



## Meet Our Rabbi

Rabbi Barbara Goldman-Wartell was ordained and received her doctorate from Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in 1985 in New York City. She also has a Masters in Social Work, training in hospital chaplaincy and is trained as an interim rabbi by the CCAR.

In addition to leading worship services, Rabbi Barbara provides spiritual guidance to our congregation, teaches adults and children. She supports the congregation's Jewish life cycle events from Brit Milah, baby naming, Bar/Bat Mitzvahs, weddings and funerals.

Rabbi Barbara chairs the Children of Abraham interfaith group and is on the faculty of Binghamton University. Her sermon of the month is posted as an MP3 audio file on the Temple's website.

## Worship



Temple Concord holds weekly Shabbat services every Friday evening followed by an Oneg where congregants mingle over tea, coffee and cookies. Services include both Hebrew and English prayers. Dress may be casual and no knowledge of Hebrew is needed to participate in our service.

There is a lively family Shabbat service on Saturday mornings when the religious school is in session. Adults and children of all ages are invited to enjoy the music and singing. All Jewish holiday services are open to the public. If transportation is an issue for you, our Caring Community committee can help provide rides to and from Temple Concord. Please check our website for schedule information about services.



## Sisterhood



Temple Concord Sisterhood invites you to join and support our many programs:

- Open to all women in our community regardless of background; provides for personal growth and social interaction
- Member of WRJ (Women of Reform Judaism) since 1950
- Runs informative and interesting monthly programs for our members and the community
- Supports our religious school with scholarships, monthly luncheons and the preschool "Tot Time" program
- Sponsors the Rosh Hashanah Kiddush and Women's Seder
- Supports Temple by monthly rummage sales, the annual Whale of A Sale, and the Artisan Holiday Marketplace



## Study and Lifelong Learning

Temple Concord has a strong commitment to Jewish learning for people of all ages and backgrounds, from preschool tots to seniors, from kids with learning disabilities to adults whose first language is not English.

### Preschool

Our Sisterhood sponsors a monthly Tot Time program that is open to the public. Kids get a hands-on introduction to Judaism.



### School Age



Temple Concord offers a comprehensive religious/Hebrew school program starting at kindergarten, through Bar/Bat Mitzvah and ending at 10th grade Confirmation. Our 10th graders also visit the Religious Action Center in Washington DC.

### Adult

Temple Concord provides many opportunities to expand your knowledge of the Jewish religion and culture in a communal setting. These include:

- Saturday morning Torah study
- Monthly Book Club
- Bi-annual Scholar-in-Residence speaker program
- Adult Bar/Bat Mitzvah classes
- Seminars on Jewish ethics, practice and philosophy
- "Music in the Mansion" series



### Community at Large

Temple Concord educates the general public about Judaism through our annual Hanukkah House museum, and the "A Taste of Judaism....Are You Curious?" outreach program.



## Perform Mitzvot

A defining characteristic of Temple Concord is our commitment to social action within our community and the world. This includes:

- Caring Community —visits congregants who are sick or shut in, prepares a meal of consolation for mourners, provides rides to Temple
- CHOW—our Social Action committee runs the food pantry for families in need
- Trinity Church Canteen support—we provide monthly manpower to feed 80+ people at Trinity Church
- Monthly Collections—supplies to schoolchildren, soldiers, new immigrants
- Financial support of the SOS shelter program
- Support of the URJ Religious Action Center in Washington DC
- Support of the Reform Jewish Voice of New York State, our lobby to Albany