

SYNAGOGUES & CONGREGATIONS

Temple Kol Ami: Not Just a New Congregation, It's a Family

Living in a county where there is a church on every block can make a Jewish family feel very lonely. For those of us brought up in close-knit Jewish communities the loss of that for our own families can be overwhelming. That is why Temple Kol Ami was born. It was born out of the need of a few families who felt very alone. Little did these families know that they were not alone. That throughout

York County and the surrounding areas there were many individuals and families that had the same feelings that they did. After a short period of time and handful of services the members of Temple Kol Ami have found their Jewish family. Our congregation has been holding our bi-weekly services at St Phillip Neri Catholic church in Fort Mill, SC. We feel very lucky to have been welcomed so warmly by this congregation. We held our first Youth group activity at Sports Connection in Charlotte on August 4 and it was so exciting to see the future of our congregation come together. The beauty of our congregation is that we truly live the meaning of our name. All my people are welcomed at Temple Kol Ami, whether Reform, Conservative, Reconstructionist, or those who do not classify themselves, all are welcome. Our services are full of the beauty of

Jewish song and the passion of our faith. We welcome each new member with the warmth of a long lost cousin whom you have missed terribly, but have not seen in ages. Temple Kol Ami will be holding our inaugural High Holiday services at Unity Presbyterian Church in Fort Mill this year and we are thrilled to be able to serve our new congregation and those who are interested in coming to our services. If you are looking for your Jewish home in York County, please check our Facebook page at York County Synagogue or our website of www.Kolamitemple.com for our schedule of services. If you are interested in Temple Kol Ami's High Holiday services please contact Michael Pleskoff, our Membership chair at mapleskoff@gmail.com or call us at 803-701-0149. ☆

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Temple Israel and Temple Beth El Book Clubs Present a Co-Sponsored Discussion

Sarah's Key by Tatiana De Rosnay

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 7:30 PM, LEVINE

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BOARD ROOM OPPOSITE THE REGISTRATION DESK

Sarah's Key is one of those novels about a real event that you may not have known about. In this instance, it's the July 1942 Vel'd'Hiv roundup by the French police in Paris, when Jewish families were arrested and removed from their homes by the French police.

Flash forward 60 years to May 2002 when journalist Julia Jarmond is asked to write an article about this black day in France's past. Julia's research uncovers a trail that connects her to Sarah – the ten-year-old youngster who had locked her younger brother in a cupboard in the family's apartment during that horrific roundup, thinking that she will be back within a few hours.

Julia's investigation leads her to question her own place in France and to reevaluate her marriage and life.

De Rosnay's novel, a New York Times bestseller, has become a memorable selection of readers, compelling it to be chosen as the book to be featured in this Temple Israel/Temple Beth El book club meeting.

The September 21 meeting will be held at the Levine Jewish Community Center at 7:30 PM in the board room opposite the registration desk.

Sarah's Key is available at the public library, the Levine-Sklut Judaic Library and local book stores for under \$15.

As always, book club meetings are open to all members of the community, including "drop-ins." For additional information contact Linda Levy at 704-366-6362/levyollie@aol.com or Amalia Warshenbrodt at 704-365-3313/amaliaima@att.net. ☆

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