

Hanukkah at Temple Beth El for Every Age and Stage

You may RSVP for the events below at www.beth-el.com/RSVP or 704-749-3070 and all events will be at Temple Beth El, unless otherwise noted. For full details, see www.beth-el.com/chanukah.

Entire Congregation

• Friday, December 14 – Latke Dinner at 6 PM, followed at 7 PM by our “Night of 100 Lights” Family Hanukkah Service. Bring your menorah, eight candles and a festive spirit.

The Giving Tree

• Please pick a heart off the Giving Tree and help us provide less-fortunate families with food, clothing and toys for the winter holidays.

Tots

• Tot Hanukkah – Candle lighting, singing and Hanukkah-themed activities for preschool-aged children and younger, Friday, December 14, 5:30 PM.

Youth

• KATANTY K1 Hanukkah Party (Kindergarten-1st grade) - Saturday, December 8, 2-4 PM in the Bernstein Education Building

• KATANTY 23 Hanukkah Bash (2nd-3rd grade) - Saturday, December 15, 3:30-5:30 PM in the Bernstein Education Building

• KATANTY 45 Latkes, Dreidels and Gelt, Oh My! (4th-5th grade) - Saturday, December 15, 3:30-5:30 PM in the Bernstein Education Building

• LIBERTY 67 Chanukah Laser Tag (6th-7th grade) - Sunday, December 16, 2:30-4:30 PM at Sports Connection-Ballantyne

• LIBERTY Llamas & Latkes & Lock-In Oh My! (8th-12th grade) - Friday December 14-Saturday December 15, 5:30 PM-8 AM

NextDOR – All Jews in their 20s and 30s

• Vodka Latke – Saturday, De-

ember 15, 7– 11 PM
SPICE - Special Programs of Interest and Concern to Everyone (50+)

• Monday, December 17, 11 AM - Rabbi Freirich will lecture on “The Evolution of the Maccabean Revolution: The Changing of Hanukkah.” Lunch will follow at 12 noon and at 12:45 PM Cantor Mary will lead us in singing Hanukkah music. RSVPs required by December 13.

Discovered Traditions: The Gift Shop at TBE

• Please consider doing your Hanukkah shopping at Beth El. The Hanukkah Room is now open within the Gift Shop during regular store hours. Come in and spin the Dreidel of Fortune for 10-50% discounts. Proceeds support Religious School scholarships. ✨



“After Life: A Beginning or an End?” – Temple Beth El’s 2013 Comparative Religion Series

The 16th annual Comparative Religion Series, “After Life: A Beginning or an End?” will be held at Temple Beth El, 5101 Providence Road, Charlotte, from 7-9 PM on six consecutive Tuesdays, January 22 - February 26 (March 5 will be a snow date).

Join us as we explore an age-old subject which has prompted fervent dialogue for millennia, and yet still intrigues contemporary thinkers and provokes examination and study. Educators as well as religious leaders representing Judaism, Islam, Buddhism, Hinduism, Christianity, The

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, and Jehovah’s Witnesses will offer their perspectives and respond to questions from participants. For more information on this free series, please visit www.beth-el.com/comparativereligion or call 704-749-3054. No reservations are necessary. ✨



MLK Shabbat to Feature Bishop Tonyia Rawls, Kick off Beth El’s 70th Birthday Celebrations

Temple Beth El will usher in the MLK Weekend by celebrating the life of the great Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and reflecting on the ways in which we can collectively work to bring his vision to life for a more just society. Beth El’s MLK Shabbat, on Friday, January 18 at 7 PM, will mark the Charlotte community’s Fourth Annual Interfaith Sermon Exchange and will also kick off Temple Beth El’s year of events celebrating our 70th birthday.

This year’s MLK preacher will be Bishop Tonyia Rawls of Unity Fellowship Church Charlotte. She will speak not only to issues of African American inclusion but also to areas of inclusion for all minorities. Bishop Rawls, a powerhouse of vision and leadership in our community, is the Founding Pastor of Unity Fellowship Church Charlotte, and in April 2008, was consecrated as one of

the first female bishops in the history of the Los Angeles-based Unity Fellowship Church Movement (UFCM). She is prelate of the Southern Jurisdiction and Vice President of the National Board. Bishop Rawls is a social, spiritual and criminal justice activist committed to the liberation of those who are on the margins of society.

A highlight of our MLK service each year is the music. Unity Fellowship’s dynamic and moving choir, directed by UFCC’s Minister of Music Reverend Leslie Oliver and joined by our Temple Beth El adult choir, will lift up our service and prayers.

In a second component of the Interfaith Sermon Exchange, Rabbi Judy Schindler will preach and the Beth El adult choir will sing at Unity Fellowship Church Charlotte’s service on Sunday, February 3 at 10:45 AM.

Please join us. Both events are



Bishop Tonyia Rawls

open to the entire community. For more information, call 704-366-1948 or see www.beth-el.com. ✨



A Taste of Judaism – Are You Curious?

**Winter Session:
Wednesdays, Jan
2, 9, 16 and 23 at
Temple Beth El
7–8:30 PM.
No charge.**

All are welcome: Jewish or not, member or not. Join us to explore and learn the Jewish perspectives on living in today’s world. Discussions include: spirituality, values, community, and traditions. Seating is limited. Registration is required. Contact Janie Meyers at

704-749-3051 or jmeyers@beth-el.com.

“Exceeded my expectations – very thought-provoking. The rabbis were excellent speakers, engaging and straight forward.” – past participant. ✨



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