

Temple B'nai Sholem Announces Grant Award for Enhanced Pastoral Care

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Temple B'nai Sholem has received a 1 year award from the Carolina Foundation for Jewish Seniors (formerly the BJH Foundation) to provide **Enhanced Pastoral Care in the New Bern area Jewish Community**. This award provides partial financial support for the Temple's pastoral care activities, and advances the Temple's efforts to build a **Center of Jewish Life in New Bern**.

Drawing on the Temple's long tradition of compassionate pastoral care visitations to isolated seniors, the Temple's new **Enhanced Pastoral Care Program** will extend pastoral care to both adults and seniors in the New Bern area Jewish communities, provide pastoral care to members of the Jewish Community, support members of the Jewish community who experienced the effects of Hurricane Florence, now experience the effects of the COVID 19 pandemic, and provide door to door transportation for Temple members who are unable to drive to participate in Temple activities.

Through this program the Temple will also begin a collaborative referral program with the Raleigh-Cary Jewish Family Services for professional social work and case management services to assist older adults and their families living in the New Bern area Jewish community. Information about this important new program from the Raleigh-Cary Jewish Family Services will be updated regularly in the Shofar.

The Temple B'nai Sholem Pastoral Care Committee welcomes volunteers who are interested in learning to provide pastoral care and serving as volunteer Temple pastoral caregivers. Professional training and assistance from experienced pastoral caregivers will be provided to pastoral care volunteers.

For additional information about Temple B'nai Sholem's new **Enhanced Pastoral Care Program**, to seek assistance, or to learn about joining the Temple's volunteer pastoral care team please contact:

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"The Carolina Foundation for Jewish Seniors is a non-profit foundation committed to enhancing the lives of Jewish adults residing in North and South Carolina through programs, activities and organizations that share their mission in accordance with Jewish values, practices and beliefs."

