chance to play All American Games and participate in a workshop about famous Jewish Americans. We are looking for folks who would like to help create this fantastic weekend. Please call Rabbi Cantor and join the All American Shabbat plan-



Barbara Ezring

ning committee. More information about specific times, events, and cost will be available soon. For more information, please call 704-362-2796. ✪

Temple Israel Book Club

Two Upcoming Selections

All Other Nights by Dara Horn

THURSDAY, JUNE 17, 7:30 PM AT TEMPLE ISRAEL

Dr. Jay Jacoby, the Temple Israel Book Club Discussion Leader "extraordinaire," will lead our June 17 meeting on *All Other Nights* by Dara Horn. The praise of one reviewer says, this is a tale of adventure "that weaves the Civil War and the Jews of the North and South together in a web of betrayal and love, dignity and loss, that takes the breath away and makes the heart pound."

Several local readers have expressed their delight with Horn's novel. With Jay leading the discussion, our enjoyment of Dara Horn's "stellar third novel," will be enhanced.

Sarah's Key

by Tatiana De Rosnay

Tuesday, September 21, 7:30 PM

Co-sponsored with the Temple Beth El Book Club

Jewish Community Center – Board Room opposite the registration desk

The summer months offer expanded opportunities for reading. Those who have read *Sarah's*

Key have raved about it so ardently that the two book clubs have joined to co-sponsor the discussion and have picked the date, time and place already.

This gripping novel spans the years from July 1942, when the French police are arresting Jewish families in the middle of the night and Sarah hides her younger brother in their secret hiding place, promising to come back for him, and then picks up sixty years later when a journalist is investigating this roundup. "... a mesmerizing story in which a tragic past unfolds, the present is torn apart, and the future is irrevocably altered."

These two award-winning novels are available at the public library, the Levine-Sklut Judaic Library and local book stores for under \$15 each.

For additional information contact Linda Levy at 704-366-6362/levyollie@aol.com or Sandra Hirschman at 704-867-7051. ✪

Conversational Hebrew is Fun!

Temple Israel is Proud to Offer Innovative Programming

Temple Israel is proud to offer two exciting and innovative programs that teach conversational Hebrew in Hebrew (*Ivrit B'ivrit*) to students in Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd grade.

The first program is called *Chalav u'Dvash* — literally "milk and honey"— and was designed to engage every sense and allow students to experience everyday Hebrew and Israel, while beginning to learn to speak Hebrew. The program features Hebrew storybooks, Israeli games, and "Bentzi" the Hebrew speaking puppet from Israel. In addition to fun, conversational Hebrew, Temple Israel's highly successful *Chalav u'Dvash* program is enhanced with hands-on, educational activities such as creative drama, cooking, Israeli dance, crafts, puppetry, and Hebrew music.



Elyssa Kaufman with Bentzi the turtle.

New to Temple Israel, this year, will be a conversational Hebrew class for 2nd grade students as well. The unique program — developed specifically for Temple

Israel — will be called *Hayoh Hayah* (which means "Once Upon a Time"). At the core of the new curriculum, will be materials developed by language expert David Burke, which takes fairytales in English and gradually morphs each story into Hebrew — progressively building Hebrew vocabulary week after week, until student know the entire story in Hebrew. On completion of each story, students will create a performance of the story in Hebrew. This enrichment curriculum will be rounded out with Hebrew songs, guest visitors, field trips, cooking and Israeli games.

Please visit www.tirsnc.com or contact Rabbi Faith Cantor 704-362-2796 for more information regarding these new and innovative offerings for Jewish children. ✪

Temple Beth El Schloss Summer Lecture

The Great Immigration Debate: The Strangers Among Us

July 23 in the Sam Lerner Center for the Cultural Arts at Shalom Park
6 PM Summer Shabbat Service
7 PM Dinner
7:30–8:30 PM Schloss Summer Lecture

As summer heats up, so does the debate on how to respond to our nation's ten million undocumented workers upon whom we depend. The issues are immense, the solutions complex and the opportunities for divisiveness in discourse great. Join us for an evening of lively dialogue and increased understanding.

This year's program has been planned by the Myers Park Baptist Church/Temple Beth El Dialogue Committee; therefore, Rabbi Schindler and Dr. Steve Shoemaker, Pastor of Myers Park Baptist Church, will open the pro-

gram with Summer Shabbat services infused with reflections on the moral imperative of welcoming the stranger.

Following services, Dr. Heather Smith, Associate Professor and Director of the Urban Studies Minor at UNC Charlotte, will headline the dinner program. Dr. Smith has done research on the implications of Hispanic "hyper-growth" in Charlotte and the broader U.S. South. Dr. Smith will share her perspective on what's good about immigration and what is wrong with the present system.

The Schloss Lecture will then feature two experts offering differing perspectives on the right response to the current Congressional debate. The first will be Steve Garfinkel, a Beth El member with more than 25 years of immigration law experience. Garfinkel has served on the National Board of Directors of the American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA). The second

panelist will be WBT Radio Talk Show Pete Kaliner who has worked for WBT Radio News since 1999 and has won numerous awards for his reporting. The program will be moderated by Moira Quinn Klein, President of Temple Beth El and Senior VP and Chief Operating Officer of Charlotte Center City Partners, and will conclude with the faith perspectives of Rabbi Schindler and Dr. Shoemaker.

This annual summer lecture was established five years ago by Marc and Mattye Silverman in memory of Marc's uncle, Simeon Archibald "Happy" Schloss, Jr. Happy was a passionate, original founder of Temple Beth El, and a treasurer. Reservations for dinner (\$10/person) can be made at 704-749-3070 or www.beth-el.com/RSVP. For more information, please contact Sue Hummel at 704-749-3054 or shummel@beth-el.com. ✪

Temple Israel Social Club

The Temple Israel Social Club invites active couples and singles, affiliated with Charlotte area synagogues, to join our social group. Meet new people and enjoy our interesting programs and trips. Call Janine Rosner, 704-366-5631 for more information.

Join us for "The Mystery Bus Ride," Thursday, June 3. We leave the Temple Israel rear parking lot promptly at 9:15 AM and return approximately at 5:30 PM. Have fun and a great day.

Cost: Members \$26 - Nonmembers \$31 if bus space available. Trip limited to first 46 people who mail checks by May 21 to: Douglas Mann, 137 N. Canterbury Rd., Charlotte, NC 28211. Any questions call Ruth Goldberg, 704-366-8903.

Join us on Sunday, July 18 at 2:30 PM for the award winning musical comedy "The Drowsy

Chaperone" at CPCC Halton Theatre. We have excellent center aisle orchestra seats.

Cost: Members \$20 - Non Members \$24. Mail checks by July 7 to Douglas Mann, 137 N. Canterbury Rd., Charlotte, NC 28211. We will meet for dinner after the show.

For information call Evelyn Hochstat, 704-545-5031.

Save this date Sunday, August 28 for the Shalom Lake Norman Festival. Watch for details. ✪

The Temple Israel Sisterhood Judaic Gift Shop
New Merchandise Arriving
Our summer hours beginning June 1 are Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from 10 AM-1 PM.
Special appointments are always welcomed.