

SYNAGOGUES & CONGREGATIONS

Temple Beth El Presents the Installation of Rabbi Dusty Klass Plus the Sadie Levin Scholar-in-Residence Weekend Welcoming Rabbi Paul Kipnes Friday, February 10-Sunday, February 12

Temple Beth El invites the entire Charlotte community to celebrate the Installation of Rabbi

Dusty Klass and attend the annual Sadie Levin Scholar-in-Residence Weekend featuring Rabbi Paul

Kipnes. Rabbi Dusty Klass was ordained at the Los Angeles campus of the Hebrew Union College

- Jewish Institute of Religion in May 2016. Rabbi Klass arrived at Temple Beth El in July 2016, eager to learn the life stories of the congregation, endeavoring to begin her rabbinate creating meaningful relationships. Within six months, Rabbi Klass has enriched the Temple Beth El community with her ineffable warmth. Rabbi Klass has officiated at life-cycle events, offering inspiration through her thoughtful expression of Judaism. She has imparted wisdom beyond her years by truly listening to congregants of all ages. Listening and commitment to social justice are two of Klass' passions. For Justice Shabbat (January 13-14), Rabbi Klass and the Tzedek Council invited the Charlotte community to Temple Beth El to listen and understand the events that challenged and broke the hearts of Charlotteans in September 2016. She facilitated discussions to build strong connections of coalition across lines of race, faith and difference.



Rabbi Dusty Klass

It is no coincidence that the Installation of Dusty Klass will take place during the Sadie Levin Scholar-in-Residence Weekend when we will welcome our esteemed guest speaker, Rabbi Paul Kipnes. Rabbi Kipnes has served as mentor, teacher, and supervisor to Rabbi Klass during her rabbinic internship at Congregation Or Ami in Calabasas, CA.

Rabbi Paul Kipnes, an author, blogger, and insightful spiritual leader at Congregation Or Ami, joined the synagogue in California because of its commitment to Torah study, to God-talk, to social justice, and to being a community in which members take note of and care for each other. Kipnes "seeks to be a warm, welcoming,



Rabbi Paul Kipnes

compassionate presence in the lives of his congregants and their families, hoping to create a synagogue home which makes them feel warmly welcomed; always striving to be accessible, approachable and inspiring."

Rabbi Kipnes will join the Temple Beth El community and the Charlotte community for a weekend of learning and discussion, Friday, February 10 through Sunday, February 12. Rabbi Kipnes will share his words of wisdom and words of congratulations at the Installation of Rabbi Dusty Klass on Friday, February 10 at 7 PM. On Saturday, February 11, at 9 AM Rabbi Kipnes will be joined

by Rabbi Klass to lead Torah Study. Later on Saturday, from 6:30-8:30 PM, Rabbi Kipnes will lead the community in Havdalah and discussions. On Sunday, February 12, at 11 AM, Rabbi Kipnes will conclude his visit to the Queen City with "Five Jewish Values that Will Transform Your Parenting," a workshop about raising children with spirituality. Kipnes co-authored with his wife, Michelle November, *Jewish Spiritual Parenting: Wisdom, Activities, Rituals, and Prayers for Raising Children with Spiritual Balance and Emotional Wholeness*, a primer on how to share wisdom in ways that children will hear. In this guidebook for building a strong framework for a Jewish life, Rabbi Paul Kipnes and Michelle November reveal the spiritual wisdom they have learned and the hard-won techniques they developed that shaped their children as individuals and their family as a whole.

Rabbi Kipnes, MAJE, is a lecturer on raising ethical, resilient Jewish children, a former camp director, a summer faculty member at Camp Newman, and North American Federation of Temple Youth regional advisor. In fact, Rabbi Klass was a Counselor-in-Training Director at Camp Newman in 2009.

We are excited to install Rabbi Dusty Klass as Assistant Rabbi of Temple Beth El. Her role as spiritual leader at Temple Beth El will surely mirror the compassion and the approachability of her mentor, Rabbi Kipnes. We are equally delighted that Rabbi Kipnes will be in attendance to imbue in us a deeper understanding of the role of spirituality in parenting and to share his words of Mazel Tov on this milestone event in Rabbi Klass' life.

The Sadie Levin Scholar-in-Residence Weekend is offered at no cost to the public. Reservations for the weekend are requested.

The Sadie Levin Scholar-in-Residence program was established by Norm Levin, Honorary Lifetime President of Temple Beth El, in honor of his mother, Sadie Levin, a woman committed to Jewish learning, Jewish life, and Jewish community. For more information, please visit www.templebethel.org or call 704-366-1948. ✪

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