

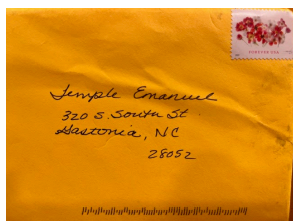
# Temple Emanuel Newsletter

June and July 2024



Temple Emanuel

**On SUNDAY, JUNE 2, please attend our Annual Congregational Meeting, 11 a.m. at Temple Emanuel. See p. 3 for details.**



## A Letter From a Friend



A letter tucked into a gift card and slipped into a yellow envelope was recently mailed to Temple Emanuel by an individual who lives in Huntersville. At this exceedingly difficult time for Jews in Israel and all over the world, we wanted to share the sender's sentiments with all of our members. Please read the letter, set forth below. If you would like to respond to the sender, email your thoughts to your Newsletter Coordinator, Barbara Blau, at [bjblau@gmail.com](mailto:bjblau@gmail.com). They will be forwarded.

April 27, 2024

*Dear Members of Temple Emanuel,*

*As a member of the Christian faith, I have always held the belief that the Jewish people are the "apple of God's eye." A sacred people with a rich heritage of tradition and faith. I traveled to Jerusalem to learn and discover this faith for myself. It was the most amazing experience, and I came back to Huntersville, NC with even more appreciation for the Jewish tradition and customs.*

*I watch the news and speak with my Jewish friends here and in Israel, and my heart breaks witnessing the complete antisemitism I am observing. I never in a million years would have thought that we would see this in America. I'm praying for those affected by the horrors on Oct. 7, for the ignorance I am seeing on college campuses and the wars being fought against the epitome of evil.*

*All this to say, I have your back. I love you and will continue to speak truth. My God, Your God will protect and guide you.*

*"The Lord Bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace."*

*Shalom,*

*[A Friend]*

## June and July Friday Night Services

- Services will be held at 7:30 p.m. on June 7, 14, 21 and 28 and on July 12, 19 and 26.
- We will not hold services on July 5. Yahrzeits from July 5 will be read on July 12.

## June and July Yahrzeits

Members can email Lyn Fox at [elsielofox@gmail.com](mailto:elsielofox@gmail.com) to add a loved one's name to the list of yahrzeits read aloud at Shabbat services. Loved ones do not need to be Jewish.

### June 1-30, 2024 (Iyar 24, 5784 to Sivan 24, 5784)

#### **To be read on Friday, June 7:**

Mae Hull, remembered by Jonathan Sanders  
 Jacob Cohen  
 Harry S. Cohen  
 Rose Marshall, John Marshall's grandmother  
 Max W. Scher  
 Barry Winton, Nadine Fox's grandfather  
 Rose Schneider Lansky  
 Harry Rosenthal  
 Tillie W. Rauch, Marshall Rauch's mother, Stephanie and Pete Rauch's grandmother  
 Denise Selznick, Betsy Harnage's aunt  
 Chris Tobison, Ruth Scherr's father

#### **To be read on Friday, June 14:**

Maxine Girard Dewhurst, Marshall Rauch's niece,  
 Stephanie and Pete Rauch's cousin  
 Mary Garber Kamins  
 Yetta Sande  
 Morris Binder  
 Dora M. Sherman  
 Philip Woolfson  
 Morris Kline



#### **To be read on Friday, June 21:**

Jose Victor Rosenfeld, Marisa Rosenfeld's father  
 Arnold Treiber  
 Joel Arkin  
 Esther Glickman  
 Sam Belkin  
 Meyer Cohen  
 Harry van Praagh  
 Seymour Miller  
 Myron Goldklang  
 Rose W. Planer



#### **To be read on Friday, June 28:**

Annie Myrick Lyerly, Elaine Lyerly's mother, Elias Rauch's grandmother  
 Bernard Levine  
 Howard Schwartz  
 Melva Greenspon  
 David Horowitz  
 William Schwartz  
 Morris Goldstein, Bill Gross' grandfather  
 Sylvia H. Selikowitz, Kevin Kirsh's grandmother  
 Joe Cutler  
 Lee Osborne, remembered by Andy Osborne  
 David Roskein, remembered by Betsy and Tony Harnage

#### **To be read on Friday, July 12 (moved from July 5):**

Rick Jenkins, Lisa Jenkins' brother  
 Rudolph Israel Rosenberg  
 Sam Solomon

**July 1-31, 2024 (Sivan 25, 5784 to Tammuz 25, 5784)**

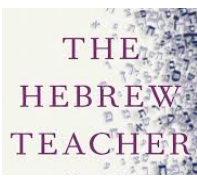
<p><b>To be read on Friday, July 12 (moved from July 5):</b>          Louis Sosne          Bertha Sweetbaum, remembered by Andy Osborne          Ilse Freiburger, Fred Freiburger's mother          Milton Handelman, Fran Long's father          Freda Hayman Lewith, Marilyn Edward's great-grandmother</p>	<p><b>To be read on Friday, July 12:</b>          Simon Nevitt          Hyman Greenberg, Barbara Freiburger's father</p>
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<p><b>To be read on Friday, July 19:</b>          Bertha Silverman, Sara Tomchin and Robert Weiss' grandmother          Etta Gittel Paradies          Mark Alan Sosnik, Marilyn Edward's brother          Mitch Appleman          Arthur E. Lewith, Marilyn Edward's great-grandfather          Philip Malz          Anna Cotler, Marla Brodsky's grandmother          Rose Florence Scher          Katherine Thymius, Barbara Thymius' mother-in-law          Muriel Levine</p>	<p><b>To be read on Friday, July 26:</b>          Edward Greer, Bill Gross' uncle          Marvin Yelton, remembered by Deane Griffin          Michael Shanker, Sondra Katzenstein's brother          Edward Daniel Kahn          Rebecca Lindy Morris          Mike Olliff, remembered by Nikki Sherrill</p> <p><b>To be read on Friday, August 2:</b>          Joseph Erwin Shoaf          Ross Charles C. Surphlis, Lyn Fox's brother-in-law          Carolyn Hodsdon Kahn</p>
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**Upcoming Events**

- **Annual Congregational Meeting, SUNDAY, JUNE 2, 11 a.m.** This has been an exciting growth year in many ways for our Temple. There are very bright days ahead, and the Board has a lot to share. Please make every effort to attend! Bagels and coffee will be served. Note that members should be in good standing in order to vote. If you're not sure about your status, please contact Sara Tomchin at [templemanuel.treasurer@gmail.com](mailto:templemanuel.treasurer@gmail.com).
- **Women's Group Hike, Sunday, June 9, meet at 9:30 am:** Hike with us at the Seven Oaks Nature Preserve, 6500 S. New Hope Road in Belmont! No need to register; just show up. If you'd like more information, reach out to Stacey Bhalla at 704-616-4732 or [staceybhalla1@gmail.com](mailto:staceybhalla1@gmail.com). Temple Emanuel's new Women's Group will offer periodic outings that are restorative, fun and build community among the women of Temple Emanuel. Hike with us on the 9th!
- **Casino Night** is coming to our congregational hall in August; details to come. Prizes, pizza, fun!
  - **Adult Hebrew:** Interest in starting another beginners Hebrew class is strong enough that we plan to begin a class this summer. No prior knowledge of Hebrew (or Judaism) is necessary. By the end of the course you will know the Hebrew alphabet and be reading Hebrew! For more information, contact Bill Marx at [hebrewclass85@gmail.com](mailto:hebrewclass85@gmail.com) or at 314-749-3566.



## Adult Education Series

All events are on Sundays from 10 a.m. to noon.

- *Why Jews Don't Believe in Jesus*, June 23: Mark Epstein will explore why Jesus is not our Messiah.
- July, topic and date TBD.
- *Preparing for the High Holidays*, August 11: Mark Epstein and Bill Gross will discuss how we can prepare our hearts and minds for the Days of Awe.
- *Lashon Hara* (לשון הרע), September, date TBD: Stephanie Rauch will lead a conversation on why avoiding the “evil tongue” is critical both in Judaism and to good mental health.
- *Jews in Early American History*, October, date TBD: Seth Kaufman will address how Jews influenced the birth and growth of our nation.
- *Jesus in Jewish Hebrew Scripture?*, November 17: Mark Epstein will explore claims and beliefs that the life of Jesus is foretold in our holy books.
- *Our Lives as Interfaith Families*, December, date TBD: Stephanie Rauch and Janet Epstein will facilitate our second conversation on the richness of our lives as families with members who are Jewish, Christian, atheist and agnostic.

## We Hope You Enjoyed It!

**New Members' Night** was well-attended and fun. Folks enjoyed Bloody Marys and Mimosas, talked, and laughed a lot. Webb Custom Kitchen Restaurant donated gift cards for the raffle (they doubled the amount donated in response to the events of Oct. 7 and the Israeli-Gaza war). New members received a free raffle ticket and all the guests were generous, resulting in the Temple raising over \$200.



## Student-Led Shabbat Service and Potluck Supper

Morah Rochelle and our religious school students led us in prayer and song at Friday night services on May 17. What a wonderful experience it was to witness our students so competently displaying what they have learned from Morah Rochelle and Morah Mary!

A huge thank you goes to our post-b'nai mitzvah teens **Lily McGinnis, Devin Santay, Daniel Shames and Zach Silverman** and to our younger students **Aaron Dorfman, Ilana Dorfman, Maddie Pasour, Dean Santay, Nate Santay, Claire Thomas and Dasha Verhosek**.

Six students/teens couldn't join us. Claudia and Jack Beardsley, Lila and Jackson Gardner, and Annie and Sam Litwak were missed!

After the service we all joined together in the social hall for a potluck supper, which was, of course, delicious!



During the service we celebrated high school senior **Daniel Shames**, who is wrapping up his year in the Bronfman Fellowship program. This highly prestigious fellowship selects a small number of young Jewish people from across North America who strive to be community builders and future leaders. The program explores the variety and diversity of Jewish life and culture and includes a multi-week stay in Israel and several week-long sessions in the US. Daniel has formed close bonds with many young Jewish adults from the entire country and has also developed bonds with his Israeli counterparts. Daniel will matriculate at Brown University in the fall.





### Adult Education Series: Presentation by Suly Chenkin, Holocaust Survivor

We were so lucky to have Suly Chenkin, born in Kovno, Lithuania in 1941, join us on Memorial Day weekend to share her experiences during and after World War II—early childhood in the Kovno Ghetto, a daring escape alone at age 3 ½, hiding from the Nazis, arrival in Palestine at age 5 ½, followed by the nearly unbelievable reunion with her mother and then her father in Cuba. Mrs. Chenkin shared a video in which she recounted the story of her life, accompanied by photos from the time, including of herself and her family. A Q&A period followed. A truly inspiring speaker, Mrs. Chenkin urged her listeners, despite all the horrors she lived through, to live a life that focuses on the good in the world.

If you missed the presentation and would like to hear Suly Chenkin speak, watch this episode from PBS Charlotte's program *The Holocaust: Carolina Stories of Remembrance*:  
<https://video.wtvi.org/video/suly-chenkin-interview-89hpu7/>.



## Temple Emanuel Religious School (TERS) News

- **Religious School Registration:** Register your children now for TERS starting this fall! Children in grades K-8 attend on Sunday mornings from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. We also have a Youth Group to engage our high schoolers.
- **Jewish Children's Library:** Please consider donating books in good condition or making a monetary donation to our new Children's Library. The timing is perfect for the new library, as our school's membership has multiplied quickly over the past year!
- **Toddler Time:** Coming soon—grown-ups and their toddlers will gather in our library on select Sunday mornings for circle time, a story, playtime and a snack. Dates TBA. We look forward to meeting Temple families with littles!

For more information about any of the above or about TERS in general, please contact Rochelle Wilensky, TERS Director, at [rochelle.rrr@gmail.com](mailto:rochelle.rrr@gmail.com).



## Birthday, a new baby, a wedding, off to college, a new home...?

Please email Barbara Blau, Newsletter Coordinator, at [bjblau@gmail.com](mailto:bjblau@gmail.com), with any news about you or your loved ones that you would like to have shared with the Temple community via the newsletter.

## Recent Donations תודה רבה

We gratefully thank the following individuals for their donations to the Temple:

- Carlyn Aronson, Yahrzeit for Babette Mayer Aronson
- Beverly Green, Yahrzeit for Eleanor Nazarion
- Charles Katzenstein, contribution towards new microphone for the sanctuary
- Kevin Kirsh, in memory of his brother Michael Kirsh
- Jill Reicher, Yahrzeit for her father Leroy Reicher

## Passover Volunteer Opportunity (it's never too early!)

Suzi Nash, our Events Coordinator, is hoping to find someone who would like to be “second in command” for next year’s Community Seder. Although Suzi enjoys hosting the seder and is not yet ready to step down from her post, she would like to train someone in the process (she has copious notes!) who would eventually be willing to take over. If you are interested in assisting Suzi next Passover, please reach out to her at [suzinash27@gmail.com](mailto:suzinash27@gmail.com).

## Peter Blau follows up on the Jewish Film Series

Hello all! At the May board meeting we discussed the relatively high cost of screening movies at the Temple, and someone suggested we start this out as a club to be held at people's homes. So, I'm reaching out to members with two questions:

- 1) How many of you would be interested in attending a Jewish movie club event at a fellow Temple member's home?
- 2) How many of you would consider hosting a movie event at your home?

Please contact me with your answers at [psblau@gmail.com](mailto:psblau@gmail.com). Thank you!



## Community News

### Rowing Program for Cancer Patients and Survivors

Member Stacey Bhalla would like to spread the word about a new program she is heading up at the Belmont Rowing Center. ROAR, or Rowing for Active Recovery, is a free learn-to-row program for cancer patients and survivors. Both indoor rowing machine workouts and sessions rowing outdoors on the Catawba River will be offered. ROAR has the goal of empowering cancer patients and survivors to improve their strength, endurance, and ultimately quality of life through rowing. If you are interested, check out [belmontrowing.org/roar](http://belmontrowing.org/roar), email [ROAR@belmontrowing.org](mailto:ROAR@belmontrowing.org) or [Click Here to Join ROAR](#).



Thank you to all who contributed to this newsletter!



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