

SYNAGOGUES & CONGREGATIONS

TIRS Begins a New Year

Walking into the Sam Lerner Cultural Center on Sunday morning, September 12 was quite an experience. There were parents and students milling about schmoozing and having bagels and coffee. Others were there signing up for Temple Israel Youth groups. Teachers were greeting students and parents. Teachers and madrichim, dressed as Toy Story (oy!) characters gave advice to "Andy" as he began another year at TIRS. It was a very busy scene and all part of Temple Israel Religious School's Orientation and first day of classes.



Morah Devorah Lightyear welcomes the TIRS students to another year.

One of our goals this year is to create and further ties with members of our Temple Israel family. Our first step in this process was to partner with the Temple Israel Men's Club for breakfast before our Orientation program. Men's Club President, Michael Eisner spoke with parents about the importance of being partners with the Religious School and outlined some of the ways in which Men's Club will coordinate programs with TIRS. Men's Club is sponsoring an ice cream contest for the class with the highest percentage of membership in Men's Club, Sisterhood, and TIRS PTO. In fact, Michael Eisner also encouraged children to go home and "nudge" their parents until they join.

TI Sisterhood has created "Team Yeladim," a group of volunteers who will coordinate programs with our school. During their first program with us, we created sukkah decorations. Every student had the opportunity to help decorate our Temple Israel Sukkah. They also sponsored a "Hands Across the Sukkah" dinner for those who came to hang the decorations in time for Sukkot.

Our TIRS families are setting the tone for a year full of reward-

ing involvement in our Religious School and in our Temple community. It looks like 5771 will be an awesome year.

Temple Israel Adult Education Series

October 13, 20, and 27 at 7 PM
Topics: *How Do We Journey from Strength to Strength*

Rabbi Ezring responds to Rabbi Bradley Shavit Artson, Rabbi Ed Feinstein and Rabbi David Wolpe *Social Justice, Community Engagement, and Jewish Values*

Rabbi Ezring responds to Rabbi Harold Weiss, Rabbi Sharon Brous and Rabbi Bradley Artson *The Future of Conservative Judaism*

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Torah on Tap

Join Temple Israel 20 & 30 somethings. Enjoy favorite brews and discussion of everything you always wanted to talk about. We meet on the last Thursday of every month.

Conversations with Dr. James Howell of Meyers Park United Methodist Church and Rabbi Ezring:

Angels and Demons in Jewish and Christian Tradition: Tuesday, November 9 at Meyers Park UMC — 7 PM

Did Biblical Miracles Really Happen?: Tuesday, November 16 at Temple Israel — 7 PM

Book of Psalms - Dates to be announced

Classes are free and all are welcome.

Rockin' Shabbat October 22

Song, stories, special guest and more! Come and rock Shabbat at Temple Israel.

Dinner will be at 5:15 PM, followed by Kabbalat Shabbat with Ms. Patty and Rabbi Cantor at 6 PM. Please RSVP the Tuesday before Rockin' Shabbat for dinner.

The Temple Israel Social Club

We invite active couples and singles, affiliated with Charlotte area synagogues, to join our social group. Meet friendly people and enjoy our interesting programs and trips. Call Janine Rosner 704-366-5631 for more information.

Coming Events

October 14, Thursday at 10:30 AM - A guided tour of beautiful Wing Haven Gardens and Bird Sanctuary. Enjoy a picnic lunch with kosher deli sandwiches at Freedom Park.

October 15, Friday - Participate in "Adopt a Grandchild; Adopt a Grandparent" intergenerational activity, starting with a Shabbat dinner for us and young families who don't have grandparents in town. Details will follow. ✨

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Temple Beth-El University — Fall Mini-mester

Temple Beth El is excited to bring back its popular Temple Beth El University. Our new fall mini-mester will begin in November for three consecutive Wednesday evenings — November 3, 10 and 17.

The mini-mester format has been enthusiastically received by our attendees for its opportunity to delve into Jewish texts, philosophy and current issues with a minimum time commitment.

This fall's kick-off sessions include:

*7-9 PM - Comparative Judaism Today — led by a panel of rabbis representing different denominations within Judaism

* 7-8 PM - What Do I Say: Jewish Responses to Anti-Semitism and Anti-Zionism and Anti-Israeli Rhetoric — featuring Dr. Racelle Weiman and Andrew Bernstein

* 8-9 PM — Jewish Folklore — with special guest instructor, Sara Bryan

As Rabbi Judy often reminds us, we are taught that without food there is no Torah and without Torah there is no food. When our bodies are denied food, we are unable to concentrate on the teachings of Torah; but, if only our bodies are fed, our souls become malnourished. We need both to grow as Jews.

Come study with us and together we will feed our bodies and our souls with a nosh, with study and with community. Raising your level of Jewish literacy has never been so easy! Classes are open to everyone in our community.

We are keeping classes affordable beginning at \$18. Register online, call the office or just show up. For more information, go to www.beth-el.com/tbeuniversity. We'll see you there. ✨



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