

Temple Israel Book Club

Tuesday, May 29, 7:30 PM at Temple Israel
NEMESIS BY PHILIP ROTH
Discussion Leader, English Prof. Dr. Jay Jacoby

Set in a Newark, NJ neighborhood during the terrifying polio outbreak of July 1944, "Nemesis" is a wrenching examination of the force of circumstances on our lives." The protagonist Bucky Cantor is unlike the typical wisecracking, sex-crazed characters in many Roth novels. He is an altogether dutiful 23 year old physical education instructor and a dedicated, caring playground supervisor in that eventful summer. Excused from serving in the military because of vision problems, Bucky faces down a gang of toughs who threaten to bring the dreaded polio germs from their side of town.

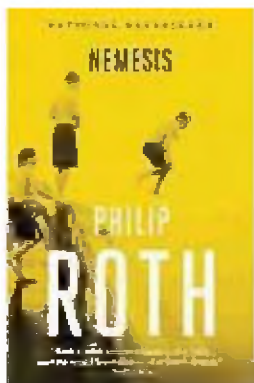
When Bucky heeds the advice of his fiancé and spends the summer in a Poconos summer camp, he hopes to escape the ravages of

polio, but polio and guilt follow Bucky at the camp. "Nemesis tenderly and startlingly depicts the condition of childhood, Bucky's passage into personal disaster, and the painful effect that the wartime polio epidemic has on a closely-knit, family-oriented Newark community and its children."

Leading the discussion of this engrossing novella is Asheville English Professor Jay Jacoby. The Temple Israel book club is looking forward to Jay's annual leadership.

Copies of *Nemesis* are available at the public library, the Levine-Sklut Judaic Library and for sale at local bookstores and on-line for less than \$15.

Temple Israel book club meetings are open to the entire community. "Drop-ins" are welcome,



even those who haven't read the book, but the illustrious Philip Roth novella is well worth reading and under Jay's skilled leadership, the discussion will add to the attendees' literary enjoyment.

For additional information contact Linda Levy at 704-366-6362 or levjollie@aol.com. ✨

Temple Israel Adult Education

Tuesdays with Torah
9:30-10:30 AM

Each Tuesday, we hold a lively discussion on the weekly parsha (reading from the Torah portion). Past topics have included: Managing in crisis mode, wearing "holy clothes," preventing a dark outlook, entering in a relationship with God, visiting the sick, and having a hard heart. Join us for more great conversations to come. Facilitated by Rabbi Raucher.



Torah Sparks
Wednesdays at 12:30 PM

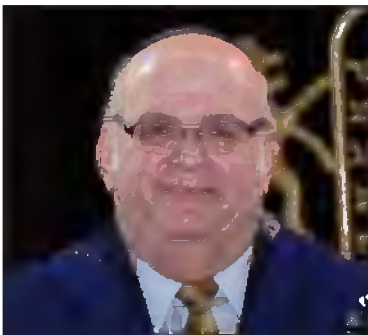
After an exciting six months touring the history of the Jewish People from Sinai to the 21st Century, Torah Sparks will be beginning looking at the development of Jewish Ethics. Using the "Pirkei Avot," The Ethics of our Ancestors as a guide, we will explore the wellspring of ethics and morality from the beginning of Rabbinic Judaism to today. Our study will include such issues as: "The Value of a Smile," "How Honest Must We Be?," "What Age is the Best Age To Be?," and "The Best Way To Discover God." Rabbi Murray Ezring facilitates this class. ✨

Temple Israel Honors Rabbi Murray Ezring

On the weekend of May 25 and 26, we will be having a special Shabbat to thank Rabbi Ezring for his leadership and dedication to Temple Israel and its congregants for the past 18 years. The weekend will include a fabulous Shabbat dinner after Friday Evening services as well as a Kiddush Luncheon following services on Saturday.

To further honor Rabbi Ezring,

we have asked several religious leaders in the Charlotte community who have worked with him to speak to our congregation. We hope that all of you will participate and join us for this special Simcha. For more information, contact the TI Office at 704-362-2796 or visit www.templeisrael-nc.org. ✨



Temple Israel Alternative Services

Java & Jeans
Saturday, May 5 at 10 AM

Do you have questions about Jewish prayer that you have never been able to ask? Do you want a deeper meaning behind the prayers? Are you looking for something different from the main sanctuary service? Join us for Java and Jeans, where you can learn about and experiment with prayer, capped off with lively Torah study and discussion.

Kavanah Service
Saturday, May 19 at 10 AM

The Kavanah service is an experience in focused Jewish prayer, which combines tradition, meditation and the rhythm of lively spiritual expression. Be prepared not only to participate in the beauty of Jewish prayer but also the wonder and stimulation of open and honest Torah study during the service. ✨



Temple Israel Book Drive For Huntingtowne Farms Elementary School

Clean out your bookshelves and do a mitzvah.

Now through-May 20, the Bet Class at TIRS is collecting new and gently used books for students in grades Kindergarten-5th at Huntingtowne Farms Elementary School. There is a huge need for books as the school is hoping to fill their classroom bookshelves with books for their students to read.

You can drop off your books at these locations:

* Coat Closet in the Temple Lobby-by the Office

* Outside the TIRS Office
 * Outside the Bet Classroom on the 3rd Floor of TIRS

Questions: Contact Kathy Warshaw, kewarshaw@yahoo.com or Margaret Musa, mmusa@carolina.rr.com. ✨



Temple Israel Social Club

We invite couples and singles affiliated with Charlotte area synagogues to join the Temple Israel Social Club. Meet friendly people and enjoy our interesting programs and trips. For more information, call Irving Bienstock at 704-542-0094, or Ruth Goldberg, 704-366-8903, co-presidents.

Members are \$29.50 each. Reservation deadline is May 3. Mail checks to: Douglas Mann, 137 N. Canterbury Road, Charlotte N.C. 28211. Dinner at restaurant after the show. For more information call Maxine Stein, 704-364-1178. ✨



Upcoming Event
Sunday, May 13 at 3 PM

Enjoy "Hooray for Hollywood," the Carolina Voices Concert at Spirit Square. Cost of tickets \$26.50 each and non-mem-

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