



September 2024

High Holiday Information

High Holidays will begin later than they have in several years, so plan to join us in Temple in October. In the coming weeks Bill Gross, our Ritual Committee Chair, will ask members about honors. If you'd like to chat about honors, please contact Bill at sirfranny@carolina.rr.com.

High Holiday Dates for Your Calendar

Rosh Hashanah

Erev Rosh Hashanah / Wednesday, October 2 / 7:30 – 9:30 PM

Rosh Hashanah Day / Thursday, October 3 / 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Yom Kippur

Kol Nidre / Friday, October 11 / 7:30 – 9:30 PM

Yom Kippur Day / Saturday, October 12

Morning Service, 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Study Session, 1:30 – 3:00 PM

Afternoon Service, 3:30 – 4:00 PM

Yizkor, 4:00 – 4:45 PM

Ne'ilah, 4:45 – 5:30 PM

Break-the-Fast, 5:30 – 6:30 PM



In Preparation for the Holiday

We welcome your contribution to the oneg after Erev Rosh Hashanah services and/or to our Break-the-Fast meal after Yom Kippur services. Please contact [Suzi Nash](#).

Please join us on Sunday, September 22, from 10:00 to noon, for a discussion on preparing for the Days of Awe led by Stephanie Rauch and Bill Gross. Lashon Hara—"evil speech," which is prohibited by Jewish law—and its significance during the High Holidays will be discussed, along with activities we can use to make the most of our holidays.



Hi Baking Buddies! Join us for a fun and delicious group baking class on September 22, 10 am to 1 pm. Learn how to make a favorite Honey Cake recipe for Rosh Hashanah. All supplies (and snacks!) will be provided, except for your favorite Bundt pan. Bring it along and let's make something amazing together. Cost: \$36. **RSVP no later than September 16** by calling 732-425-8300.



The Religious School is going apple picking at the Windy Hill Apple Orchard & Cider Mill in York, SC, from noon to 2 pm on Sunday, September 29, and they invite you to join in the fun by visiting the orchard's Cider Bar and Farmstand. There are also picnic tables along with live music. [Click here to visit the website.](#)

Worshipping Together:

September Friday Night Services / Potluck Supper / Sukkot

- Friday services will be held on **September 6, 20 and 27** at 7:30 pm, followed by our extremely friendly—and delicious (especially if you like chocolate mint cookies)—oneg.
- On Friday, **September 13**, services will be preceded by a 5:30 pm Potluck Supper, followed by an early start for services at 6:30 pm. Please watch your email for more information about this special opportunity for congregants of all ages to join together for a Sabbath meal and worship.
- And, on Friday, **October 18**, services will be held in the sukkah at Andy Osborne's house in Gastonia. This service will also start earlier so that children with families can attend. We hope that congregants of all ages will celebrate Sukkot together in Andy's sukkah!

July and August Donations תודה רבה

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

Beverly Green, in memory of her mother Eleanor Nazarion

Mark & Janet Epstein, donation for the new microphone for the bimah and towards the repair of vandalism at the Islamic Community

Sara Tomchin, donation towards the repair of vandalism at the Islamic Community

Bill Gross, donation towards the repair of vandalism at the Islamic Community

Kevin Kirsh, donation for a memorial plaque

September Yahrzeits

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

Yahrzeits for September 2024 (Av 28, 5784 to Elul 27, 5784) To be read during services in September and on October 4

To be read on Friday, Sept. 6:

Sam Greenspon
Benjamin Custer, Marisa Marder's great uncle
Susan Moskowitz Grand, Mark Moskowitz's sister
David Lebovitz



To be read on Friday, September 13:

Max Blake
Laban Silverman, Robert Weiss' grandfather
Joseph van Praagh
Philip T. Corwin
Marilyn Ann Fisher Goodman, Lee Buchanan's mother
Beverly Marshall, John Marshall's mother
Sam Shanker, Sondra Katzenstein's father
Jacob Brodsky

To be read on Friday, September 20:

Bessie Allweiss
Harvey L. Rubin, Hardin Rubin's father
Harold van Praagh
Fred Lambert Cooley, Tony Marder's grandfather
David I. Witten
Dora Goldstein, Bill Gross' mother
Marc Frederic Rauch, Marshall Rauch's son, Elias Rauch's father, Stephanie and Pete Rauch's brother

To be read on Friday, October 4:

Leo Brown, Charlie Brown's uncle
Eve Eisner
Harriet Highstein Brown, Charlie Brown's mother
Harry Dopkin
Ben Jacobowitz, Eileen Morrell's father
Darry Jenkins, Lisa Jenkins' father

To be read on Friday, September 27:

David Richard Rubin, Karen Brown's father
Israel Erwin Weinstein
Frank Marder, Tony Marder's grandfather
Louis Honigman
Kathleen F. Planer
J. M. Lyerly, Jr., Elaine Lyerly's father, Elias Rauch's grandfather
Shirley Fisher, Lee Buchanan's grandmother
Violet Szego Winton, Nadine Fox's mother



From Our Ritual Committee

Longtime member Deane Griffin passed away on July 26 at the age of 88. A Jew by Choice, she unashamedly declared her love of Judaism wherever she was - with friends in Lincoln County, with family, and on the phone with her Temple Emanuel friends. When Deane was no longer able to regularly attend services, she sustained her spiritual life by reading bible, praying with her siddur, and by lighting candles. We thank Charlie Brown and Bill Gross for a heartfelt funeral service and celebration of her wonderful life.

Are You (Or Is Someone You Know) Interested in Conversion to Judaism?

After years of referring individuals to conversion classes at Temple Beth El in Charlotte, Temple Emanuel is excited to announce that we are launching our own program for those interested in converting to Judaism. [Please click here to read more about it.](#) If you have decided to convert, are thinking about it, or would like to speak with someone about our new conversion program, please email [Mark Epstein](mailto:Mark.Epstein@templeemanuel.org). The Temple Emanuel community welcomes you with open arms!

Upcoming Events

- **Casino Night**, Saturday, September 7, 7 pm at Temple Emanuel: \$10/person, payable at the door. While hard core (!) Blackjack players enjoy their games, Bingo players will play a variety of different card fills to win. Winner of the most chips chooses between three prizes: a gift card to Lotus Restaurant; an Amazon Gift Card; or movie tickets and a gift basket. Enjoy popcorn, chips and dips, and drinks and then take a little break for a pizza supper. Wine, wine spritzers and beer will be available for purchase (\$3). **Please tell us that you're coming** by [clicking here](#), so that we know how much food and drink to have on hand!
- **Potluck Dinner for All Ages:** Join us for dinner before Friday night services on September 13. Dinner will start at 5:30 pm to accommodate the young folks, followed by an early start for services at 6:30 pm. Babysitting availability TBD. Watch your email for more information.
- **Jewish Movie Club:** We'll inaugurate this new series on Saturday, September 14, starting at 7:30 p.m. at Peter and Barbara Blau's house in Belmont. Join us to watch the Coen Brothers' 2009 classic, *A Serious Man*. From Rotten Tomatoes: "Blending dark humor with profoundly personal [and Jewish] themes, the Coen brothers deliver what might be their most mature... film to date." [Click here to watch the bar mitzvah scene.](#)
- **Trip to Windy Hill Apple Orchard & Cider Mill:** The Religious School is going apple picking in York, SC, from noon to 2 pm on Sunday, September 29, and they invite you to join in the fun by visiting the orchard's Cider Bar and Farmstand. There are also picnic tables and live music. [Click here to visit the website.](#)
- **Potluck Shabbat**, November 11: Mark your calendar; more information to come!
- **Silent Auction:** This year we'll start our Chanukah celebrations a little early, with a silent auction on Sunday, December 8. Emails and future newsletters will keep you posted on the details, including how to donate an item to be auctioned off. All proceeds will go to support Temple Emanuel. If you already have an idea for a donation, please email [Suzi Nash](mailto:Suzi.Nash@templeemanuel.org).
- **Adult Hebrew:** Interested in learning how to read Hebrew? No prior knowledge of Hebrew (or Judaism) is necessary. For more information, email [Bill Marx](mailto:Bill.Marx@templeemanuel.org) or call him at 314-749-3566.



News About TERS (Temple Emanuel Religious School)



If you are interested in joining our wonderful school, either: [Click here to register](#) your children, or contact Rochelle Wilensky, TERS Religious School Director, at rochelle.rrr@gmail.com or 202-747-4630 to discuss enrollment or joining us as a prospective family on a Sunday for a "Taste of TERS"!

[Click here for comprehensive information](#) about our Religious School and for all the news about our 2024-2025 school year!

TERS is searching for the following donations for our new children's library:

- Very good condition couch
- 1-2 very good condition small end tables
- 1 very good condition coffee table/ottoman (no sharp edges or glass)
- NEW baby/toddler playmat and Jewish baby/toddler toys for monthly Sunday Tots Time

Please contact Morah Rochelle if you can purchase or make a donation towards any or all of these items. Thank you! Contact information is above.

Our first day of religious school, September 18, 2024



Adult Education Series

All events are on Sundays from 10 am to noon.

- *Preparing for the High Holidays*, September 22: Stephanie Rauch and Bill Gross will discuss Lashon Hara—"evil speech," which is prohibited by Jewish law—and its significance during the High Holidays, along with activities we can use to make the most of our holidays.
- *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 a second conversation on the richness of our lives as families with members who are Jewish, Christian, atheist and agnostic.
- *Jews in Early American History*, date TBD: Seth Kaufman will address how Jews influenced the birth and growth of our nation.



Follow Up to Bill Gross' Adult Ed Presentation on Christian Nationalism

If you were unable to attend Bill's extremely interesting and thought provoking presentation or attended and would like to learn more, here are some additional sources of information recommended by Bill and others:

- *The Kingdom, The Power, and The Glory: American Evangelicals in an Age of Extremism*, by Tim Alberta, HarperCollins, 2023. This outstanding book explores the rise of Christian Nationalism, the men and women shepherding the movement, and the trials and tribulations it creates.

- *Bad Faith: Christian Nationalism's Unholy War on Democracy*, 2024. This free 90-minute documentary looks at the ways and means of the Christian Nationalism movement. [Click here to watch.](#)
- *God & Country*, 2024. This free 90-minute documentary looks at the implications of Christian Nationalism and how it distorts our constitutional republic and Christianity itself. [Click here to watch.](#)
- *The Woman Who Bought a Mountain for God*, *The Atlantic*, August 9, 2024. This article describes a woman's engagement with the New Apostolic Reformation movement.

Member News

- Our own Rabbi Ya'akov Walker is the newest member of the North Carolina Jewish Clergy Association (NCJCA). Membership in this organization is an honor. Rabbi Walker, we heartily congratulate you!

A Sampling of Upcoming Events in the Greater Jewish Community



This showcase invites participants in grades 8-12 to submit original works in three categories: Essay, Photography and Podcast, responding to the theme “How do you celebrate your Jewish identity?” [Click here](#) for more information about how to submit an entry, prizes, and more.

From the Jewish Community Relations Council’s “Action Dispatch”:

To equip our community with the tools and knowledge needed to combat misinformation and disinformation, Jewish Federation of Greater Charlotte is launching the Israel Unpacked - Masterclass Series. This exciting new series is designed to offer unparalleled insights into Israel's complexity, culture, politics, and more through the perspectives of highly acclaimed experts. Armed with accurate information and expert insights, our community will be better equipped to respond to the rise in antisemitism and to stand up for Israel in an informed and meaningful way. Join us for the kickoff event:

Date: Thursday, September 19, at 7 PM

Location: Sam Lerner Center for Cultural Arts, at Shalom Park

Register here: [Israel Unpacked - Masterclass Series](#)

We are honored to welcome Haviv Rettig Gur, a prominent Israeli journalist and senior analyst at *The Times of Israel*, as our first speaker in this series. Haviv is known for his deep insights into Israeli politics, foreign policy, and the evolving relationship between Israel and the Jewish diaspora, as well as his role in teaching the intersection of journalism, history, and politics at prestigious Israeli pre-military academies.

This is a unique opportunity to deepen your understanding of Israel and engage in dialogue with some of the foremost voices in Israeli media today.

What you can do:

- [Register](#) and attend the Israel Unpacked – Masterclass Series and invite others to join you.
- Explore the [Israel Facts, Not Fiction](#) webpage, curated by the Jewish United Fund of Chicago to fight the fiction and misinformation that has been running rampant since October 7.
- Fact-check your news using this [Media Literacy Guide](#), created by Jewish Democracy. Remember, misinformation is everywhere, even in commonly trusted news outlets.
- Read and share the [open letter](#) where the American Jewish Committee (AJC) and Jewish Federations of North America (JFNA) call out media organizations for continued flaws in Israel coverage.
- [Make your voice heard](#). For too long, media outlets have inadequately covered stories about Israel, putting the Jewish state, Israelis, and Jews around the world at risk. Join the AJC and JFNA in calling on the media to start reporting honestly.

We Are Caretakers of the Earth

Remembering Psalm 24: “The land and the fullness thereof are the Lord’s.”

Free Paper Shredding: September 14, 9 to noon (or until truck is full), at the State Employees Credit Union, 584 Cox Road, Gastonia.



The annual Lake Norman Jewish Council Deli Fest is all about the food—Kosher-style, authentic, traditional, delicious Jewish deli favorites. Perfect for people of all ages who love Jewish food. Save the date: Sunday, September 22, 2024, from noon to 3 pm on the Davidson Green.

Thank you to all who contributed to this newsletter!



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