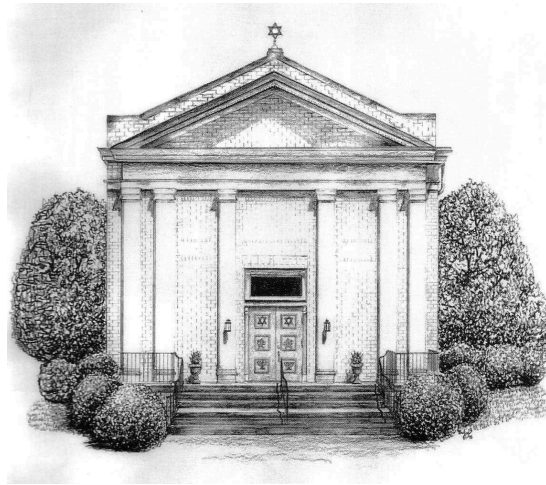




October 2025

**Please join us on The Days of Awe as
Charlie Brown leads our Yom Kippur services.**

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

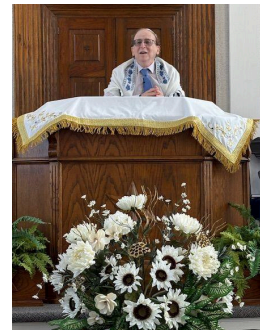
Afternoon Service: 3:30 – 4:00 PM

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: 6:45 - 7:45 PM, home of Andy Osborne,
preceded by a potluck dinner starting at 5:45 PM



Break the Fast

We welcome your contribution to our Break the Fast meal after Yom Kippur services. Please contact [Suzi Nash](#) to participate.

Streaming our Services

For those who cannot be in Temple, please join our live streamed services at <https://www.facebook.com/TempleEmanuelGastonia>. Difficulties signing on? 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.

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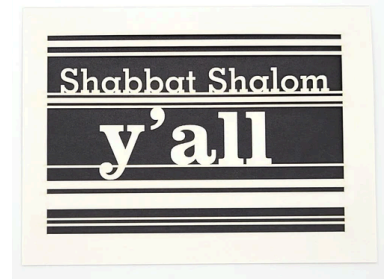
Sheriff's deputies will be at all services. One will be at the side entrance and will then patrol the street outside the Temple. The second will be at our main entrance and then in the sanctuary.

Friday Night Services in October

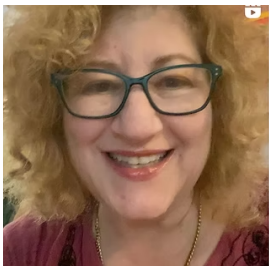
Please join us on Oct. 10 at 6:45 pm and on Oct. 17, 24 and 31 at 7:30 pm.

- No service on Oct. 3.
- Our Sukkot service on Oct. 10 is at Andy Osborne's house and starts at 6:45 pm. Potluck supper starts at 5:45 pm. More information to come via email.

Onegs: Please [click here](#) to sign up to host an Oneg (see p. 4 for more information).



Rabbi Jacquie Marx to return!



The Board is pleased to announce that Temple Emanuel has renewed its contract with Rabbi Jacquie Marx for 2025-2026. Rabbi Jacquie will be with us on the following weekends: Dec. 12-14 (Chanukah), Feb. 7-8 (Jackson Gardner's bar mitzvah), March 27-29, and May 22-24 (Shavuot). Welcome back, Rabbi Jacquie!



Our New Alvin Witten Family Library

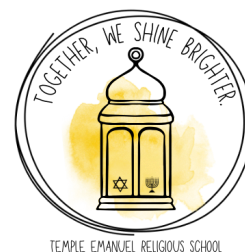
In honor of his father Alvin, Eric Witten proposed an upgraded library and then donated the funds necessary to make it happen. We are very grateful to you, Eric!

Help beautify our new library by donating a Judaically-themed work of art or a photo of a family member that brings to life the history of our Temple and the Jewish lives of its members. Email [Rob Weiss](#) if you have something to donate. Here are photos of the transformation and of some of our extremely hard-working volunteers!!



News From TERS (Temple Emanuel Religious School)

Congratulations to Morah Rochelle, who was recently honored by being asked to join the Jewish Educators' Council at Shalom Park in Charlotte. The Council is composed of individuals working in Jewish education in the greater Charlotte area. They meet quarterly to share ideas and resources across Jewish preschools, day schools, and Sunday religious schools. Temple Emanuel looks forward to the many great ideas that Morah Rochelle will bring back to Temple Emanuel due to her membership in the Jewish Educators' Council! Again, congratulations!



Take a look at the new **“Big Beautiful Bulletin Board”** that hangs in the Social Hall. The “BBBB” displays the participation of TERS students and parents in the greater Temple Emanuel community, including attending Shabbat and holiday services, Adult Education presentations, volunteering at TE events, and so on. When you’re in the Social Hall, take a look!

Morah Rochelle continues her weekly tutoring of TERS students who will be celebrating their bar or bat mitzvah this school year. See below for names and dates—and put the dates on your calendar!



Temple Emanuel will celebrate 6 B'NAI MITZVAH from February to July 2026!

- February 7, 2026: **Jackson Gardner** (son of Amanda and Bill Gardner)
- April 11, 2026: **Aaron Dorfman** (son of Denny and Claudia Dorfman)
- June 27, 2026: **Maddie Pasour** (daughter of Emily and Eric Pasour) and **Nate Santay** (son of Dale and Sean Santay) with parent **Dale Santay**
- July 18, 2026: **Nora Bradenburg** (Pete and Vicki Rauch's granddaughter)

Morah Rochelle and the TERS students say Todah Rabah (thank you!) to Bill Gross, who led the TERS Rosh Hashanah learning service on Sept. 14. Morah Rochelle led the Yom Kippur learning service on Sept. 28. All Temple Emanuel families with children were welcome to join!



The entire TERS family looks forward to celebrating Sukkot this month by joining the 5:45 pm potluck dinner and 6:45 pm Sukkot service on Oct. 10 at Andy Osborne's house. L'Shana Tovah to all!

New Toddler Time Program—watch your email for dates!

Toddler Time, an hour of play, stories and songs from 9-10 am (before Religious School), will meet one Sunday each month. 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."

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 donations in September:

- Jean Marx, donation to the Kiddush Fund in honor of her son Bill Marx
- David and Michele Newman, donation for a page in the Book of Life
- Alton Reeder, donation to the General Fund

Host an Oneg in October—whether it's fancy, simple or in between, your Oneg will be much appreciated!



[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](#).

MEMBER NEWS

A hearty welcome to **David and Michele Newman**, new to Mt. Holly and to our Temple family.

And a hearty welcome to **Steven Drexler**, also now part of our Temple family.

A sincere thank you goes to **Lisa Jenkins**, who worked very hard this summer painting the walls of our new library. Lisa is a certified architectural color consultant and was recently quoted in three high circulation publications, Southern Living, Country Living, and Parade Home and Garden. Thank you, and congratulations Lisa!

And another sincere thank you goes to **Jason Gluck and Glenn Silverman**, who together installed the new lighting in our social hall. Thank you very much, Glenn and Jason!

Congratulations to **Jason Gluck** on his new job! Jason is now a Process/Project Engineer at Roechling Industrial in Gastonia.

Interested in joining Temple Emanuel? Do you have children you might want to enroll in our Religious School or bring to Toddler Time (see pp. 3-4)? Please email [Mark Epstein](#), our Board member in charge of Membership, and he will reach out to you.

Upcoming Events:

- **Jewish Film Club, postponed from Sept. 7 to to date TBD in Nov.:** Join us at the Blau's house for our next movie night in November. Bring something to eat/drink and to share if you wish. Movie TBA, although we're leaning towards a comedy. 😊
- **4th Sunday of the Month Women's Club Hike: Oct. 26, 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.

- **Potluck Dinner and Services Under the Sukkah, Friday night, Oct. 10:** Dinner 5:45-6:45 pm; services, led by Charlie Brown, 6:45-7:45 pm. Arrive when you can and participate in the festivities. Please bring a dish to share. Location: Andy Osborne's house.
- **November:** Casino Night returns, Saturday night, Nov. 1; Pizza Potluck Dinner followed by an early service, Friday, Nov. 7; more to come!
- **December:** Chanukah Party and Silent Auction, Saturday night, Dec. 6; Rabbi Jacque at Temple Emanuel for Chanukah on Dec. 12-14; and yes, more to come!

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](https://www.rakefet.org) and find out on our brand-new Temple Emanuel calendar.



October 2025 Yahrzeits

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

Friday, October 3 (to be read during Yizkor on October 2)

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

Friday, October 3, cont. (to be read during Yizkor on October 2)

Rabbi Jerome B. Cohen
 Martin Rosenthal
 Ted Annenberg, Andy Osborne's uncle
 Eleanor Newman, David Newman's mother
 Anne Scherr, John
 Scherr's mother
 Fannie Feuer



October 2025 Yahrzeits, cont.

Friday, October 10:

Albert Atlas
 Saul M. Cohen
 Dorothea Wray, Dorothy Lodge's mother
 Machla Ruchel Garber
 Evelyn Schaller
 Myrna Greenspan Doppeet
 Eusebio Villamor, Vicki Villamor's husband
 Lloyd Newman, David Newman's father
 Celia Cohen Mandel
 Mary Katz, Bill Marx's grandmother
 Jennie Bloom Nachamson
 Alvin Witten, Ericp Witten's father
 Sarah M. Atlas

Friday, October 17:

Herman Fisher, Lee Buchanan's grandfather
 Larry Kirsh, Kevin Kirsh's brother
 Ada Schemnitz, Bill Gross' aunt
 Dale Edward Fox, Lyn Fox's husband; Andrew and Nicole Fox's uncle
 Stanley Robert Light
 Jerry Greenberg, Barbara Freiburger's brother
 Louis Nevitt
 Morris Cohen
 Morris Slutsky
 Lee Sweetbaum, Andy Osborne's grandmother
 Irene Weinstein, Marilyn Edwards' grandmother
 Abram Garfinkel, Marisa Rosenfeld's uncle

Friday, October 24:

Ida Shved, Marisa Marder & Lonny Shved's grandmother
 Abe S. Karesh
 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
 Mervin Needell, Jim Needell's father



Friday, October 31:

Dorothy Scher Girard, Stephanie Rauch's aunt
 James Miller, Lynne Shoaf's father
 Abraham Sweetbaum, remembered by Andy Osborne
 Harriette Gross, Bill Gross' aunt
 Richard Ryan Wetzel, Tom Wetzel's son
 Max Bennett
 Donald Green, Beverly Green's husband
 Clara Lea Katz, Bill Marx's aunt



If you have an idea for an Adult Ed program or would like to present, please contact [Mark Epstein](#) or [Bill Gross](#), co-chairs of the Adult Education Committee.

Ongoing classes:

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

September 2025 in Photos



Dasha Verhosek is a member of her high school band, the Pride of Clover Marching Band, which is heading to the Rose Parade in Pasadena! They also performed at a Gastonia Ghost Peppers game on Sept. 18. Temple Emanuel members, including TERS student Annie Litwak, turned out to cheer on the Ghost Peppers and to show their support for Dasha and her band. If you'd like to learn more or to support Dasha and her school band's trip to Pasadena, [click here](#).



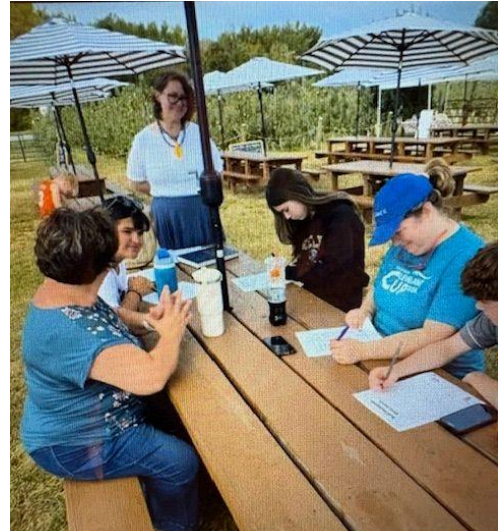
At Friday night services on Sept. 12 Sue Corbin gave the D'Var Torah. Are you interested in sharing your thoughts on a Friday night? Contact [Bill Gross](#) or [Mark Epstein](#), our Ritual Co-Chairs.

Our September potluck dinner was crowded, fun and delicious. And everyone loved the make-your-own ice cream sundaes!

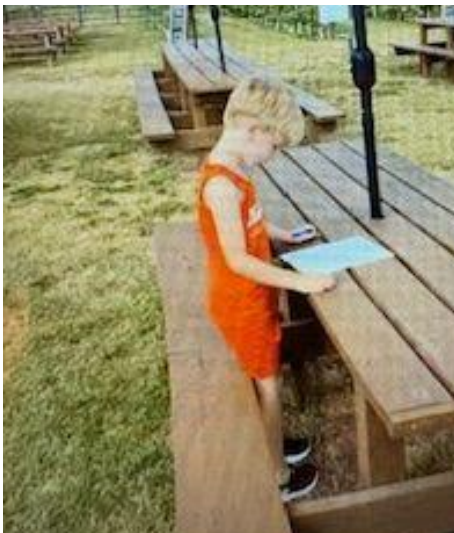




TERS students and families had fun at the apple orchard on Sept. 21, where we learned about Rosh Hashanah and feasted on delicious apple cider donuts and apple juice.



L'Shanah Tovah
from TERS to the whole Temple Emanuel community!



Bill Gross and Seth Kaufman dress the Torah scrolls as part of the preparations at Temple Emanuel for the High Holidays. Each Torah cover (a *me'il* in Hebrew) is changed from blue to white, while the cloth covering over the reading stand (an *amud* in Hebrew) is also changed to white. The change to white symbolizes purity, renewal and holiness for the Days of Awe.





Oneg after the Erev Rosh HaShanah service....



And lunch at Constantine's after Rosh HaShanah services the next day.

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. These visits are deeply appreciated.
- 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. Please email [Charlie](#) or [Stephanie](#).



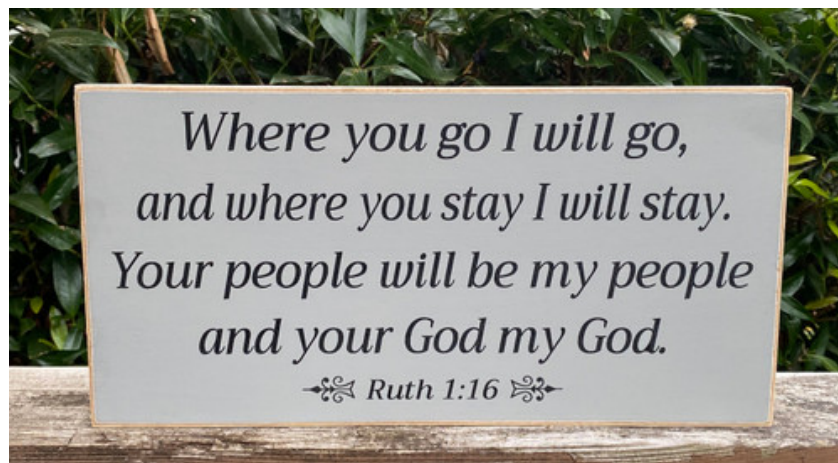
Conversion at Temple Emanuel!

Our second conversion class has started its course of study. Students first take the Union of Reform Judaism's [online course](#). They then attend class with our own Rabbi Yaaqov Walker (and occasionally other Temple Emanuel instructors) every 1-2 Sunday mornings. They also will learn Hebrew reading skills with congregant and lay leader Bill Marx. Once study is complete, around the spring of 2026, students will participate in a Beit Din and Conservative conversion at Temple Israel in Charlotte.



Modest fees apply (scholarships are available). If you, a family member, or a friend might be interested in enrolling or would like to discuss the possibility, please contact [Mark Epstein](#) and/or [Bill Gross](#).

And! The students in our first conversion class are fast approaching the day of their conversion!
There will be a celebration—watch your email for details, and please join us then to say,
Welcome and Mazel Tov!



Upcoming Community Events in the Greater Gaston Area: Learn, Participate, Celebrate, Support

Several years ago Temple Emanuel co-sponsored a program at Queens University on Nostra Aetate, more widely known as Vatican II. It was a terrific program.

Our friends at Queens are reprising this topic with a free program celebrating the 60th Anniversary of this seminal document, which rejected Catholic antisemitism and hatred of other religions.

Nostra Aetate formally reversed almost 2000 years of theologic animosity between Christians and Jews, and was followed by Protestant denominations in the 1970s. It declares Jews are very dear to God: "God does not take back the gifts He bestowed or the choice He made. Jews are not rejected or cursed by God because of the death of Jesus: neither all Jews then, nor any Jew today, can be blamed for the death of Jesus. The Church deplores all hatred and antisemitism."

**Interfaith in Our Time: Celebrating the
60th Anniversary of Nostra Aetate
Tuesday, October 28th, 2025
6:30- 8:15 pm
Queens University, Belk Chapel**

Interfaith In Our Time
Celebrating the
60th Anniversary
of Nostra Aetate

- Interfaith Welcome
- Presentation of Greenspon
Upstander Award to Dr. Marc Zvi
Brettler, Bernice and Morton
Lerner Distinguished Professor in
Judaic Studies at Duke University
followed by keynote address
- Multifaith Panel
- Dessert reception



[Click here to register.](#)

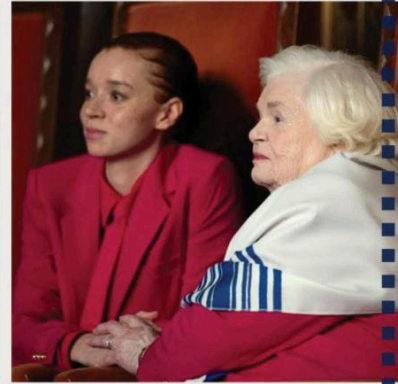


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