

Temple Solel Serves Christmas Lunch to the Children and Staff of the Children's Attention Home in Rock Hill

Seven members of Temple Solel in Fort Mill, SC, once again volunteered their time and efforts for the children and staff of the Children's Attention Home. Temple Solel has been a long-time

supporter of the home, financially and through volunteer efforts such as tutoring.

The event began with a craft for the children, to create a holiday bookmark or other creative

caricature that represented the holidays to them. The craft gives our members time to interact one on one with the children. They are more than happy to talk about gifts they received for the holidays while they make their keepsakes.

Temple Solel's volunteers then served a hot lunch of chicken and homemade macaroni and cheese, along with fruit and some home baked cookies. The children really enjoyed the food and company, some even coming back for second helpings.

This was the second year Temple Solel has served Christmas lunch. "It feels really good to allow the staff to enjoy some time with the children and not have to worry about serving and cleaning; they work hard for these special children," said Temple Solel Pres-



Serving Christmas lunch at the Children's Attention Home

ident, James Fox. The congregation is eager to serve a meal for the children and staff again and hope to make this a more regular

event for Temple Solel and the Attention Home. ✪

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Temple Kol Ami Welcomes Rabbi Ana Bonnheim to Lead Congregation

"Find yourself a rabbi" teaches our Mishnah. A Jewish community needs a rabbi to teach and guide them. Temple Kol Ami of Fort Mill, SC is thrilled to announce that Rabbi Ana Bonnheim will be joining us to provide rabbinic leadership to our congregation and the York County Jewish community. After spending a wonderful Shabbaton weekend with Rabbi Bonnheim in December, TKA knew that we had found our rabbi. "We believe a rabbi is the heartbeat of a Jewish community," stated Bonnie Shaw, TKA president. "We are so excited to welcome Rabbi Bonnheim to our congregation and continue to grow with her."

Rabbi Bonnheim will be leading Temple Kol Ami in Friday night Shabbat service (and actually started in January). She will be with TKA as follows: February 3, March 17, April 7 and May 19. For an honorarium, Rabbi Bonnheim is also available to officiate at a wide range of life cycle events including baby namings, weddings, funerals, unveilings, and b'nei mitzvah. For more information, please contact us at yorksynagogue@gmail.com.

Rabbi Bonnheim is a graduate of Dartmouth College and received her rabbinic ordination from Hebrew Union College-



Rabbi Ana Bonnheim

Cincinnati. She previously served at Temple Beth Emeth of Sherman, TX and as associate rabbi at the URJ Greene Family Camp in Dallas. She recently relocated to Charlotte with her husband, Rabbi Asher Knight of Temple Beth El, and her two young sons. She brings with her unbounding enthusiasm for Jewish education and deep knowledge of the liturgy. Temple Kol Ami looks forward to partnering with her and developing a strong relationship for many years to come.

Temple Kol Ami is also humbled to have again received the Impact and Innovation Fund Grant from the Jewish Federation of Greater Charlotte. With this grant, TKA will continue to bring quarterly Shabbatons to the Greater York County area in partnership

with the Institute of Southern Jewish Learning's Rabbi on the Road program. In 2016, TKA hosted three highly successful Shabbatons, each including Friday night Shabbat service, Torah study, Havdallah/cultural programming and Sunday school religious education. We are so pleased to host these weekends of prayer and enrichment in 2017 for the York County Jewish community through the generosity of the Federation. Check our website, www.templekolamisc.org, for dates and more details soon.

Temple Kol Ami is a diverse and welcoming Reform Jewish congregation. We hold Friday night Shabbat services the 1st and 3rd Fridays of each month at the historic sanctuary of Unity Presbyterian Church, 303 Tom Hall Street, Fort Mill, SC. We would love to have you visit our congregation and find out about our warm, family-oriented environment. ✪



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On the birth of a beautiful baby girl, Ava Gray Cohen. She was born on October 24, 2016 to Chandler and Adam Cohen. Grandparents are Kathe and Steve Cohen. Uncle Mike, Aunt Tara, and Aunt Ashley are also partaking in this joy. The Cohen families are members of Temple Beth El. ✪



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