

Temple Beth El Helps to Lead Women of the Wall 25th Anniversary Trip and International Mission to Support Pluralism in Israel - All Are Welcome

Just as Temple Beth El works to make Charlotte the city of our ideals — supporting our citizens in all realms, from education to affordable housing to embracing the diversity of those who live here — so too do we need to be

involved in making Israel a holy home for all streams of Judaism. For 25 years, a group called Women of the Wall has been praying at the Western Wall on Rosh Chodesh (at the start of each new Hebrew month). They have been



fighting for things we take for granted each and every Shabbat at liberal synagogues in our community. At the Western Wall, women cannot lead prayer services; women cannot read from the Torah; and until two months ago, women have been arrested for wearing a tallit. The fight of Women of the Wall is a fight for pluralism in Israel.

Out of the desire for creating a pluralistic Israel, Rabbi Judy and Temple Beth El have helped to create an international mission to celebrate Women of the Wall's 25th anniversary. We invite all members of the Charlotte community to join with women from around the world to commemorate the struggle and courage of Women of the Wall as we advocate for an Israel that fully embraces pluralism.

On the trip, there will also be time to enjoy the sights and sounds of Israel and to have a

great time. Highlights of the trip include: seminars with leading scholars on a wide-range of issues, high-level meetings with influential members of Knesset, several touring options in and around Jerusalem, and a Gala Celebration Dinner featuring Anat

Hoffman, Director of the Israel Religious Action Center. There is also an optional "first timers" track.

Join us for the core program, November 3-6, or arrive early and join us for the Shabbat before. Information can be found at www.beth-el.com. ☆



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All Services will be held at Temple Beth El. For complete service, ticketing and parking information, see www.beth-el.com.

Schedule of Services
Saturday, August 31
8:30 PM - S'lichot program
9:30 PM - Dessert Reception
10 PM - S'lichot Worship
Wednesday, September 4
7:45 PM - Erev Rosh Hashanah
Thursday, September 5
8:30 AM - Rosh Hashanah Morning
11:30 AM - Rosh Hashanah Morning
3:30 PM - Tot Service
5:15 PM - Tashlich
Friday, September 13
7:45 PM - Kol Nidrei
Saturday, September 14
8:30 AM - Yom Kippur Morning

11:30 AM - Yom Kippur Morning
2 PM - Study/Meditation/Tots
3:30 PM - Afternoon w/Yizkor
Wednesday, September 18
5/6/7:30 PM - Sukkot Dinner/Service/Celebration
Thursday, September 19
11 AM - Sukkot Morning
Wednesday, September 25
6:15/7 PM - Dinner/Simchat Torah-Consecration
Thursday, September 26
11 AM - Festival Morning with Yizkor



Introducing Dara Gever, Temple Beth El's New Director of Youth Engagement

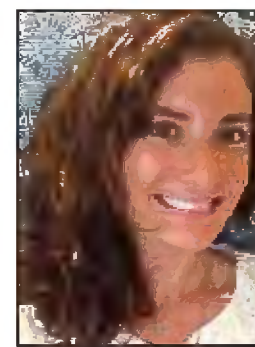
We enthusiastically welcome our new Director of Youth Engagement, Dara Gever, to our

Temple Beth El family. Originally from Philadelphia, Dara moved to Charlotte this summer after graduating with honors from Emory University in Atlanta, where she double majored in Political Science and Religion. As a student, Dara helped lead her campus AIPAC and has traveled to Israel five times in the last seven years.

When Dara visited Charlotte earlier this year, she won over our teens with her insights, enthusiasm, and warmth. Dara charmed us all by showing spark and creativity, paired with her quick intelligence and wisdom beyond her years.

A committed vegetarian since age three, when she found out that chickens were birds like her family's pet, Dara brings her own avian companion with her to Charlotte.

We all look forward to seeing Dara dive into our amazing youth and education programs with the same enthusiasm that led her to find a job with the Consulate General of Greece while studying abroad in Sydney, Australia.



Dara Gever

Please help us welcome Dara to Temple Beth El, Shalom Park and Charlotte. ☆

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own families, our jobs, and our community.

Collectively, the 18 of us on this *nesiya* are now a part of something bigger than we could have imagined. We all are tasked with raising the bar of Jewish knowledge here in Charlotte. We look forward to reconnecting with each other, our families, our jobs, and our community in a different way

than we might have before — all because of our new-found relationships with Israel, Torah study, our heritage, and each other. ☆

