



October 2024

The High Holidays 5785

Schedule

We welcome you to join us for *The Days Of Awe* as Charlie Brown leads our Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur services.

- Erev Rosh Hashanah / Wednesday, October 2: 7:30 – 9:30 PM
- Rosh Hashanah Day / Thursday, October 3: 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM
- Remembering our Deceased Loved Ones / Sunday, October 6: 11:00-11:45 AM, Gaston Memorial Park, 1200 South New Hope Road, Gastonia
- 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
- Sukkot / Friday, October 18: 6:00 PM potluck dinner/7:15 PM services at home of Andy Osborne

Guests

Please contact Bill Gross, 704-460-4805 or sirfranny@carolina.rr.com, if you'll be bringing guests. It is our custom to encourage guests to make donations to the Temple. We are deeply grateful for this support of our High Holiday services.

Streaming Services

For those who cannot be in Temple, please join our live streamed services at <https://www.facebook.com/TempleEmanuelGastonia>. If you have difficulties signing on, please call Glenn Silverman at 704-301-7499.

Security

Sheriff's Deputies will be at all services. One will be at the Rabbi's Entrance and will then patrol the street outside the Temple. The second will be at our main entrance and then the sanctuary.

Please Consider Contributing

Contact [Suzi Nash](#) to contribute to our Erev Rosh Hashanah oneq or to our Break-the-Fast on Yom Kippur.


For Rosh Hashanah at Home

Dale Santay, Board member and TERS parent, would like to share her delicious honey cake recipe with you:

Directions:

- Preheat oven to 325 degrees. In a large mixing bowl, beat the eggs until frothy. Whisk in honey, white sugar, brown sugar, oil and vanilla. In separate bowl, sift together flour, baking powder, baking soda, cinnamon, salt, and spices. Incorporate flour mixture into liquid, stir to blend. Fold in shredded apples and juice.
- Spray Bundt pan with cooking spray and pour in batter. Make sure batter fills pan $\frac{3}{4}$ full or less. Do not fill beyond $\frac{2}{3}$. Smooth batter on top so it is flat.
- Bake cake for 75-90 minutes (if using a dark bundt pan, start checking at 50 minutes). When edges darken, pull away from sides and browns all the way across the surface, insert a toothpick into thickest part of cake. If it comes out clean, it's done.
- Cool for exactly 10 minutes and completely before frosting.
- Next, make drizzle icing. Sift 1 cup of powdered sugar into mixing bowl. Add $\frac{1}{4}$ tsp of vanilla extract and $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp water. Add liquid slowly and stir with a whisk until the texture of honey. You want the icing to be quite thick.
- Drizzle the icing in a zig-zag pattern around the cake.
- Allow icing to dry completely before serving—this usually takes about 30-60 minutes. Slice and enjoy!

Honey Apple Cake



- Cake**
 - 3 large eggs
 - $\frac{3}{4}$ cup honey
 - $\frac{1}{2}$ cup white sugar
 - $\frac{1}{4}$ cup light brown sugar
 - $\frac{1}{4}$ cups canola oil
 - $1\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoons vanilla
 - 3 cups all purpose baking flour
 - 1 teaspoon baking powder
 - 1 teaspoon baking soda
 - $1\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoons cinnamon
 - $\frac{3}{4}$ teaspoon salt
 - $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon allspice
 - Dash ground cloves
 - 4 Granny Smith apples (peeled, cored, and shredded)
- Icing**
 - 1 cup + 3 tablespoons powdered sugar
 - $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon vanilla
 - $\frac{1}{2}$ to 2 tablespoons water or non-dairy creamer

October Shabbat Services / Sukkot

- Friday services will be held in the sanctuary on **October 4, 11 and 25** at 7:30 pm.
- On Friday, **October 18**, Sukkot will be celebrated in the sukkah at Andy Osborne's house in Gastonia with a pot luck dinner followed by services. Dinner starts at 6:00 pm and services start at 7:15 pm. We hope that congregants of all ages will celebrate Sukkot together in our sukkah!

October Donations תודה רבה

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

- Stephanie Rauch, donation to the Islamic community in response to their experience of vandalism
- Peter and Barbara Blau, donation to the Islamic community in response to their experience of vandalism
- Nadine Fox for a family Yahrzeit
- Kevin Kirsh for Rosh Hashanah
- Ruchani Yael Bat Yisrael, in honor of her son Ezra Yisrael's Bar Mitzvah

And please read the thank you letter on the next page from Ezra's mother, addressed to the entire congregation, that accompanied her donation:

Shalom Temple Emanuel Members and Board,

Thank you very much for your gracious welcome in hosting my family and friends for my son Ezra Yisrael's Bar Mitzvah and dinner, on Erev Shabbat, March 29, 2024. The entire event was a huge simcha, and I am grateful for the warmth and kindness in which Ezra and our family were received by your congregation.

Rabbi Ya'aqov Ben Dan (Walker) speaks highly of your congregation and he was right. Ezra felt so supported and encouraged by your members who attended his Bar Mitzvah. He was surprised and overjoyed that Temple Emanuel members who had never met him before that night gave him handwritten cards with heartfelt messages and even monetary gifts inside.

The Erev Shabbat service was beautiful, and Ezra is still feeling confident that he has achieved such an accomplishment as reading from the Torah scroll and assisting in leading service.

Thank you for making this milestone so very special for Ezra and for our family! Enclosed please find a donation from our family, a token of our gratitude. May The Most High continue to bless Temple Emanuel to be a beacon of the light of Torah, in Gastonia and beyond.

Sincerely,

Ruchani Yael Bat Yisrael

October Yahrzeits

תודה רבה

Thank you so much to Lyn Fox, who has for many years been responsible for managing yahrzeits for our congregation, making sure that all of our loved ones are properly recognized and remembered. Lyn, your work has been a mitzvah and we are all so grateful to you!

Members can email Temple Emanuel 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 October 2024 (Elul 28, 5784 to Tishrei 29, 5785)

To be read during Friday night services in October and on November 1

To be read on Friday, October 4:

Rabbi Jerome B. Cohen
Libe Menchus, Marisa Rosenfeld's grandmother
Martin Rosenthal
Ted Annenberg, Andy Osborne's uncle
Fannie Feuer
Anne Scherr, John Scherr's Mother
Leah H. Berne, remembered by Stephanie Rauch
Saul M. Cohen
Sylvia Tenenbaum, Marisa Rosenfeld's aunt



To be read on Friday, October 11:

Samuel R. Girard, Marshall Rauch's
brother-in-law, Stephanie and Pete Rauch's
uncle
Myrna Greenspan Doppeet
Evelyn Schaller
Dorothea Wray, Dorothy Lodge's mother
Eusebio Villamor
Celia Cohen Mandel
Mary Katz, Bill Marx's grandmother
Jennie Bloom Nachamson
Sarah M. Atlas
Alvin Witten
Herman Fisher. Lee Buchanan's grandfather

To be read on Friday, October 18:

Larry Kirsh, Kevin Kirsh’s brother
Albert Atlas
Dale Edward Fox, Lyn Fox’s husband
Stanley Robert Light
Morris Cohen
Jerry Greenberg, Barbara Freiberger’s brother
Louis Nevitt
Morris Slutsky
Machla Ruchel Garber
Lee Sweetbaum, Andy Osborne’s grandmother
Irene Weinstein, Marilyn Edward’s grandmother
Abe S. Karesh
Ida Shved, Marisa Marder’s grandmother



To be read on Friday, October 25:

Henrietta Goldstein, remembered by Andy Osborne
Lena O’Kansky Schneider
Alan Sweetbaum, Andy Osborne’s uncle
Scott Alan Syzperski
Isadore Kirsh, Kevin Kirsh’s grandfather
Ada Schemnitz, Bill Gross’s aunt
Mervin Needell, Jim Needell’s father

To be read on Friday, November 1:

Abram Garfinkel, Marisa Rosenfeld’s uncle
James Miller
Abraham Sweetbaum, remembered by Andy Osborne
Max Bennett
Richard Ryan Wetzel, Tom Wetzel’s son
Donald Green, Beverly Green’s husband
Clara Lea Katz, Bill Marx’s aunt

Caring For Congregants

A new Temple initiative

- Two of our members, Stephanie Rauch and Charlie Brown, will offer pastoral counseling to congregants (charging only what insurance will pay or a fee based on a sliding scale). Both are licensed therapists with years of experience. Stephanie will offer her services in-person and virtually; Charlie is available virtually. For more information please email [Charlie Brown](#) or [Stephanie Rauch](#).
- The Board is developing a Caring for Congregants program to provide home or hospital visits and to deliver meals to congregants who are ill. If you’d like to volunteer, please reach out to [Stephanie Rauch](#). Thank you!

Upcoming Events



Annual Fundraiser and (this year) Chanukah Celebration: Silent Auction

Saturday evening, December 7, 2024

Please mark your calendar now to join us at this fun—and important—Temple Emanuel event!

We hope to see our whole Temple family at our Dec. 7th Silent Auction, as we celebrate (a little early but that's OK) Chanukah together and also raise money to support our synagogue. There will be filling appetizers, elegant desserts, drinks, music and dancing—and a chance to join together as a community in whatever for you constitutes party clothes (hat tip to those of us averse to seriously dressing up 🥳).

The auction will begin one week in advance online (thank you to congregant, Board member and TERS parent Rhoda Verhosek!) and will conclude midway through the event. Winners will be announced that evening.

Wanted! SILENT AUCTION ITEMS

Please consider offering your own unique skills in a gift certificate or by asking someone who regularly performs a service for you to provide a gift certificate to auction off. Or, how about putting together a “topical” gift basket (ex. games and books; coffee and tea; children’s health; gourmet food)? Or perhaps you might donate tickets to an event. Auction items should have a value of at least \$25.

Please contact Silent Auction Chairs [Suzi Nash](#) or [Andy Osborne](#) to volunteer to help or to donate an item for the auction.

Additional Upcoming Events

- **Sunday, Oct. 27th, time TBD:** The Temple Emanuel Women’s Club invites you to join them in a hike at Belmont’s [Seven Oaks Preserve Trail](#). We hike the trail on the 4th Sunday of each month! For our meeting time in October, please reach out to [Stacey Bhalla](#).
- **Adult Hebrew:** Interested in learning how to read Hebrew? No prior knowledge of Hebrew (or Judaism) is necessary. For more information, email [Bill Marx](#) or call him at 314-749-3566.

We Enjoyed It...



...When Dr. Harry Chernotsky shared his wisdom with us on September 29th regarding the current situation in Israel. “Update on Israel: A Dynamic and Difficult Situation” was our best-attended Adult Education program yet. Dr. Chernotsky is Professor Emeritus of Political Science at UNC Charlotte.



...When TERS family members gathered at Windy Hill Orchard in York, SC, on September 29th for a day of apple picking, apple cider, lunch and a Rosh Hashanah lesson with Morah Rochelle. TERS wishes all of you L'Shana Tovah and thanks you for your support!



...When children, teens and adults from the Myers Memorial United Methodist Church joined us for Shabbat services on September 20th.



...When Dale Santay, TERS parent, liaison to the Board and baker extraordinaire, led a wonderful honey cake baking class on September 22nd in preparation for Rosh Hashanah. School families really enjoyed the event. Those attending the Rosh Hashanah Adult Education discussion upstairs in the Board Room were delighted with the cake that was shared!



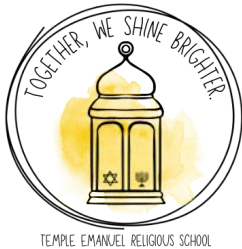
...When our recently-formed Women's Club hiked on Sunday morning, September 15th, on the Seven Oaks Preserve Trail in Belmont. In fact, it was so much fun that we'll be hiking there on the 4th Sunday of every month! Join us!



...When we watched the Coen Brothers' *A Serious Man* for our first Jewish Movie Night on September 14th. The Blau's living room was full, and we all enjoyed the movie and the conversation that followed. Watch for the announcement of Jewish Movie Night #2, coming soon to a living room near you!

...And when we gathered on September 7th in our congregational hall for Casino Night, played bingo and blackjack, ate pizza and enjoyed drinks, and of course cheered the winners, Mark Epstein and Brianne McReynolds. No pictures—we were all too busy concentrating on the games!

News About TERS (Temple Emanuel Religious School)



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

If you are interested in joining our wonderful school, contact Rochelle Wilensky, TERS Director, at rochelle.rrr@gmail.com or 202-747-4630. You are welcome to join us as a prospective family on a Sunday for a “Taste of TERS”!

Morah Rochelle is excited to report that she has been invited to a national (virtual) group of American Jewish children's book authors/publishers who are keen to donate their wonderful books to our new children's library. These are fantastic, modern, newly award-winning books for younger children and teenagers. This is a very exciting development and Morah Rochelle looks forward to including these new titles in our growing library. They will soon be available for check out by all of our families and congregants!

TERS is looking forward to attending the Sukkah event at Andy Osborne's house on October 18. TERS students will be creating unique Sukkah decorations to hang in the Sukkah. Please join to meet our youngest Temple members and enjoy their Sukkah decorations!

If you have a couch/sofa in great condition that you would like to donate for the children's library, please contact Morah Rochelle directly at 202-747-4630.

Adult Education Series

–All events are on Sundays from 10 am to noon.

–TERS parents, we hope you can join us after you drop your children off at religious school. We've timed the events to help make this possible.

–There is always food to enjoy, but please remember to bring your own coffee.

–[Mark Epstein](#) and [Bill Gross](#), co-chairs of the Adult Education Committee, are always looking for great speakers and topics for future programs. Please send suggestions!

- *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 describe how Jews influenced the birth and growth of our nation.



New Members

A hearty welcome to new member Jennifer Denton, daughter of Nikki Sherrill. Jennifer was raised in the Temple and is coming back as an adult!

Meet Our Members

A new monthly column



Last month Mark Epstein gave a D'var Torah at Friday night services, a thoughtful, trenchant exploration of that week's portion, Judges or Shoftim, and its relevance to the current war between Israel and Hamas. If you weren't at services that evening, [click here](#) to listen to his wise words. (Note: you'll need to turn your volume up since the bima's microphone wasn't turned up quite high enough.) After watching the video, please feel free to share with [Mark](#) your thoughts on his D'var Torah.

And now some information about Mark, who is a longtime member of our congregation. A veterinarian and senior partner at TotalBond Veterinary Hospitals, he earned his DVM degree from the University of Georgia and his undergraduate degree at NC State University.

Fittingly for this first entry in our new Meet Our Members section, Mark, a member of our Board of Directors, is responsible for recruiting and welcoming new Temple members. Mark also co-leads our Adult Education program with Bill Gross. A dedicated scholar of Jewish history, he has presented many seminars for the program, including the history of the holiday of Hanukkah and the theological differences between Judaism and Christianity.

And a Second D'var Torah

Bill Gross gave the D'var Torah for Parsha Ki Teitzei at Friday night services on September 20th. Please [click here](#) to read his exploration of the collision between his grandchild's sexual orientation and Torah prohibitions.

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](#). The Temple Emanuel community welcomes you with open arms!

Support for Israel

From the Jewish Community Relations Council's "Action Dispatch":

While still acknowledging the tragic suffering of the Palestinian people, to equip our community with the tools and knowledge needed to combat misinformation and disinformation, Jewish Federation of Greater Charlotte suggests that we arm ourselves with accurate information and expert insights, so that we are better equipped to respond to the rise in antisemitism and to stand up for Israel in an informed and meaningful way.

Sources of information:

- 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.



**Thank you to all who contributed to this newsletter,
and a Happy New Year!**



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