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Temple Beth El Welcomes Rabbi Jonathan Freirich and Cantor Mary Thomas

As of July 1, Temple Beth El will welcome two talented and dynamic clergy. Rabbi Jonathan Freirich will join Beth El as Associate Rabbi and newly invested Cantor Mary Thomas will beautifully round out the clergy team.

Rabbi Freirich has served Temple Bat Yam, a Reform synagogue, in South Lake Tahoe for the past eight years.

Prior to that, he worked with Hillel in Tucson, AZ and Cleveland, OH for four years. Those Beth El members who have met Rabbi Freirich describe him as learned, personable, outgoing, funny, and a great fit for our congregation. His passions include Jewish learning, combining fun activities with a Jewish flavor, and enthusiastic participation in community life. He loves to bike, ski, and read science fiction and fantasy. His wife, Ginny,



Rabbi Jonathan Freirich

is a ketubah artist and his four year old son, Jude, cannot wait to play in the Levine JCC's Camp Katan and learn in our Charlotte Jewish Preschool.

Rabbi Jonathan grew up as a Reform Jew at Central Synagogue in Manhattan and was ordained at the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College in Philadelphia. He and Ginny met as undergrads at Middlebury College in

Vermont. Rabbi Jonathan has been a longtime member of both the Central Conference of American Rabbis and the Reconstructionist Rabbinical Association.

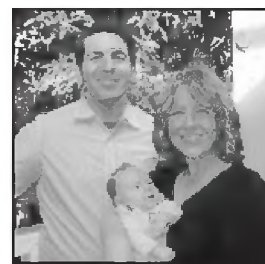
Many in our community are already familiar with the talents of Cantor Mary Thomas as she served Beth El for three years as a Cantorial Intern prior to attending Cantorial School. Cantor Thomas will be working part-time leading services, teaching B'nei Mitzvah with Cantor Bernard, working with the Religious School, teaching adult education, creating family programming, and sharing with all

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Temple Israel Welcomes New Assistant Rabbi

Rabbi Noam Raucher was born and raised in Hamden, CT, with his parents, Gail and Steve, both teachers, and his three siblings: Ari, Michal, and Aviva. With gratitude Noam believes the person he has become is due, in large part, to the amazing family from which he comes.



Rabbi Noam Raucher, his wife, Tamar, and baby Judah Reuben.

Rabbi Raucher graduated from the American Jewish University in May 2011. He attended Hofstra University in Hempstead, NY where he earned his Bachelor of Arts with a major in Judaic Studies.

As a Rabbinic Intern at Temple Beth Am in LA, he volunteered at the soup kitchen and worked on transitional housing projects. He also created and implemented a Learner's Minyan, guiding participants to develop a deeper understanding of prayers and traditions. Rabbi Raucher worked with others to build a caring compassionate intra-syna-

agogue network governed by Jewish values. Also, while at Temple Beth Am, he served as an Education Intern/Vice Principal of Religious School where he created meaningful and ongoing learning models. He developed multiple family-oriented lessons for family Shabbat morning services that integrated communication, cross-generational learning and Jewish literacy.

While at American Jewish University he served as the

Director of Student Life where he successfully developed one-on-one relationships with students and planned programs such as alcohol and drug awareness, blood drives and career fairs. While at Ziegler School of Rabbinic Studies, he served as Minyan Coordinator, where he helped organize and guide student-led morning and afternoon services. He also mentored students to assume leadership roles.

He worked at UCLA

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Temple Beth El Brotherhood and Jewish Federation Present U.S. Representative Sue Myrick Homeland Security and Homegrown Terrorism

Please join us for this very timely program on Sunday, June 12, at 10 AM at Temple Beth El. This event is free and open to the entire community. The Temple Beth El Brotherhood will sponsor

an optional breakfast prior to the program beginning at 9 AM which will take place in the Silverman Social Hall at a cost of \$10. Reservations for the breakfast can be made by going to

www.beth-el.com/rsvp.

The Brotherhood of Temple Beth El and the Jewish Federation Community Relations Council join together in welcoming U.S. Representative Sue Myrick to discuss the growing global threat of Hezbollah and Iran, and what the mainstream media won't tell you about the Muslim Brotherhood, and the online jihad in our backyard.

In 2009, Sue Myrick was selected by House Leadership to serve on the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence. The Intelligence Committee has jurisdiction over the Intelligence community, including intelligence-related activities of the CIA, Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA), the National Security Agency, and other agencies of the Department of Defense (DOD), and the Departments of State, Justice, and Treasury.

Recently, Rep. Sue Myrick was appointed chairwoman of a subcommittee on the full Intelligence

Committee. Myrick, a Charlotte Republican, will take over as chairwoman of the Subcommittee on Terrorism, Human Intelligence, Analysis and Counterintelligence. The role puts Myrick in the position of holding hearings and investigations, including a chief concern of hers, homegrown terrorism.

Representative Sue Myrick (NC-9) came to Congress in 1995 after building a successful advertising and public relations business, and serving two terms as mayor of Charlotte, NC, the state's largest city and commercial hub. She is currently in her eighth term representing North Carolina's 9th district, which covers portions of Union, Mecklenburg, and Gaston Counties.

Sue Myrick is also leading the charge nationally on issues related to terrorism. She is the founder of the Congressional Anti-Terrorism Caucus, which has more than 120 Members. This caucus meets with experts on terrorism and works to



Rep. Sue Myrick

educate the public about the dangers we face from radical Islamists. ✪



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