



Temple Israel Welcomes New Executive Director



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Temple Israel welcomes Glenda Bernhardt as Temple Israel's new Executive Director, effective June 1, 2015. Having worked in senior positions with high profile non-profits for more than 12 years, Glenda brings a wealth of leadership, management and fund development experience. Most recently,

she served as Senior Development Officer for Teen Health Connection and Development Director for the Junior League of Charlotte. Both positions required strong leadership, setting strategic direction, working with board of trustees, and cultivation of volunteers, donors and corporate partnerships. Her fund development responsibilities included events, planned giving, capital campaigns and grant writing.

Earlier in her career, Glenda served as coordinator of recruitment and admissions for the Honors College at Virginia Commonwealth University, Community Relations Manager for the Jewish Community Federation of Richmond and Assistant Director at University of Maryland Hillel and Jewish Student Life Coordinator at St. Louis Hillel at Washington University.

Many people in the community already know Glenda from the leadership roles she has held and currently holds within Shalom Park. She currently serves as a Vice President of the Board of Directors for the Levine Jewish Community Center and she previously chaired the Community Relations Council for our Federation. Glenda, Brian and their three children are active members of Temple Israel.

"As a Rabbi's daughter, I love congregational life," says Glenda. "With its rich 120 year history, Temple Israel remains committed to religious education, youth, young professionals, and social action. I am thrilled by this opportunity to serve the Temple, and look forward to working with the congregation, the dedicated staff, and our Shalom Park partners. Together, we will build upon our strong and solid foundation to benefit, not only our Temple family, but the greater Jewish community for years to come."

Glenda earned a Masters Degree in Social Work and Certificate in Jewish Communal Services and Judaic Studies from the University of Michigan. Glenda holds a BA in Psychology, Sociology and Anthropology from Ohio Wesleyan University.

The Board of Temple Israel thanks Monica McDaniel for serving as the Interim Executive Director for the past seven months. Her proven leadership and extensive business acumen helped to address the Temple's strategic priorities and guided the congregation through this time of transformation. Monica will work closely with Glenda to ensure an efficient transition.

SUMMER PROGRAMS @ TEMPLE ISRAEL

TI Book Club: *The Assistant* by Bernard Malamud
Monday, June 1, 7:30pm

Written in 1957, this is a story of crime and punishment, love and redemption that is "startling and timeless." Malamud's second novel is "right in the line of one of the great streams of American fictional tradition."

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Young Professionals are in the House...

Temple Israel's dynamic young leadership connects Jewish families and singles to a vibrant Temple life, full of social action, educational opportunities, friends and fun! In May, Rabbi Ezring announced that Rabbi Raucher, holding an M.Ed. from Fingerhut School of

Pictured: Rabbi Noam Raucher, Associate Rabbi and Education Director, Temple Israel Religious School (TIRS); Jessie Brinsfield, Events/Program Director; Glenda Bernhardt, Temple Israel Executive Director; and Ariel DiDonato, Youth/Young Adult Engagement Director and Assistant to Education Director (TIRS).

Education (AJU) will lead Temple Israel Religious School, in addition to his other duties. With the announcement, Rabbi Ezring cited Rabbi Raucher's "love of Judaism, his creativity, his enthusiasm" and his grounding in Jewish education, among his qualifications. Rabbi Ezring shared, "Ariel DiDonato, who will assist in guiding the Religious School, has reinvigorated the Temple's Youth with creative programming, reorganization and has grown the number of participants." She holds a Postgraduate Degree in Middle Grades Education from UNC Chapel Hill. Temple Israel also welcomes Jessie Brinsfield as the Temple's new Events Program Director. Jessie looks forward to working with B'Nai Mitzvah families and others planning special events and celebrations.

Friday Evenings – Special Onegs Prior To Shabbat Services June 19 (Kickoff to Summer) & July 17 (I Scream, You Scream...)

Please join us at 5:30pm for a special themed oneg prior to Shabbat services.

The Wisdom Of Temple Israel – Sat., June 20 & 27 and July 11 & 18
Join us on Shabbat for guest speakers from our congregational family.

Kavanah with Yoga – Saturday, June 20 & July 18, 9:30am

Now at the Levine JCC Aerobics Studio (FREE babysitting onsite!) This service combines the ancient practices of Jewish prayer and meditation to create space for reflection and growth.

Cantor & Friends in Temple Israel's Mindy Ellen Levine Chapel Sunday, July 5, 4:00pm

Join the Cantor and Monty Bennett for a special afternoon of Americana music.

Rock Hashabbat: Fri., July 17, 6:15pm

TI's house band, The Ruach (pictured right), will be taking a break in June. See you in July!



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