DEAR TEMPLE FAMILY,

This is an exciting time. Our 150th year celebration has been (and will continue to be) an extraordinary success. The Temple is as healthy and strong as any time in our proud history. It is truly a privilege and honor to serve our congregation every day.

Three years ago, when I first began discussing the idea of a sabbatical with Temple leadership, the idea of two and a half months away for study, reflection, and recharging seemed like a distant abstraction. From that time until recent days, Karen and I have had a steady dream in mind: travel, spend extended time together as a family, read, and study rabbinic texts. I am especially excited to be engaging in an intensive Hebrew study with Hebrew University in Tel Aviv. I have already begun to pile up the books that I can’t wait to read each day. The sabbatical will be an opportunity to rest, to grow, and to play with family, to re-experience the beauty of our country as we travel, and simply to reflect personally, spiritually, and professionally.

The word “amateur,” from the root for love, suggests someone who engages in a task simply for the love of it. And I can’t wait to be a Jewish amateur to share the joy of an unhurried Shabbat with family, to volunteer, to pray and sing from the pews, and to watch my children play with their cousins. I once heard it said that the goal of a sabbatical should be to “change your mind,” and that is in many ways what I look forward to most: the opportunity to think about this congregation I adore from new perspectives, with fresh insights into all the great promises we hold.

I am truly grateful to Mark Jacobson, who as always, manages our extraordinary operations and administrative team. I am thankful to Rabbi Loren Lapidus for leading our clergy team in my absence and for her careful and meticulous assistance in this sabbatical planning. Rabbi Lapidus will handle all of my responsibilities from May 27–August 11, 2018. I have the deepest confidence in Rabbi Lapidus’ ability, along with our dedicated lay leadership, to lead us with wisdom strength and distinction in my brief time away. Rabbi Rau, Rabbi Medwin, Rabbi Sugarman, Cantor Hartman, and Rabbi Spinrad (through mid-June until our new rabbi begins in July), will bring their great gifts of heart, mind and spirit to the service of our Temple family. I have every confidence that when I return to regular responsibilities the second week of August, that our congregation will be ever more vibrant and strong.

I am grateful beyond words to Lauren Grien, Janet Lavine and our entire Board of Trustees for this opportunity. In my twenty years as a rabbi, I have not taken a significant period of rest. The word “sabbatical” comes from the Hebrew “Shabbat,” but I have taken to think of this as “a shehechiyanu moment”: a gift of new beginning and renewed blessing in my life as your rabbi. I know that by the end of July I will be longing to be back with you. I cannot thank you enough for that gift, and look forward to sharing its fruits in all of the years to come.

In gratitude and blessing,
Rabbi Peter S. Berg

RABBI BERG CAN BE REACHED AT: PBERG@THE-TEMPLE.ORG
Mazal Tov!

- David and Lauren Wattenmaker on the birth of their son, Eli George and to big sister, Clara and brother, Asher.
- Barbara Scheer-Eason on becoming an aunt to Robert Kessler Scheer, Jr. and to parents, Robert Kessler Scheer & Maria Caruso Scheer.
- Rachel and Felipe Seiber on the birth of Olivia Tessa and to grandparents, David & Heidi Geller.

May Their Memory Be For a Blessing

Our Heartfelt Sympathy to the Families of:
- Harry Davis (father-in-law, Rebecca Zimmerman)
- Elliot Hirshon (cousin of Rebecca Zimmerman)
- Marvin Schpeiser
- Milton Steinberg (husband of June Steinberg)
- Jennifer Helfman (sister of Darren LaVine)
- Vera Davis (Aund of Amanda Abrams)
- Rick Blass (brother of Susie Warshaw)
- Aaron Mandelbaum (Uncle of Jason Seltzer)

Our Newest Members

- Tayllor & Bruce Battle
- Elizabeth & Robert Clark – Elliott Clark
- Margo & Jerry Hunt
Thanks to you, this Endowment Campaign will help establish financial stability for future generations. Creating a strong endowment is the most important thing we can be doing for the future of our beloved Temple.

– Rabbi Peter S. Berg

For more information, please visit the-temple.org/dream or contact Mark Jacobson, Executive Director at 404-873-1731.
YoFI Shabbat
Friday, April 20
YoFI Shabbat is a worship experience for young readers. Services are led by a rabbi and song leader and are followed by dinner. January’s YoFI is hosted by the TBRS Kindergarten Classes.

To register for dinner, please visit www.the-temple.org by April 18:
- Members: Ages 10 years and up $12, 2-9 years $10, under 2 are free
- Guests: Ages 10 years and up $15, 2-9 years $12, under 2 are free

Questions? Contact Zach Bernath at zbernath@the-temple.org

College Outreach
Do you have a college-age student, a child at college or on a gap year or pursuing other paths? The Temple would like to reach out, send holiday greetings and gifts, and remind them that they are still part of our Temple family. We would like to send them something Jewish to remind them of home and help them celebrate Jewish holidays in their new homes, wherever that may be! Please send us your student’s mailing address so we can continue to be a part of their life. Visit the-temple.org/GetConnected/CollegeOutreach.aspx to fill out the simple form and we will do the rest! Contact Jacqueline Morris at jmorris@the-temple.org for questions and more information.

CONFIRMATION CLASS OF 2018
The Temple’s 2018 Confirmands

There are few prouder moments for The Temple than when we come together to consecrate the confirmation of our young members. This year, we will celebrate on Friday May 4 at 7:30 PM with the following confirmands and their families. Then join us on Sunday, May 6 at 10:30 AM as our confirmands lead us in their confirmation service, followed by a luncheon at 12:00 PM. All of our Temple members are invited to join in this joyous occasion with us.

LUCY MIRIAM ADELMAN
Amy and Mark Adelman

NATALIE SANSOM BOTSTEIN
Dr. Stephanie L. Sansom and
Dr. Gary R. Botstein

MADELINE ELISABETH CARTER
Pam and Brad Carter

SAM ELIJAH COHEN
Terri and Seth Cohen

SAMUEL JOSEPH COOPER
Scott Cooper and Merideth Holland

TALIA NAOMI COOPERSMITH
Lois Spritzer and Dr. Craig Coopersmith

WILLIAM MILLER DALY
Lynne and Tom Daly

JESSIE LANE DIETZ
Janice and Andrew Dietz

ABIGAIL SLATER EDLEIN
Susan and Scott Edlein

GEORGIA LESLIE GOLDSTEIN
Erica and Daryl Goldstein

MORGAN ALYSSA GRECO
Ailene and Steve Grego

WILL DANIEL HUTCHINSON
Lesley and Richard Hutchinson

ADAM BENNETT OSTERMAN-KAYE
David Kaye and Jamie Osterman-Drake
and Mark Drake

DEBORAH ANNE RUTH KITZLER
Kim and Jeffery Kitzler

GABRIELLE ALYCE KROGER
Carolina and Andrew Kroger

AMELIA EVA KUSHNER
Lynne and Steven Kushner

DIANA ALLYSON RATNER
Marni Ratner

JACOB ALAN RIPPS
Robyn and Scott Ripps

SARAH GOLDSTEIN SCHAPIRO
Dr. Lillian Schapiro and Robert Schapiro

ZACHARY AARON SLUTZKY
Adam L. Slutsky and Jennifer Reisman Slutzky

ALEXANDRA BETH SPIVACK
Lisa and Gregg Spivack

ALAN MITCHELL TAPPER
Jo and Steve Tapper

JORDAN LEAH TUCKER
Rachel Spasser and Leo Tucker

RACHEL MORGAN WOLCHOCK
Irene and Andy Albert and Gil Wolckock

JOSHUA EZRA WOLFERT
Julie Friedman and Michael Wolfert

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What’s Happening at WELC?

Purim Celebrations at WELC
The week of Purim is highly anticipated at WELC! Each day the kids get to dress up based on the day’s theme—Pajama day and crazy hair/hat day are two favorites! The kids learn about kings and queens, not-so-good guys and heroes—What toddler wouldn’t love that?!? Purim week is capped off with an energetic parade and Kabbalat Shabbat—even the teachers dress up!

We All Love Grand Friends Day at WELC!
Grand Friends Day is one of the best days on the WELC calendar! Grandparents and special friends or family members are invited for a special morning with their favorite WELC students. Warm hugs, fun snacks, and engaging art projects allow the kids a chance to “show-off” their classrooms and teachers to their loved ones. Our invited guests even got to join the kids for Kabbalat Shabbat! The students are so proud to share the WELC with everyone!

Camp Minimac is Offering 1-week Sessions this Summer
Join us from June 4–August 10
Camp Minimac Discovers Famous People Throughout the Ages
Hold on to your magical hats, your paintbrushes, and even your dancing shoes as Camp Minimac Discovers Famous People Throughout the Ages! During each session, we will focus on a famous person which will let us build on important life skills such as friendship, diversity, character awareness, and more. We will enhance our knowledge and enjoy learning more through activities including special in-house field trips, art, music, science, games, cooking, and more!

Register for 8 weeks and get 2 FREE by May 1st!
Children who will be 18 months – 5 years old on September 1, 2018 may register for Camp Minimac Sessions, along with recent Pre-K graduates.

For more info: Visit www.the-temple.org/camp-minimac, email camp@the-temple.org, or call 404-872-8668.
JANET LAVINE  
**President**

Janet Lavine and her family have been members of The Temple for over 25 years. She has served on several Temple Committees including Adult Education and Worship & Music. Janet has also contributed to other Temple initiatives, including the repurposing of the Temple gift shop, interfaith learning with First Presbyterian Church and more recently, developing our new Mission and Values statement.

She is a former Board member of the URJ. Janet has a passion for learning; and has been a part of the Monday morning Melton group for over a decade, and she also works closely with Rabbi Medwin on many aspects of the engagement initiative. Ask Janet about her small group!

Janet is a retired corporate finance and investment banking executive. She is a community leader at The Jewish Women’s Fund of Atlanta and The Westminster Schools and is prior Chair of the Atlanta Children’s Shelter.

Janet and her husband Rick Williams have two sons, Adam and David, who both grew up at The Temple—Adam is finishing law school at Emory this year and David teaches at The Akiva School in Nashville. Outside The Temple, Janet enjoys walking, reading and traveling.

KENT ALEXANDER  
**Executive Vice President**

Kent has served as vice president, treasurer, security committee chair, and Rothschild Social Justice Institute chair at The Temple. He is honored to assume a new leadership role and continue working closely with the best clergy, staff, and congregation in the country.

During Kent’s three-decade legal career, he has been the United States Attorney in Atlanta, a King & Spalding partner, general counsel of Emory University/Emory Healthcare, and general counsel of the international poverty-fighting organization CARE. Currently he is working on a book and movie about the 1996 Olympics bombing and Richard Jewell.

In the broader community, Kent’s involvement has included co-founding Hands on Atlanta and serving as president of American Jewish Committee Atlanta. He and his wife Diane have two wonderful daughters, Nicki and Kayla, who were both bat mitzvahed and confirmed at The Temple.

STACY HYKEN  
**Vice President**

Stacy Hyken has been a member of The Temple since 2005. She participated in the Temple Leadership Development class in 2006-07. Stacy served on the Board of Trustees between 2013 to 2016. Stacy is currently serving on the Executive Committee of the Board as Secretary and has been nominated as a Vice-President for 2018 to 2020.

Stacy grew up in South Florida and graduated from the University of Pennsylvania and Emory University School of Law. She is a real estate attorney at Troutman Sanders in Atlanta. She also serves on the board of the Anti-Defamation League, and is a past-President of the Georgia Association for Women Lawyers. Stacy and her husband Ed live in Candler Park with their three children, Abby (12), Jacob (9) and Daniel (9).

LOUIS LETTES  
**Vice President**

Louis Lettes has been a member of The Temple since 1992. A very involved congregant, Louis has co-chaired the Adult Education Committee and the Membership Committee. Louis also served on The Temple’s Preservation and Addition Capital Campaign in 2000 and the 2015 Halpern Endowment Fund Dream for Tomorrow Campaign Committees, the LGBTQ Committee, and the 2007 Strategic Plan Committee. Louis has been a member of the Board of Trustees from 2005 to the present, including serving on the Executive Committee as Vice President from 2012 to 2014 and Treasurer from 2014 to 2016. Louis is currently co-chair of the 2018 Strategic Plan Committee.

Outside of The Temple, Louis supports the St. Baldrick’s Foundation for childhood cancer research. Louis is Chief Legal & Compliance Officer of Consolidated Container Company.

From Memphis, Tennessee, Louis grew up at Temple Israel. Louis and his wife, Amy, also an involved Temple member, have four children—Sarah (21), Sammy (19), Sophie (16) and Sydney (11).

ERIC VAYLE  
**Secretary**

I’m excited to be considered for a role within The Temple’s leadership structure and pleased to give back to an institution that has served my extended family so well and for so long. My grown sons are third-generation Temple members, and we have been through so many life cycle events and important times as members. Lisa and I are blessed with strong friendships through small groups, committees and Temple travel.

As a real estate practitioner and entrepreneur in Atlanta, I’m also no stranger to an organization’s financial and business needs. The perspective which I can bring to The Temple is that of innovation and execution and in the past, when Temple Leadership has needed the business of The Temple to run smoothly, I’ve seemed to get the call. Particularly so with new, untested, efforts. Bagel sales, fundraisers, even a comprehensive focus on the Temple’s campus and neighborhood have been my pleasure to invent and to pass along to colleagues.

As we pass through 150 years and a bold strategic plan, there is more need than ever to expand The Temple’s reach and capability, in a financially responsible way. I look forward to that challenge—it’s what I’ve always done here.

JEFF BELKIN  
**Treasurer**

Jeff Belkin is a Temple softball Z team stalwart and got his start in Temple leadership as co-captain of the team. Currently, Jeff serves on the Strategic Plan Committee and Rabbi Search Committee and for the past few years, has worked with Janet Dortch as Usher Co-Chair, coordinating ushers for the High Holy Days and the MLK Shabbat. Jeff’s two-year term as Chair of the Religious School Committee comes to a close in June.

Jeff, an attorney, is a partner at Alston & Bird, where he is co-leader of the Construction & Government Contracts Practice Group, leading the firm’s nationwide Government Contracts practice. He is a graduate of Duke University and the University of Virginia School of Law, and when time allows, serves as a Grade 8 youth soccer referee.

Jeff and his wife, Dara Steele-Belkin, have three children, Sabrina (14), Vivian (12) and Eli (8). Jeff also serves as Treasurer on the Board of Families First, a 125-year old nonprofit social services agency that provides foster care, adoption services, and counseling to children and families in the Greater Atlanta area.
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JOE FERST

Joe Ferst is a member of Temple Singers, Membership Committee and a Temple Connect leader with his wife, Jill for the “What Are We Making for Dinner? … Reservations!”, the dining out group. Joe Ferst is only involved in Social Action and Justice Committee, with a particular focus on voting issues, as well as the Worship and Music Committee.

Joe is the founder and national co-leader of the Deloitte Tax LLP technology-based TARDI debt and debt securities practice. Outside his involvement at The Temple, he is a member of the Board of Trustees of Berkshire Choral International, Georgia Symphony Orchestra and the William Baker Choral Foundation.

Joe and Jill Ferst, my fantastic wife of 43 years, have 2 daughters, Rachel, who lives in Columbus, Ohio and Alie, who resides in Atlanta.

JOANNA GENSER

Joanna Genser has worked in accounting and finance for 20+ years, starting at Arthur Andersen, LLC followed by being Assistant Controller at Credit Suisse Asset Management in New York. Having served as CFO and Controller in varying industries in mid-market sized companies, she specializes in acquisition accounting, as well as financial systems implementation.

She and her family have been active members of The Temple for 13 years. She and her husband have a son and a daughter who are 15 and 13 years old, respectively. Their children started at the WELC when they were two years old. Since that time, Joanna has served as treasurer of the WELC while her kids attended, and continues to sit on the Religious School Committee which she has done for the last 8 years. She is currently on the Committee for Post B’Nei Connections, a member of the Leadership Development Program, and volunteers for the Paradies/Zaban Night Shelter.

Other philanthropic endeavors include Play for Patrick—Press On, for the cure of childhood cancer, and Partners for Home, an organization that supports the city of Atlanta in solving the homelessness problem.

Joanna is looking forward to serving on the board in possibly a financial capacity.

SUSAN GORDON

After being away for over 20 years, the Gordons rejoined the Temple in 2015. Soon after joining, Susan had the opportunity to become involved with social justice work and is currently Coordinator for the Rothschild Social Justice Institute. In addition, she is one of the leaders for the Kulanu group, a member of the Theater group and enjoys delivering soup through Caring at the Temple.

Following a first career as a Macy’s buyer, Susan got her Masters in Social Work and spent the next 17 years in geriatrics. At JFCS for 13 years, she managed Legacy Homecare, Geriatric Care Management and Holocaust Survivors programs. She then managed the Sixty Plus program for Piedmont Healthcare through 2015.

Susan is actively involved in the Atlanta chapter of Canine Companions for Independence as a board member, event coordinator and puppy raiser. She also loves volunteering at the Global Village Project, a school for refugee girls where she is a mentor and classroom tutor.

Susan has been married to David for 31 years and they have 3 daughters: Lauren, Maddy and Alli. They also have their hound-mix Harper and are raising a Canine Companions puppy named Frank.

SARA LOFT

Sara received her undergraduate degree from the University of Georgia and law degree from NYU School of Law. She practiced tax law for ten years at King & Spalding LLP, where she advised clients on aspects of federal income taxation with an emphasis on partnership and real estate transactions and also served in leadership roles, including chairing the summer associate program and mentoring junior attorneys. After taking a few years off to raise her young children, Sara co-founded Loft & Gerber LLC, a law firm that advises clients in family law matters. Sara represents victims of domestic violence on a pro bono basis and is a trained guardian ad litem.

Sara and her husband, Evan, have two children—Dylan (11) and Emmy (8), both of whom are graduates of the Weinberg Early Learning Center. Sara was active in the preschool’s parent association, serving as its vice president and president. Upon her children’s graduation from WELC, she joined the WELC Committee and co-chaired that committee for two years. She has served on the Temple Finance Committee, the WELC Director Search Committee and recently co-chaired the Youth Education subcommittee for the Temple Strategic Plan. Sara is a native of Memphis, Tennessee, where she was a member of Temple Israel.

COLBY SCHWARTZ

Colby is a fourth generation member of The Temple. His service at The Temple and in support of Jewish causes is inspired by his late grandparents, Ambassador William B. Schwartz, Jr. and Sonia Weinberg Schwartz.

Colby was confirmed in 1991 and is in the Leadership Development Class of 2018. He is a member of the Finance Committee and Temple Connect Core Team and participated in the Strategic Plan. Colby founded and leads “Dads & Donuts”, a Temple Connect Group for Jewish dads with young children.

Colby is an investment banker at SunTrust Robinson Humphrey. He received an MBA from the Kellogg School of Management at Northwestern University and a BA from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Colby is a trustee of the Chatham Valley Foundation, established by his great-grandfather, A.J. Weinberg. He also has leadership roles with the following community organizations: American Jewish Committee (Treasurer), NC Hillel (Board member), Jewish Federation (Front Porch), and Children’s Healthcare of Atlanta (Will’s Club). An avid runner, Colby has qualified for and completed the Boston Marathon and enjoys local races.

Colby lives in Ansley Park with his wife, Caroline Wainright, and their two daughters, Elinor (5) and Jane (3).

ELLEN SCHWARTZ

Ellen joined The Temple in 2003 when her children started in religious school. She quickly became involved in the Religious School Committee of TPRS. Ellen participated in the Leadership Development Class in 2010 and following completion, took over the role of Co-Chair of the Membership Committee from 2010-2014. During her tenure, she worked closely with Ronnie Van Gelder on the Temple in the Neighborhood program. Ellen then became Chair of the TPRS Religious School Committee from 2014-2016, and oversaw TPRS’s re-accreditation process. Currently, Ellen is co-chairing the Engagement Sub-Committee of The Temple’s 10 year strategic plan process. She is also a member the Security and Finance Committees.

In addition to her work at The Temple, Ellen has been very involved in the DeKalb County Public Schools. From volunteering in each of her children’s schools, and holding multiple PTSA Board positions, she also was Vice President of the Emory LaVista Parent Council from 2010-2017, and was a founding member of Parent Councils United, a parent advocacy group encompassing all of DeKalb County.

Ellen is married to Eric, also an active Temple member, and has 2 children, who were both confirmed at The Temple.
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AMANDA ABRAMS
Amanda Abrams currently serves on the Temple Strategic Plan and Caring Committees and was previously involved in the Temple Connect/Engagement committee. She participates in a small group of Temple Working Moms and enjoys playing mah jong with fellow Temple members.
Amanda began her career in advertising, and quickly realized her passion lay in working to better the Jewish community. She has spent the last fifteen years doing just that. She currently serves as the Executive Director of the newly formed Zalik Foundation and previously the Chief Program and Innovation Officer at the MJCCA and a variety of senior leadership roles at the Jewish Federation of Greater Atlanta.
She moved to Atlanta 11 years ago and currently lives in Brookhaven with her husband Ben and two sons, Colin, age 7, who attends religious school at The Temple, and Wyatt who is 4. She loves staying active through yoga, spin and other workout classes, cooking and creating custom artwork for life cycle events.

JOHN EAVES
John Eaves has been a member of the Temple for two years. He is an active member of the Rothschild Social Justice Institute and serves as the chair of the Racial Justice Committee.
John has over 25 years of professional experience, including Regional Director of Peace Corps, Assistant Dean of Students at Davidson College, and Instructor at Atlanta Metro State College.
John is the former Chairman of Fulton County government, having served for 11 years (2007-2017).
John is a single father of two children. His son, Isaac, is a Peace Corps Volunteer in Lesotho, Africa and his daughter, Keturah, is a senior at Mays High School.

THE NOMINEE FOR THE HALPERN ENDOWMENT FUND BOARD CHAIR
TERM EXPIRING 2022:

BILLY BAUMAN
Billy was born in Dothan, Alabama and moved to Atlanta after graduation from college. He began his career working for Citicorp and Chase Manhattan Banks in their Commercial Real Estate divisions. He formed his company in 1980 and has worked in Commercial Real Estate managing, developing and investing in commercial real estate properties throughout the southeast. He and his fiancée, Juli Scharff, joined The Temple before their wedding there in 1978. Their children, Betsy and Bradley, have been raised there, both celebrating their Bat and Bar Mitzvah and Confirmations at The Temple. Three grandsons have attended the WELC making four generations of family to be involved in Temple life.
Billy served on The Temple Board of Trustees for several years in the 1980’s and then again from 2000 until he completed his term as President in 2014. During that period, he also served as Co-chair of the Building Committee for the renovations that took place in 2002, the Chair of the Building and Grounds Committee, Co-chair of the Search Committee for the selection of our Senior Rabbi Peter Berg, Treasurer, and Executive Vice President. During that period of time, he envisioned a financially sound Endowment fund and he set out to create what is now the Lynn and Howard Halpern Endowment at The Temple. Additionally, Billy conceived the History Wall that is now underway with completion anticipated for the end of 2018.
Among other community activities, Billy has served on the Board of American Jewish Committee in Atlanta, the Chair of the Building Committee of the Marcus Hillel Center of Emory University and on the Board of Trustees for Hillel’s of Georgia.

THE NOMINEE FOR THE HALPERN ENDOWMENT FUND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
TERM EXPIRING 2020 TO FILL UNEXPIRED TERM AND TERM EXPIRING 2021:

MARC SKALLA
Term Ending 2020
Marc Skalla is the Managing Partner and Chief Investment Officer for Blackshear Capital Management, Inc. He is currently a founding partner and is actively involved with Civana, a sustainable wellness brand platform specializing in developing and branding Wellness resorts in North America. Blackshear Capital seeks out opportunistic active and passive investments that fit into their focus markets.
Marc serves on several domestic and international boards, including the National Association of Manufacturing Board (NAM), where he also served on the Executive Committee, and is past Vice Chair for the Southeastern US. He is also just completed serving as Chairman of the Board of Meals on Wheels Atlanta and is serving on the Hillel Board in Atlanta and The Temple Endowment Board.
Marc and his wife Laurie are the parents of two young daughters, Eva and Sophie and reside in Atlanta.

SHERRY MUSSAFER PERCHIK
Term Ending 2021
Sherry has been an involved Temple member since 2010. She was a part of the Leadership Development Class of 2016. She is a member of the Finance Committee and Treasurer of the 150th Anniversary Committee.
Sherry is a Vice President and Financial Advisor of the Premier Wealth Management Group at Morgan Stanley. With 25 years of experience in the financial services industry, Sherry provides comprehensive wealth management for high net worth clients and particularly enjoys working with business owners and advising them on the many issues that they face.
Sherry received her MBA in Finance from Duke University’s Fuqua School of Business, and graduated from Tulane University with a BS in Management with a concentration in Finance. Sherry is Series 7, 24, 63, 65 and Insurance Licensed.
She resides in Atlanta with her husband Jerry and their two teenage children, Cameron and David. When not at The Temple, she has been active in the community with organizations such as American Jewish Committee, Prevent Blindness GA, Winship Cancer Institute, Pace Academy and AIPAC. When away from the office, she enjoys spending time at the lake with her family and golfing.
**Introducing our new Assistant Rabbi**

Rabbi Sam Kaye is so pleased to be making the journey to The Temple in Atlanta this July.

Rabbi Kaye is a native of Denver, Colorado and a graduate of Allegheny College. He is an avid board-game player, a very-amateur hand at playing the Oud, and enjoys exploring new places. He believes in the power of a good story, loves thunderstorms, and considers his interest in Jewish mysticism to be a happy accident. His Rabbinic thesis was on the theology of the modern liberal kabbalist Rabbi Arthur Green.

Sam has served congregations as a student rabbi in Beckley, West Virginia; Sioux Falls, South Dakota; Paducah, Kentucky; Toronto, Canada; and Cincinnati, Ohio. He will be ordained in June from the Cincinnati Campus of the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute for Religion.

Sam and his wife Taylor Baruchel met in 2015 and they were married in January of this year. The wedding took place on the coldest day on record for Montreal, Canada, the bride’s hometown: it was a balmy -17!

“Turn it and turn it again for everything is within it.” Sam seeks to fulfill these ancient words by exploring dissonance, expanding perceptions, and engaging with tradition. He looks forward to sharing his passion for Judaism with the Temple community and having the opportunity to work with a phenomenal professional, lay, and rabbinic team. Rabbi Kaye will officially begin at The Temple on July 1.

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**Between The Stones and A Hard Place**

**WITH ANAT HOFFMAN, DIRECTOR OF THE ISRAEL RELIGIOUS ACTION CENTER**

Presenting the ongoing struggle of Women of the Wall, a group of Reform, Conservative and Orthodox Israeli women, who seek the right to conduct prayer services, read out loud from a Torah scroll and wear prayer shawls at the Western Wall—Judaism’s most sacred holy site.

**ABOUT ANAT HOFFMAN:**

Anat Hoffman has served as the Executive Director of Israel Religious Action Center since April 2002. She previously served as a member of the Jerusalem City Council for 14 years, and she is one of the only women in Israel who served three terms on a city council. During those years, Anat built a reputation for being an effective and courageous fighter for social justice and equality as part of the opposition. Anat chose to devote her adult life to the Jewish value of Tikkun Olam, repairing the world. Parallel to these positions, she was active in important social organizations such as the Association for Civil Rights in Israel, the Israel Women’s Network, and Women in Black. Beginning in 1988, she served as Chairwoman of Women of the Wall, who fight for the rights of women to pray, read Torah, and wear talitot (prayer shawls) at the Western Wall.

**Monday, April 23, 2018 at The Temple**

Doors open: 6:45 pm • Program: 7:00 pm

Free and open to the community

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**Interfaith Couples**

The Temple strives to be a warm and welcoming home for all who seek an inclusive Jewish community. Our Interfaith Committee seeks to create opportunities for connection and education for interfaith couples and families, those in the conversion process, and parents of children who are in interfaith relationships. For more information or to be added to our email list, please contact Rabbi Loren Filson Lapidus (llapidus@the-temple.org) or our co-chairs Martin Maslia (mmasli-agrs@gmail.com) and Amy Lettes (amylettes@yahoo.com). Please join us for the following events (more information on The Temple’s website):

- How-To Holiday Classes (see the TAMID: Adult Education brochure for more information)
- We are also starting Temple Connect small groups for those who are part of interfaith couples or families. We have groups forming for young interfaith couples (no kids yet), interfaith couples with young children, interfaith couples who are empty nesters/no children, and “supportive spouses/moms” (women who are in interfaith relationships but did not grow up Jewish). If you are interested, please let Rabbi Medwin (lmedwin@the-temple.org) know.
The Well
Friday, April 6 • 8:00 PM
Join Rabbi David Spinrad, Sammy Rosenbaum, and our musicians for our monthly Young Professionals Shabbat Service. The Well is a warm and inviting in Jewish prayer that strives to be resonant and inclusive for people of all levels of familiarity and comfort with the service and with Judaism. Gather with us in the Covenant Chapel as we sing and pray and speak about what we aspire to be: A valued center of Jewish community where we have the opportunity to connect to something greater than ourselves and fulfill our potential as a community.

Counting the Omer: Making Each Day Count
A Turbo-Charged Temple Connect Experience*
March 26 @ 7:00 PM • April 24 @ 7:00 PM (off site) • May 20 @ 10:00 AM
*Includes daily reflections and weekly phone conference check-ins

The Omer is the time between Passover and Shavuot, known as an auspicious time for turning inward, a spring cleaning for the soul. Jewish tradition has created a kabbalah-based framework, inspired by the biblical injunction to count each day during this time, through which we are able to explore the values of love, discipline, beauty, balance, and more. The goal is to move from unconsciously serving our baser selves into a revelation of what it means to serve our higher selves and even The Most High. Questions? Contact Rabbi Lydia Medwin at lmedwin@the-temple.org. RSVP by March 20th to Joya Schmidt (jschmidt@the-temple.org) or 404-873-1731 if you’d like to join turbo-charged Temple Connect small group experience.

Don’t take my word for it; here’s a testimonial from last year: “Perhaps the most spiritual moving experience I’ve had at the Temple. I had never observed the Omer before, and a year later, the lessons still reverberate. A resonant way to connect on so many levels.”

Lecture on Alzheimer’s
Sunday, April 8 • 2:00-4:00 PM • The Jewish Home, 3150 Howell Mill Rd.
The William Bremen Jewish Home is sponsoring a lecture on Alzheimer’s and other dementias. Dr. John Zeisel, Ph.D. will lead the discussion. Dr. Zeisel is the Founder of Hearthstone Institute in Woburn, MA and author of “I’m Still Here.”

Mini Shabbat
Saturday, April 14 • 9:30 AM: Service • 10:00 AM: Bagels & Coffee
Join us on Saturday, April 14 at 9:30 AM as we celebrate Israel with some very special guests! Following services, we’ll have a bagel snack and time on the WELC’s amazing outdoor playground (or the indoor playgrounds as weather permits). Infants through preschoolers and their families are invited to join us on the second Saturday of every month at 9:30 AM in the Covenant Chapel for music and a story with our puppets.

There is no fee or RSVP required. Questions? As always, please contact Rabbi Lydia Medwin (lmedwin@the-temple.org).

Songs, stories, bagels, coffee & friends? An unbeatable Shabbat combination. We can’t wait to see you there!

Beineinu: The Two of Us
THE TEMPLE’S MARRIAGE RETREAT
Friday, April 13 at 5:00 PM to Saturday, April 14 at 5:00 PM • Chateau Elan
Join us for the 3rd year of The Temple’s marriage retreat. Primarily designed for interfaith couples and couples within their first 5-7 years of marriage, this is an opportunity to take a pause from the usual routine, reflect as a couple, and connect with others in The Temple community. Rabbis Lapidus and Medwin, along with their husbands (also rabbis) will facilitate the retreat. The price is $400/couple for Temple members (with a $50 additional subsidy for interfaith couples), and $450/couple for nonmembers, which includes the room, resort fee, and all meals. Space is limited so to register, please email Rabbi Lapidus at llapidus@the-temple.org.

Celebrating Our Leaders and Volunteers with the Launch of The Relational Judaism Handbook
Friday, April 20
5:00 PM: Nosh • 6:00 PM: Worship Service
Join us to celebrate our leaders and volunteers—YOU, who have given your time and energy towards creating a deeper and more meaningful Temple community. You have contributed so much and in such extraordinary ways that… there’s a book about it! Get your first glimpse into The Relational Judaism Handbook, co-authored by Rabbi Lydia Medwin, which shares the ways in which you are teaching Jewish around the country about engaging meaningfully in synagogue life. We cannot wait to celebrate you!

Mitzvah for the Mikvah:
An Evening to Support MACoM
Thursday, May 3 • 7:00-9:30 PM at Congregation Bnai Torah
This year, MACoM: Metro Atlanta Community Mikvah is honoring a Social Action Hero from each Atlanta synagogue. The Temple is excited to honor Ronnie van Gelder for all of her work as Program Director at The Temple and volunteering with many Atlanta organizations. To buy tickets or make a donation in honor of Ronnie, please go to www.atlantamikvah.org.

RONNIE VAN GELDER
Anyone who has been a member of The Temple before 2015 knows our beloved Ronnie van Gelder. She dedicated herself to our Synagogue for close to three decades.

Ronnie’s powerful portfolio of engagement assignments will be commemorated, as she was the ‘go-to’ person to learn more about volunteer services, events and strategic alliance partnerships. She was a trailblazer and helped to implement our first generation of Social Justice Programs—credited with developing The Language Connection, which taught English to immigrants from the former Soviet Union. Additionally, she was instrumental in starting partnership programs with the Midtown Assistance Center and the Fred Toomer Elementary School. This is only a short list of Ronnie’s accomplishments.

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As Jews, just as we must act ethically toward our fellow humans, we must act responsibly toward our planet. Your RSJI “Green Team”, aka Environment and Climate Change Committee, would like to offer some ideas for you to make a positive impact on environmental actions. No need to wait for an event to participate: the following are actions that you can take on your own, as well as some resources to learn more.

Some very simple things that you can do to help save our planet:

**REDUCE, RE-USE, RECYCLE.**

- **Reduce:** Bring your own bags to stores. Use refillable water bottles. Buy products with less packaging. Think before you buy; do you really need another pair of shoes? Etc. There are so many opportunities to reduce our consumption.
- **Re-use:** Before you throw out an item, can you think of another use for it?
- **Recycling** has become much easier in recent years, as curbside recycling is common in most of our neighborhoods. Learn your local recycling rules, and consider setting a goal to fill your recycle bin more than your trash bin.
- More information: https://www.epa.gov/recycle

**STOP USING PLASTIC STRAWS** a damaging global environmental hazard increasing by millions daily, polluting the environment and waterways and injuring wildlife. Develop a habit of saying “No thank you” when offered a straw in restaurants. A small change that will have a large impact. More information: www.plasticpollutioncoalition.org/no-straw-please

**REDUCE THE AMOUNT OF ANIMAL BASED FOODS IN YOUR DIET**—Animals raised for food in the United States produce three times more waste than people. More information and recipe ideas: www.jewishveg.org/environment

**PAY BILLS ON LINE INSTEAD OF ON PAPER**—saves 23 pounds of wood and avoids 29 pounds of Greenhouse Gas Emissions per Household Per Year.

**TURN OFF THE SINK WHEN YOU BRUSH YOUR TEETH OR WASH DISHES**—saves 5 gallons of water a day.

Are you already doing everything mentioned above? Ready for the next challenge? Have you ever tried COMPOSTING to avoid wasting food? How did that work out for you? If you did not find composting to be so easy, there are actually services that do it for you! Check out: www.compostwheels.com or www.cylclecompost.com. If you want to give composting another try, here is a great educational resource: www.foodwellalliance.org/compost.

In future issues, your Temple Green Team will bring you more ideas for saving our planet and updates on our own Temple’s sustainability efforts. Have questions or suggestions? Contact Ruth Menter at ruth.menter@gmail.com.

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**Caring at The Temple**

Our Caring at The Temple program reaches out to fellow congregants during times of hardship or pastoral need, providing homemade chicken soup and challah to members who are bereaved, ill, recently discharged from the hospital, or are celebrating the arrival of a new child. We have delivered more than 500 soups, and nearly every step of the program—from soup preparation, to delivery (within your zip code), to letting us know about fellow congregants in need—is led by members of our congregation.

Thank you to our Caring at The Temple volunteers who delivered soup this month: Amanda Abrams, Susan & Jon Amsler, Nancy Atapov, Stefanie Boxer, Arlette Berlin, Arline Browder, Scott Chalk, Sandy & Duane Cox, Brooke Dickerson, Lance Gibbs, Susan Gordon, Randi Hyman, Elaine Koenig, Jessica Landisman, Amy & Louis Lettes, JoAnne Lipshutz, Judy Lipshutz, Barbara & Ron Lipp, Denny Marcus, Caki Mendel, Jan Rice, Robyn Ripps, Traci Schoenberg, Susan Shapiro, Debbie Shelton, Jill Spasser, Don Thomas, Ronnie van Gelder, Jennifer Wilder.

To be a part of this program and to fulfill the mitzvah of bikkur cholim (visiting the sick) or to let us know who needs soup, please contact Rabbi Lydia Medwin at lmedwin@the-temple.org or 404-873-1731.

**Zaban Paradies Center News**

We like to think that we are open to residents from all over, but we probably didn't think about being open to residents of Puerto Rico. Zaban Paradies Center has residents who were impacted by Hurricane Maria and we are happy that we are able to help them out. Here is their story.

As we remember, the Category 4 hurricane devastated Puerto Rico with 155 MPH winds and torrential rain. By the time the storm left, 90% of the island was destroyed. The house where our couple was living was flattened and they lost everything. The US government provided some aid and gave them an option of leaving the island or staying. They chose to leave. Through the Red Cross they received tickets to Atlanta. They were told that they would be temporarily housed at the Shelter at Peachtree and Pine. They had no idea that the shelter was closed. They ended up at the Salvation Army Cole Weather Shelter and waited outside for four days. When the weather improved, they were forced to leave. They were out on the streets for five days with no food, money or shelter.

The wife did some research and learned of ZPC. They were accepted into our program on February 1st. It was the wife's birthday and she considers her arrival at ZPC as the best birthday present she has ever received. They are both currently working and have opened a bank account. As she says, “Zaban has given us the chance to be independent once again. Thank you with all of our Love.”

Thank you to all those who support the work of Zaban Paradies Center through volunteering, providing meals or other services and your financial contributions. All are necessary to provide the services to our residents.

Look for information on the upcoming Commencement program for residents at the end of April.

**Library News**

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- The Holocaust Chronicle, A History in Words and Pictures 940.43 MAS
- Destined to Witness, Growing Up Black in Nazi Germany 940.43 MAS
- My Promised Land, The Triumph and Tradegey of Israel 953 SHA
- Amos Oz in the Land of Israel 953 OZ

There are more books on the Holocaust and Israel. Just come in to our library and check them out!

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**ROTHSCHILD Social Justice Institute AT THE TEMPLE**

**A Message from THE TEMPLE GREEN TEAM of our Rothschild Social Justice Institute**

“In all your ways acknowledge God” (Proverbs 3:6)

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Featured Events in April:

**Between The Stones and A Hard Place**

with Anat Hoffman, Director of the Israel Religious Action Center at The Temple

Doors open: 6:45 PM

Program: 7:00 PM

Free and open to the community

**Celebrating Our Leaders and Volunteers with the Launch of The Relational Judaism Handbook**

Worship Service at The Temple

Nosh: 5:00 PM • Service: 6:00 PM

**Hunt at the High**

1:00–3:00 PM

**SUNDAY, APRIL 22**

Hunt at The High at The High Museum

1:00–3:00 PM

SEE PAGES 9 & 10 FOR DETAILS.