



## COMMUNITY PROGRAMS & SERVICES

## TIRS is Changing to Meet Your Needs



**PIANOS CON AMORE**  
**A Mother's Day Treat!**  
 Sunday, May 11, 3:00pm  
 Join piano virtuosos Lance Burnette and (our own) Monty Bennett for a magical afternoon of great music. Two grand pianos will fill our sanctuary with Broadway

melodies, classical music, Yiddish favorites, popular songs and more. Reception follows.

\$10/General Admission; \$25/Premium Seating  
 Buy tickets at TI office or [shoptempleisrael.com](http://shoptempleisrael.com)

**Holocaust Survivor & Forgiveness Advocate: Eva Kor**  
 Sunday May 4, 2:00pm at Temple Israel  
 Reknowned speaker, Eva Kor, will share her story. A book signing follows. FREE and open to the public.

**TI Book Club: "The Cookbook Collector"**  
 by Allegra Goodman

Wednesday, May 7, 7:30pm at Temple Israel  
 Professor of Literature Jay Jacoby leads our discussion. All are welcome. For more info, call 704-366-6362.

**Temple Israel Annual Meeting**  
 Sunday, May 18, 11:00am

**Lag B'Omer Family-Style Picnic**

Sunday, May 18, 12:00, rain or shine  
 Come celebrate at Temple Israel!

\$8/Adults; \$5/children age 12 & under  
 Tickets available at the TI office or [templeisraelnc.org](http://templeisraelnc.org)



**Shabbat Hamishpacha (Family Shabbat)**

Saturday May 3, 10:00am - noon  
 Morris & Sylvia Speizman Sanctuary  
 Join us for games, stories, participation on the Bimah, a special Kiddush, and a kid-friendly service.

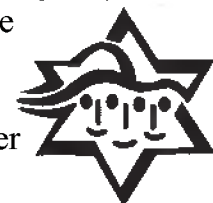
**Java 'n Jeans** – Saturday, May 3, 10:00am  
 Learn about prayer, capped off with a lively Torah study discussion over coffee - while wearing jeans.

**Torah Tots** – Friday, May 9, 5:45pm for preschool families! Siblings welcome. Join Miss Patty & Rabbi Raucher for a fun, vibrant Shabbat.

**Kavanah** – Saturday, May 17, 10:00am  
 Participate in Jewish prayer and experience the wonder and stimulation of an open and honest Torah study.

Temple Israel Religious School (TIRS) is eager to share with you our new model for Religious Education, which will be implemented this coming fall. The positive and exciting changes are based not only on a survey sent to our Religious School families, but also well-documented national trends happening all around us.

The major trend to emerge is that families are looking for more *flexibility* in how they learn about Judaism. A TIRS Task Force made up of a variety of members of our community worked diligently for several months to develop a strategic plan to address the issue. This plan, recently approved by the Temple Israel Board of Trustees, will allow your children to attend the Temple Israel Religious School in a manner that best fits your family's lifestyle.



Starting in the fall, Required Educational Opportunities are:

- **Sunday Religious School Classes**, Grades K-7 – 3 hours
- **Hebrew Study**, using an online application that will reinforce concepts and skills presented in the classroom on Sundays.

Additional Educational and Social Opportunities include:

- **Tuesday Religious School Classes**, Grades 3-7 – 1.5 hours, led by our clergy and faculty
- **Saturday Junior Congregation**, Grades K-6
- **Differentiated Learning** for extra help or accelerated instruction at *no extra charge* for all 3rd-7th grade TIRS students
- **Temple Israel Youth Group** enrollment, at no additional cost for all TIRS students

Our ultimate goal is to nurture our children to celebrate their Jewish identity in the context of our modern American lives, and to commit to a life of Jewish living and learning. We will be ready to launch TIRS registration mid-May, so be on the lookout for registration details.

For more information or to have a conversation about how TIRS can meet the needs of your family, please contact Educational Director, Rabbi Tracy Klirs, 704-944-6786 or [rabbiklirs@templeisraelnc.org](mailto:rabbiklirs@templeisraelnc.org), to schedule a personal meeting.



**Baccalaureate Recognition during Shabbat Services**

Join us on Saturday May 17th as we honor our high school seniors.

**Save The Date: Tuesday, June 3**

We'll celebrate Confirmation & Shavuot with dinner and services. A Tikkun Leil Shavuot study follows.