

SYNAGOGUES & CONGREGATIONS

November Happenings at Temple Kol Ami

Temple Kol Ami of Fort Mill, SC is blessed to have rabbinical leadership to help us explore our sacred texts, stimulate our intellect, officiate at life cycles, and educate our youth. Rabbi Ana Bonnheim has been a wonderful spiritual mentor at both our Friday night Shabbat services as well as with our TKA Religious School students on Sundays. Rabbi Bonnheim will next be with us on December 7 to lead us in a special Chanukah Shabbat.

Temple Kol Ami is also very lucky to have another amazing

rabbi who has visited with us in the past, Rabbi Bruce Aft of Congregation Adat Reyim in Springfield, VA. Rabbi Aft will return to Temple Kol Ami on November 2 for Kabbalat Shabbat service and will also lead us in Torah study on November 3. Rabbi Aft brings a passion for Jewish learning and is extremely engaging with all demographics. For more information about this special weekend, please check our website at www.templekolamisc.org.

Also in November, Temple Kol Ami looks forward to our 3rd An-

nual Friendsgiving Shabbat. This has become a wonderful tradition at TKA, a time to break bread together as a community and give thanks together for the many blessings we have, both in our secular and religious lives. After a short Shabbat service, we enjoy a delicious potluck meal that rivals any traditional family Thanksgiving dinner. Check our website for more information, and drop us an e-mail at yorksynagogue@gmail.com if you would like to join us—we definitely have room for you at our table.

If you live in York County or the Ballantyne area, Temple Kol Ami might be the place for you. We are a warm and inclusive Reform congregation comprised of Jews from diverse backgrounds. Feel free to join us at a Shabbat service the first and third Fridays



Rabbi Ana Bonnheim

of each month in the beautiful sanctuary of Philadelphia United Methodist Church, 1691 SC-160 in Fort Mill. ☆



Rabbi Klirs Shares Gratitude

On November 18 from 2:30-4:30 PM, Havurat Tikvah will welcome Rabbi Tracy Klirs who will present a study session on Jewish Approaches to Gratitude at the Brenner home located at 3327 Mountainbrook Rd.

The program comes at a time of appreciation prior to the observance of Thanksgiving and will include ways that Jews display and express gratitude during their lifetime.

Rabbi Klirs served as associate rabbi at Temple Israel from 2016-2018 and as its education director from 2012-2016. She also was a part-time support staff person for the congregation, delivering pastoral care and leading daily minyanim, Shabbat services, and life cycle events as needed.

Kosher snacks will be provided by attendees. All items should carry a hechsher in keeping with chavurah food preparation customs, and in keeping with the Brenners wishes as they observe



Rabbi Tracy Klirs

kashrut.

The community is welcome to attend. Those who wish to join in the study session are required to RSVP to admin@havurattikvah.org with the number of individuals attending. Acknowledgement will be sent to respondents to confirm a seat at the event. Space is limited.

The congregation is in the planning stages of its Chanukah celebration slated for Dec. 9. See next month's Charlotte Jewish News or check out Havurat Tikvah's website for details.

Monthly minyan services continue on the third Wednesday of the month. Information on times and locations are on the congregational website's calendar.

Havurat Tikvah is a warm, supportive and nurturing Jewish Reconstructionist congregation

with Shabbat services and a full spectrum of holiday observances, as well as religious educational options for both adults and children. We are a diverse group of families, singles, and Jewish and interfaith couples who participate in projects that promote social justice.

We value and depend upon member participation and leadership for our religious services, spiritual growth, and governance.

Havurat Tikvah is an affiliate of Reconstructing Judaism.

For more information on upcoming services, programs, membership or other queries, call 980-225-5330, write to Havurat Tikvah, P.O. Box 12684, Charlotte, NC 28220, email membership@havurattikvah.org or visit havurattikvah.org. Havurat Tikvah is also on Facebook at facebook.com/groups/havurattikvah/. ☆



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“I am not a Jew with trembling knees. I am a proud Jew with 3,700 years of civilized history. Nobody came to our aid when we were dying in the gas chambers and ovens. Nobody came to our aid when we were striving to create our country. We paid for it. We fought for it. We died for it. We will stand by our principles. We will defend them. And, when necessary, we will die for them again, with or without your aid.”

— Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin to Senator Joe Biden, in June 1982, who threatened to cut off US aid to Israel