**Temple B’nai Sholem Announces A New Grant Award**

***“Pastoral Care and Beyond – Sustaining A Center of Jewish Life in New Bern, NC”***

June 2021

Temple B’nai Sholem received a one-year award from the Carolina Foundation for Jewish Seniors for the Project, *“Pastoral Care and Beyond – Sustaining A Center of Jewish Life in New Bern, NC. ”*

This award provides partial financial support for the Temple’s pastoral care activities, and advances the Temple’s efforts to sustain a Center of Jewish Life in New Bern, North Carolina.

Drawing on the Temple’s long tradition of compassionate pastoral care, the Temple’s newly funded Program will:

* Extend pastoral care to adults and seniors in the New Bern area Jewish communities
* Offer communal pastoral care through pastoral community events and *D’vrai Torah*
* Support members of the Jewish community who are experiencing the effects of the COVID 19 pandemic
* Deliver wholesome hot “Mitzvah Meals” twice a month to those in the New Bern area Jewish Community who can benefit or are need a Temple “pick me up”
* Provide door to door transportation for Temple members who are unable to drive to Temple

This award will also allow the Temple to refer members of the New Bern area Jewish Community for culturally relevant professional social work and case management services through the Jewish Family Services of Raleigh-Cary, Senior Connections East Program.

Temple B’nai Sholem’s Pastoral Care Committee welcomes volunteers who may be interested in learning about providing pastoral care, serving as a volunteer Temple pastoral caregiver, or becoming a Mitzvah Meal volunteer driver.

To seek pastoral care or Jewish Family Services assistance, or to learn about joining the Temple’s volunteer pastoral care team contact:

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