

Temple Beth El Religious School Wrap-up

The Temple Beth El Religious School has completed another stellar year. From the kick-off on opening day, our students have experienced a program filled with creative learning, passionate teachers, engaged teen madrichim, involved and approachable clergy, and specialists who add spark and excitement to the curriculum. We are proud of our school and the learning that takes place here. Congratulations to all of our students on a job well done.

Special thanks to our clergy, faculty, and staff for their tireless efforts, and to the Religious School Committee who offer their support throughout the year. Thanks also to the Temple Beth El Sisterhood

for their commitment to our school. Besides the financial assistance they provide, Sisterhood lends a hand when we need them. It is clear that the success of the school rests on the shoulders of many of our members. Most of all, thanks to the families who trust us to provide their children with a foundation in Judaism that will last a lifetime.

Registration information will be available starting June 8. If you would like information about membership and/or registration, please email Susan Jacobs, Director of Education, at sjacobs@beth-el.com. If you have any other questions, please email Tracey Lederer at tleder@beth-el.com or call the school office at 704-749-3046. ✪

Susan Proctor Receives Temple Beth El's WRJ/Sisterhood "Lamed Vavnik" Award

A WRJ/Sisterhood Lamed Vavnik is a woman who sustains the Temple Beth El community through her unassuming dedication, goodness, perseverance, and faith.



Susan Proctor

Like one of the hidden 36 Righteous Jews spoken of in our tradition, this woman unpretentiously blesses the life of our synagogue with passion for Israel, commitment to lifelong learning, regard for others, and a steadfast Jewish heart. She stands in the presence of Shechina, the feminine aspect of God that dwells among us, every day.

We are pleased and proud to announce that Susan Proctor is this year's recipient of the Lamed Vavnik Award. She is a tireless volunteer, who now chairs TBE's Chevra Kadisha committee. There is no higher mitzvah than to prepare a body for burial. In addition, Susan is involved with Shalom Bayit, an organization working against domestic abuse and to help raise awareness of violence

in our community. Susan has also been involved with our Social Action committee, College Connection group and Adult Education program.

Throughout her active membership at Temple Beth El for 40 years (by her reckoning), Susan has dealt with many personal issues, but she has always found time to be committed to the Temple. She has taught in the Religious School and was our first liaison to Mecklenburg Ministries. Susan says she now spends a great deal of time with outside groups engaging in conversations about Jewish and interfaith issues.

Susan's name will join the list of past Lamed Vavnik recipients on a plaque hanging in the Discovered Traditions gift shop. ✪



TBERS 2nd graders lead an original worship service for their parents.



Slaves working hard at the Passover experiential



TBERS Chanukah celebration.



Morah Miriam's 2nd grade Purim play.

Temple Beth El Awarded Incubator Grant from the URJ

Congratulations to the TBE Religious School on winning an incubator grant from the Union for Reform Judaism to fund our new Charlotte jewTuBE teen technology and social networking group. The grant will pay to purchase video cameras, editing software, and other items needed to record, edit, and post videos showcasing our school, temple and community.

Charlotte's jewTuBE program will engage youth in creating bimonthly Jewish educational, creative, entertaining, and dynamic jewTuBE videos. These videos will then be distributed widely: to congregants, those on the path to conversion, the unaffiliated, the Charlotte community, and anyone online who is interested in expanding their Jewish horizons. Beth El's jewTuBE program will highlight the vibrancy, wisdom, and creativity that embody Reform Judaism.

This incubator grant will give Temple Beth El the opportunity and ability to engage teens who are passionate about technology or journalism. It will elevate Beth El's use of technology, providing the technological infrastructure needed to be in the homes of all those who seek to connect to the Beth El community.



Through jewTuBE, we will share highlights of the many varied and creative teaching methods used by our teachers and the excitement and engagement of our students. Examples include: Passover simulation, Purim spiels, quick responses to current events, and more. We will also offer specific "how to" videos to give viewers the ability to adopt home rituals and observances, i.e., lighting candles, blessing children, and preparing for Passover.

Teens interested in journalism and/or technology will be able to apply for one of five paid positions in this exciting new group. We are also looking for an adult director to supervise and train our technology madrichim (teen assistants). The director job is a very part-time, paid position. If you are interested, please contact Susan Jacobs at sjacobs@beth-el.com. ✪



What's Next? After Amendment One...

Keshet Commemorates Stonewall Wednesday, June 27, 7 PM at Temple Beth El

Please join us for thought-provoking presentations on next steps in North Carolina in the wake of the choices made on May 8 regarding Amendment One. For

more information, contact Rabbi Jonathan Freirich at rabbijonathan@beth-el.com. ✪



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