

Meet Our Hebrew High Teachers

Jennifer Sawyer is from Bedford, VA and loves teaching at Hebrew High because she gets to see so many kids she taught at TBE. This year, she is looking forward to deep, meaningful discussion and fun, hands-on activities. This will be Jenn's second year teaching at Hebrew High.

Sam Swire grew up in Portland, OR and is in his third year teaching at Hebrew High. He loves working at Hebrew High because the content he covers challenges the teens to rethink what they know through a new lens.

Rabbi Helene Kornsgold is originally from Philadelphia and likes being part of the students' continued Jewish journey and is looking forward to connecting with them. She is beginning her third year at Temple Israel as the Director of Congregational Education and second year teaching at Hebrew High.

Betsy Olinger, from Atlanta, is looking forward to her seventh year of teaching at Hebrew High. She loves posing tough questions, entertaining informed and respectful discussion, and laughing and bonding with our emerging adults.

Rob Sisson is originally from

Western NY and has been teaching Hebrew High for nine years. He loves sharing Judaism with the students.

Jake Kalik is so excited to be teaching his first year of Hebrew High. Originally from Los Angeles, Jake is excited to teach because not only is it a continuation of his own Hebrew High journey, but it's also a time for him to move into a new capacity as a future teacher. He is looking forward to developing relationships with students and teachers and learning from everyone how to be the best Jewish professional he can be.

Amy Montoni, originally from Boston, has been teaching at Hebrew High for close to 14 years. She loves teaching because she thinks teenagers are the most interesting and wonderful people. She adores watching them change and grow, think and consider. She hopes to help her students get a clearer understanding of their place in both the Jewish world and the world-at-large.

Marci Goldberg, from East Meadow, NY, has been teaching at Hebrew High for 13 years. She loves all the personalities blending together to make her class interesting. She is excited for chal-

lenging her students to appreciate Judaic art.

Howard Seidler is originally from the Catskill Mountains, and has lived in Charlotte for 24 years and 11 of them at Hebrew High. He loves teaching because he enjoys watching the students grow up and loves the energy the students bring.

Jason Shechter is from CA and is excited to be teaching his first full year at Hebrew High. He likes teaching because it makes him feel connected to the Jewish community in Charlotte. He is looking forward to exploring some big challenges with his students and finding ways to tackle them.

Janice Zacks is from Montreal, and is in her second year at Hebrew High. She enjoys sharing her love for cooking and seeing the teens enjoy learning how to cook and bake. She looks forward to continuing teaching Jewish recipes to the next generation and incorporating more Jewish learning about Kashrut.

Donna DeGroot loves teaching Hebrew for Credit. She is from NC but has spent some time in Israel, perfecting her accent. She has been teaching at Hebrew High for 15 years and has been

teaching the Hebrew class for seven years.

Avital Stone is our newest Hebrew High teacher. She just moved to Charlotte from NY and is very excited to be teaching Hebrew I for in the Hebrew for Credit Class.

Rabbi Murray Ezring is from Rock Island, IL and has been teaching at Hebrew High for the past 25 years. Most recently, he has been focusing his time in the Temple Israel's Confirmation class.

Rabbi Asher Knight is originally from Denver, and has been teaching at Hebrew High for the last three years. He has been very involved in the Temple Beth El 8th/9th Grade core class as well as the Post-Confirmation class.

Rabbi Dusty Klass is from Se-



attle, and has been teaching at Hebrew High for the last three years. She has been an integral thought partner and teacher of the Temple Beth El 8th grade Core and 10th grade Confirmation.

Cantor Mary Thomas is from Bayonne, NJ and has been part of Hebrew High for 11 years in varying capacities. She is thrilled to be back more regularly to help teach the Temple Beth El 9th grade Core class. ☆

The New Year at Temple Solel

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In 2 Kings 13 in the JPS Tanakh 1917 - "Even while dying, Elisha tried to advise Joash, the king of Israel, and said, 'Put thy hand upon the bow'; and he put his hand upon it." Then it describes how Elisha laid his hands upon the king's hands and told him to:

ty-six times, I've been trusted to take the game-winning shot and missed. I've failed over and over and over again in my life." Thomas Edison said it a different way, "I have not failed. I've just found 10,000 ways that won't work."

Two witty Yiddish Proverbs

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"Open the window eastward," "Shoot"; and he shot." Elisha tells the king this act was symbolic of the victories he would win against the Arameans. In the end of the account, the king was told to take the arrows and smite the ground with them. He stopped striking the ground at three times instead of smiting the ground more. Elisha explained he would only be victorious three times now instead of five or six times. He was the king of Israel and fell short. We make choices. We all fall short.

It might be good we don't really know how many times we may have stopped right before a potential victory. It might surprise many to hear that Michael Jordan is quoted saying, "I've missed more than 9,000 shots in my career. I've lost almost 300 games. Twen-

designed to make us think, but smile at the same time: "If you ever need a helping hand you'll find one at the end of your arm" and "If you have nothing to lose, you can try everything." Elie Wiesel said it best though, "There are victories of the soul and spirit. Sometimes, even if you lose, you win."

Pictured is an ancient map of Israel. It looks like it was created after the path over land and sea were experienced and even imagined. Instead of using someone else's map, let's try making one based on our own unique and special discoveries.

Cross the border and meet up with some of the South Carolina Jewish Community's trailblazers at Temple Solel at Shabbat services 7 PM the second and fourth Fridays of each month. We hope

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