

# Temple Emanuel Newsletter

May 2024



Temple Emanuel

## Our Second Night Seder 2024

It was wonderful to have a full house for our seder on the second night of Pesach. Thanks to all who cooked our outstanding meal and set up and cleaned up our dining area. We also send a huge thank you to Charlie Brown for a wonderful ceremony and to Suzi Nash for organizing our big event.



## Upcoming Friday Night Services

- May 3, 10, 24 and 31 at 7:30 p.m.
- May 17 at 6 p.m. This is a special Religious School Shabbat Service for all, followed by a potluck dinner! See Upcoming Events below for more information.
- Yahrzeits, May 1-31, 2024 (Nissan 23 to Iyar 23, 5784):

### ***To be read on Friday, May 3:***

Samuel Wohl, Marshall Rauch's grandfather and Stephanie and Pete's great-grandfather  
Max N. Planer  
Morris Shved, Marisa Marder's grandfather  
Randolph Silverstein



### ***To be read on Friday, May 10:***

Leon Irving Schneider  
Julius Weiss, remembered by Robert Weiss  
Pat Fox, Lyn Fox's sister-in-law  
Rosa Rosenfeld, Marisa Rosenfeld's mother  
Jerry Warshawsky, Mark Warshawsky's brother  
Sid Cowan  
Dr. Sally Jo Rubin, Hardin Rubin's sister  
Eleanor Nazarian, Beverly Green's mother  
Dr. Morris Scherago, Hardin Rubin's grandfather

**To be read on Friday, May 17:**

Elvin Levy, Fred Levy's father  
Harry Sweetbaum, Andy Osborne's grandfather  
Phyllis Stone Wein, Nikki Sherrill's mother  
Daniel Harris Girard, Stephanie Rauch's cousin  
Brenda Guller, Jeff Guller's wife  
Bailey Henny Fox, remembered by Lyn Fox  
Margaret Rothschild Katzenstein, Chuck Katzenstein's mother  
Mae Winton, Nadine Fox's grandmother  
Abe Feuer  
Israel Honigman  
Michael Kirsh, Kevin Kirsh's brother  
Bertha Palomino, Vicki Villamor's mother  
Leroy Reicher  
Sam Griffin, Deane Griffin's husband  
Virginia Kraft



**Friday, May 10, cont.**

Earl Scherago, Hardin Rubin's uncle  
Herbert Kramer

**To be read on Friday, May 24:**

Ida Anker Marder, Tony Marder's grandmother  
Eli Nevitt  
Hortense F. Hahn  
John Wilson Robinson  
Lillian U. Sosnik, Marilyn Edward's grandmother  
William Gross, Bill Gross's grandfather  
Anna Rosenthal  
Martin Brown, Charlie Brown's father  
Louis Isadore Sherman  
Constantine (Conny) Thymius, Barbara Thymius' husband  
Fred Glickman  
Howard B. Harnage, Tony Harnage's father

**To be read on Friday, May 31:**

Cy Girard, Marshall Rauch's brother-in-law; Stephanie and Pete's uncle  
Samuel R. Planer  
Judith Rashkow, remembered by Bill Gross  
Anna Grabob Rosenthal  
Gloria Sosne  
Henry Sweetbaum, Andy Osborne's cousin  
Katharine Gardner, Bill Gardner's mother  
Philip Weinstein, Marilyn Edward's grandfather  
Julius Maurice Fox, Lyn Fox's father-in-law  
Andrew David Freiberger, Fred and Barbara Freiberger's son  
Irene B. Moskowitz, Mark Moskowitz's mother  
Frederick Gross, Bill Gross's father  
Rhoda Koshak

## Upcoming Events



- **New Members' Night, Saturday, May 4, 7 p.m.** Everyone is invited to this event where we will welcome our new members and celebrate the growth of our Temple family. Hosted by Andy Osborne at his home, 2231 Water Oak Lane, Gastonia. Drinks, hearty appetizers, and a raffle with a chance to win a \$100 gift certificate to Webb Custom Kitchen! RSVP to Andy at 704-854-1010, [Andy.osborne@RaymondJames.com](mailto:Andy.osborne@RaymondJames.com), or to Suzi Nash, our Events Coordinator, at 617-510-1332, [suzinash27@gmail.com](mailto:suzinash27@gmail.com).

- **Special Religious School Shabbat Service, 6 p.m. on May 17,** followed by a potluck dinner. (Religious School families will gather

downstairs at the Temple at 5:15 p.m.) All Temple members, a sign-up sheet for the potluck is coming your way via email. Please join our TERS students in worship and for the celebratory meal!

- **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 Outing, Sunday, June 10, 9:30 a.m.** at the Seven Oaks Preserve Trail in Belmont. Hike with us! Reach out to Stacey Bhalla for more information at 704-616-4732 or [staceybhalla1@gmail.com](mailto:staceybhalla1@gmail.com).

- **Casino Night, Saturday, August 10**, at the Temple. Play blackjack or bingo for prizes! \$15/person includes pizza and appetizers, nonalcoholic drinks, and a round of starter chips/bingo cards. There will also be a cash bar serving beer and wine.

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- **Adult Hebrew Instruction**—Bill Marx is a master at teaching people with no background in Hebrew. His graduates can now read beautifully from siddur and Chumash. To learn more please contact Bill at 314-749-3566 or [hebrewclass85@gmail.com](mailto:hebrewclass85@gmail.com).

- **Jewish Film Series:** New member Peter Blau is helping to organize our first-ever film showings at the Temple. If you're interested in being a part of this effort, please reach out to Peter at 203-434-8451 or [psblau@gmail.com](mailto:psblau@gmail.com).

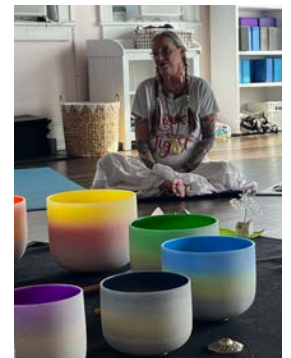
- **Jewish New Year Celebrations** (they're closer than you think!). Mark your calendars now:

- Sept. 6—Our first potluck Shabbat of the New Year
- Oct. 2—Rosh HaShanah Oneg
- Oct. 12—Break-the-Fast
- Oct. 26—Sukkot Under the Sukkah



### Join Temple Emanuel's new Women's Group!

Our new Women's Group will offer periodic outings that are restorative, fun and build community. As you can see from the pictures, our inaugural meeting—at Sweet Peace Yoga Studio in Cramerton for a meditative sound bath—achieved all three goals. For our next get-together, on Sunday, June 10, at 9:30 a.m., we'll hike together at Belmont's beautiful Seven Oaks Preserve Trail. Join us! To RSVP or for more information: Stacey Bhalla, 704-616-4732 or [staceybhalla1@gmail.com](mailto:staceybhalla1@gmail.com). Stacey looks forward to hearing from you!



## Temple Emanuel Religious School (TERS) News

- **Student-led Shabbat Service:** On Friday, May 17, TERS students will lead the Shabbat service. *Services will start at 6 p.m.*, followed by a potluck dinner. (Religious School families, please gather downstairs at the Temple at 5:15 p.m.) All members, watch your email for a potluck sign-up sheet. The children, taught by Morah Rochelle and Morah Mary, have learned so much this year. They hope everyone will show their support and join them in worship and for the celebratory meal!
- **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!
- **Religious School Registration:** It's always the right time to register your children for TERS! 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:** We are excited to announce the creation of a children's library, located on the lower level of the Temple. If you have any books in good condition that you would like to donate, or if you would like to make a monetary donation, please contact Rochelle Wilensky, TERS Director, at [rochelle.rrr@gmail.com](mailto:rochelle.rrr@gmail.com).

For more information about any of these initiatives, to register your child, or to learn more about TERS in general, please contact Rochelle Wilensky, TERS Director, at [rochelle.rrr@gmail.com](mailto:rochelle.rrr@gmail.com).



## Donations תודה רבה

Lyn Fox, in memory of Janet Epstein's mother, Carolyn Place Grenier

William Gross, donation toward a new microphone

Andrew Osborne, in memory of his mother Evelyn Osborne and his father Victor Osborne

Stephanie Rauch, donation toward a new microphone

Alton Reeder, donation to the General Fund

Sara Tomchin, donation for a page in the Book of Life



## Thoughts on the March 30th Youth Unity Shabbat at Temple Emanuel by William Gross

Over the years, as I attended Sunday morning services at African American churches for work-related programs, I felt the passion of the music and songs that are the foundation of their worship. Often, I wondered what would it be like to have a Shabbat service with this energy? Now I know.

On Saturday, March 30, some 100 African American Jewish youth and adults had a rousing celebration of Shabbat in our sanctuary. They came to Gastonia from congregations in North Carolina and nearby states, at the invitation of our member Rabbi Ya'aqov Walker.

Worship began at noon, primarily led by teens and young adults, featuring joyous and uplifting drumming and song.

Mark Epstein, Lisa Jenkins, Honna Miller, Peter Blau, Stephanie Rauch, and Glenn Silverman served as hosts from our Temple and attended portions of the service, which ran three hours and then another two after a midday break.

Our guests loved the sanctuary and the history of our nearly 100-year-old building and are discussing renting our building again for another Shabbat celebration. If these plans come together, please join us for a Shabbat service unlike any you've ever attended.

And, to make the Shabbat even sweeter, the preceding evening – at our Friday night services led by Rabbi Walker – we participated in the Bar Mitzvah service of Ezra Tzaddiyq Ben Yisrael, from the Rabbi's shul in Charlotte. The evening started with a delicious vegan dinner hosted by Ezra's mother and was capped with Ezra beautifully reading the Torah and Haftorah portion for parashat Tzav.



## Upcoming Jewish Holidays

To learn more about these holidays, visit [My Jewish Learning](#).

- Monday, May 6: Holocaust Remembrance Day/Yom HaShoah **יום השואה**
- Monday, May 13: Israel Remembrance Day /Yom HaZikaron **יום הזיכרון**
- Tuesday, May 14: Israel Independence Day/Yom Ha'atzmaut **יום העצמאות**



## Temple Family News

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.

- Happy birthday to TERS student Claire Thomas, who celebrates her 7th birthday on May 2, and to her brother Charles Thomas, who turned 2 on April 27. **יום הולדת שמח**

## Community News

**Gaston Interfaith Trialogue:** Members of the Trialogue meet monthly to explore the three faiths of Abraham: Islam, Christianity, and Judaism. Would you like to join the Trialogue's fascinating conversations? For details and a brief orientation, please contact Mark Epstein, Membership [mark.epstein@totalbondvets.com](mailto:mark.epstein@totalbondvets.com), or Bill Gross, Ritual [sirfranny@carolina.rr.com](mailto:sirfranny@carolina.rr.com).

**Thank you to the many members of Temple Emanuel for their contributions to this newsletter!**



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