

# Temple Solel Hosts Ushpizin

Recently after making a request for “a ramped up Oneg” while planning a future event, a woman in our congregation asked, “What does that mean?” I answered, “Think about how you feed us when we come to your house.” It’s the picture of Jewish hospitality with the arrival of *ushpizin* (guests) and even more important when those guests are leaders and people willing to share their wisdom and experiences with the community.

At the end of June, we had local guests attend our annual meeting and luncheon. An overview of the congregation’s accomplishments for the year was presented and the following officers were confirmed for the 2019-2020 term: President - Shelley Pawlyk, Vice President - Ron Weller, Treasurer – Jan Rose, Recording Secretary - Robin Spivock, and Ritual Officer - Russ Cobe.

According to the incoming leadership, social action projects under the direction of Social Action Chair, Carol Hahn, will be a huge focus. A number of events will be held to make it easy for people to form friendships in the congregation, especially if they are new to the area. It also includes expanding education to our members and providing positive views of Judaism being demonstrated in the surrounding South Carolina community. We want to express our gratitude to the Jewish Federation of Greater Charlotte for naming Temple Solel SC as a new Beneficiary Agency. When you donate to the JFGC you are helping organizations in our region and should feel a part of all we do.



*Seated: Wendy Weinberger and Shelley Pawlyk; standing: Jan Rose, Vicki and Ron Weller, Rabbi Steve Burnstein, Robin Spivock, and Al Rogat*

still taking place to gain acceptance of Reform and Conservative Judaism. Another visiting friend from Brisbane, Australia, Lynda Turnbull, said, “I could have listened for several more hours. It was wonderful information I can take home with me and share with others in Australia.” Many may not realize, but we can each become an International Member with Birkat Shalom. Please don’t hesitate to reach out to us at [info@templesolel.org](mailto:info@templesolel.org) and we’ll get you the information.



person is really *mishpocha* (family) returning to us. Edie Yakutis was one of our lay leaders before retiring from a corporate career to answer the Rabbinic call. She is currently a second-year student at Hebrew Union College – Jewish Institute of Religion, class of 2023 and planning to share about her year in Israel and amazing journey to Lithuania and Jewish communities within former Soviet Union countries.

For more information write us at [info@templesolel.org](mailto:info@templesolel.org) or call 803-619-9707. Temple Solel holds regular Shabbat services at 7 PM on the second and fourth Fridays of each month at Belair UMC Family Life Center, 8095 Shelley Mullis Rd., Fort Mill, SC 29707. ☆

In partnership with the Clergy at Temple Beth El, one of our recent guests this summer was Rabbi Steve Burnstein, who was installed at Kehilat Birkat Shalom congregation in Israel working with Rabbi Miri Gold. She is retiring 12/29/19 after 20 years of service and leading the Kibbutz Gezer Community. We are such dear friends with Rabbi Gold and this was the first time we had an opportunity to meet Rabbi Burnstein. We felt instantly connected through our engaging discussion. It was a privilege to host him for an informal Monday brunch with our leadership, which created a perfect setting to discuss how to infuse Israel in our congregation, show support for pluralism, while also hearing about the struggles

*Eddie Yakutis*

Visiting in July was ISJL Director, Rabbi Aaron Rozovsky to help us celebrate our recent move with a Torah service July 26. Rabbi Rozovsky has a special commitment to this nation's armed forces. He has served as a chaplain in multiple military settings, and was a fellow at the Jewish War Veterans of America (JWV) Cincinnati-Dayton chapter, Cincinnati, OH. He led an informative and lively Torah study Saturday morning on gun control in the Bible (pros and cons). It was an opportunity to hear explanations on this topic we hadn't heard before.

On August 3 at 10 AM, we have yet another guest, but this