

## Temple Israel Book Club Meetings

Monday, November 12

*In the Garden of Beasts: Love, Terror, and an American Family in Hitler's Berlin* By Erik Larson and

Thursday, November 29

(co-sponsored with Sisterhood)  
*One More River* By Mary Glickman

7:30 at Temple Israel

Erik Larson's best selling *In the Garden of Beasts: Love, Terror, and an American Family in Hitler's Berlin* is "a dazzling, addictively readable work that speaks volumes about why the world did not recognize the grave threat posed by Hitler until Berlin and Europe were awash in blood and terror." This work of novelistic history focuses on the family of William E. Dodd, who in 1933 became the first ambassador to Hitler's Germany. Though Dodd's flamboyant daughter Martha, is at first intrigued by the handsome young men of the Third Reich and their enthusiasm for restoring Germany to a position of world prominence, the rising incidents of Jewish persecution deeply con-

cern Dodd and he telegraphs these concerns to the US state department but to no avail.

*In the Garden of Beasts* is sure to enlighten readers about this critical time in world history and, in particular, why the world did not recognize this "gathering storm."

The second November book club event on Thursday, November 29 is co-sponsored with Sisterhood. *One More River* by Mary Glickman is the sweeping story of a father and son, and of the loves that transform them amid the turbulence of the American South. Mickey Moe in 1962 travels up and down the Mississippi River to discover the gripping details of his father's life. This journey, taken at the dawn of the civil rights era, leads him deep into the backwoods of Mississippi and Tennessee, where he meets with danger and unexpected revelations at every turn. Only four years old when his father died, Mickey Moe is now a grown man, who must prove his pedigree to the disapproving parents of his

girlfriend to win her hand in marriage.

Both award-winning books are available at the Levine-Sklut Judaic Library and public libraries and at book stores or on-line for less than \$15. *One More River* is also available at the Temple Israel gift shop.

Temple Israel Book Club meetings are open to the entire community. "Drop-ins" are welcome, even those who haven't read the book. For additional information, contact Linda Levy at 704-366-6362 or levyyollie@aol.com or for the November 29 meeting, co-sponsored with Sisterhood, contact Teresa Brenner at 704-362-1069 or teresa.m.brenner@gmail.com. ✪

## Temple Israel Volunteers Needed for Blessings in a Backpack Program

Started by Tracy and Larry Brown in conjunction with Temple Israel, this program feeds hungry kids who are receiving school meals during the week but are not being properly nourished over the weekend. We provide 51 children each with a backpack of food to take home each weekend of the school year. We need Temple Israel volunteers to come help stuff the backpacks on Thursdays at Huntingtowne Farms Elementary at 3:45 PM in the media center. It

takes about 30 minutes to put the backpacks together. To sign up, members can go to: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/805084DADAB2B0-blessings>. In addition, if anyone would like to make a donation, they can go to [blessingsinabackpack.org](http://blessingsinabackpack.org) and click on "donate" and be sure to specify "Huntingtowne Farms Elementary." Contact Tracy Brown at 704-906-5527 or tracybrown2@mac.com if you have any questions. ✪

## Temple Israel Invites You to Torah on Tap

*Shabbat-Hanukkah Dinner-Discussion*

Join us on Friday, December 14, at 8 PM, at the home of Rabbi

Noam and Tamar Raucher for a delicious dinner, refreshing libations, and a thought provoking conversation about miracles. Cost



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of the event is \$15 which covers the cost of the meal. RSVP's required. To RSVP/Questions please contact: RabbiRaucher@TempleIsraelNC.org, or 704-362-2796.

Torah on Tap is Temple Israel's doorway to Judaism for ages 21+ in North Carolina. Each month we get together to hang out, learn something new, get to know one another, and even celebrate Shabbat with a home cooked meal. Show up for a good time and stay for the friendships. For more information about Torah on Tap or to get on the e-vite list contact: RabbiRaucher@TempleIsraelNC.org, or 704-362-2796. ✪

## Temple Israel Social Club

**Upcoming Events:**

**Sunday, December 16 at 12:30 PM**

Have fun at our annual Hanukkah Party at Marriott Executive Park Hotel (off Tyvola before I-77). Enjoy a delicious luncheon buffet and entertainment by "Rock Ha-Hanukkah" led by Gil Ezring and his ensemble. Cost: \$20 for members; \$25 for non-members. Deadline for reservations is December 3. Please mail checks to: Douglas Mann, 137 N. Canterbury Rd., Charlotte N.C. 28211. For more information, please contact Irving and Lillian Bienstock, 704-542-0094.

Early Bird Special: Membership in the Social Club is \$18 a person. Join now for all of 2013 and get balance of 2012 free. Please send your dues to: Douglas Mann, 137 N. Canterbury Rd. Charlotte, NC 28211. ✪

