



■ NFTY-SAR HATIKVAH KALLAH IS COMING TO CHARLOTTE MARCH 8-10TH

TBE Youth has had an amazing year so far, and it is about to get even better! Temple Beth El will have the honor of hosting NFTY-SAR Hatikvah Kallah, a regional convention for 6th-8th graders, throughout the weekend of March 8-10. The entire Temple Beth El community is invited to attend the NFTY-SAR Hatikvah Kallah Worship Service on Friday, March 8th at 7:45pm.

More than two hundred youth group members from around the Southeast will be arriving at TBE for the weekend, and WE NEED YOUR HELP! We need housing for all participants, as well as many volunteers to make this a success. We look forward to sharing with you this incredible event at TBE. Hosting NFTY teens can be an awesome experience for families with children of all ages and even for those of you who are young at heart! (Remember your youth group days?!) If you are not able to be a host family, there are many other ways to get involved and volunteer your time. For more information, go to www.beth-el.com/kallah. If you have any questions, please contact Andy Harkavy: aharkavy@beth-el.com.

■ PASSOVER HAPPENINGS AT TEMPLE BETH EL

From a women's chocolate seder and a NextDOR alternative Passover program, to Temple Beth El's annual 2nd night community seder and Brotherhood's men's seder, Temple Beth El offers something for everyone this Passover. See [Pages 13-14](#) for a full listing and registration information.



■ BETH EL TO HOST FILM FESTIVAL Sunday, March 10th, 7:00pm, \$10

Mark your calendars for the 9th Annual Charlotte Jewish Film Festival, which returns to the Queen City March 2-17 with the best in Jewish cinema from around the world. Temple Beth El will be sponsoring the movie "A Bottle in the Gaza Sea" on Sunday, March 10th, 7:00pm at Regal Ballantyne Village.

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■ NOTES FROM THE CANTOR



Confluence, Communities of Practice and Coffees: Building Community for Young Families and Young Adults at Temple Beth El

By Cantor Mary Thomas

Sometimes the most exciting opportunities seem to fall from the skies, as if from the heavens. While I have always been a shaper of my own destiny, sometimes opportunity presents itself when you least expect it, and all you need to be is open and creative enough to take advantage of what does happen your way. This was certainly the case for me when I came to Charlotte in 2003 planning to "take a year off" while Matt took a new job. Little did I know that by coming to Charlotte I wasn't taking time off from becoming a cantor, but probably securing my future career in a way I never could have imagined. That move was *bashert* - destined from on high - and one of the reasons I know that God works in very mysterious ways.

While it is too early to compare my first move to Charlotte to the impact my new project will have on my life, I am beginning to get an inkling we might have set our toes into something amazing.

A few months ago, Rabbi Judy suggested that I start working with TBE Tots, since, God-willing, Matt, Johannah and I will welcome a little boy into our family at the beginning of May — placing us squarely as a young family for six more years.

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PURIM BAGS

Thanks to everyone who helped make this year's Purim Bag project such a success! Under the organizational leadership of Karen Greenblatt and the baking expertise of Jean Moats, 180 bags were decorated by our TBE youth and filled and delivered by dozens of volunteers. This year we added a group baking session, which was lots of fun and very productive. (See photo to the right.)



NOTES FROM THE CANTOR *(continued from cover)*

Within weeks, two other major opportunities presented themselves, creating the perfect storm of potential for major cultural change in our community. First, PJ Library has come to Charlotte! PJ Library provides every family with Jewish children under age eight with an absolutely free children's book once each month regardless of affiliation. In every community where PJ Library exists, unaffiliated families are brought into the warmth of the community around reading and Jewish ideas. If you have a Jewish child, grandchild or know a Jewish child in your neighborhood, make sure that they are registered for PJ Library. It's free, it's fun and it has the potential to build Jewish identity and Jewish community. ([Sign up now.](#))

The second opportunity to knock was the announcement of the URJ's inaugural round of Communities of Practice (COP). These Communities are created around synagogue issues in need of revisioning, bringing together congregations from across the country to work collaboratively. TBE is participating in the 18-month COP on Engaging Young Families. The talented Jena Coen traveled with me to Chicago at the end of January to begin this dynamic process.

We are in the earliest stages of work, but we are dreaming of a Temple Beth El Young Adults and Young Families Community where the fluidity of young adulthood into young parenthood is honored and explored. What we realized is that NextDOR (our 20s/30s group) and TBE Tots each has fantastic strengths, but both still have far to grow in terms of how they help participants create rich and meaningful relationships, which we know are the foundations of Jewish lives. We are reaching out slowly, to anyone who will listen, to help us envision TBE's Young Adult/Young Families Community of the future. This project has the potential to help us partner with those who seek more connection, and to create something that can profoundly impact people's lives.

Roz Greenspon and Marty Birnbaum, recognizing the importance of creating community for this demographic, have established a fund to provide resources needed for this initiative. As each generation steps to the fore in the Jewish community, those first steps of creative engagement have almost always been funded by donors from outside the generation itself, those who see the need to invest in the future of the Jewish community. Such is the case with Harold Grinspoon, the founder of PJ Library, as it is the case with our own Roz Greenspon and Marty Birnbaum Young Families and Young Adults Fund.

While I do not know where this change process will ultimately take our community, I do know our hopes. We imagine a time where you might overhear young Jewish adults in the coffee shop, reflecting that Temple Beth El has helped them to create meaningful Jewish friendships; that their community - with kids or without them - is at Temple Beth El; and that Jewish connection is seeping into their homes at story time, at Shabbat dinner and every day. We are preparing to celebrate Pesach, gathered with those we love around Seder tables, one of the statistically most observed Jewish rituals in America. We love Pesach because we long to come into intimate contact - around food and in comfort - with those with whom we share our lives. When we help people build Sacred Connections, the rest will follow.

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The Temple Beth El Whisper is published on the first of alternating months by Temple Beth El, a Reform Congregation affiliated with the Union for Reform Judaism.

Due to its size, the Whisper will only include upcoming Temple programs and events, the monthly calendar, b'nei mitzvah for the month and limited other features. Community information will be included in the Voice on alternating months.

The Whisper is published 6 times a year.

MARCH CONGREGATIONAL SHABBAT

Saturday, March 9th

9:00am – Shabbat Morning Experiences

- “Horton Hears the Haggadah: Preparing a Values Based Seder for Young and Old Alike!” with Cantor Mary
- FIJI to join Horton Hears a Who Workshop
- Sheva with Rabbi Freirich
- Teen Band and Teen Vocal Ensemble with Cantor Bernard
- Farber Leadership with Rick Glaser and Sara Schreibman

10:15am - Shabbat Morning Brunch

Cost: \$8/adults, \$6/children 12 and under (for members); \$12/adults, \$9/children 12 and under (for non-members). Register at www.beth-el.com/RSVP.

11:00am - Congregational Service

This service is for and by you, the members of our Temple family. This month, the D’var Torah will be presented by Judy Raghavan. The Torah will be read by Judy Raghavan, Erica Hennes and Eddie Samuels (Hatikvah Kallah). The haftarah will be chanted by Cayla Harris (Hatikvah Kallah) and Evelina Trost (Hatikvah Kallah). We will invite for separate aliyot Judy Raghavan and Megan Cohen, the LIBERTY Board (Hatikvah Kallah) and Advisors/Chairperones (Hatikvah Kallah). There are lots of opportunities for participation in Congregational Shabbat. If you would like an honor in the service, please just let the clergy know.

**Come to one
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or stay for it
all. There’s
something
for everyone!**

MEMBERSHIP**• Temple Beth El’s First Night Seder Exchange! Monday, March 25th**

Can you find room for a few extra guests this Passover? Would you like to be matched/placed with a host family? If you answered “yes” to either question - let us help! Just sign up by Monday, March 18th and tell us the number you can host or how many to place. Contact Janie Meyers at 704-749-3051 or jmeyers@beth-el.com.

• FIJI Friends Needed!

Our FIJI students (Finding your Inner Jewish Identity), those on the path to conversion at TBE, need congregants to serve as mentors and guides on their journey to Jewish life. As FIJI Friends, you would be partnered with FIJI students to accompany them on their Jewish journey in a variety of social and spiritual ways. You might consider:

- Planning to meet at TBE and attend services together
- Inviting your friend to celebrate holidays with you
- Having Shabbat dinner together
- Or, just meeting for coffee and conversation.

The primary obligation is to accompany these folks on their journeys to becoming Jewish.

This is a wonderful learning opportunity for both halves of the equation. Time investment is minimal, and the rewards are maximal. As you help shape a Jewish life, yours will be changed as well! If interested or inspired, please contact Jason LeClair at jaseleclair@gmail.com.

GIFTSHOP VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION BRUNCH


Sunday, March 3rd, 11:00am-1:00pm at Temple Beth El

We want to thank the giftshop volunteers! Please join us for brunch and let us celebrate you and your contributions to Temple Beth El. If you are thinking about volunteering, please join us as well. Questions? Contact 704-749-3070 or giftshop@beth-el.com.



Jewish Learning in February & March @ TBE and all over Charlotte

Jewish texts, Jewish books, lots of lively discussion – jump in anywhere – every place has shallow entries with easy access to the deep end.

Talmud for Everyone Uptown and South Park	Jolt of Judaism	TBE Book Club
Lunch and learn Talmud with Rabbi Jonathan - no pre-requisites, just affordable lunch and something interesting to chew on.	Torah and caffeine! New and old thinking about the weekly Torah reading with lively discussion for no extra charge.	Jewish books in the news and new Jewish books – something interesting for everyone and Rabbi Jonathan moderates discussion.
Uptown location: Threes 333 W. Trade St. Fridays at noon: March 1 March 15 April 12 April 26	Location: Caribou Coffee 4327 Park Rd. Park Rd. Shopping Ctr. Dates: Saturdays, at 1:45pm March 9 April 13	Location: Temple Beth El "Café" Date: Sundays, at 4pm April 14
South Park location: Brio Tuscan Grill 4720 Piedmont Row Dr. Wednesdays at noon: March 13 March 20 April 10 April 17		For April 14 read: <i>The Frozen Rabbi</i> – Award-winning novelist Steve Stern's exhilarating epic recounts the story of how a nineteenth-century rabbi from a small Polish town ends up in a basement freezer in a suburban Memphis home at the end of the twentieth century. What happens when an impressionable teenage boy inadvertently thaws out the ancient man and brings him back to life is nothing short of miraculous.

TEMPLE BETH EL TO HOST FILM FESTIVAL *(continued from cover)*

In this thought provoking film, a message in a bottle leads to an engrossing e-mail exchange between a 17-year-old Israeli girl and 20-year-old Palestinian boy, causing them to challenge each other's views about life, war and relationships. Based on a popular novel with the same title, this thought-provoking film doesn't take sides as it shows an age-old conflict in human terms. (Copies of the book can be purchased at Discovered Traditions: the Gift Shop at Temple Beth El.)

Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased at www.charlottejewishfilm.com or at the door. An All-Festival Pass is available for just \$85 (\$30 in savings) and entitles you to entrance to all of these award-winning movies! Download the Festival's new mobile app to your iPhone or android smartphone for free! All the information you need about the Festival will be right on your cellphone!





THANK YOU!

Thank you to Barbara & Lenny Feld and Andrea & Howard Seidler for chairing the Weekend of Lifelong Learning. We greatly appreciate your hard work and dedication!

SAVE THE DATE! 70TH CELEBRATION OF CARING AND SOCIAL JUSTICE - MAY 17-19, 2013

As part of our ongoing 70th birthday celebrations, Temple Beth El will dedicate the weekend of May 17-19 to celebrating the many acts of loving kindness shared amongst our congregants and the greater Charlotte community. In a special 7:00pm service on May 17th, "A Culture of Caring - Celebrating the Quiet Moments of Healing," we will feature several congregants who have been on both the giving and receiving ends of congregational support.

Our Saturday morning study will focus on developing a personal understanding of healing regardless of the likelihood of a cure. It will be led by four community experts including Dr. Derek Raghavan, President of the Levine Cancer Institute; Dr. Russ Greenfield, Medical Director, Integrative Oncology, Levine Cancer Institute; Cantor Andrew Bernard, Chaplain Specialist at Levine Children's Hospital; and Beth Rosenberg, MSW at Hospice and Palliative Care Charlotte Region.

The weekend will culminate on Sunday morning with our 16th annual Mitzvah Day. Each year, approximately 500 congregants come together to give back to our community and help those in need. We will have 30 different projects from which to choose. Spend time and lend a hand as we gather to help to heal the world one mitzvah at a time.

CREATING A JEWISH LEGACY - WHAT BETTER BIRTHDAY GIFT?

Temple Beth El's CJL (Creating a Jewish Legacy) team is pleased to report that we have obtained nine new legacy gifts this past month! Every one of these gifts was made by TBE members who expressed the same sentiment—"I want to make sure that future generations of Jewish children and adults can enjoy the same wonderful services and support that my family has enjoyed."

What makes the CJL program different? Simply put, a legacy gift is received after the donor or donors have passed away. A legacy gift requires no "payment" while the donors are alive. Thus, donors do not have their standard of living affected.

There are several ways that a legacy gift can be designed: For example, a life insurance policy designating TBE as the beneficiary, a direct gift from an IRA or 401(K), or a gift annuity. Distributions to Temple Beth El from a retirement plan such as an IRA or 401(k) has excellent tax advantages for the donor. A gift annuity is also an excellent way to make a gift and receive income every year several times larger than current money market or CD rates. Depending on your age, you can currently receive more than 7% a year from a gift annuity!

For more information on CJL gifts, please contact a CJL team member: Jonathan Howard, Marcy Dumas, Anita LaRowe, Lee Pesakoff, Scott Fligel or Marshall Lindner. We would truly love to hear from you!



Saturday, April 13th

7-11pm

\$59 per adult or
\$1000 per reserved table for 10

Music and Dancing
Delicious Food by Armin's Catering
Drinks (over 21, please)
Cash Raffle • Live Auction

Visit www.beth-el.com/decadance
to RSVP, purchase raffle tickets and learn
about sponsorship opportunities

SOCIAL JUSTICE AND ACTION

Time to sign up for the Spring/Summer CSA!

Did you know that you can pick up fresh, local, organic produce directly from Temple Beth El? We're a host location for Poplar Ridge Farm's Community Supported Agriculture program (CSA). For CSA membership details and to sign up by March 22nd, see www.poplarridgefarmnc.com. Jodi Greenwald is the Temple Beth El coordinator and can answer basic questions: bulletin@beth-el.com.

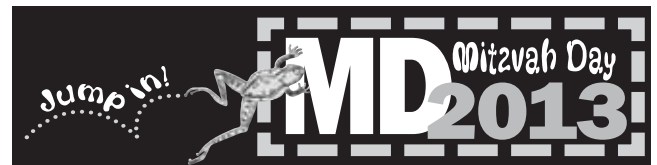


Soup Kitchen

Temple Beth El members will be preparing and serving lunch at the Urban Ministries Soup Kitchen on Sunday, March 31st. To volunteer for March, please contact Cissy Gottlieb at gottliebsl@aol.com or 704-364-2880.

Mitzvah Day - May 19th

Calling all Mensches! Join approximately 500 of your fellow congregants, toddlers through seniors, as we gather to help to repair the world, one mitzvah at time. On Mitzvah Day, we pool our resources, talents and hard work to help Shalom Park and the Greater Charlotte community. With 30 different projects to choose from, you are sure to find a great way to lend a hand. Plant a garden; help to prepare for Freedom School; make a lunch for those in need; do grounds clean up at Camp Mindy, CJP or the JCC Pool; donate blood; and the list goes on. Registration will be online in April. In the meantime, begin collecting your old electronics to recycle and old books to donate to The Habitat Restore. Questions? Contact Lisa Moreland at LMoreland@CharlotteLatin.org



Shalom Park Freedom School - June 24th - August 2nd

• Calling all volunteers! For the third summer, Temple Beth El will join with seven other Shalom Park agencies to host a free, six-week literacy-based summer program for economically disadvantaged children (K-5th grade) from Sterling Elementary and Huntingtowne Farms Elementary. If you would like to volunteer in any of the following areas, please use the contact emails listed below:

Supplies - Shirley Rosen, selwynrose@aol.com; Snacks - Nancy Tarbis, nctarbis@carolina.rr.com; April Friend/Fundraiser - Cheryl Alley, calley@comporium.net; Enrichment - Amy Lefkof, aflefkof@carolina.rr.com; General Volunteers - Harriet Meetz, harriet.meetz@carolinashealthcare.org.

• Save the Date! Thursday, April 25th, 7:00pm in the Sam Lerner Center on Shalom Park. Join us for a movie night to benefit Shalom Park Freedom School Summer 2013. "Brooklyn Castle" is an inspiring documentary that tells the stories of five members of the chess team at a below-the-poverty-line inner city junior high school. Tickets will be on sale soon at the LJCC Customer Service Desk for \$10 (or \$15 at the door).

Sterling Elementary

Sterling has created a food pantry for students and families in need with the food that Temple Beth El donated around Thanksgiving. Supplies are running low, and donations of canned vegetables, canned chicken and tuna, beans, pasta, etc. are needed. If you can help, please place donations in the blue bin in the Temple lobby.

Help Lead Environmental Programs at TBE

Are you concerned about the environment? Do you have a passion for caring for and protecting the earth? If so, the Social Justice and Action Committee needs you! We are seeking one or two individuals to chair TEVA, the Temple Environmental Vision and Advocacy Group. TEVA serves as a focal point for identifying and developing Temple Beth El programs that: (1) increase awareness of environmental issues and solutions at TBE, and throughout our community; (2) promote advocacy and action related to specific environmental concerns; and (3) educate TBE congregants and staff on how to reduce carbon footprint for buildings and day-to-day living. For more information, please contact Lisa Garfinkle at slgarfinkle@windstream.net.

Domestic Abuse

Please come to us if you think you are in an unhealthy relationship. We are here to help. www.shalombayit-nc.org.

BROTHERHOOD'S 6TH ANNUAL MEN'S SEDER Tuesday, March 19th, 6:30pm at Temple Beth El

The Temple Beth El Men's Brotherhood Seder is a project of the Men of Reform Judaism that uses the traditional structure of the Passover Seder to give men of all ages an opportunity to come together to explore and celebrate what it means to be a contemporary Jewish man. Cost: \$22.00 Brotherhood Member, \$26.00 Non-Member.

Please join us for a memorable evening of brotherhood, tradition and a men's only Seder service and meal. We only ask that you bring your own favorite wine (Manischewitz not required). RSVP by noon on March 15th by responding to the online invitation or by sending an email to brotherhood@beth-el.com. Questions? Contact Alan Gottheim at 704-363-3706.



SPICE NEWS AND EVENTS - Special Programs of Interest and Concern to Elders

SPICE gives special thanks to Ivy Saul for donating the snacks for the Sterling Elementary School students and their parents for Principle's Choice Night in January. Our appreciation also goes to the TBE Education Committee for baking and preparing snacks for March. If any other groups or individuals would like to donate snacks for our April or May programs, please contact Milt Poler at grpoler@carolina.rr.com.

MONDAY, MARCH 4TH, 11:00AM, AT TEMPLE BETH EL - Movie and discussion with Rabbi Mort Kaplan: "From Swastika to Jim Crow." Lunch is at 12:00pm (Chinese food), \$8/person member, \$10/person non-member. Followed at 12:45pm by Rabbi Kaplan speaking on "Jews and the Civil War." **RSVPs required by Thursday, February 28th.**

MONDAY, MARCH 18TH, 11:00AM, AT TEMPLE BETH EL - Rabbi Judy on "Waiting for Elijah." Lunch is at 12:00pm (see the [SPICE website](http://www.beth-el.com) for food information), \$8/person member, \$10/person non-member. Followed at 12:45pm by Brad Panovich, Chief Meteorologist at WCNC, on "How Weather Changes Impact Our Lives." **RSVPs required by Thursday, March 14th.**

SHABBAT POT LUCK DINNER - FRIDAY, MARCH 22ND - Immediately following the 6:00pm Shabbat Service. No charge for Temple Beth El members, \$7/person for non-members. **RSVPs required by Monday, March 18th.** We cannot accept walk-ins. SPICE will provide the main dish and challah. Please provide a dish for 10 to 12 people. Participants whose LAST name starts with: A thru G - HOT side dish (vegetable, potato, rice, couscous, etc.). H thru M - Finger food dessert (brownies, cookies, bars, fruit, etc.). N thru Z - Salad (Bean, Mexican, fruit, cucumber, vegetable, macaroni salad, cold slaw, garden salad, pasta etc.) If you wish, B.Y.O. Wine. Tickets will be given to members who bring a dish AND are on the RSVP list. You may RSVP online at www.beth-el.com/RSVP. You can also RSVP by calling 704-749-3070. If you have any questions: Sera Callif, srcallif@aol.com, or Frances Liss, reliss@comporium.net.

Please note: SPICE is no longer able to accept CASH on the day of our programs. If you have RSVP'd by the date required and have not paid, we will accept a check at the door. **RSVPs are required for ALL PROGRAMS.** RSVP at www.beth-el.com/RSVP (requires one time set up of username and password) with credit card or mail in check, or call 704-749-3070. RSVPs not cancelled within 48 hours of the program will be billed. We obtain group/senior rates and payment must be made prior to cutoff date. See the [SPICE website](http://www.beth-el.com) for details. *All programs are funded by grants from the BJH Foundation.*



Johnson C. Smith University Jazz group played for the SPICE program on February 18th.

TOT SHABBAT

Saturday, March 16th, 9:15am, at Temple Beth El

Tot Shabbat is geared for all Jewish families with children ages 5 and younger (and their older siblings)! Families participate in an age-appropriate Shabbat service led by TBE clergy and Ms. Patty. After services, we will move to Luski Hall and enjoy a snack and Passover craft. Also, do consider taking advantage of the beautiful Sandra and Leon Levine Playground with your tots following our program. This is a wonderful and appropriate Shabbat activity for families. This month, we will be joined by TBE Tots Madrichim - teens who will lend a hand, giving parents more room to breathe and chat. This event is free to attend, but depends on the sponsorship of generous participants and donors. Questions? Contact Cantor Mary at 704-366-1948, email us at tots@beth-el.com or like us on Facebook: www.facebook.com/groups/BethElTots.

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in honor of Temple Beth El's
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CHARLOTTE JEWISH PRESCHOOL**Wait, Wait... One More Turn!**

Excerpted from a longer piece by Jason Stoogenke

Abby Sherman doesn't cry at drop-off anymore. The biggest issue these days is whether to take the stairs or the elevator. Instead of tears now, Abby has her routine. She takes off her jacket. They do the hug. Dad gets a fist pump. Abby hits the ground running, usually going after the "table toys." Sound familiar? Most par-

ents know drop-off. How their kids used to dread it. And the fact that they don't anymore speaks volumes for CJP. For Abby's dad, Allen, and her mother, Suzy, CJP is more than just a place with "no more crying anymore." They cherish the Judaica piece, how Abby "knows more Hebrew than I do." How she knows the prayers and wants to do Ha'motzi over the challah. Suzy loves the interaction Abby is learning...and cherishing. Suzy says, "She blossoms there." And Suzy doesn't say things lightly. And, it's not just about Abby. Her parents have met friends here and enjoy the sense of community, too. They connect with other people who have children the same age.

Abby has a hard time leaving each day. She ropes mom or dad into pushing her on the swing on the new playground. One push becomes two...two become three...and so on. So, the days when drop-off was the hard part seem long gone in the Sherman household. And probably at many other CJP homes, too. Now, getting the children to leave school...is the challenge.

For more information about having your child Learn, Grow and Connect with us, please contact Alyson Kalik, CJP's Registrar, at 704-944-6776 or akalik@shalomcharlotte.org. Half day enrollment for the 2012/2013 school year for children ages 1 to 5 is currently underway.



Sign up now at
[www.pjlibrary.org/
communities/
charlotte/300](http://www.pjlibrary.org/communities/charlotte/300)

B'NEI MITZVAH

**ETHAN SORELL**

Parashat Ki Tissa
March 2, 2013

Ethan is the son of Vali and Kim Sorell. His grandparents are the late Edward Morris Capelouto, the late Cali Sorell, Rachael Capelouto and Dori Apsan Sorell. Ethan is the brother of Gabriel, Olivia, Madeleine, Joshua and Niyana.

**ELIZA LEZIN LIEBERMAN**

Parashat Tzav
March 23, 2013

Eliza is the daughter of Katya Lezin and David Lieberman. Her grandparents are Norman and Susanne Lieberman of Arnold, MD, and Arthur and Alice Lezin of Bend, OR. Eliza is the sister of Noah and Hannah.

**MATTHEW JACOB TRAVIS**

Parashat Ki Tissa
March 2, 2013

Matthew is the son of Andrew and Michelle Travis. His grandparents are James and Suzanne Porte' newly of Fort Mill, SC and the late Martin and Ruth Travis of West Hempstead, NY. Matthew is the brother of Zach and Bryan.

**NOAH DAVID MAKLEY**

Parashat Tzav
March 23, 2013

Noah is the son of Joan Heiman Makley. His grandparents are the late Howard and Gersonna Heiman. Noah is the nephew of David and Muriel Lintz. He is the brother of Elizabeth Ann.

**MATTHEW IRA HENNES**

Parashat Vayikra
March 16, 2013

Matthew is the son of Wendy and Michael Hennes. His grandparents are Carolyn and Stuart Hennes of Charlotte, NC, and Paulette and Joel Cohen of Charlotte NC. Matthew is the brother of Erica.

**KATHRYN FRANKENBERG**

Parashat Ki Tisa
March 30, 2013

Kate is the daughter of Brett and Sara Frankenberg. Her grandparents are Fern Frankenberg and the late Fred Frankenberg of Toms River, NJ and Gloria Healey and the late Bill Healey of North Fort Myers, FL. Kate is the sister of Sydney.

**LINDSAY ROSENZWEIG**

Parashat Vayikra
March 16, 2013

Lindsay is the daughter of Marlene and Scott Rosenzweig. Her grandparents are Marvin and Phoebe Witte of Fort Mill, SC; Donald Rosenzweig of Boca Raton, FL; and the late Joan Rosenzweig. Lindsay is the sister of Brian.

LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR B'NEI MITZVAH STUDENTS.

Read about their mitzvah projects and more at
www.beth-el.com/b_neimitzvahstudents.

TEMPLE BETH EL RELIGIOUS SCHOOL INVITES JEWISH CHILDREN TO EXPERIENCE VACATION TORAH SCHOOL - SUMMER 2013

Week 1 - June 24 – 28, 2013

Week 2 - July 8 – 12, 2013



Come to Temple Beth El Religious School for fun in the sun this summer at Vacation Torah School! Join us for two weeks of Torah stories, T'filah, crafts, cooking, dancing, songs and more.

Week 1 we will tap into our inner kings and queens as we discover the secrets of **"The Jewish Royals."** We will be as brave and courageous as King David and Queen Esther, as wise as King Solomon, as good as King Hezekiah and even be surprised by a mystery royal!

Week 2 we will travel through the Torah on a fabulous **"Jewish Torah Journey."** From Ur to Egypt to The Promised Land, we will trek to the exciting locations found in our favorite Torah stories. No passports required! Just a great imagination!

Vacation Torah School (VTS) will be staffed by our talented and creative religious school faculty and *madrachim* (teen assistants). Register for one or two weeks. More information available at www.beth-el.com or the TBE Religious School office at 704-749-3046.

- **Ages:** Rising Kindergarten to Rising 3rd Grade
- **Fee:** \$165 per week for TBE Members and \$210 per week for Non-members (includes snacks and materials)
- **Schedule:** Monday-Friday 9:15am-12:15pm
- **Location:** Bobbie and Don Bernstein Education Building
- **Registration is now open!**

TBE YOUTH FAMILY FUN DAY: BINGO & ICE CREAM SUNDAES Saturday, March 2nd, 2:00-4:00pm at Temple Beth El

Open to all TBE Youth & Families!

Ready for a day of fun for the family, all while supporting TBE Youth? The Youth Engagement Committee is hosting a fabulous, Family Fun Day, featuring a delicious ice cream sundae bar and some entertainment, Bingo with lots of great prizes! All TBE Youth and families are welcomed and encouraged to attend! You **MUST REGISTER ONLINE** by Tuesday, February 26th at www.beth-el.com/RSVP. Cost: \$5 per person for ice cream sundae bar and a bingo card. Additional bingo cards available for \$2 per card – All proceeds will benefit Temple Beth El Youth Scholarships.



COMPETE TO BECOME TEMPLE BETH EL'S MARCH MADNESS BRACKET MAVEN!

The 2013 College basketball season couldn't be more exciting. It all builds to the NCAA Men's Tournament in March. The Temple Beth El Youth Engagement Committee is hosting an online Bracket Challenge to build some excitement for the season and raise money for Temple Beth El Youth scholarships.

The Bracket Challenge starts Sunday, March 17th. RSVP online at www.beth-el.com/RSVP or at upcoming Temple events. Cost is \$10 per entry. Players registering on or before March 2nd can purchase three entries for \$20 - more fun for the whole family. If you've never participated in a "Bracket Pool" before, it's very easy. Pick the teams you like, the teams you know, and the teams you've heard of. If you think you're a "Bracket Bochar," this is the game for you. We will send out more details concerning the online play later. The top five winners get a free entry into the Bracket Challenge next year. There will be cash prizes to the top three - and you will NOT believe the trophy for the winner!

For questions or more information, contact tbeyouth@beth-el.com.

UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS

- **LIBERTY LTI (Leadership Training Institute)**

Sunday, March 3rd, 1:00-2:30pm Temple Beth El (207/207A)

Make sure you attend this mandatory leadership training program if you are interested in running for LIBERTY Board 2013-2014 (bring your own lunch, if necessary).

- **LIBERTY/USY Ice Skating (8th-12th grade)**

Saturday, March 16th, 7:00-9:00pm, Extreme Ice Center
4705 Indian Trail - Fairview Rd., Indian Trail, NC 28079

Temple Beth El and Temple Israel invite all 8th-12th graders for a fun day on the ice! Join your LIBERTY and USY friends as we skate with skill at Extreme Ice House. Make sure to wear warm clothing (sweatshirts, jeans, gloves, hat and tall socks). For directions, visit www.xicenter.com. Please eat before this event or bring money to buy your own dinner at the Ice House. Cost: \$8 (includes skate rental). **PAY AT THE DOOR!**

- **KATANTY K1 Pajama Movie Night (Kindergarten-1st grade)**

Saturday, March 16th, 6:00-8:00pm at TBE (Music Room)

Throw on your PJ's, grab your favorite stuffed animal and sleeping bag, and head out for an awesome movie night with all your Jewish friends. We will serve dinner and theater-style snacks. You are always welcome to send in a nut-free, alternative snack for your child. You must RSVP by March 13th at www.beth-el.com/RSVP. Contact Jennifer Sawyer at jsawyermom@hotmail.com with questions. Cost: \$10 (includes dinner).

- **KATANTY 23 Movie Night (2nd-3rd grade)**

Saturday, March 16th, 3:30-5:30pm @ TBE (Music Room)

Come kick back with your Jew Crew for an awesome movie night! We'll be serving theater-style snacks, such as popcorn, candy and Sprite. Parents, you are always welcome to bring in a nut-free, alternative snack for your child. You must RSVP by March 13th at www.beth-el.com/RSVP. Contact Jennifer Sawyer at jsawyermom@hotmail.com with questions. Cost: \$10 (includes dinner).

- **KATANTY 45 Not Your Ordinary Passover Seder (4th-5th grade)**

Saturday, March 16th, 3:30-5:30pm @ TBE (Luski Hall)

See [Passover Page](#) for details.

- **LIBERTY 67 Passover Palooza – Ten-Plague Decathlon (6th-7th grade)**

Friday, March 22, 6:00-9:00pm @ TBE (Levine Social Hall)

See [Passover Page](#) for details.



7 LIBERTY teens and Andy Harkavy attended NFTY Convention/Youth Engagement Conference in Los Angeles.



Caleb Seidler, Debbie Rabinovich and Andy Harkavy at the NFTY Convention 2013 closing banquet with Josh Nelson.

SHARING OUR LIVES

The Board of Directors of Temple Beth El and the entire congregation extend deepest sympathies to the families of

... Cathryn Arold, mother of Richard Arold
 ... Sidney Blumenreich, father of Sue Littauer, grandfather of Stephanie Brodsky
 ... Florence C. Davis, aunt of Lesley Cohen Ringley
 ... Jack Bernard Garfinkle, father of Stephen Garfinkle
 ... Frank Jones, father of Douglas Jones
 ... Lonie Kahn
 ... Martin Michael Lupow, uncle of Matt Coben
 ... Margot Moritz
 ... Martin Pollack, brother of Nicholas Pollack
 ... Samuel Rhodes, brother-in-law of Frances Liss
 ... Jerome Rosenberg, brother of Sue Klein

MAZEL TOV TO...

Births

... Liz and Jeremy Naman on the birth of their daughter, Nancy James Naiman, January 31, 2013.
 ... Alyson Grossman Traw and Russell Traw on the birth of their son, Judah Mitchell Traw on February 13, 2013.
 ... Brianna and Matt Shait on the birth of their son, Joseph Walton Shait on February 12, 2013.

MILESTONES - MARCH 2013

MILESTONE BIRTHDAYS

1	31
Betsy Rosen	Martin Rosenberg
2	Stephan Hightower
Fran Kaplan	
Martin Fox	
3	
Ruth Brandt	
5	
Jill Newman	
6	
Lawrence Yass	
7	
Brianna Shait	
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Barrie Stesis	
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Peggy McManus	
15	
Richard Coates	
16	
Edward Green	
21	
Kenneth Widis	
23	
David Kerman	
Judy Raghavan	
24	
Anne Yudell	
June Levine	
Leona Miller	
25	
Michael Proscia	

MILESTONE ANNIVERSARIES

25th
 Jeffrey & Amy Beiser
10th
 Zeev Neuwirth & Lisa Davidson
 Robert & Jeanie Widis

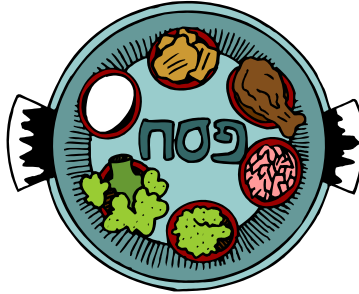


**Happy 60th Birthday,
Cantor Bernard!**

SEEN & HEARD AT TEMPLE BETH EL



The crew working on the social hall carpet renovations tripped off the fire alarm at Temple Beth El at the end of January. Happily, it was a mild, winter day, and no damage was done. Maxwell Wallach, Alana Markel and Becky Swerdlow were lucky bystanders eager to take a peek inside the fire truck. Marco Vasquez, TBE's Maintenance Supervisor, also took a moment to pose with the truck. We are grateful to Fire Station 19 for their super speedy response.



PASSOVER AT TEMPLE BETH EL

March 2013

For electronic access to this information and more – including a Seder Supplement to add to your Seder – see www.beth-el.com/Passover.

• Second Night Community Passover Seder

Tuesday, March 26th, 6:00pm at Temple Beth El

Join us for an engaging, uplifting Seder filled with rabbinic wisdom, music led by our cantors, and the warmth of our congregational family. A complete Seder meal will be served – from gefilte fish and brisket to matzo kugel. Prepaid reservations are required by March 18th at www.beth-el.com/RSVP. Members have priority registration until March 6th. Have specific seating requests? Contact Sue Hummel at 704-749-3054. Tables are for parties of 8-10 people. If you have a larger group requiring special setup, please let us know. Prices: Adults: \$45/person (\$55 non-member) • Children ages 6-12: \$25/child (\$30 non-member) • Children ages 3-5: \$15/child (\$20 non-member) • Children 2 and under: no charge.

ADULTS

• Women's Chocolate and Red Wine Seder – Sunday, March 17th, 6:00-7:30pm at TBE.

From modern day plagues to dipping in salted chocolate ganache, this is not your Momma's Passover Seder. Experience this blend of humor and tradition, expressed in the unique way only women can. Admission is your favorite chocolate dessert and/or red wine (or other goodie). Go to www.beth-el.com/RSVP to register. Brought to you by the Women of Reform Judaism.

• Brotherhood's 6th Annual Men's Seder – Tuesday, March 19th, 6:30pm at Temple Beth El.

Please join us for a memorable evening of brotherhood, tradition and a men's only Seder service and wonderful meal. BYO favorite wine (Manischewitz not required). RSVP by noon on March 15th via on-line invitation or by emailing brotherhood@beth-el.com. Questions? Contact Alan Gottheim at 704-363-3706. Cost: \$22.00 Brotherhood member, \$26.00 non-member.



FLIP OVER FOR MORE PASSOVER AT TBE ->

- **ChaiLytes Pre-Passover Coffee, Pastry & Easy Hike** – Sunday, March 24th, 10:00am

Families Welcome! Meet at Starbucks near the Greenway on Rea Road by Trader Joe's. Enjoy this last chance to eat cake before Passover, then walk with friends at your own pace. No charge! RSVP by March 21st to www.beth-el.com/RSVP. Questions? Email greenberg.tara@gmail.com. ChaiLytes is TBE's social group for members in their 40's-50's.

- **First Night Seder Exchange** – Monday, March 25th

Can you find room for a few extra guests this Passover? Would you like to be placed with a host family? If you answered "yes" to either question - let us play matchmaker! Sign up by Monday, March 18th, and tell us the number you can host or how many to place. Contact Janie Meyers at 704-749-3051 or jmeyers@beth-el.com.

- **NextDOR Interfaith Seder** – Wednesday, March 27th, 6:30pm at Temple Beth El

Presented in partnership with the Charlotte Interfaith Young Adult Council. Details coming soon.

- **Alternative Passover** – NextDOR and Beyond – Sunday, March 31st, 10:00am – 1:00pm

Join us at Freedom Park by the locomotive for Passover Yoga, a playground for the kids, a nature walk and Passover spiritual practice with Rabbi Jonathan and Shelley Bear, TBE's Torah Yoga instructor.

YOUTH

- **Tot Shabbat** – Sat., March 16th, 9:15am, in the Archer Chapel (kids 5 and under, siblings and caregivers)

Families will participate in an age-appropriate Shabbat service led by TBE clergy and Ms. Patty. Afterward, we'll move to Luski Hall and enjoy a snack and Passover craft. Teen Madrichim will help out with the kids so parents can get acquainted. Following the program, join us on the Levine Playground. Questions? Contact Cantor Mary at 704-366-1948 or email us at tots@beth-el.com. Free of charge.

- **Not Your Ordinary Passover Seder - KATANTY 45** (4th-5th grade)

Saturday, March 16th, 3:30-5:30pm in Luski Hall - Looking for a way to sweeten Passover? KATANTY 45 is having a Chocolate Seder! Join us for a fun, unique way to celebrate the holiday. You MUST RSVP by March 13th at www.beth-el.com/RSVP. Questions? Contact miriameichenbaum@hotmail.com. Cost is \$10.

- **Passoverpalooza – Ten-Plague Decathlon - LIBERTY 67** (6th-7th grade)

Friday, March 22nd, 6:00-9:00pm at Temple Beth El - Join us as we celebrate Shabbat, experience fun services, eat a delicious meal and learn about Passover in a fun new way! Compete in groups against your friends in the Ten-Plague Decathlon. Then we'll make (and eat!) our own matzah pizzas. You MUST RSVP by March 19th at www.beth-el.com/RSVP. Questions? Contact IvyLBerman@gmail.com. Cost: \$10.

WORSHIP

- **Passover Worship Service:** Tuesday, March 26th, 11:00am - 12:00pm, Leslie & Kevin Archer Chapel

- **Passover Worship Service with Yizkor:** Monday, April 1st, 11:00am- 12:00pm, Leslie & Kevin Archer Chapel



MARCH 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 8:00 am Torah Yoga 10:30 am Sisterhood Board Meeting 12:00 pm Uptown Talmud 6:00 pm Welcoming Shabbat "Off-the-Wall" 7:15 pm Bereavement Service; 2 nd Grade Shabbat Dinner 8:00 pm Shabbat Worship	2 9:30 am Fiji; Tanach Study 11:00 am B'nei Mitzvah of Ethan Sorell and Matthew Travis 2:00 pm TBE Youth Bingo/Ice Cream
3 RELIGIOUS SCHOOL 10:00 am Brotherhood: Photography Meeting; Sports Collectors Club 11:00 am Gift Shop Brunch 1:00 pm LIBERTY LTI 2:30 pm LIBERTY Board Meeting 6:00 pm B'nei Mitzvah Tutoring	4 HEBREW SCHOOL 11:00 am SPICE Program 7:00 pm Board of Directors Meeting	5 4:30 pm B'nei Mitzvah Tutoring	6 HEBREW SCHOOL 5:00 pm LIBERTY Board Meeting 6:15 pm Madrichim Torah Trope 7:00 pm Hebrew High; Learn to Read Hebrew; Improve Your Hebrew Skills"	7 11:00 am Learn to Read Hebrew 7:00pm Brotherhood "First Thursday"	8 8:00 am Torah Yoga 6:00 pm Welcoming Shabbat 7:30pm Shabbat Dinner Out 7:45pm NFTY-SAR Hatikvah Kallah Service	9 NFTY-SAR Hatikvah Kallah 9:00 am Fiji; Robyn Farber Leadership; Sheva; Haggadah Workshop; Teen Band 10:00 am Vocal Ensemble 10:15 am Congregational Shabbat Breakfast 11:00 am Congregational Shabbat Worship 1:45 pm Jolt of Judaism
10 RELIGIOUS SCHOOL; NFTY-SAR Hatikvah Kallah 10:00 am Brotherhood Breakfast 11:00am Building and Grounds Committee 6:00 pm B'nei Mitzvah Tutoring	11 HEBREW SCHOOL 11:00 am SPICE Committee 5:30 pm Comparative Religion Committee 7:00 pm Personnel Committee 7:30 pm Sacred Learning Revolution Meeting 8:00 pm Israel Committee	12 4:30 pm B'nei Mitzvah Tutoring	13 HEBREW SCHOOL 12:00 pm South Park Talmud 5:00 pm LIBERTY Board 6:00 pm Ways and Means Committee 6:15 pm MadrichimTrope Class 7:00 pm Hebrew High;Learn to Read Hebrew;Improve Your Hebrew Skills" 7:30 pm Communications Committee Meeting	14 11:00 am Learn to Read Hebrew	15 8:00 am Torah Yoga 12:00 pm Uptown Talmud 6:00 pm Kabbalat Shabbat 7:00 pm Brotherhood Shabbat Dinner 8:00 pm Shabbat Worship Service	16 9:15 am Tot Shabbat 9:30 am Fiji; Tanach Study 11:00 am B'nei Mitzvah of Matthew Hennes and Lindsay Rosenzweig 3:30 pm KATANTY 23; KATANTY45 6:00 pm KATANTY K I
17 RELIGIOUS SCHOOL 6:00 pm Sisterhood Chocolate Seder 6:00 pm B'nei Mitzvah Tutoring	18 HEBREW SCHOOL 11:00 am SPICE Program 6:00 pm Executive Board Meeting 6:30 pm Brotherhood Board Meeting	19 6:30 pm Brotherhood Men's Seder 4:30pm B'nei Mitzvah Tutoring	20 HEBREW SCHOOL 12:00 pm South Park Talmud 6:15pm MadrichimTrope Class 7:00 pm Hebrew High;Learn to Read Hebrew;Improve Your Hebrew Skills; Member Services Mtg.	21 11:00 am Learn to Read Hebrew	22 8:00 am Torah Yoga 6:00 pm Welcoming Shabbat; LIBERTY 67 Passover Palooza 7:15 pm SPICE Potluck Shabbat Dinner	23 9:30 am Fiji; Tanach Study 11:00 am B'nei Mitzvah of Eliza Lieberman and Noah Makley
24 NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL 12:00 pm ChaiLytes 6:00 pm B'nei Mitzvah Tutoring	25 OFFICE CLOSSES AT 3:00PM; NO HEBREW SCHOOL Pesach 1 st Seder	26 OFFICE CLOSED 11:00 am Passover Service 6:00 pm 2 nd Seder	27 NO HEBREW SCHOOL; NO HEBREW HIGH 12:00 pm Senior Sage Class 6:30 pm NextDOR	28	29 8:00 am Torah Yoga 6:00 pm Kabbalat Shabbat 7:15 pm Healing/Comfort Service	30 11:00 am Bat mitzvah Kathryn Frankenberg calendarlabs 31 NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL; 10am Alternative Pesach



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Temple Office Hours

Monday through Thursday 9:00am to 5:30pm
Friday 9:00am to 4:00pm
The office is closed on Saturday and Sunday.

WORSHIP SERVICES - MARCH 2013

FRIDAY, MARCH 1

Welcoming Shabbat	6:00 pm
Bereavement Service:	
Finding Consolation after Loss	7:15 pm
Shabbat Worship Service	8:00 pm

SATURDAY, MARCH 2

Adult Tanach (Bible) Study	9:30 am
Shabbat Morning Worship Service/	11:00 am
B'nei Mitzvah:	
Ethan Sorell	
Son of Kim and Vali Sorell	
Matthew Travis	
Son of Michelle & Andrew Travis	

FRIDAY, MARCH 8

Welcoming Shabbat	6:00 pm
NFTY-SAR Hatikvah Kallah Service (open to all)	7:45 pm

SATURDAY, MARCH 9

Congregational Shabbat Experiences	9:00 am
Congregational Shabbat Brunch	10:15 am
Congregational Shabbat Service	11:00 am

FRIDAY, MARCH 15

Kabbalat Shabbat	6:00 pm
Shabbat Worship Service	8:00 pm

SATURDAY, MARCH 16

Tot Shabbat	9:15 am
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Adult Tanach (Bible) Study	9:30 am
Shabbat Morning Worship/B'nei Mitzvah	11:00 am
Matthew Hennes	
Son of Wendy and Michael Hennes	
Lindsay Rosenzweig	
Daughter of Marlene and Scott Rosenzweig	

FRIDAY, MARCH 22

Welcoming Shabbat	6:00 pm
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SATURDAY, MARCH 23

Adult Tanach (Bible) Study	9:30 am
Shabbat Morning Worship/B'nei Mitzvah:	11:00 am
Eliza Lieberman	
Daughter of Katya Lezin and David Lieberman	
Noah Makley	
Son of Joan Makley	

TUESDAY, MARCH 26

Passover Service	11:00 am
2nd Night Seder	6:00 pm

FRIDAY, MARCH 29

Kabbalat Shabbat	6:00 pm
Service of Healing & Comfort	7:15 pm

SATURDAY, MARCH 30

Adult Tanach (Bible) Study	9:30 am
Shabbat Morning Worship/Bat Mitzvah:	11:00 am
Kathryn Frankenberg	
Daughter of Sara and Brett Frankenberg	