



Temple of Israel
 Oldest Synagogue in North Carolina
 Congregation Organized 1872
 Cornerstone Laid 1875
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Temple of Israel Bulletin

Find spiritual meaning and purpose when you walk through the doors of Temple of Israel. Our Reform service combines the principles of Torah teaching, contemporary thought and practice of Jewish traditions. A warm welcoming atmosphere and diverse family is waiting to greet you at the Temple of Israel.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 Continuing Yiddish 10am	3 Memorial for Pete Brown time 2:30 at Temple of Israel LCS Board meeting 11am Tefilah Classes 4:30pm Jewish Basics 7pm	4	5 Sisterhood Shabbat Service 8pm	6 Shabbat Service & Torah Study 10am
7 Religious School 9:30am Temple of Israel Annual Meeting 12:30pm	8	9 Continuing Yiddish 10am Ritual Practices meeting 7pm	10 Beginer Yiddish 10am Kabbalha & Talmud 12pm Tefilah Classes 4:30pm Jewish Basics 7pm Women's Torah study 7pm	11	12 Evolution Shabbat Service 8pm	13 Shabbat Service & Torah Study 10am
14 Men's Club meeting 9:30am Religious School 9:30am LCS Theater Party 3pm	15	16 Continuing Yiddish 10am Board Meeting 6:30pm	17 Beginer Yiddish 10am Kabbalha & Talmud 12pm Tefilah Classes 4:30pm Jewish Basics 7pm	18	19 Family/Chavurah Service 7pm and Pot Luck Dinner 6:30pm	20 Shabbat Service & Torah Study 10am
21 Religious School 9:30am	22	23 Continuing Yiddish 10am	24 Beginer Yiddish 10am Kabbalha & Talmud 12pm Tefilah Classes 4:30pm Jewish Basics 7pm	25	26 Shabbat Service 8pm	27 Shabbat Service & Torah Study 10am
28 Religious School 9:30am LCS Meals on Wheels						

Adult Education Activities For Winter 2010

Jewish Basics: Wednesday evenings from 7 to 9 pm in Rosenthal Hall. Learn about Jewish ethics, history, prayers, and holidays in a lecture plus question-and-answer format led by Rabbi Karz-Wagman. Attendance is encouraged for Temple members seeking a good foundation in our practices, background, and faith. Also open to non-members.

Learners' Shabbat: Occasional Friday evenings, starting Jan. 8 from 8 to 9:30 pm in the Sanctuary. Rabbi Karz-Wagman will enrich our traditional Friday evening service by providing a brief review of the overall service pattern or offering key insights into the deeper meanings of our prayers. Attendance is encouraged for all Temple Members and interested non-members.

Women's Torah Study: Meets the second Wednesday of the month, 7 to 9 pm in the Temple Library (Bldg. 9). Discussion led by participants and based on the URJ Women's Torah Study guide. Open to members and non-members.

Continuing Yiddish: Meets Tuesday morning at 10 am in Rosenthal Hall. Contact Glenn Tetterton for more information. Open to members and non-members.

Yiddish for Beginners: Meets Wednesday morning at 10 am in the Temple Library (Bldg. 9). Contact Glenn Tetterton at ltettert@yahoo.com or 763-7187 to order a book. Open to members and non-members.

Kabbalah and Talmud: Meets Wednesday morning at 12 noon in the Temple Library (Bldg. 9). Learn about Jewish thinking from mystical and learned perspectives. Discussion led by Rabbi Karz-Wagman based on educational materials provided. Open to members and non-members.

DAY CLASS: Ancient Jewish History: Learn about Jewish history from the Babylonian Exile (585 BCE) through the early Roman Empire (500 CE). Taught by Glenn Tetterton. Contact Glenn to discuss scheduling that works best for you. Open to members and non-members.

Adult Bar/ Bat Mitzvah: Contact Rabbi Karz-Wagman to learn and prepare for your adult Bat / Bar Mitzvah.

Conversion: Interested adults should contact Rabbi Karz-Wagman for individual meetings and introductory classes.

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Messages to the Congregation



From Rabbi Karz-Wagman

Evolution: Overcoming Fear of Change

On February 12, "evolution weekend," we join a thousand synagogues and churches to teach – we need not choose between religion and science. They are compatible. Darwin and God teach the same lessons.

Yet, the sustaining power of the movement to force "intelligent design" or "creationism" onto our teachers and students is amazing. How can you and I counter it? Arguing science and even arguing the Biblical text may not work. If we accurately condemn the creationist interpretation of Genesis as narrow, distorted, that's basically name-calling. We might convince ourselves that, on the level of p'shat, the first reading or "literal" reading or surface interpretation, our Torah is fully compatible with the scientifically theory of evolution. Yet creationists would give a counter interpretation, reducing the argument to dueling commentaries.

Instead, we might look to what underlies the creationist position, the fear of change. Our real audience is not the creationists. Our real target audience is those in the middle, those who find the creationists appealing, but are unsure. We have to speak to the undecided.

How address fear of change? Our Jewish tradition accepts change as natural, a defining characteristic of life. On occasion, we may want to deny constant change, but it happens anyway. Creationists fear, feel terrified, about social shifts. They exploit our sense that all our carpets have been pulled out from under us. That attracts followers, as we have lost our foundations of a loving family, a friendly and safe neighborhood, a stable job for life, even trusting our family members, professionals, and colleagues.

Each day feels shaky. So the creationists fantasize a reliable world, the nostalgic fantasy of 1950's television, where men were men and women knew their place, where America is always right, and everyone else knows it. With such powerful emotional needs, they can easily deny the realities of our world and the realities of science.

To the undecided, we must quote FDR. "The only thing we have to fear is fear itself." Our prophets said it differently. If we fear God, and only God, then we need not fear any other aspect of existence. Our prophets did not mean low levels of fear, not touching hot flames, fears we all need to survive. Our prophets warned about overwhelming fear, which paralyze us, which muddies our thinking.

If we fear God, hold God in awe, then we can learn to trust other people. We can accept change as a natural process to which we naturally adapt, using our intellect and our moral sense.

To become more comfortable with change, try teshuvah, repentance, which is not just for the High Holidays. Try it, every day, every moment. If we do, then change feels more comfortable and our fears abate. We will become more secure, so we can assure the undecided that rejecting the facile case for creationism, or intelligent design will not harm their lives.

Embrace changes, and enjoy the shifting seasons of February.

L'shalom, Rabbi Harley Karz-Wagman



From President Richard Mandel

Dear Congregant,

It is often said, 'opportunity falls to those who seek it'. Seizing it will be the theme of our Annual Meeting which occurs on Sunday, February 7, 2010 at 12:30 pm in the Temple sanctuary.

We shall take a realistic look at where we are today and discuss changes proposed for stability, growth and improvement during our 135th year of operation. . You will not want to miss this meeting.

The present Board of Trustees has worked hard and harmoniously together. Thank you to the retiring members of the Board for their many contributions to the Temple. They are: Vice President Adam Katz, Angie Holcombe, and Eric Rosenberg. Eric has been nominated to a new post.

You also will have an opportunity to vote on a new slate of officers and members of the Board as proposed by the Nominating Committee. They are:

President	Richard Mandel
Vice President	Eric Rosenberg
Secretary	Dee Sherman
Treasurer	Alan Shapiro

At large Member to the Board of Trustees:
Steve Alper
Mike Furman
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We hope to see you on February 7th.
Join us at this important meeting and help plan our future.

Warmest regards,

Richard



**The Sisterhood of Temple of Israel
Letter from the President
Rita Reibman**



We started the New Year off with a very special event. The Sisterhood of B'nai Israel invited L.C.S. to join them in a Rosh Chodesh service celebrating the new moon. The two sisterhoods gathered in a large circle in the Synagogue's auditorium to do spiritual readings and to get to know each other. The service was led by Barbara Waxman who welcomed us so warmly. A candle was passed around the circle, spotlighting each one of us, where we took a turn telling our name in English and Hebrew/Jewish, the names of our mother and our grandmothers. By the time the candle made it 's way around the circle, we had laughed, cried, remembered moments from our past and felt like we really got to know each other a little better. It was just a wonderful experience for all those in attendance. Thank you to Co-Presidents Elaine Lathrop and Anyta Ledbetter for inviting us to such a loving experience and to all our members who ventured out on a cold night to be part of this celebration of women.

Jan. 20, 2010 was our very first Mah Jongg Tournament/Fund-Raiser. The excitement was enormous. Congratulations to Ellen Balsler, chairperson and her committee: JoAnn Beebee, Elaine Herman, Diane Jebsky, Cookie Patruznick , Jean Rosenberg and Joan South for great organization and follow-through. People came from far and near - 88 players- Brava to Sandy Apple, Jamie Darling, Harriet Eisen, Jeri Graham and Barbara Karz- Wagman, our volunteer helpers who helped with set-up, answer questions and generally took care of things. Special thanks to Joyce Girvin in the Temple office for all the nitty-gritty, copying and cutting that needed doing for the event. This was truly a successful team effort and proves the point that there is strength together. If you were part of the tournament, please give us your feedback to will help us plan for the future.

Mark your calendar for February gatherings:

Friday, Feb. 5, 2010 at 8:00 p.m. - Sisterhood Shabbat- Services will be led by Anita Schnog and members of the Sisterhood. Please join us for this special Shabbat.

Sunday, Feb. 14, 2010 at 3:00 p.m. - "The Allergist's Wife" -starring Linda Lavin at the Red Barn Studio. Tickets are sold out!

Don't forget the monthly L.C.S. Book Club and our new Knitting Circle. It's all food for the soul.

Until next time-

Rita Reibman

Calendar of Shabbat Worship

February 5 8:00pm Sisterhood Shabbat Service

Oneg: Sisterhood

Yahrzeits: Monroe Amper, Viola Bear Wallace, Bernard Warshauer, Joseph N. Jacobi, Charles Kabat, Sarah Rosenberg, Beatrice Hyman, Rose Goldstein Katzoff, Alvin Rosenberg, Fred D. Bear, Pauline Kallman, Esther Patruznick, Albert Pevzner, Osias Silberman, Arthur Sparr



February 6 10:00am Shabbat Service and Torah Study



February 12 8:00pm Evolution Shabbat Service

Oneg: Seige & David Weiss, Carolyn & Bruce Whitman

Yahrzeits: Roslyn Rubin, Sarah Platzek, Florence Pancoe, Samuel Zarembo, Sarina Politi, Jacob Fisher, Bernhard Solomon, Murray L. Weiss



February 13 10:00am Shabbat Service and Torah Study



February 19 Family Chavurah Service 7:00 pm Pot Luck Dinner 6:30pm

Yahrzeits: Devora Shrier Kahn, Max Warshauer, Fannie Krasnov, Mollie Cowan, Rickey Weisman, Sophie James, Baxter Miller, Sr., Solomon Bear Sternberger, Ethel Hornstein, Hannah Shrier



February 20 10:00am Shabbat Service and Torah Study



February 26 8:00 pm Shabbat Service

Oneg: Monique Bennett, Harold Blakeman, Sam Fleishman

Yahrzeits: Janet Pearlstine Cohn, Alexander Moldovan, Harriss Newman, Sam Finkelstein, Morris Small, Irving Solomon, Solomon Bear, Henry Klein, Elaine Selden, Elinor Paul Tetterton, Jack Wagner



February 27 10:00am Shabbat Service and Torah Study

PETE BROWN

The Temple of Israel mourns the loss of our friend, Pete Brown. Pete was born in Wilmington, NC in 1943. He attended Wilmington Public Schools. Though his life took him on many travels and destinations, he always returned here, to Wilmington.

He died on Tuesday, January 26, 2010.

Please join his family and friends at a Memorial Service on Wednesday, February 3 at 2:30pm. Because Pete so loved Temple of Israel, it was his request that we have this memorial in his honor in our Temple

Light refreshments will be served at the conclusion of the service.

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to You!

Mazel Tov &
Happy Anniversary

Noah Karz-Wagman	2/2	Caroline Rosenberg	2/14	Mr. & Mrs. Ira Poppel	2/1
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Glenn Tetterton-Opheim	2/7	Mary Sternberger	2/18		
Andrea G. Garfinkel	2/8	Felice Minor	2/19		
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Gerald Eckstein	2/9	Amy Woodcock	2/21		
Elissa Moldovan	2/10	Kathryn Jackson	2/21		
Ryan Peterson	2/10	Harry Shapiro	2/21		
Shawn Minor	2/11	Samuel Weisman	2/21		
Michael Galub	2/12	David Bret Batchelder	2/23		
Joshua Rosen	2/12	Jeffrey Jackson	2/25		
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