



November 2024



The Rabbi Search Committee invites you to meet Rabbi Jacquie Marx!

Friday, Nov. 8: Shabbat services at 7:30 pm

Saturday, Nov. 9: Havdalah service, 7-9 pm

Sunday, Nov. 10: Religious School families—come for brunch, learning, schmoozing, 10-11 am

Rabbi Marx, who is also a Cantor and lives near Chapel Hill, will visit us under the auspices of the Small Congregation Clergy Collaborative, a program of the Union of Reform Judaism that brings part-time rabbis and cantors to small congregations like ours. While this may sound like a tryout for a full-time contract, it is for clergy who are not seeking long-term commitments to a single congregation. After the weekend, she and we will decide if more visits to Temple Emanuel are in the cards.



Please watch your email for more information.



Fundraiser and Chanukah Celebration, Sat. night, Dec. 7th
Please mark your calendar now to join us at this
free—and important—Temple Emanuel event!

Make it a special night out with family and friends!

We hope to see our whole Temple family at our Dec. 7th Silent Auction, as we celebrate Chanukah together (a little early but that's OK) and also raise money to support our religious school, adult education program, special activities and more.

There will be filling appetizers, elegant desserts, drinks, music and dancing—all at no charge except for wine and beer.

You will be able to view the auction items on our Facebook page starting about a week in advance (thank you to congregant, Board member and TERS parent Rhoda Verhosek!). Winners will be announced midway through the event.

Friends, for this to work we need you there
AND we need donations—no later than December 1!

Wanted!
SILENT
AUCTION
ITEMS

- Are you an artist who would like to donate a piece of your work? Or a professional who can offer a specialty service?
- Solicit a gift certificate for services or entertainment from places you frequent, such as a nail salon, book store, dry cleaners, restaurant, specialty store, or your babysitter/pet sitter. It's an easy and cost effective way for them to advertise.
- Create a specialty basket (exs. kids, spa, books, entertainment, animal, garden).
- Donate a new item with a value of \$36 or more. We already have a donation of an Israeli glass art plate for Pesach and a beautiful freshwater natural pearl necklace!

Please email Silent Auction Chairs [Suzi Nash](#) or [Andy Osborne](#) to volunteer to help or to donate an item for the auction. You can also call or text Andy at 704-854-1010 or Suzi at 617-510-1332.

November Shabbat Services

- Friday night services will be held in the sanctuary on **November 1, 8, 15 and 22** at 7:30 pm.
- Note that Rabbi Jacque Marx will lead Shabbat services on Friday, Nov. 8. Join us!
- There are no services on Friday, Nov. 29 (Thanksgiving weekend).

New Members!

- Joanna Forester—Joanna lived in Israel for several years and now lives in Morganton.
- Garnetta Beall—Garnetta hails from Texarkana, Arkansas, and now lives in Albemarle.



November Donations תודה רבה

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

- Joel Horwich, General Fund
- Charles Katzenstein toward Adult Study
- Joanna Forester for the High Holy Days
- Lyn Fox in memory of her husband Dale Fox
- Kevin Kirsh in memory of his brother Larry Kirsh
- Kevin Kirsh in memory of his grandfather Isadore Kirsh

From the Temple Board

The Temple Board sends its deepest thanks to Charlie Brown for leading our inspiring and uplifting Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur and Sukkot services. We also give a hearty *Todah Rabah*/thank you to everyone who helped conduct services and who organized and supported our Rosh Hashanah Oneg, Yom Kippur Break-the-Fast, and Sukkot potluck dinner. We send our deepest wishes to all for a healthy and fulfilling New Year.

November Yahrzeits

Members can email [Temple Emanuel](#) 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. Those with November yahrzeits will receive a confirming letter in the mail.

Caring For Congregants

A new Temple initiative

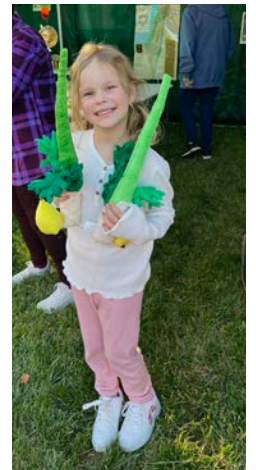
- Two of our members, Stephanie Rauch and Charlie Brown, are offering pastoral counseling to congregants (charging only what insurance will pay or a fee based on a sliding scale). Both are licensed therapists with years of experience. Stephanie offers her services in-person and virtually; Charlie is 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!



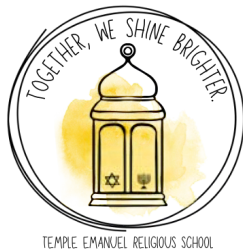
High Holidays at Temple Emanuel



And, We Celebrated Sukkot at Andy Osborne's House



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”!

Check out these unique Sukkah decorations made by our students! They were proudly hung in our Temple sukkah at Andy Osborne’s house.



TERS parents, after you drop off your children at Religious School we hope you can join us for our Adult Education programs, once a month on a Sunday from 10 am to noon. There is always food to enjoy, but please remember to bring your own coffee. Our next event is on Nov. 17 (*Jesus in Jewish Hebrew Scripture?*, presented by Mark Epstein).

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, Select Sundays, 10-noon

[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.

Upcoming Events (in addition to our Dec. 7 Silent Auction/Chanukah Event)

- **Sunday, Nov. 23, time TBD:** The Temple Emanuel Women's Club invites you to join them on 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 November, 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.

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 now has its 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!

Community News



Jewish Federation of Greater Charlotte is committed to playing a role in both the immediate relief and the long-term rebuilding efforts of areas affected by Hurricane Helene.

Our Federation has established an [Emergency Relief Fund](#) to provide immediate assistance to those in need.

[Please click here to donate now.](#) 100% of your donations will aid Jewish organizations and their communities directly impacted by this catastrophic storm.

Center for Jewish Education Book Club Schedule

September 11	Family Family	Laurie Frankel
October 9	The Wolf Hunt	Ayelet Gundar-Goshen
November 13	Leaving Eastern Parkway	Matthew Daub
December 11	Stockholm: A Novel	Noa Yedlin

All meetings are on Wednesdays at 10:30 AM • All community members are welcome to attend.

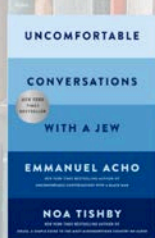
For more information about the CJE Book Club, please contact sueb.littauer@jewishcharlotte.org.



Jewish Federation
of Greater Charlotte



Greenspon Book Club



When: Oct 15 & 29, 6:30 - 8pm
Where: Queens University and Zoom
Who: All are welcome! Join our free book club!
Register at bit.ly/SGCfallread

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INTEREST MEETING

Travel to Poland with us.

Join us next fall in Poland as we bear witness to the historical and present-day Jewish life in Poland.

Interest Meeting: Thursday, November 7th, 4:30-6pm

Where: Queens University Campus, Gambrell Center Room 101

Email lapietraj@queens.edu to RSVP.

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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!



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