

# Temple Kol Ami Presents Dr. Joel M. Hoffman

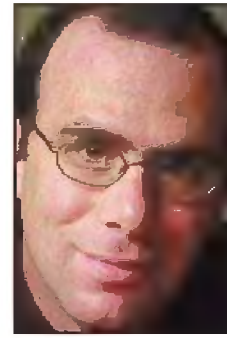
Thanks to a generous grant from the Jewish Federation Community Impact Fund, Temple Kol Ami is proud to present Dr. Joel M. Hoffman. Dr. Hoffman is a

much sought after speaker who presents to dozens of popular and academic audiences each year. He holds a Ph.D. in linguistics and has served on the faculties of

Brandeis University and Hebrew Union College. He is the chief translator for the 10-volume series, *My People's Prayer Book* and *My People's Passover Haggadah*. He is also the Author of the critically acclaimed *In the Beginning: A Short History of the Hebrew Language*. His lectures are engaging, informative, and fun.

Dr. Hoffman will be here on Friday night March 15 to lead services and lecture. On Saturday, he we will have a Torah study at 10 AM, Lunch and Learn at 1 PM


(contact us to reserve your spot), and at 7:30 PM. he will be doing a presentation on one of his many topics, some of which include (The Bible Doesn't Say That, The Mystery and Majesty of the Dead Sea Scrolls, What the Prayers Really Mean, and What If I Don't Like What the Hebrew



Dr. Joel Hoffman

Means?). This will all be presented by Temple Kol Ami at Unity Presbyterian Church, 303 Tom Hall Street Fort Mill, SC.

There is no charge for any of the events. For more information on these programs or to learn more about Temple Kol Ami, please contact us at 803-701-0149, by email at: yorksynagogue@gmail.com or visit our website: www.templekolamisc.org. ☆



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## Temple Israel Book Club

### Thursday, March 21, 7:30 PM at Temple Israel

#### WE PLAN, GOD LAUGHS: WHAT TO DO WHEN LIFE HITS YOU OVER THE HEAD BY SHERRE HIRSCH

“The old Yiddish proverb, ‘We plan, God laughs,’ expresses a truth everyone can relate to. At every stage of life we make plans, setting out where we want to go and imagining what we will be like when we have ‘arrived.’ But things have a way of turning out not quite as we hoped or expected. In *We Plan, God Laughs ...* Sherre Hirsch argues that too often our plans are limited to ones we think up at bedtime, or are devised by our parents, or by what looks good on a resume. Addressing serious spiritual issues, Hirsch takes readers through ten basic steps for formulating a plan that reflects who we are now and who we want to be – a plan that is alive, organic, and in sync with God.”

This intriguing description of

Sherre Hirsch’s book is sure to motivate us to read the book, attend the Women’s Division Spring Lecture on March 14, where she will be the featured speaker, and then participate in the March 21 Temple Israel book club discussion.

*We Plan, God Laughs ...* offers 10 steps to self-improvement and spiritual health. Drawing on such familiar figures from the Bible as Jacob and Esau, Hirsch (a Rabbi) demonstrates how to forget past hurts and fears in order to become present in the here and now. The noted Rabbi Harold Kushner says it is “an uplifting book. Where there is despair, Rabbi Hirsch offers hope, and where there is confusion, she shows us the path to clarity.”

In these challenging times we could all use a little spiritual self help. Attend the March 14 spring lecture with Rabbi Hirsch, read *We Plan, God Laughs ...* And discuss it at the March 21 book club meeting at Temple Israel.

*We Plan, God Laughs: What to Do When Life Hits You Over the Head* is available at the Levine-Sklut Judaic Library, the public library and at book stores or on-line for less than \$15.

All Temple Israel book club meetings, including the March 21 discussion, are open to the entire community. “Drop-ins” are welcome, even those who haven’t read the book. For additional information contact Linda Levy at 704-366-6362 or [levyollie@aol.com](mailto:levyollie@aol.com). ☆

## Women’s News

### Israel on Our Minds and in Our Hearts at Pesach

*By Patricia Johnson, President, Charlotte Chapter of Hadassah*

This month Jews in the United States, Israel, and throughout the world will come together to observe our Passover holiday. Over the course of time we have kept our sacred traditions, retelling the Pesach story at Seders across the world.

Over the centuries we have adjusted to our environments and challenges but have kept steady in our promise that next year we will celebrate in Israel. That promise, albeit for many a symbolic gesture reaffirms our commitment to Israel. Over the course of its history, Hadassah has been an engine of continued support to Israel.

For Hadassah, this promise means a world of healthy people living in peace. A Middle East made more secure by breakthroughs in medicine. It’s a Jerusalem that respects the past while embracing the best of the new. For Hadassah Medical Organization, tomorrow is about putting a human face on the most advanced medical technologies. Allow me to share a few formidable medical breakthroughs:

Hadassah University Medical Center improves blood test for BRCA mutations – Researchers

say a new blood test to detect carriers of gene mutations for breast cancer is faster, more accurate, and cheaper. Hadassah researchers said it would provide test results in up to six days – instead of a couple of weeks. According to an article just published in the journal *Cancer Prevention Research*, the new screening test is 95% accurate.

*Stem Cell Research for ALS Moves Forward at Hadassah Medical Center* - Israel’s Ministry of Health recently approved “BrainStorm Cell Technologies, Inc.” accelerating to a Phase II trial, following the positive safety evaluation of the Phase I/II trial at Hadassah Medical Center in Jerusalem. This next round will evaluate the safety and preliminary efficacy of BrainStorm’s NurOwn stem cell therapy candidates; trials are being conducted by Hadassah Medical Organization.


Our work remains central to Israel’s well-being; this commitment drives the support from our members, associates, volunteers, and donors.

As it is every year during Pesach, Israel will be in our minds and in our hearts.

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