



September 2025

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Our New Alvin Witten Family Library

In honor of his father Alvin, Eric Witten proposed the upgraded library and then donated the funds necessary to make it happen. We are very grateful to you, Eric!

Sept. 6 and 7, three ways you can help finish our library:



1) We have the books, but we need volunteers to move them onto the shelves. When? Saturday, Sept. 6 and Sunday, Sept. 7, from 10 am to 2 pm. Email [Bill Gross](#) to let him know when you can join us. Many hands make light work!

2) Email [Rob Weiss](#) to donate a Judaically-themed work of art (or anything interesting!) to beautify the walls of our new library.

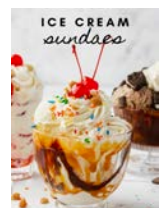
3) One wall will be dedicated to photos that bring to life the history of our Temple and the Jewish lives of its members. Email [Rob Weiss](#) to donate a photo.

Friday, Sept. 5, Potluck Dinner For All

Everyone is invited on Sept. 5th to a potluck dinner with make-your-own sundaes, followed by an early Shabbat service. We encourage everyone to sign up to bring a food dish and/or help with setup or cleanup. **This is a get-together for the entire Temple Emanuel family!** (Latecomers are welcome!)

6:00-6:45 pm - Potluck dinner (please [sign up here](#) with what you can bring!)

6:45-7:30 pm - Early Shabbat service



Temple Emanuel High Holiday Services, 5785 / 2025



Join us on The Days of Awe as Charlie Brown again leads our Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur services.

Erev Rosh Hashanah / Monday, September 22: 7:30 – 9:30 pm

Rosh Hashanah Day / Tuesday, September 23: 10:00 am – 1:00 pm

Remembering our Loved Ones / Sunday, September 28: 11:00-11:45 am, Gaston Memorial Park, 1200 South New Hope Road, Gastonia

Kol Nidre / Wednesday, October 1: 7:30 – 9:30 pm

Yom Kippur Day / Thursday, October 2

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 10: 7:30-8:30 pm, home of Andy Osborne

Oneg and Break the Fast

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](#) to participate.

Streaming our Services

You may 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.

Guests

We ask that you contact Bill Gross if you plan to bring a guest to any of our High Holiday services. You can reach Bill at 704-460-4805 or sirfranny@carolina.rr.com. In addition, it is our custom to encourage guests to make a donation to the Temple. If interested, please have your guest speak with our Treasurer, Sara Tomchin, at 704-641-6680.

Temple Emanuel High Holiday Services, 5785 / 2025, cont.

Security

Sheriff's deputies will be at all services. One will be at the side entrance and will then patrol the street outside the Temple. The second will be at our main entrance and then in the sanctuary.

How to Have a Loved One's Name Read Aloud During Yizkor

In order to have a name read out during the Yizkor service one of three things needs to happen:

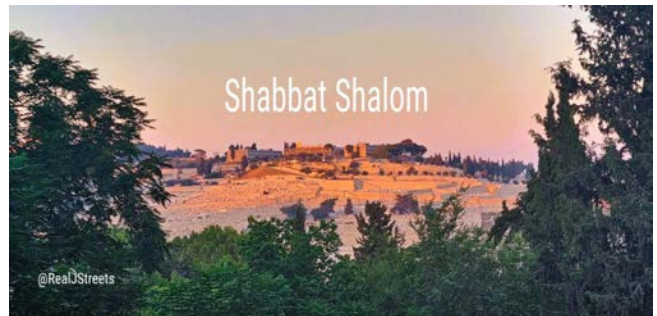
1. Purchase a nameplate for \$250 with your loved one's name and date of death, which will be added to a Memorial Plaque in the sanctuary. Please email katieneedell@gmail.com to order a nameplate (be sure to include the dates of death and birth). Once your loved one has a nameplate their name will be read out during the Yizkor service automatically from year to year.
2. Purchase either a page for up to five loved ones' names in the Temple's Book of Life for \$150 or add a single name to the Book of Life for \$50. Names in the Book of Life are automatically read from year to year during Yizkor. Email Temple Emanuel to purchase a page or add a single name.
3. Prior to Yom Kippur, you may make a contribution of \$18 per name in order to have a loved one's name read during Yizkor. Those who choose this option must resubmit their loved one's name every year in order to have it read at Yizkor. Please email Temple Emanuel if you choose this option.

Friday Night Services in September

Sept. 12 and 19 at 7:30 pm. (No services on Sept. 26.)

Sept. 5 at 6:45-7:30 pm. From 6-6:45 pm we will have our first potluck dinner of the new school year. The congregation as a whole will join our Religious School families to enjoy a Shabbat meal, including make-your-own sundaes. [Sign up here!](#)

Onegs: Please [click here](#) to sign up to host an Oneg (see p. 5 for more information).



Rabbi Jacquie Marx to return!



The Board is pleased to announce that Temple Emanuel is renewing its contract with Rabbi Jacquie Marx for four weekend visits starting in October 2025 and ending in April 2026. More details coming soon!

YOUR MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

A Request from the Temple Emanuel President and Board of Trustees

If you haven't yet done so, we invite you to continue your membership with Temple Emanuel for our 2025-2026 year by returning this year's [Pledge Form](#). *We are a small but vibrant community, and we hope that everyone chooses to continue their membership!*

Please also consider increasing your pledge this year. No matter how small your increase might be, we guarantee that it will have a big impact!

We ask that you make Temple Emanuel a top priority in your budget. As the sole Jewish institution in Gaston County, serving not only Jews in Gaston County but in all surrounding counties, we depend on and deeply appreciate your support.

Paying your dues? Making a donation? Use Rakefet!

To set up your Rakefet account: Go to <https://us.rakefetonline.com> and enter the email address on file for you at the Temple. Click on "Forgot Password" to get a temporary password emailed to you. (Check your spam folder if it's not in your inbox.)



To set up a payment account and to schedule or make payments, click on "Payments" on the Dashboard. For questions or assistance, please email [our Treasurer](#).

We gratefully thank the following individuals for their summer donations:

Joseph Felton, donation to the General Fund

Lyn Fox, in memory of Lopi Shved, Louis Scher, David Zeilonka and Nadine Fox

Bill & Linda Gross, donation to the Special Projects Fund

Augustina Ince, donation to the General Fund

Seth & Rebecca Kaufman, in memory of Phillip Kaufman, Seth's father, and Frances Kaufman, Seth's mother

Alton Reeder, donation to the General Fund

Kevin Kirsh, Rosh Hashanah donation

Andrew Osborne, in memory of Nadine Fox and Lopi Shved

Susan Sundberg, in memory of Marshall Rauch

Debbye Lustig, in memory of Ilona Robinson

Peter & Barbara Blau, donation for a page in the Book of Life

Host an Oneg in September



[Click here](#) to sign up to host or to help with set up or clean up. Basic instructions are in the link and posted in the Temple kitchen. More detailed instructions are [here](#). If you are uncomfortable using the online form, please email [Temple Emanuel](#). There is also a paper sign up sheet in the Temple kitchen. You will get a reminder as your date gets closer. And, you can see who else has signed up if you need to switch dates. (You are responsible for finding someone else in that situation.) Questions? Email [Temple Emanuel](#).

Welcome
New Members

Welcome to Corey Post, Alison Carpenter and their 7-year old daughter Zoe, the newest members of Temple Emanuel. And, Zoe is our newest TERS student. We are glad you've joined our Temple family!

Are you interested in joining us? Do you have children you might want to enroll in our Religious School or bring to Toddler Time (see p. 6)? We would love to talk with you and answer your questions. Please email [Mark Epstein](#), our Board member in charge of Membership, and he will reach out to you.

Upcoming
Events:

- **Make Your Own Sundae Potluck Dinner, Sept. 5, 6-6:45 pm:** Our first potluck dinner of the new school year, when our entire congregation, including our Religious School families, joins together to break bread and enjoy each other's company (and eat ice cream!). Service from 6:45-7:30 pm follows. [Sign up here](#)
- **NEW–Book Shelving Event, Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 6 & 7, 10 am-2 pm:** Join us as we work together to shelve all our wonderful books in the new Alvin Witten Family Library. Please [contact Bill Gross](#) to let him know when you can join us.

- **Jewish Film Club, postponed from Sept. 7 to Oct., date TBD:** Join us at the Blau's house (eventually!) for our next movie night. Bring something to eat/drink and to share if you wish. Movie TBA, although we're leaning towards a comedy. 😊
- **Join our students for Rosh Hashanah apple picking, Sunday morning, Sept. 21:** Plan to join our Religious School students and their families when they go apple picking to celebrate a sweet new year. More information to come!
- **4th Sunday of the Month Women's Club Hike: Sept. 28, 10 am:** Join us as we hike Belmont's [Seven Oaks Preserve Trail](#). RSVP to Lisa Jenkins 980-833-6299, Stacey Bhalla 704-616-4732, Lee Buchanan 704-661-9685 or Stephanie Rauch 704-609-8425. (Join us also on Oct. 26.)
- **October:** "Build a Sukkah," Sunday, Oct. 5; Potluck Dinner and Services Under the Sukkah, Friday night, Oct. 10; Women's Club Hike, Oct. 26; and more.
- **November:** Casino Night returns, Saturday night, Nov. 1; Pizza Potluck Dinner followed by services, Friday, Nov. 7; more to come!
- **December:** Chanukah Party and Silent Auction, Saturday night, Dec. 6; and yes, more to come!



News From TERS (Temple Emanuel Religious School)

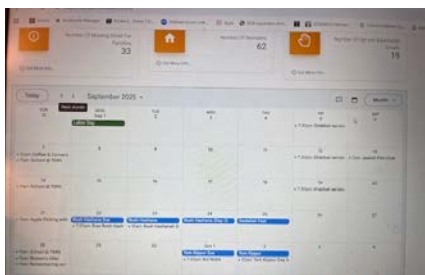
New Toddler Time Program—watch your email for dates!

Toddler Time, an hour of play, stories and songs from 9-10 am, will meet one Sunday each month before Religious School. This is an opportunity for young parents to join Temple Emanuel, jumpstart their young ones' Jewish education, meet other parents in a Jewish setting, and introduce their children to each other. All congregants are welcome to stop by during Toddler Time, introduce themselves, and enjoy a cup of coffee with our Toddler Time parents.



Join Us!

Interested in joining our wonderful Religious School or signing up for Toddler Time? Contact [Rochelle Wilensky](#), TERS Director (or call her at 202-747-4630). You are welcome to join us as a prospective family on a Sunday for a "Taste of TERS."



We Have a Temple Calendar!

Forgotten when an event is or want to know the time of an event? Sign in to your account on [Rakefet](#) and find out on our brand-new Temple Emanuel calendar.



September 2025 Yahrzeits

Members can email [Temple Emanuel](mailto:TempleEmanuel@temple Emanuel.org) 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.

<p>Friday, September 5: Sam Greenspon Bill Kittner, Rhoda Verhosek's father Benjamin Custer, Marisa Marder's great uncle</p> <hr/> <p>Friday, September 19: Jacob Brodsky Harvey L. Rubin, Hardin Rubin's father Bessie Allweiss Harold van Praagh Fred Lambert Cooley, Tony Marder's grandfather David I. Witten</p>		<p>Friday, September 12: Susan Moskowitz Grand, Mark Moskowitz's sister David Lebovitz Laban Silverman, Sara Tomchin's and Rob Weiss' grandfather Max Blake Joseph van Praagh Philip T. Corwin Marc Frederic Rauch, Pete and Stephanie Rauch's brother; Julian Rauch's uncle; Elias Rauch's father; remembered by Elaine Lyerly Dora Goldstein, Bill Gross' grandmother Beverly Marshall, John Marshall's mother Marilyn Ann Fisher Goodman, Lee Buchanan's mother Sam Shanker, Sondra Katzenstein's father</p>	
<p>Friday, September 26, will be read on Friday, September 19: Harriet Highstein Brown, Charlie Brown's mother Libe Menchus, Marisa Rosenfeld's grandmother David Richard Rubin, Karen Brown's father Israel Erwin Weinstein Leah H. Berne, Stephanie Rauch's friend Frank Marder, Tony Marder's grandfather Sylvia Tenenbaum, Marisa Rosenfeld's aunt Louis Honigman Samuel R. Girard, Stephanie Rauch's uncle Kathleen F. Planer J. M. Lyerly, Jr., Elias Rauch's grandfather and Elaine Lyerly's father</p>		<p>Friday, October 3: Violet Szego Winton, Andrew and Nicole Fox's grandmother Shirley Fisher, Lee Buchanan's grandmother Leo Brown, Charlie Brown's uncle Eve Eisner Darry Jenkins, Lisa Jenkins' father Ben Jacobowitz, Eileen Morrell's father Harry Dopkin</p>	



If you have an idea for an Adult Education program or would like to present, please contact [Mark Epstein](mailto:MarkEpstein@temple Emanuel.org) or [Bill Gross](mailto:BillGross@temple Emanuel.org), co-chairs of the Adult Education Committee.

Ongoing classes:

- Want to learn to read Hebrew? Join our Adult Hebrew class! Email [Bill Marx](mailto:BillMarx@temple Emanuel.org) or call him at 314-749-3566 for more information.
- Want to learn Biblical Hebrew grammar and vocabulary? Contact [Barbara Blau](mailto:BarbaraBlau@temple Emanuel.org).

August 2025 in Photos



A huge thank you to Tom Dickerson for fixing all our lights in the sanctuary in time for High Holiday services (and to Rob Weiss and Stephanie Rauch for arranging it).

Tom wants you to know that “I can do most anything. I like to do the small jobs that most turn down. I try my best to keep my prices lower than everyone else's because times are harder now more than ever.” Here's Tom's number: (585) 808-4114.



We were represented at Newish & Jewish, an informational fair sponsored by the Jewish Federation of Greater Charlotte on Aug. 24th.



On Aug. 24th Brian Litwak presented a thought-provoking Adult Education lecture about what the law has to say—past and present—about religious freedom and on what it might have to say in the years to come.

And Aug. 24th was also the first day of religious school for the 2025-2026 school year!
Welcome back to all our TERS students and families!



Rabbi Shoshana Kaminsky led services on Aug. 15th and shared memories about her grandfather, who was rabbi at Temple Emanuel many years ago. Thank you to Lee Buchanan for making all the arrangements for the visit!

Caring For Congregants



- Volunteers provide home or hospital visits and deliver meals to congregants who are ill. Please contact [Stephanie Rauch](#) to become a volunteer. Stephanie has a list of congregants who would deeply appreciate a visit.
- Two of our members, Stephanie Rauch and Charlie Brown, 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 offers her services in-person and virtually; Charlie is available virtually. Please email [Charlie Brown](#) or [Stephanie Rauch](#).

Upcoming Community Events
Learn, Participate, Celebrate, Support



2025 Annual Campaign
As One

Act Now!

Annual Campaign Deadline Extended to September 14

We are in the final stretch of the 2025 Annual Campaign—and the finish line is in sight. With the generosity of this community, we've already accomplished so much, but we still need \$39,000 to reach our goal.

Your support in this final push makes all the difference. Every pledge strengthens the network of programs, services, and resources that sustain Jewish life in greater Charlotte—today and for the future. Together, we can ensure that our community remains strong, connected, and thriving. We can't do it without you!

This is our moment to close the gap. Help us finish strong—make your pledge today.

Please [click here](#) and follow the prompts to make a pledge to the Jewish Federation of Greater Charlotte.



Levine JCC Butterfly Project Volunteer Info Session

ADULTS

HELP OUT • DO GOOD • FEEL GOOD

Volunteer with the Levine JCC Butterfly Project.
Dates & times are preschool compatible!

To learn more about the Levine JCC Butterfly Project, visit:
charlottejcc.org/butterflyproject

Learn more about becoming a Volunteer:
Thursday, September 4th
10am-11:00am
Family Place

Questions?
butterflyproject@charlottejcc.org

To register, scan this code >>
(once on the site, click the drop down menu "To Volunteer")



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GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

A SERIES OF 4 SESSIONS

Everyone experiences grief differently, but that does not mean you have to experience it alone.

- Understand the grief process
- Learn to cope with your loss in a safe, caring, supportive space
- Spend time with others who "get it"
- Gain support and give support

Facilitated by JFS licensed therapists. No cost to attend.

In Person, JFS Office, 5007 Providence Rd, Charlotte 28226
Wed, Aug 27, Sept 3, 10, 17, 2025 at 11:00 am

TO REGISTER-

Email: info@jfscharlotte.org


Call: (704) 364-6594


Visit: bit.ly/GriefGroupAug2025

Scan: the QR code



Eve Barlow
Thursday, Sept. 18 | 7 PM
Sam Lerner Center
for Cultural Arts



 **Jewish Federation** of Greater Charlotte | **NextGen** | **JCRC**

Join Federation's NextGen and Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC), for an evening with **Eve Barlow** as she delves into what it means to confront antisemitism in today's world.

A bestselling author, influencer, and thought leader, Eve is one of the most influential Jewish advocates of her generation, reaching over 20 million people each month. She will explore the many forms antisemitism can take—from viral hate on social media to casual remarks in everyday conversation—and how each of us can find the clarity and courage to speak out.

This event is open to the entire community and is being generously sponsored by Adam and Wendy Petricoff.

[Register Here](#)

Please [click here](#) to register for the Eve Barlow event.

Please [click here](#) to register for this Masterclass.



 **UNPACKING ISRAEL**
 MASTERCLASS SERIES

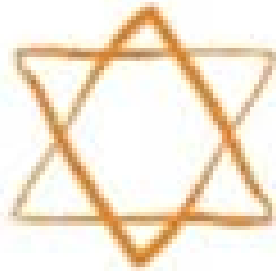
September 11 | 7 PM | Sam Lerner Center for Cultural Arts

What do slogans like “from the river to the sea” really mean? Why is the “right of return” such a core issue?

In the next Unpacking Israel: Masterclass Series, **Dr. Einat Wilf**—former Knesset member and expert on Zionism—will break down the key narratives fueling the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and what they reveal about the prospects for peace, sovereignty, and the future of the Jewish state.

This is a chance to move past headlines and engage with the ideas that truly matter. Register today to be a part of the conversation:

[Register Today!](#)



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