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Mazel Tov to the CJFF on Its Bar Mitzvah Year
13 Films for 13 Years

The Charlotte Jewish Film Festival is pleased to announce the lineup for its exciting 13th season that will be taking place February 11–March 5.

Thank you to Screening Chair Jeff Turk and Screening Committee members Shari Baum, Bunny Branson, Jena Coen, Bob Ecker, Eric Laxer, Judy Laxer, Michael Lieberman, Harriet Meetz, Gale Osborne, Jodi Greenwald, Brian Imbrey, Ross Levin, Gabe Matlath, Stephanie Matlath, and Marcia Stern for putting together another diverse and great CJFF slate.

The All Festival Pass is $115 (a $155 value) and can be purchased all the way up to opening night (February 11). Passes can be purchased at the LJCC Customer Service desk or online at charlottejewishfilm.com. Films are expected to sell out, so please get your tickets in advance.

OPENING NIGHT CELEBRATION
The Women’s Balcony Saturday, February 11 at 7:15 PM, Temple Israel, $25

An accident during a bar mitzvah celebration leads to a gendered rift in a devout Orthodox community in Jerusalem. A moving, good-hearted tale about women speaking truth to patriarchal power.

Opening Night Reception following the film.

On The Map
Sunday, February 12 at 7:15 PM, Temple Israel, $15

The against-all-odds story of Maccabi Tel Aviv’s 1977 European Championship, which took place at a time when the Middle East was still reeling from the 1973 Yom Kippur War, the 1972 Olympic massacre at Munich, and the 1976 hijacking of an Air France flight from Tel Aviv.

Tali Brody is scheduled to appear. Dessert reception following the film.

“On the Map”

Who’s Gonna Love Me Now?
Wednesday, February 15 at 7:15 PM, Temple Israel, $10

Film clips, performances, and interviews with top comedians and prominent Jewish leaders are combined with an intimate portrait of an Auschwitz survivor, weaving together a complete and thoughtful exploration into the question of what is and is not off-limits in comedy.

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JEWISH FEDERATION NEWS

Charlotte Educators Explore the Light Within Themselves During the P2G Educators Consortium in Israel

By Karen Brodskey, Educator and Participant

It is traditional for Jews to display their Chanukah (Chanukah) menorahs in front of their windows facing the street. A group of American and Israeli teachers were delighted by the types, designs, and beauty of Chanukiot displayed in the Old City of Jerusalem. Some featured candles; others colored and clear olive oil to celebrate the miracle of Chanukah. The group followed the festive lights throughout Israel during the recent Educators2Gether 2016 P2G Hadera-Eiron-SE Consortium program, December 23–December 29, 2016.

Four teachers from Charlotte received the Chanukah gift of the relationship between sister areas: the American Southeast and the Hadera-Eiron region of Israel. Opening the gift paved the way for creating relationships and encouraging cooperation between the two regions. The American educators visited schools, enjoyed Israeli hospitality, learned about social justice programs and explored the possibilities of strengthening ties between the Jewish State and American Jews.

Co-run by the Jewish Agency for Israel (JAFI) and representatives from the Jewish Federations of North America (JFNA), the P2G Consortium program strives to “enable American Jews and Israelis to share a connection of information, exchange of ideas between the sides and engage in mutual involvement and learning.”

The recent teacher exchange gave educators from both sides lasting friendships, new channels of communication, and ideas to strengthen the relationships between the sister cities of the cities in Hadera-Eiron, including Pardes Hanna-Karkur, Hadera, Menashe, and Alona.

Andrea Wise, AP Biology and Anatomy teacher for 11th and 12th graders at Providence High School, Limor Beeri and I, Hebrew teachers from Temple Israel Religious School, comprised the Charlotte delegation. In addition to the teachers from Charlotte, others came from Nashville; Chattanooga; Richmond, VA; Jacksonville and Pinellas, FL; and Charleston, SC; totaling 17.

Andrea Wise from the delegation said that “Vision” is a concept that was explored in depth through our visit. At Beit Eliezer High School, we saw students actively engaged in Jewish Peoplehood Day, and we could see the results of the vision of the partnership. Student leaders who are trained in the P2G model organized and led classes in which students reflected on their Jewish identity. Religious school teachers in the U.S. will lead the same activities with their students.

Teachers will exchange the responses between the sister cities, both electronically and physically. Many other avenues for exchange were opened when we met teachers, stayed in their homes, and celebrated Shabbat with their families.

I visited Sadot, an elementary school in Pardes Hanna-Karkur. I met with my hostess’s fifth grade class, distributed Chanukah gifts to the students, and visited younger classes to see how they learn English. Shlomit Shalevi, my hostess, and other teachers, shared ideas for engaging students in learning Hebrew. I enjoyed Shabbat with Shlomit’s family. Her in-laws made Aliyah more than 40 years ago from Australia, and the conversation was enlightening. Even with four children, a day of teaching fifth-graders, and having to squire an American teacher, Shlomit managed to bake challah from scratch, cook several entrees and side dishes, and serve a beautiful Shabbat meal. I was glad to be reminded of the work women do throughout Israel and the United States.

Once the delegation left Hadera, Israelis and Americans visited pivotal points on the map of Israel. Each day was packed with touring, discussion, experiential learning, and meeting well-
P2G Educators’ Mission

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renowned educators from Israel. Included were visits to the Herzl Museum, the National Cemetery, Yad Vashem, the Kotel on the third day of Chanukah, the Jewish quarter and the tunnels under the Old City of Jerusalem, and the Friends of Zion Museum.

The visit to the ecological greenhouse in Kibbutz Ein Shemer, which is in the Hadera region, illuminated innovative learning experiences for high school students and Arab and Israeli student researchers who wish to explore ecological solutions to the world’s problems.

Weiss said about Ein Shemer, “It was another chance to see vi­sion realized. At Ein Shemer, we saw the product of Avital Geva’s dream of an educational facility being utilized. In this greenhouse, students and the community are doing valuable projects, and the problem-solving like sustainably harvesting algae for food.”

A selected to attend the Educator’s Delegation in Israel. This experience has been absolutely life-changing for me – not just as a teacher, but as a person, too. While I teach ‘Remember the Holocaust’ at the high school level and have almost completed graduate studies relating to Holocaust Studies while learning about the history of the Jewish people, I have not had the opportunity to become immersed in Jewish culture. Going to Israel, living with a host family, celebrat­ing Shabbat and Chanukah, seeing historic sites, as well as learning from the Israelis I met, gave me a hands-on experience that I could not have received elsewhere. This trip would not have been possible for me without the support of the Jewish Federation of Charlotte.

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Below, other educators share their thoughts and experiences:

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“When I went to Israel, I was most excited about visiting Yad Vashem; however, by the end of the trip, I could not pick just one event that impacted me the most because the entire experience was absolutely surreal. I am most appreciative to the Jewish Federation of Charlotte for making it possible for me to become more knowledgeable about Jewish culture so that I can share with my students. I am keeping in touch with several Israelis I met on the trip, as well as my host family. It is absolutely remarkable to know that, although we are on separate continents, I will always have a family in Israel who will welcome me home...as I will welcome them.

Limor Beeri: “If I had to use one word to describe my Partnership 2Gether delegation trip to Is­rael, I keep coming back to the word magnificent. What a rich and colorful experience. There were so many highlights, and every little detail was well organized and thought of. This adven­ture exposed me to many additional layers and discoveries about Israel, its culture, and our Jewish identity. We had a wonder­ful group of Israeli and American educators, sharing many common goals and learning so much from one another. I am so excited about the tools I have been given as a result of this delegation, and cannot wait to use my new knowledge in bringing Israel into the classroom and the hearts of our students.”

Partnership Together (P2G) Hadera-Eiron and the Southeast Consortium Partnership is dedi­cated to creating relationships and encouraging connections between individuals and groups from di­verse professional and social backgrounds in face-to-face en­counters. Such encounters encour­age cooperation, mutual learning, and tolerance while strengthening peoples’ sense of belonging to the Jewish people and Israel. For more information, please contact, Tal Stein, Director of Community Relations and Israel Affairs at tal.stein@jewishcharlotte.org or 704-944-6751.

The delegation in the Old City:

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JCRC Speaker Series Continues on February 28

Please join the JCRC Speaker Series for the second session of our two part series by Dr. Ralph Nurnberger on February 28 at 7 PM in the Sam Lerner Center for Cultural Arts at Shalom Park. Dr. Nurnberger will address the on­going implications of President Trump’s new administration and recent activities, appointments, and statements affecting the Jewish community and Israel.

Dr. Ralph Nurnberger a professor of international relations at George­town University is a widely ac­claimed speaker who brings humor, current political insights and historical background to his presentations and analysis of po­litical and international issues in­cluding American politics and the Middle East.

For more information or to RSVP, please contact the Jewish Community Relations Council at 704-944-6757 or info@jewishcharlotte.org.
Annual Tu biShvat and Tree Planting at Hebrew Cemetery

By Mike Littauer, president, Hebrew Cemetery Association

On February 12, from 2-4 PM, we will celebrate Tu biShvat at the Hebrew Cemetery with our third annual tree planting in cooperation with Trees Charlotte. We will plant 50 trees as part of our cemetery beautification program and commitment to increase the tree canopy in Charlotte. We hope you, your family, and your friends will join with us at the Hebrew Cemetery on Statesville Road to celebrate and contribute to the beauty of our Cemetery. As always, this is a family friendly event so bring your children. Please use the following link or call Sandra Goldman at the cemetery office to RSVP: www.tfaforms.com/458746.

This year our program will be led by our community Shlicha, Inbal Ozeri, who will share some of her personal stories of growing up in Israel where Tu biShvat is Israel’s equivalent of Arbor Day. Inbal is a wonderful part of our community and I know you will be entertained and educated with her stories.

Our first 50 RSVPs will get a free tee shirt commemorating the event and will get to pick out and take home a free tree from the Trees Charlotte Tree Store that will be on-site. Choices will include three different evergreens, Yoshino cherry trees, and some oaks. This is a $700 value.

This is a fun day with a wonderful contribution to our cemetery and I encourage all that are able to attend.

CIL and the Hebrew Cemetery

Create a Jewish Legacy or CIL has become a critically important part of our Jewish community’s future and sustainability. I want to take just a moment to thank our donors who have endowed a CIL gift to the Hebrew Cemetery so generously and thoughtfully. I also want to encourage those who are thinking about a planned gift to contact Sandra Goldman, our Cemetery Director or Jill Blumen­thal, our CIL Chairperson, and let them take you through the benefits of CIL. Thank you.

Moishe House Events for February

Moishe House is a nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting community among Jewish young adults in their twenties and early thirties. Moishe House looks to fill the void that often exists after graduating college and prior to settling down. The organization brings together groups of three to five Jewish adults who live together and plan local programs, both home-based and external, for other young Jewish adults. There are currently 93 Moishe Houses in 22 countries around the world.

Moishe House Charlotte began in August 2013 and since then has hosted 130+ events ranging from service projects to social events to Jewish learning and more. We are always happy to see new and returning faces, so be sure to join us. We are pleased to share with you our exciting events for this February.

Event 1: Cookie Exchange and Hot Chocolate Bar - Thursday, February 2 at 7 PM at Moishe House

Do you like cookies and hot chocolate? Moishe House will be hosting its first ever cookie exchange. Bring a dozen or so of your favorite cookies to trade. We will also have a hot chocolate bar, so get ready for a sweet night.

Event 2: Friday Night Services at Temple Beth El + Pizza Party at MoHo - Friday, February 10 at 7 PM at Shalom Park, 5007 Providence Rd.

Want to hear of a fun and relaxing way to end your week? Come hang with Moishe House at Temple Beth El for a Friday night service. We know it’s an early start but join when you can. Services should go from 7-9 and then we’ll head over to the Moishe House for some pizza and drinks.

Event 3: Galentine + Palentine’s Day Dinner - Monday, February 13 at 7 PM at Kid Cashew

Valentine’s Day is typically reserved for a romantic evening with your significant other. That leaves the day before Valentine’s Day wide open for dinner with your gals and pals. To celebrate Galentine and Palentine’s Day, Moishe House has a reservation at Kid Cashew, a fantastic local restaurant. Lock down your spot soon by emailing mohochicago@gmail.com as there are limited spots on the reservation!

Event 4: Benefit Happy Hour at TBD - Thursday, February 16 at 7 PM at Charlotte House

Come out to Sports Connection for Laser Tag with your favorite Moishe House crew. MoHo is going to cover the cost of the first game for the first 15 participants that email mohoncharlotte@gmail.com. Additional games are $8 each.

To learn more about Moishe House Charlotte visit us at www.moishehousecharlotte.org/ houses/charlotte or check us out on Facebook: www.facebook.com/MoisheHouseCharlotte. To contact us, please email mohoncharlotte@gmail.com.

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JBUILD Exceeds Its Fundraising Goal

On New Year’s Eve many in our community celebrated by toasting with champagne. The Levine Jewish Community Center’s Board of Directors and Staff were among those toasting but not just to ring in the New Year, they were toasting to the JBUILD campaign’s success. JBUILD—exceeded its fundraising goal of $5.95 million. Together, over 660 community members joined together to pledge over $6,636,000 to JBUILD by the Campaign’s close on December 31, 2016. Jon Simon, LJCC Board President was elated at the success of the campaign, “We thank those that have invested in JBUILD and we look forward to continuing to impact our Charlotte community for many generations to come.”

Peter Blair, LJCC CEO, stated “As important as the dollars raised, is the support we engendered from our community. Our community members invested in the future impact of the Levine Jewish Community Center on Charlotte Jewish life and the greater Charlotte community.” The Campaign also received significant support from our Charlotte business community, including leadership gifts from Bank of America, the Wells Fargo Foundation, and the Carolinas Healthcare Foundation. As these gifts were received prior to the conclusion of 2015, they were doubled through a generous match provided by the Levine and Sklut families.

The investments made by families, individuals, foundations, and corporations are already evident when you walk through the JCC. Donor pledges are hard at work as shown by the recently completed renovations to the LJCC’s Family Locker rooms and ongoing construction on a new outdoor Aquatics Center. The LJCC also made a $750,000 investment in Camp Mindy and more than $150,000 in improvements to the Fitness complex; including a new sport court in the Pavilion, a new floor in the David Silverman Fitness center and JForce room, and a renovated second floor Dance Studio in 2015. In the coming months and years, the success of JBUILD will also allow the LJCC to add square footage to its Fitness Complex, upgrade its Performing Arts Facility, and other much needed infrastructure improvements.

These exciting renovations and additions will enhance everyone’s experience and give new generations the opportunity to meet, to gather and to form lasting relationships. Diana Warth, LJCC Director of Advancement, commented, “While we know the physical changes are needed on our 30-year-old campus – the campaign was much less about what we are building than WHY we are building it. As we all experience every day, your ‘J’ is not only a place where you build stronger relationships with your family and friends, but where you help build a stronger, healthier community.”

The success of the campaign ensures that we will continue to hear stories that begin with “If not for the ‘J,’” as Charlotteans’ relay the impact of the “J” on their lives.

Roni Fishkin, Campaign Chair and Past President of the LJCC, shared her personal “If not for the ‘J’” story throughout the campaign and could be seen smiling as she told the story of how her “children grew up at the LJCC…

Dedee and Irv Cygler are among the 359 individuals and families in our community who have created 736 unique legacy gifts to support its future. Please take the time to read their story and thank them for their generosity. It is our hope that you will be inspired and encouraged to join them and others who have created legacy gifts to help sustain our Jewish community.

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Our journey to Charlotte began in the boroughs of New York. I grew up in Bayside, Queens and was raised in a conservative Jewish home attending traditional Hebrew school three days a week. My parents were founding members of our synagogue and remained active throughout their lives. Irv grew up in Pelham Parkway neighborhood of the Bronx as a child of Holocaust survivors from Lodz, Poland. In his home, Yiddish was the native tongue. His family retained a strong bond to their roots and Jewish heritage through their tight social network of fellow survivors.

Irv and I met through family in 1977. He was living in New York and I was living in Philadelphia. We married two years later. For much of our married life, we both worked in Manhattan and lived in Scarsdale, NY. When I retired from corporate life, I realized that by running all of my errands and many of their friends today are still the ones they made in Hoopsters, micro soccer or just hanging out at the pool.” Roni chaired the campaign to ensure that the next generation has these same opportunities.

Just as past generations created a place to shape our current J stories, the successful campaign ensures there will be future stories to be told. Jon Simon, LJCC Board President, noted, “These stories have been made possible through the generosity of our community.

For more information or questions, please contact
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Legacy Profile

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Our success is because of YOU. Thank you for being a part of JBUILD, thank you for being a part of your community’s future.”

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-Jessica Swimmer

Jackie Jewel, a Hough High School freshman, member of Temple Kol Tikvah in Lake Norman and BBG Chapter Ohavim, has had her entry to North Carolina PTA Reflections Program advance to the county level. Her ballroom dance entry was filmed at the Shalom Park Butterfly Garden and was choreographed to George Gershwin’s Rhapsody in Blue. The Viennese waltz entry was titled “Butterflies in Blue” and her partner was Ranko Bogosavac, her coach at Metropolitan Ballroom in Charlotte. Jackie will be competing at the Heritage Classic DanceSport Championship at the Grove Park Inn in Asheville on March 1.

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This Is Us, We’re Hebrew High

Sarah Fitzgerald, Paige Finkelstein, Michael Zacks, Ben Telor, Saul Winer, and Sophia Hansen love Inbal’s Israel class.

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Temple Beth El Presents the Installation of Rabbi Dusty Klass

Plus the Sadie Levin Scholar-in-Residence Weekend Welcoming Rabbi Paul Kipnes

Friday, February 10 - Sunday, February 12

Temple Beth El invites the entire Charlotte community to celebrate the Installation of Rabbi Dusty Klass and attend the annual Sadie Levin Scholar-in-Residence Weekend featuring Rabbi Paul Kipnes. Rabbi Dusty Klass was ordained at the Los Angeles campus of the Hebrew Union College - Jewish Institute of Religion in May 2016. Rabbi Klass arrived at Temple Beth El in July 2016, eager to learn the life stories of the congregation, endeavoring to begin her rabbinate creating meaningful relationships. Within six months, Rabbi Klass has enriched the Temple Beth El community with her ineligible warmth. Rabbi Klass has officiated at life-cycle events, offering inspiration through her thoughtful expression of Judaism. She has imparted wisdom beyond her years by truly listening to congregants of all ages. Listening and commitment to social justice are two of Klass’ passions. For Justice Shabbat (January 13-14), Rabbi Klass and the Tzedek Council invited the Charlotte community to Temple Beth El to listen and understand the events that challenged and broke the hearts of Charlotteans in September 2016. She facilitated discussions to build strong connections of coalition across lines of race, faith and difference. It is no coincidence that the Installation of Dusty Klass will take place during the Sadie Levin Scholar-in-Residence Weekend when we will welcome our esteemed guest speaker, Rabbi Paul Kipnes. Rabbi Kipnes has served as mentor, teacher, and supervisor to Rabbi Klass during her rabbinic internship at Congregation Or Ami in Calabasas, CA. Rabbi Paul Kipnes, an author, blogger, and insightful spiritual leader at Congregation Or Ami, joined the synagogue in California because of its commitment to Torah study, to God-talk, to social justice, and to being a community in which members take note of and care for each other. Kipnes “seeks to be a warm, welcoming, compassionate presence in the lives of his congregants and their families, hoping to create a synagogue home which makes them feel warmly welcomed; always striving to be accessible, approachable and inspiring.” Rabbi Kipnes will join the Temple Beth El community and the Charlotte community for a weekend of learning and discussion, Friday, February 10 through Sunday, February 12. Rabbi Kipnes will share his words of wisdom and words of congratulations at the Installation of Rabbi Dusty Klass on Friday, February 10 at 7 PM. On Saturday, February 11, at 9 AM Rabbi Kipnes will be joined by Rabbi Klass to lead Torah Study. Later on Saturday, from 6:30-8:30 PM, Rabbi Kipnes will lead the community in Havdalah and discussions. On Sunday, February 12, a 10 AM Rabbi Klass will conclude his visit to the Queen City with “Five Jewish Values that Will Transform Your Parenting,” a workshop about raising children with spirituality. Kipnes co-authored with his wife, Michelle November, Jewish Spiritual Parenting: Wisdom, Activities, Rituals, and Prayers for Raising Children with Spiritual Balance and Emotional Wholeness, a primer on how to share wisdom in ways that children will hear. In this guidebook for building a strong framework for a Jewish life, Rabbi Paul Kipnes and Michelle November reveal the spiritual wisdom they have learned and the hard-won techniques they developed that shaped their children as individuals and their family as a whole.

Rabbi Kipnes, MAJE, is a lecturer on raising ethical, resilient Jewish children, a former camp director, a summer faculty member at Camp Newman, and North American Federation of Temple Youth regional advisor. In fact, Rabbi Klass was a Counselor-in-Training Director at Camp Newman in 2009. We are excited to install Rabbi Dusty Klass as Assistant Rabbi of Temple Beth El. Her role as spiritual leader at Temple Beth El will surely mirror the compassion and the approachability of her mentor, Rabbi Kipnes. We are equally delighted that Rabbi Kipnes will be in attendance to imbue in us a deeper understanding of the role of spirituality in parenting and to share his words of Mazel Tov on this milestone event in Rabbi Klass’ life.

The Sadie Levin Scholar-in-Residence Weekend is offered at no cost to the public. Reservations for the weekend are requested. The Sadie Levin Scholar-in-Residence program was established by Norm Levin, Honorary Lifetime President of Temple Beth El, in honor of his mother, Sadie Levin, a woman committed to Jewish learning, Jewish life, and Jewish community. For more information, please visit www.templebethel.org or call 704-366-1948.
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Chanukah 2016 at the Ballantyne Jewish Center

Damien Rouchouze makes a menorah at CGI Ballantyne Winter camp

Carnival and Menorah lighting in Waxhaw with 150 people

Glow in the Dark Menorah at StoneCrest with over 300 people

Chanukah Party in Sun City (L-R, Beverly Moseman, Sandra Benson, Ami Felner)

The Temple Solel Chanukah Family Menorah Lighting Service was held on Friday, December 23, 2016. Russ Cobe, the Temple Solel lay-leader, guided the congregation and their guests through a thoughtful and spiritual event to celebrate the upcoming Festival of Lights. The evening opened with “Shalom Chaverim” and “Bim Bam,” both songs truly expressing the joy of welcoming everyone to celebrate Shabbat and fellowship, in addition to the impending holiday.

In preparation for the first official night of Chanukah on December 24, families only lit the first candle of their menorahs, as the entire congregation recited all three prayers together. After an abbreviated, yet engaging service, thoughts and senses turned to the celebratory oneg. Temple Solel's president, James Fox, who is also an executive chef, prepared several batches of fresh latkes as the congregants enjoyed each other’s company. There were homemade cookies, and dozens of sufganiyot in many flavors, which were almost as sweet as the time spent together with the Temple Solel family.

Chanukah at Temple Solel

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Seven members of Temple Solel in Fort Mill, SC, once again volunteered their time and efforts for the children and staff of the Children’s Attention Home. Temple Solel has been a long-time supporter of the home, financially and through volunteer efforts such as tutoring.

The event began with a craft for the children, to create a holiday bookmark or other creative caricature that represented the holidays to them. The craft gives our members time to interact one on one with the children. They are more than happy to talk about gifts they received for the holidays while they make their keepsakes.

Temple Solel’s volunteers then served a hot lunch of chicken and homemade macaroni and cheese, along with fruit and some home baked cookies. The children really enjoyed the food and company, some even coming back for second helpings.

This was the second year Temple Solel has served Christmas lunch. “It feels really good to allow the staff to enjoy some time with the children and not have to worry about serving and cleaning; they work hard for these special children,” said Temple Solel President James Fox. The congregation is eager to serve a meal for the children and staff again and hope to make this a more regular event for Temple Solel and the Attention Home.

Temple Kol Ami Welcomes Rabbi Ana Bonnheim to Lead Congregation

“Find yourself a rabbi” teaches our Mishnah. A Jewish community needs a rabbi to teach and guide them. Temple Kol Ami of Fort Mill, SC is thrilled to announce that Rabbi Ana Bonnheim will be joining us to provide rabbinic leadership to our congregation and the York County Jewish community. After spending a wonderful Shabbaton weekend with Rabbi Bonnheim in December, TKA knew that we had found our rabbi. “We believe a rabbi is the heartbeat of a Jewish community,” stated Bonnie Shaw, TKA president. “We are so excited to welcome Rabbi Bonnheim to our congregation and continue to grow with her.”

Rabbi Bonnheim will be leading Temple Kol Ami in Friday night Shabbat service (and actually started in January). She will be with TKA as follows: February 3, March 17, April 7 and May 19. For an honorarium, Rabbi Bonnheim is also available to officiate at a wide range of life cycle events including baby namings, weddings, funerals, unvelings, and b’nei mitzvah. For more information, please contact us at yorkeysnagogue@gmail.com.

Rabbi Bonnheim is a graduate of Dartmouth College and received her rabbinic ordination from Hebrew Union College-Cincinnati. She previously served at Temple Beth Emeth of Sherman, TX and as associate rabbi at the URJ Greene Family Camp in Dallas. She recently relocated to Charlotte with her husband, Rabbi Asher Knight of Temple Beth El, and her two young sons. She brings with her an unbounding enthusiasm for Jewish education and deep knowledge of the liturgy. Temple Kol Ami looks forward to partnering with her and developing a strong relationship for many years to come.

Temple Kol Ami is also humbled to have again received the Impact and Innovation Fund Grant from the Jewish Federation of Greater Charlotte. With this grant, TKA will continue to bring quarterly Shabbaton to the Greater York County area in partnership with the Institute of Southern Jewish Learning’s Rabbi on the Road program. In 2016, TKA hosted three highly successful Shabbatons, each including Friday night Shabbat service, Torah study, Havdallah-cultural programming and Sunday school religious education. We are so pleased to host these weekends of prayer and enrichment in 2017 for the York County Jewish community through the generosity of the Federation. Check our website, www.templekolamisc.org, for more details soon.

Temple Kol Ami is a diverse and welcoming Reform Jewish congregation. We hold Friday night Shabbat services the 1st and 3rd Fridays of each month at the historic sanctuary of Unity Presbyterian Church, 303 Tom Hall Street, Fort Mill, SC. We would love to have you visit our congregation and find out about our warm, family-oriented environment.

Mazal Tov to the Cohen family...

On the birth of a beautiful baby girl, Ava Gray Cohen. She was born on October 24, 2016 to Chandler and Adam Cohen. Grandparents are Kathe and Steve Cohen. Uncle Mike, Aunt Tara, and Aunt Ashley are also partaking in this joy. The Cohen families are members of Temple Beth El.
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On February 11, 10 AM, the congregation will hold a Tu bi-Shevat and community Shabbat service at Avondale Presbyterian Church, Aitken Classroom, at 2821 Park Rd. Kiddush will follow.

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 the Jewish Reconstructionist Communities, In Association with the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College.

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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Chabad’s New Expansion Is on the Drawing Board

Chabad of Charlotte is in midst of an ongoing building campaign to build a new sanctuary for its Congregation Ohr HaTorah, plus a social hall and commercial kosher kitchen on its Sardis Road property. The motivation for this expansion project rises from a need of adequate space for its services and multitude of activities including Friendship Circle, JLI, and Talmud Torah.

Several members of the Charlotte Jewish community have stepped up to get the campaign started by pledging close to half of the needed funds for this monumental project. A small but effective group of supporters will be spearheading the effort to raise the rest of the funds needed to complete the project.

A special building committee has been formed to help design the new addition and work closely with architects and engineers who will be designing the new building. The committee is led by Arthur Oudmayer, design principal of Vision Builders USA, and a member of Ohr HaTorah. “We are excited to announce the appointment of Bill Monroe, President of WGM Design, as our architect-of-record for the new Chabad Centre and Synagogue on Sardis Rd.,” said Oudmayer. WGM Design is an architectural practice celebrating almost thirty years in the industry. They are headquartered in uptown Charlotte and have a prolific portfolio of institutional and liturgic architectural design.

Having already completed their initial phase of research, interviews, and surveying, WGM Design will shortly be presenting the initial design schematic to the Building Committee for review and approval. We anticipate the Design Development and Construction Drawing phases to be completed by April.

The new expansion will house a unique teen activity area for Jewish teens with an added space billed as the Friendship Circle zone.

Barry Klemons, president of the board of Ohr HaTorah, is optimistic on the potential growth of the congregation and is excited about the expansion project as it will give the synagogue needed space to accommodate its many services and programs. Barry who has extensive building experience also serves on the building committee.

More detailed information will be forthcoming in future issues of the Charlotte Jewish News and you can also be accede at www.chabadnc.org/building.

MS in the Spotlight
Hadasah’s Cutting Edge Stem Cell Research, Monday, March 20

Are you, or someone you care for, affected by this unpredictable and often disabling autoimmune disease? Then you won’t want to miss this informative evening. Please join Charlotte Hadasah, along with local experts, for an evening of wine, cheese, and well-being. Dr. Matthew Carraro of Novant Health Neurology Specialists will be among our speakers, as we explore Multiple Sclerosis, the latest research, and learn what life with MS is like for members of our own community. Stay tuned for more details as we get closer.

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L’Dor VaDor: Grandparents Participate with Preschoolers at CJP

By Rebecca Weiner, Judaica Specialist

Every February at the Charlotte Jewish Preschool we look forward to welcoming some of our most important visitors of the year – grandparents. Our student’s grandparents come from near and far to spend the morning learning with their grandchildren. It’s also a time for grandparents to go back to preschool themselves (and from) their grandchildren. Three generations enjoying Shabbat together on Grandparents Day. From left to right: Francine Frank, Alfred Frank, Steve Frank with granddaughter Nora Amo in the center.

grandparents. Our student’s grandparents come from near and far to spend the morning learning with (and from) their grandchildren. It’s also a time for grandparents to go back to preschool themselves as they participate in morning routines and activities that demonstrate how much their grandkids have learned this year.

Our students proudly walk their grandparents or special visitors to their classroom where they can show off their work that teachers have on display. As visitors settle into their grandchild’s classroom, teachers lead a very special circle time with everyone. Some teachers even prepare a song for the students to sing for their grandparents. After circle time, our students and their visitors work together on a craft and create something together before going to our weekly Shabbat service.

Shabbat is a high-energy Judaic experience that our students share with their grandparents. They excitedly sing every word in our service, giving their visitors the opportunity to kvell at all they have learned about being Jewish. From Bin Bamm to Osh Shalom students are confidently participating in the service that Miss Patty and Morah Becca lead each Friday, except this time they have guests to participate alongside them.

So, what makes Grandparents Day so special? Aside from having a fun time with their grandkids for a morning, as Jews we have a strong obligation to honor our elders. We are commanded in Leviticus 19:32, “You shall rise before the aged and show deference to the old.” God demands that we honor the life experiences of those who came before us by showing them respect. What does that respect look like? At the CJP, these experiences of those who came before us by showing them respect. What does that respect look like? At the CJP, deference to our elders happens when they walk through our doors and we can honor them through welcoming them into our classrooms and guiding their participation with their grandchildren throughout the morning. Furthermore, Judaism emphasizes the Judaic value of l’der vador from generation to generation. Traditions are passed from our grandparents to our parents and then to us, which we then pass on to our children.

On Grandparents Day, our preschoolers demonstrate l’dor vador. As they cover their eyes to sing the Shema in circle time and happily engage in our Shabbat service, each student is displaying the strong Jewish continuity that their grandparents so greatly desire.

Our hope is that Grandparents Day inspires older generations to continue to be involved in the Jewish education of their kids and grandkids. While at CJP our students learn daily blessings and developmentally appropriate Judaic values, families are responsible for reinforcing these concepts and practices in the home. We model that kids understand and can participate in Jewish practices and rituals from a very early age, and show grandparents how they can be involved in their progeny’s Jewish education. After all, our parents and grandparents are the only links we have to our family’s traditions from the past. It is from them that we learn our Babbe’s brisket recipe for Pesach, or the secret ingredient in the family Challah recipe. At the CJP, we strive to not only involve Jewish families in Jewish activities at our school and on Shalom Park, but to provide a bridge between school and home so that individual families are empowered to provide the foundation for Jewish practices in each of their homes and continue traditions set forth by our ancestors.

Legacy Story: The Cyglers

(Continued from page 5)

throughout the weekdays, I was now able to observe Shabbat and attend synagogue regularly. I became involved in our synagogue, Temple Israel Center of White Plains serving on the Board of Trustees, co-chairing High Holiday Seating for fifteen years and actively engaging in Lifelong Learning.

In 2008, we began considering a move in pursuit of a retirement lifestyle. We didn’t know much about Charlotte, nor did we know anyone who was more of a retirement lifestyle. We didn’t know much about Charlotte, nor did we know anyone who was more of a “friend of a friend” but our first impressions of Charlotte, nor did we know anyone who was more than a “friend of a friend” but our first impressions were positive and we became excited to join the community. We waited until our two children were coming into our classrooms and guiding their participation with their grandchildren throughout the morning. Furthermore, Judaism emphasizes the Judaic value of l’dor vador from generation to generation. Traditions are passed from our grandparents to our parents and then to us, which we then pass on to our children.

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provided us with a social, spiritual connection which was an important part of our transition to the city and the South. Shalom Park was a key selling point.

In the past five years, we have met many wonderful friends and Temple Israel has become family. We have found the right place for us and have been embraced by this community. We have also tried to welcome others in the same way that others welcomed us.

Leaving a legacy gift is a great way for us to give back to Charlotte. We hope to continue to provide the young people of today and tomorrow with the same opportunities that we were lucky enough to experience. This is another way for us to ensure the continued vibrancy of Temple Israel and Jewish life in Charlotte. It is very important for us that our Jewish community and all Jewish communities stay strong.

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March 12 – May 22
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Teens Camp Reunion
6th–7th Grade (that attended Teen Camp 2016)
2016 Campers will meet at Sports Connection for pizza, to discuss trip and activity ideas for this summer, and then enjoy some bowling, arcades, and laser tag. Drop-off and Pick-up at the LJCC Teen Lounge or meet us at 6:30pm at Sports Connection.
February 11 • 6–9:30pm FREE

College 101
9th–12th Grade
De-mystify the college admission process. Choose 3 seminars from a wide selection of topics such as: an overview of college admissions, determining college fit, writing the college essay, and financial aid. For more information visit: www.collegeadmission101.org
February 12 • 2–5:15pm
$60 individual or $120 per family by February 3
After 2/3, $70 individual or $140 per family

Mitzvah Program
6th–8th Grade
Volunteer to do your part in Tikkun Olam, “healing the world.” Pizza lunch is included.
February 20 • Adopt a Street Program and making party bags for bright blessings
10am–12pm • LJCC Teen Lounge

Bright Blessings
Join us for a service project to bring joy, care and hope to more than 8,000 homeless children this year.
Sunday, February 5 • 1:30–3pm
1150-C Crews Road Matthews, NC

Adults
Ladies’ Night Out
Belk Theater Event – The Bodyguard
Smash musical hit based on the movie! Must register by February 3.

Thursday, March 9
Meet for dinner at 6:15pm (Restaurant TBD)
M/$38 B/$35 NM/$40
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Adults 50+
1st, 2nd & 3rd Mondays of the month
10–11:30am • Room A110
Oasis/M $5 per class NM $10 per class
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Adults 21+
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February 7 – Breath Meditation
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Adults 21+
Tuesdays, 7–8pm • March 7 – 28 (4 classes)
Room A10 • Instructor: Dana Kumerow
M/$54 B/$48 NM/$60
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Charlotte Jewish Day School is proud to announce the Vitner Family Scholarship to be awarded annually to one family entering the Charlotte Jewish Day School. This family would demonstrate a commitment to Jewish community and Jewish values through involvement, engagement, and leadership in the Charlotte Jewish community.

Amy and Mark Vitner established this scholarship as a reward to families who have shown an exceptional commitment to furthering Jewish life in Charlotte. Amy and Mark have three children who have been students at CJDS, the youngest now in fifth grade. As their children have graduated and are experiencing success in school and positive growth as individuals, they want to make a Jewish education available to more families involved in the Jewish community. Amy, a past President of the Board of Directors at CJDS noted, “We are proud of the education and care that our children have received at CJDS and want more families to benefit from the Jewish values that are instilled in our children. We want to encourage and help active young families to experience and gain from this very special institution.”

Amy and Mark are very engaged members of the Charlotte Jewish community, serving on the boards of the Jewish Federation of Greater Charlotte, The Foundation for the Charlotte Jewish Community, and the Hebrew Cemetery, in addition to CJDS.

The scholarship will be awarded annually to one family. The recipient will receive up to $5000 towards CJDS tuition over a three-year period as follows:

* Year 1 $1000
* Year 2 $2000
* Year 3 $2000

The scholarship is a needs-blind reward for young parents who wish to give their children a quality education steeped in Jewish values, learning, and traditions and are deeply passionate about serving the Jewish community. Minimum eligibility requirement includes:

* Must be a new family applying to Charlotte Jewish Day School entering grades K-2.
* Family shall be a member in good standing at a temple in the Charlotte area.
* Minimum support of the Federation annual campaign of $36 for the current campaign year.
* Letter of recommendation from a Jewish organization with whom you are affiliated.
* Financial need is not an eligibility factor.

For more information, and to find the complete application, visit the CJDS website at www.cjdschool.org or call 704-366-4558.

Vitner Family Establishes Scholarship at CJDS

By Dedee Goldsmith, director, Jewish Preschool on Sardis

One of the fun portions of the day is greeting families in the morning and sending them off smiling at the end of a full day. It occurred to me last week that I should share the warm fuzzies with everyone, as JPS is just that special not only to me, but so many others. I decided to document some of the wonderful thoughts that children and families shared during carpool time over the past week.

Mom of three, youngest child is the only child to attend JPS: “I wish my other kids had gone to JPS.” I told her I recall her touring the center prior to enrolling. “Yea, the lucky kids get to go to JPS.”

Mom of two, both attend JPS: “This place is such a gem. Why can’t you go through high school?”

Child in the 4s: “Good morning Ms. Dedee!” I asked, “Are you excited to start school this morning?” Child replied, “I’m so excited to come to school today. We get to play in the snow.”

Parent talking to teacher: “I so appreciate the values that you teach. It’s not just education; you teach kids how to be good human beings.”

Parent of toddler: “This school is like an extension of our family. You’ve been there for each milestone and helped our baby learn so much.”

Mom of crying child at drop off who then was successfully and quickly redirected and engaged in an activity: “You are all amazing, thank you for everything.”

There are a lot of wonderful things that I overhear. Teachers and children engaged in meaningful and heartfelt conversations, parent to parent connections being made, teachers supporting one an-

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JFS received the following donations for Tribute Cards in December 2016. Thank you for allowing JFS to honor your friends and loved ones.

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Special Recognition: Norman Steinerberger, Temple Israel, JCC Oasis, Blue Dot Cares, Wise Transitions, 65 Senior Street, Waltenwood Cotswold and Charlotte Symphony for supporting the 13th Annual Senior Adults’ Chansukah Party

JFS and Queens University Sponsor Intergenerational/Interfaith Project

Imagine a 19-year-old African American college student connecting with a 91 year-old Jewish artist from Germany who currently lives in a senior center. That is exactly what happened when the assistant chaplain of Queens University reached out to Jewish Family Services’ Senior Outreach Specialist to collaborate on a project for three of their students. The project was meant to offer an intergenerational experience for both students and seniors, to give the seniors an opportunity to tell their stories, and to let the student volunteers learn about Jewish culture. The project not only realized its goal, but also created life-long bonds that nobody would have anticipated.

Three students with different backgrounds were given the creative freedom to portray their interviewee using any medium that moved them. Taylor Robinson interviewed Ruth Ben-Joseph, 90 years old and originally from Belgium. Ruth’s father was a diamond cleaver, who had the foresight to keep a few diamonds to aid in his family’s escape and provide them the ability to hide in France and survive World War II. Ben-Joseph joined the underground resistance in Nice, before moving to Israel with her family where she left university to join the Israeli army to fight for Israel’s independence. She ended her army career as a Sergeant Major, and went on to become one of the first female Vice President of a major international sales company in North Carolina, Speizman Industries.

Call to schedule your tour: 704-366-4558

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Moos
Saturday, February 18 at 7:15 PM, Regal Ballantyne Village Stadium Theaters, $10
A delightful comedy about Jewish families and following your dreams. Moos put her life on hold to take care of others but when her childhood friend Sam arrives from Israel during Chanukah, he gives her the jolt she needs to examine her life and the choices she’s made.

Mr. Gaga
Sunday, February 19 at 7:15 PM, Regal Ballantyne Village Stadium Theaters, $10
Enter the world of Ohad Naharin, renowned choreographer and artistic director of the Batsheva Dance Company. Mr. Gaga captures the elusive beauty of contemporary dance and immerses the audience in the creative process behind Batsheva’s unique performances.

Wounded Land
Wednesday, February 22 at 7:15 PM, Regal Ballantyne Village Stadium Theaters, $10
A police officer and a regional commander face experience a tumultuous night watching over a terrorist, who is threatened by an angry, vengeful crowd that wants nothing more than the blood of the terrorist, placing their moral and professional values at stake, as well as their friendship.

Fanny’s Journey
Wednesday, March 1 at 7:15 PM, Regal Ballantyne Village Stadium Theaters, $10
In 1943, 13-year-old Fanny and her younger sisters were sent from their home in France to an Italian foster home for Jewish children. When the Nazis arrive in Italy, their caretakers desperately organize the departure of the children to Switzerland. Suddenly left on their own, these 11 children will do the impossible to reach the Swiss border in order to survive.

Fanny’s Journey – 2 Episodes
Sunday, February 26 at 1 PM, Regal Ballantyne Village Stadium Theaters, $10
The hit Israeli TV series comes to the big screen. These two episodes concern an ultra-Orthodox father and son who share the same apartment, the same cynical humor, and the same search for love in a cold world.

The Pickle Recipe
Sunday, March 5 at 11 AM, Regal Ballantyne Village Stadium Theaters, $10
Joey Miller, the king DJ of Detroit’s B’nei Mitzvah scene, is in dire need of money and partners up with his shady Uncle Morty to steal his grandmother’s highly guarded pickle recipe – to sell it for a small fortune. What Joey learns is priceless: there is nothing more important in life than your family.

The new charlottejcc.org has launched!
We are pleased to announce the launch of our newly-redesigned website. We have completely redesigned the layout to be simple and easy to use. The new website is designed to connect you to the information you need quickly, whether you’re a member or just interested in learning about a program or event. We encourage you to take a look and see all that our new website has to offer!

Our new online program registration system makes it easier than ever for members to register for classes & programs! Now you can register for classes and programs 24/7, check your transaction history, update your contact information, and more!
Elijah Walden interviewed Werner Field, 91 years old and originally from Germany. He moved to New York, where he studied to be an engineer. He went on to have a celebrated military career, helping the US to win World War II. He is a life-long artist, living in California, France, and Italy before landing in Charlotte. His artwork adorns the walls of his home: silhouettes of his family members, sculptures, and even a piano he repurposed into a piece of art.

Claire Lechtenberg interviewed Sonia Handelman Meyer, 96 years old and born to European immigrants in Lakewood, NJ. Meyer held many jobs; she sailed to Puerto Rico just days before the bombing of Pearl Harbor to work for the U.S. Signal Corps. After that, she worked for the Office of War Information. She became an active member in New York City’s Photo League, which offered a forum for serious photographers with exhibitions, publications, darkrooms, lectures, and other events. Sonia’s focus was on social documentary, taking photographs of local neighborhoods and their citizens with a keen and sympathetic eye for the human condition.

Each senior had a unique life and story, and each student had a different and incredibly moving project to present about what they learned in their interviews. The students’ projects were unveiled in a memorable and emotional afternoon on December 9 at the Stan Greenspon Center for Social Justice. Taylor’s project on Ruth was a collage of old letters, photos, flags, and memorabilia symbolizing Ruth’s life and journey. Elijah drew a portrait of Werner in the same artistic style used in the silhouettes of his family lining the walls of Werner’s home. And Claire wrote a poem about Sonia, her photographs, and her reflection on her life.

The “bio-art” Elijah Walden made of Werner Field.

The “Interview: A Poem Written for the JFS/Queens University Intergenerational Project”

By Claire Lechtenberg

Photos of the past
Hung stationary for the moment. Sitting on the couch she told me, “Ask questions” And I saw the urgency in her eyes, The questions that remained In the hands that she held, Fingers that scrambled for answers After all of this time.

Perhaps she was momentarily remembering, The things she had not asked, The thoughts that have solidified The memories that sit like negatives in a box, The stories framed like photographs. Some collected more dust than others, The way all memories do, The way the unknown grows heavier And the discovered begins to fade.

“I wish I had asked more questions” She said to me, speaking of her family, Of her youth, of the things she still cannot answer. I looked at the pictures The paintings on her table, The history framed on her shelves. She told me stories of her education, Of the squeaking steps into uncharted territory, Of raising children and moving forward, And I knew that even with questions She still got her answers.

With a life beyond film, Defined by ink and prints And acrylics and relics And articles and interviews And children and grandchildren. She sits boldly, continuously creating Art and questions. Yet, she sits there, Inches from me, Separated by generations Saying there is always more to uncover.

She asked everything Without ever moving her lips. The camera was a pointed question mark Shooting out to the streets, Searching for the things That her family could not provide. Her prints said more in black and white Than anyone could with color.

The “Interview” (Continued from page 21)

The “bio-art” Elijah Walden made of Werner Field.
Winners of the annual Sydney Taylor Book Award were announced by the Association of Jewish Libraries today. Named in memory of Sydney Taylor, author of the classic *All-of-a-Kind Family* series, the award recognizes books for children and teens that exemplify high literary standards while authentically portraying the Jewish experience.

**Gold Medalists**

1 Dissent: Ruth Bader Ginsburg Makes Her Mark by Debbie Levy with illustrations by Elisabeth Baddeley, published by Simon and Schuster Books for Young Readers, won the Sydney Taylor Book Award in the Younger Readers category. This delightful biography of the Supreme Court Justice teaches children that dissent does not make a person disagreeable, and can even help change the world. The grab-your-attention illustrations help explain the text.

The Inquisitor’s Tale: Or, The Three Magical Children and Their Holy Dog by Adam Gidwitz, illustrated by Hatem Aly, published by Dutton Children’s Books/Penguin Random House, won the Sydney Taylor Book Award in the Older Readers category. Part fantasy and part adventure, this is the tale of strangers who become friends while on a quest to save thousands of volumes of Talmud. The beautiful illuminations reflect the medieval flavor of the book.

**Silver Medalists**

Anna and the Swallow Man by Gavriel Savit, published by Alfred A. Knopf/Penguin Random House, won the Sydney Taylor Book Award in the Teen Readers category. Anna is left alone in 1939 Krakow when the Nazis take her father away. She meets the mysterious Swallow Man who is able to speak “bird,” and travels with him in the forests of Poland, where they spend four years hiding and eluding capture. This is a haunting story that may be allegory or folktale or perhaps both.


**Honor Books for Younger Readers**


Dreidels on the Brain written by Joel Ben Izzy and published by Dial Books for Young Readers/Penguin Random House


In addition to the medal winners, the Award Committee designated ten Notable Books of Jewish Content for 2017.

**Notable Books for Younger Readers**

Chicken Soup. Chicken Soup by Pamela Mayer with illustrations by Deborah Melmon (Kar-Ben Publishing)

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ALTERNATIVE SERVICES
JWA N JEANS
Saturday, February 4, 10:00 am
Do you have questions about Jewish prayer? Are you looking for a deeper meaning behind the prayers? JWA N Jeans meets on the 1st Shabbat morning of the month, when you can delve into and discuss the true meaning and purpose of prayer over coffee, while wearing your favorite pair of jeans.

TORAH TOTS
Friday, February 10, 5:30 pm
Our high-energy Shabbat program for families with preschoolers typically takes place twice a month. Join us as we welcome in Shabbat with stories, Torah parables, movement, and songs about Shabbat. RSVP by 1/31! A healthy, bountiful Kiddush snack is served after each program.

*On February 10, Torah Tots will celebrate a special CJP Shabbat. Join us at 5:30 pm for a Pre-Services Oneg, with kid-friendly finger foods to fill our bellies. At 6:15 pm, we’ll have a lively, interactive Shabbat service with your favorite songs and prayers, featuring MISS PATTY, and a special story for Tu B’Shvat by CJP’s very own MISS BROOKS AMO.

ROCK HASHABBAT
Friday, February 17, 6:15 pm
Come check out Temple Israel’s Rock HaShabbat service (in the sanctuary) for a fast-paced, hour and fifteen-minute service led by the Ruach, Temple Israel’s own “house” band. Rock HaShabbat takes place periodically throughout the year.

KAVANAH
Saturday, February 18, 10:00 am
Our Kavanah service meets on the 3rd Shabbat of the month, and combines meditation, reflection, Jonas and Charles music, and song, accompanied by musical instruments, to renew our spirits and connect us to the deeper spiritual meaning of Shabbat.

UPCOMING SPECIAL SHABBAT
SISTERHOOD SHABBAT
Saturday, February 25
9:30 am
Members of Sisterhood will lead us in morning Shabbat services. A lovely Kiddush will follow.

YOUTH
GESHER - “WHERE IS THE LOVE?”
LOUNGE NIGHT
(ALL 8th-12th Graders)
Wednesday, February 8, 6:00-7:00 pm
Join your friends in a Valentine’s Day lounge night! In addition to a pizza dinner, we will have cupcakes and an ice cream sundae party. As a GESHER project, and to show “Where is the Love?”, we will be making Valentine’s Day cards to give to the children at Levine Children’s Hospital. Cost: $5/TV members, $10/non-members. Location: LUC Teen Lounge. RSVP to adelonaot@templeiseaelnc.org by Monday, February 6.

YOUNG ADULTS
KARAOKE NIGHT
Saturday, February 11, 7:00 pm
Join Torah on Tap, as we end Shabbat in style by singing our hearts out at 8:20 (new from the owners of WGBB, just next door). Whether it’s trading some of the bar’s craft cocktails, or singing in the lounge, or even brushing up our Pac Man skills in the arcade, this is bound to be an awesome night! Torah on Tap will be providing the appetizers.

Location: 820 Hamilton St, Charlotte, NC
RSVP to Eric at finacnejaor@gmail.com

SOCIAL ACTION
Room in the Inn - Shalom Park
Each weekend in February
Room in the Inn provides food and shelter to homeless individuals during the winter months. This program, coordinated by the Urban Ministry Center, is a partnership between Temple Israel, Temple Beth El, and the Levine Jewish Community Center, and has been restructured this year to enable individuals from more than one partner to volunteer together. To volunteer, visit http://bit.ly/2M4Dy1c.

UPCOMING EVENTS
18th Annual WORLD WIDE WRAP
Sunday, February 5, 8:30 am (Sam Lerner Center)
All are welcome to join Temple Israel for the 18th Annual World Wide Wrap, which takes place on Purim Sunday morning in Sam Lerner Center. We will be wrapping tallit in together, along with hundreds of other communities around the world, and will be joined by the parents and children from the Etgar and Mechina programs at TIRIS.

Breakfast will follow Morning Minyan in Sam Lerner Center, with a speaker who will address us about the importance and relevance of the mitzvah of tallit.

CHARLOTTE JEWISH FILM FESTIVAL presents
ON THE MAP
February 12, 7:15 pm (Temple Israel)
Sponsored by Jewish Federation of Greater Charlotte
Community Partner: Temple Israel
On the Map tells the against-all-odds story of MacCaulay Tel Aviv’s 1977 European Championship, which took place at a time when the Middle East was still reeling from the 1973 Yom Kippur War, the 1972 Olympic massacre at Munich, and the 1976 hijacking of an Air France flight from Tel Aviv. Through the eyes of sports, The Map presents a much broader story of how one team captured the heart of a nation amidst domestic turmoil and the global machinations of the Cold War. “A feel-good Cinderella story” - LA WEEKLY. “Sports Movie At Its Best” - THE WALL STREET JOURNAL.

MOVIE AND DINNER WITH A SISTER
Saturday, February 18, 6:30 pm
Please join the ladies of Z’vavah for “Movie and Dinner with a Sister,” during the Charlotte Jewish Film Festival. Dinner will take place at Blackfinn in Ballantyne Village, following a showing of the romantic comedy Moos, at the Ballantyne Theatre (7:15 pm). Space is limited. Please RSVP to http://bit.ly/2Dez1R so we can make the proper reservations at the restaurant.

LIFELONG LEARNING
Lifelong Learning: JUDAISM HELPING TO ERASE RACISM
Tuesday, February 7, 14, 21 & 28, 8:00-9:30 pm
“May citizens of all races and creeds forge a common bond in true harmony to banish all hatred and bigotry” - A Prayer for Our Country
In light of recent news stories that have put national attention on North Carolina, and Charlotte in particular, we need to face some harsh realities about race relations. How do we approach these community challenges in light of our Jewish ethics? How do our values require us to build bridges across racial lines? Temple Israel’s late winter Lifelong Learning program will address these issues with community leaders, in conversation with Rabbi Murray Zaring.

Tuesday, February 7
Guest: Dianne English - Executive Director, Community Building Initiative

Tuesday, February 14
Guest: Willie Ratchford - Executive Director, Charlotte Mecklenburg Community Relations Committee

Tuesday, February 21
Guest: Judge Louis Trosch, Jr. - District Court Judge, Co-Chair, Race Matters for Juvenile Justice (RM3)

Tuesday, February 28
Guest: Patrick C. Graham, Ph.D. - President & CEO, Charlotte Works

*Classes are FREE, but registration is requested. To register, contact the Clergy office at 704-362-2796 or by email at dergoff@cflc@templeiseaelnc.org. For more details, visit templeiseaelnc.org.

GIFT SHOP HOURS:
Sunday 9:00 am - 12:30 pm
Tuesday - Thursday 10:00 am - 1:00 pm
Friday 11:00 am to 1:00 pm

Stop by to see our latest gift selections, including cards, jewelry, and an assortment of fun Judaic gifts - for all ages!
Special appointments outside normal business hours are available. Please call Cindy Jenkins (704-443-7643) to make an appointment.
Gabriel’s Horn by Eric Kimelman with illustrations by Maria Surducan (Kar-Ben Publishing)

Not This Turkey by Jessica Steinberg with illustrations by Amanda Pike (Albert Whitman & Company)

On One Foot by Linda Glaser with illustrations by Nuria Balaguer (Kar-Ben Publishing)

The Sundown Kid: A Southwestern Shabbat by Barbara Bietz with illustrations by John Kanzler (August House)

The Tree in the Courtyard: Looking Through Anne Frank’s Window by Jeff Gottesfeld with illustrations by Peter McCarty (Alfred A. Knopf/Penguin Random House)

Notable Books for Older Readers

The Bicycle Spy by Yona Zeldis McDonough (Scholastic Books)


The Ship to Nowhere by Rona Arato (Second Story Press)

Skating with the Statue of Liberty by Susan Lynn Meyer (Delacorte Press/Penguin Random House)

No Honor or Notable Books were designated for Teen Readers in 2017.

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The 2017 Yom Hashoah (Holocaust Remembrance) committee is seeking the names and contact information of all local survivors of the Holocaust and Nazi-era persecution, to attend and/or be recognized at our Memorial Service. Our hopes are that we can remember these survivors and liberators, learn their stories, and share their experiences with our community and future generations. Please join us. Please Contact: Margi Goldstein, 704-366-1084 or margigold@carolina.rr.com with any questions, or to provide information on survivors and/or liberators.

Yom Hashoah commemoration, Temple Israel, April 23, 4-5:30 PM. The program will include a dedication and memorial to Elie Wiesel, procession of survivors, and cantata performed by TIRS and Providence Methodist choir.

As the program concludes, participants will be invited to visit the Margaret and Lou Schwartz Butterfly Memorial to say a prayer for the 1.5 million Jewish children who died in the Holocaust.
Temple Beth El’s 20th Annual Comparative Religion Series

“Am I My Brother’s Keeper? Roots of Ethical Responsibility”

The 2017 Series will be held from 7-9 PM on five successive Tuesday evenings, January 31 through February 28. The final session will be held Thursday, March 9. All sessions are held at Temple Beth El, 5101 Providence Road, Charlotte, NC 28226.

Our Speakers:
- * January 31: The Biblical Roots of Tikkun Olam, Repairing the World
  Rabbi Asher Knight, Senior Rabbi, Temple Beth El
- * February 7: Liberal and Conservative Christians’ Perspectives
  Reverend Dr. Joe Clifford, Myers Park Presbyterian Church
- * February 14: Muslim Perspective
  Imam Atif Chaudhry, Islamic Center of Greater Charlotte
- * February 21: Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Perspective
  Dr. John Munro, Senior Pastor, Calvary Church
- * February 28: Hindu Perspective
  Mrs. Chidaabha Vyas, Former Secretary, Hindu Center Charlotte Mission
- * March 9: Creating Coalitions Across Lines of Difference
  Rabbi Jonah Dov Pesner, Director of Justice, Sisters of Mercy

Temple Beth El’s 20th Annual
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Jewish Preschool on Sardis

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other, and children following suit to engage one another. They say that the first 2000 days of a child’s life are the most important in terms of growth and development. I believe that continues for anyone who works in early childhood education as we try to look for the high points of each day of a child and his or her family.

For information on JPS programs or to schedule a tour, please call 704-364-8395.
At home, Federation subsidizes costs so children and teens can connect with their Jewishness at school and summer camp. Birthright Israel trips transform young adults’ relationship to Israel. Around the world, in places where the Holocaust and Communism almost wiped out Jewish life, we’re nurturing the efforts of a core of inspiring young people who are reinventing Judaism.

Your Federation gift helps make all this possible. Give to Jewish Federation of Greater Charlotte. Visit us at www.jewishcharlotte.org today.