

NEWS FROM TEMPLE ISRAEL



TEMPLE ISRAEL WELCOMES NEW YOUTH DIRECTOR

ADULT EDUCATION @ TEMPLE ISRAEL

Temple Israel is thrilled to announce that Ariel Krusch has been hired as our new Youth Director! Ariel moved to Charlotte

2 ½ years ago, becoming an active member in the Jewish community, working for the Levine JCC as the Teen and Group Services Coordinator. Ariel grew up in Raleigh, NC, where she was actively involved in Beth Meyer Synagogue's Kadima and USY programs. She attended Camp Ramah Darom for eight years. Prior to moving to Charlotte, Ariel lived in Chapel Hill, NC, where she received an undergraduate degree in International Relations in Middle Eastern Politics and a post-baccalaureate degree in Middle Grades Education. Ariel taught at the Community Midrasha of Durham-Chapel Hill and served as the USY and Kadima advisor for Beth Meyer Synagogue. Ariel is extremely thrilled to be joining the Temple Israel family as the Youth Director. She is passionate about working in the Jewish community and looks forward to building and growing youth programs. You can reach Ariel at AKrusch@templeisraelnc.org

FAMILY SHABBAT WITH TEMPLE ISRAEL RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

At Temple Israel Religious School, we strive to enhance the Jewish experiences of our families by bringing parents and children together for fun, meaningful activities in our synagogue and school. This year we are inviting families to participate in a joyous, interactive Shabbat experience together, *Shabbat ha-Mishpachah*, or Family Shabbat. Our first of six Family Shabbat gatherings this school year (which begins Sept. 22) will take place on Saturday, October 12th from 10:00 am to noon. For more information, contact Rabbi Tracy Klirs, Education Director, 704.944.6785, rabbiklirs@templeisraelnc.org

Temple Israel will be offering some thought provoking and soul stirring classes. Supplies needed: Questions and an open mind. For more information, please contact the clergy office at 704-362-2796.

"Walking With Justice" October 2 – December 11 Wednesdays, 7-8:30pm

Following the success of Walking With God, Temple Israel presents another college level investigation of Jewish sources provided by the Ziegler School of Rabbinic Studies in Los Angeles. Through small group study and large group discussion, we will experience the development of Jewish Ethics and the directive to ensure social justice. Why should we be concerned with the rights the elderly and disabled? What obligations do we have to the environment? Are we really obligated to be our brother's keeper? Cost of Program: \$60. To register, contact the clergy office (704-362-2796).

SUNDAYS in OCTOBER

October 6 – 27 Sundays, 10-10:50am

Pirkei Avot - Ethics of our Fathers
Taught by Rabbi Noam Raucher

In this class we'll study sagely wisdom from as far back as 200CE! Even though these ideas may be old, their messages have real relevance in our lives. Let's study the same texts that gave us "If I am not for myself, who will be for me? If I am only for myself, what am I? And if not now, when?" (Hillel – Pirkei Avot)

October 6-27 Sundays, 10-10:50am *Synagogue Skills*

Taught by Cantor Elias Roochvarg
Looking to pick up skills to participate in
Shabbat and holiday services? Cantor Roochvarg will help you with the necessary words,
pronunciations, tunes, and even choreography
that make Jewish prayer come alive!

October 6-27 Sundays, 11-11:50am

Sandwich Generation Issues

Taught by Rabbi Murray Ezring

Is your life being squeezed? Caring for an elder/parent when you also have kids of your own is a new role on the stage of life for which no one can ever rehearse. As we study the guidance that Judaism offers this complex period, don't forget to share your own stories and thoughts.

Dancing Under the Stars

* Come Dance in Our Sukkah

We welcome the Community to join us Wine, beer, snacks & more!

Saturday, September 21, 8 to 11pm

* Adults age 21+ only RSVP by Sept. 16

704-362-2796 | \$20 per person

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SUNDAYS in NOVEMBER

November, 3-24 Sundays, 10-10:50am *God!*

Taught by Rabbi Noam Raucher

"Israel" means to "wrestle with God". We'll explore God's different personalities, characterizations and the big questions surrounding God's place in our lives. Stretch your soul with this class and rest assured that Rabbi Noam Raucher is a certified referee in God Wrestling.

November 3 – 24 Sundays, 11-11:50am

Jewish Myths and Urban Legends

Taught by Rabbi Murray Ezring

Can Jews with tattoos get buried in a Jewish cemetery? Why do Jews spit three times when communicating important information? In this class we explore all those odd tidbits about Judaism that beg the question, "why?"

SCHOLARS-IN-RESIDENCE

Temple Israel invites you to meet

Rabbi Shawn & Tom Fields-Meyer

October 11-13, 2013

Texting, technology & Torah

Creating a Jewish home

Parenting lessons from an autistic child

Round Table about Special Needs

Rabbi Shawn serves as Rabbinic Director and Co-Chair of Judaic Studies at Milken Community High School in Los Angeles. She is the coauthor of *A Day Apart - Shabbat at Home*.

Tom wrote *Following Ezra*, a critically acclaimed memoire of his relationship with their autistic son.

Questions? rabbiraucher@templeisraelnc.org
More details at templeisraelnc.org