Loving Yourself as You Would Your Neighbor

FROM THE DESK OF RABBI LOREN FILSON LAPIDUS

This is the Hebrew month of Elul, preceding Rosh Hashanah and the beginning of a new year. It is a time that we are supposed to engage in "cheshbon hanefesh," an accounting of our souls. By looking at the year that has gone by and honestly taking account of where we have fallen short, we are able to apologize to those we have harmed and prepare to do better in the new year.

This repentance is known as teshuvah, literally "turning." Truly this is a season of turning. We turn back to the year that is ending, as we turn towards the people we have hurt and sincerely ask for forgiveness. We turn towards God with humility and repentance, knowing that God is turned towards us in forgiveness. We turn towards community as we prepare to celebrate these holy days.

In this season of turning and accounting, most of us do a fairly good job. After all, when we start thinking about all of the things we could have done better, it is usually easy to call to mind those moments when we were not our best selves. In Elul, we are supposed to dig deeper, to really ask ourselves the difficult questions, and bring ourselves to a place of humility and earnest desire to improve.

However, as we do this accounting of our souls, I encourage us to also turn inward in an additional way—not just to think about where we could have done better, but also to offer blessings and understanding to ourselves. When someone else tells us how they have fallen short, what is our response? When we look inward and realize how we have fallen short, what response do we give ourselves?

I am not suggesting we should all “go easy” on ourselves when it comes to this season of repentance…but I do believe that we are often quick to offer others compassion, understanding, and patience, yet not always willing to extend these things to ourselves. When we say to someone else, “Look, we all have bad days,” or, “You know, you’ve got a lot on your plate right now,” or, “Maybe you need to take some time for yourself,” do we offer these kindnesses to ourselves? And, when we say to others, “How can I help you?” and expect them to answer honestly, when others ask us the same, do we respond honestly too?

As I approach this new year, I am considering this idea of extending this patience and understanding inward. For a few weeks ago, I concluded sheloshim, the first month of mourning, for my father, Jim Filson. During that first month, I learned that I was very good at extending patience and compassion to others, but needed to also send some of that inward. Grief, much like illness, the arrival of a child, and other major transitions in life, requires us to have patience with the unfolding of emotions and the process of finding a new sense of wholeness and peace. If we do not extend these kindnesses to ourselves, we expend additional energy on the pressure of not meeting our expectations. I want to thank the entire congregation for the support you have extended to me and my family during this time—it has truly been a comfort and helped us in this journey.

Ideally we do not need a major life event to start caring for ourselves as we do for others, and in fact, these High Holy Days annually invite us to find a balance of holding ourselves accountable and extending kindness and compassion inward when needed. As we approach this new year, may this be a season of reflection and turning, and a year of wholeness, kindness, and peace. Micah and I wish you and your families a shanah tovah u’metukah, a good and sweet new year.

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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 1
Shabbat Worship Service.............6:00 PM
Meditation – Room 34 .................7:00 PM
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2
Torah Study.................................9:00 AM
Shabbat Worship Service.........10:30 AM
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8
Shabbat Worship Service with guest speaker:
Josh Feigelson...........................6:00 PM
Meditation – Room 34 ...............7:00 PM
The Well .........................................8:00 PM
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9
Torah Study.................................9:00 AM
Mini Shabbat Morning..............9:30 AM
Shabbat Worship Service.........10:30 AM
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15
Shabbat Worship Service and Selichot Program ...............6:00 PM
Meditation – Room 34 ...............7:00 PM
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16
Torah Study.................................9:00 AM
B’nei Mitzvah of Olivia Montag & Jack Wagreich ......10:30 AM
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20
Erev Rosh Hashanah..............6:30 PM & 9:00 PM
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21
Rosh Hashanah .................9:00 AM & 11:30 AM
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22
2nd Day Rosh Hashanah..........10:30 AM
Shabbat Shuvah Worship Service....6:00 PM
Meditation – Room 34 ...............7:00 PM
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23
Torah Study.................................9:00 AM
Shabbat Worship Service.........10:30 AM
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29
Kol Nidre.........................6:30 PM & 9:00 PM
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30
Yom Kippur .................9:00 AM & 11:30 AM
Memorial & Concluding Service....3:30 PM

For a full listing of services and other programs: WWW.THE-TEMPLE.ORG
Mazal Tov!

- Sara Hene honored at the Atlanta Rotary Club with the Volunteer of the Year award for her 11 years of volunteer service to Midtown Assistance Center.
- Erin Kimberly Rogers and Douglas William Borenstein on their marriage and to Douglas’ parents, Julie and David Borenstein.
- Nancy and David Schmidt on the birth of their grandson, Henry Robert Schmidt.
- Jeffrey Kamin on the birth of his granddaughter, Josie Harper Kulbersh born to Dr. & Mrs. Brian Kulbersh, Birmingham, AL.
- Valerie and Bill Needle on the birth of granddaughter, Isabel Jean Lewis born to Meredith Needle Lewis and Ben Lewis.
- Adam and Dawn Ross on the birth of their son, Leo Herschel and to big sister Emmy and brother, Jonah.

May Their Memory Be For a Blessing

Our Heartfelt Sympathy to the Families of:

- Marilyn Brand (grandmother of Rabbi Dan Medwin)
- Irwin Arthur Shaman (father of Lori Dunagan)
- Bruce Beerman (husband of Janet Beerman)
- Merle Golde Alpert (mother of Andrew Alpert)
- Frederic Marc Wolf (brother of JoAnn Rau)
- Ida Stone (mother of Donna Masinter)
- Seymour “Sy” Rabin (husband of Shari Goldman Rabin, step-father of Jonathan Goldman, Jill MacRae, Drew Goldman & Ashley Howle)
- Stanley Ney (husband of Terry Ney)
- Burton M. Gold (husband of Barbara Gold, father of Joanne Gold, Lauren Grien, Janice Dietz, Pamela Alexander)
- Matiel Leffler (brother of David Roos, Jr.)
- Morris Joe Buchman (brother of Marty Buchman)
- Daniel B. Zacks (son of Joyce Shlesinger)
- Joseph W. Kroger (father of Andrew Kroger)
- Milton Nirken (brother of Annette Rau)

Our Newest Members

- Casey Boersma & Jonathan Salman
- Amber Meyers
- Lynne & Steve Steindel

B’nei Mitzvah

- SEPTEMBER 9
  MAXWELL "MAX" SETH DINERMAN
  Son of Michael & Kimberly Dinerman
  AT AN OFF-SITE LOCATION

- SEPTEMBER 16
  OLIVIA C. MONTAG
  Daughter of Erika & John Montag

- SEPTEMBER 16
  JACK S. WAGREICH
  Son of Mimi Vanoyan & Jon Wagreich

TORAH & HAFTARAH

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JOIN US!

HIGH HOLY DAYS
AT THE TEMPLE

A complete list of Worship Services and information. Details start on page 4.
Wish You Learned Hebrew as a Child? It’s not too late!
The 2017-18 Adult B’nei Mitzvah class is now forming. Classes meet on Monday nights at 7pm beginning October 9. To find out more information or to register, please contact Rabbi Rau @ 404-873-1734 or srau@the-temple.org. No prior Hebrew knowledge is necessary.

Project Connect Host Training
Sunday, September 10 • 12:00 PM
We are empowering our teens to plan, recruit, and host events for friends and teens who share common interests as themselves. Teens are invited to become a Project Connect Host and commit to a one-time 2 hour training on Sunday, September 10th at noon.
We will help with everything our hosts need to have a successful event including providing registration and a chaperone. RSVP to Elizabeth at efoster@the-temple.org.

Camp Minimac 2017 was so much fun this summer!
One of everyone’s favorite sessions was Wall-E and the Robots. Campers created recycled robots, danced like robots, pretended to be robots and more. They also learned about real robots from Officer Oliver and his real robot that helps him do his job at the Atlanta Police Department S.W.A.T. Team!
High Holy Days 5778 Schedule of Worship Services

Below is a list of scheduled worship services for the High Holy Days. More information about our worship services can be found by visiting our website at www.the-temple.org.

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**SHABBAT SHUVAH**

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**KEVER AVOT**

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<td>“The Graves of Our Ancestors”—A time to face the future with intent and purposefulness.</td>
<td>Crest Lawn Cemetery Arlington Memorial Park</td>
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<td>Community Tashlich—symbolically casting away our sins (see page 8)</td>
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*On-site childcare is offered. Please make reservations with Elizabeth Foster at efoster@the-temple.org.
Kever Avot Services

“THE GRAVES OF OUR ANCESTORS”
Sunday, September 24
11:00 AM @ Crestlawn Cemetery
1:00 PM @ Arlington Memorial Park

We are continuing our custom of Kever Avot (The Graves of Our Ancestors) for our members. This service is held on the Sunday between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, Sunday, September 24. We will offer separate services at Crestlawn Cemetery and Arlington Memorial Park. It will be a time for us to confront our own mortality, and it will help each of us face the future with serious intent and purposefulness.

High Holy Day Food Drive & Help Unload the Truck
Sunday, October 1 @ 1:30 PM

The Temple is a founding sponsor of the Midtown Assistance Center (MAC). MAC is a non-profit organization that has provided emergency assistance to the working poor of Midtown and Downtown Atlanta since 1986. As always, we continue to collect food on the High Holy Days in order to meet the critical hunger needs in our community. This expression of our unwavering commitment to social justice is a part of our proud Temple tradition. Help us unload the truck and sort and stack all of the food we collect. In addition, please consider supporting MAC with a tax-deductible gift. 100% of your donation will be used for client support. An anonymous donor has agreed to match up to $5,000 after the first $5,000 raised by our Temple community. Please make the most of this charitable offer and give generously. Your payment can be made by check, payable to MAC, and either mailed or dropped off at The Temple. RSVP to unload the truck by emailing Mitchell Wirth at mmwemail-temple@yahoo.com or Rabbi Lydia Medwin at lmedwin@the-temple.org by calling The Temple at 404-873-1731.

IMPORTANT HIGH HOLY DAY INFORMATION

The High Holy Days are just around the corner! Please let us know if you have not received your mailings regarding schedules, usher volunteers, childcare, and membership status. We want you to enter the holiday season on a sweet note!

Erev Rosh Hashanah – Wednesday, September 20
Rosh Hashanah Day 1 – Thursday, September 21
Rosh Hashanah Day 2 – Friday, September 22

YIZKOR
September 30, 2017
If you would like the name(s) of your loved one read at Yizkor Services, they passed away during last year, and the service was not performed by one of our Temple rabbis, or the service was out of town, please call The Temple office 404-873-1731 by Friday, September 1st.

ALL BABIES BORN IN 5777
We would like to celebrate the birth of any new life during our Rosh Hashanah Service on Wednesday, September 20. If you or anyone in your family has given birth to a baby since last Rosh Hashanah October 2, 2016 please call The Temple office 404-873-1731 by Friday, September 1st.

You can find a schedule of services, parking information, and more about the High Holy Days at the-temple.org/HighHolyDays.
**Young Professionals Programs**

**THE WELL**

*Friday, September 8 @ 8:00 PM*

We are deep into the month of Elul and in only a few short days the High Holy Days will be upon us. Join Rabbi David Spinrad, Sammy Rosenbaum, and our musicians for a special Shabbat evening service as we lend our voices to music and prayer in order to align ourselves with this holiest time of the year. The Well is a continually evolving experiment 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 as we aspire to be a valued center of Jewish community and an opportunity to connect to something greater than ourselves. To RSVP or if it is your first time attending email Summer: sjacobs@the-temple.org.

**Infant-Toddler Programs at The Temple**

**SHANAH TOVAH TEMPLE: A TOT HIGH HOLY DAY EXPERIENCE**

*9:00 AM, 9:45 AM, 10:30 AM*

**Rosh Hashanah (September 21) and Yom Kippur (September 30)**

Celebrate the new year and reflect on the themes of the High Holy Days with our puppets, clergy, and educators. During each of these times, we offer our service in the Covenant Chapel and parent-tot activities in the WELC. To obtain a guest ticket for these services, please contact The Temple at 404-873-1731.

**Interfaith Programs**

**HOW-TO HOLIDAYS: A BASIC RECIPE FOR HOLIDAY SUCCESS**

*September 11: Rosh Hashanah, October 16: Shabbat, December 4: Chanukah, February 12: Purim, March 12: Pesach*  •  *6:30-8:00 PM*

$36 for all sessions for nonmembers  •  No fee for members and current Judaism 101 students  •  Advance registration required

Join Rabbi Loren Filson Lapidus for five sessions on the basics of holiday and Shabbat observance. With cooking and other hands-on experiences, we’ll discuss recipes and traditional foods, ritual objects, basic themes, and creative ideas for five holidays in the Jewish calendar. This is particularly designed for interfaith couples, those in or recently through the conversion process, and anyone looking for a refresher (or an introduction) to the basics. To register, please email Rabbi Lapidus at llapidus@the-temple.org.

**Selichot – The Human Voice**

*Friday, September 15 • 5:30 Nosh, 6:00 pm Program, 7:00 pm Service*

Inspired by our dramatic Selichot service last year, we are excited to bring in the High Holy Day season with our beloved teacher Rabbi Micah Lapidus, who will facilitate an interactive Selichot experience this year focused on “Our Voices.” Through a combination of learning, writing, and musical performance, we will have a chance to reflect on both the human voice and our own particular voices. As our most precious and unique instrument for communication, this season offers us the opportunity to ask powerful questions of the ways we use our voices: How can we fully cultivate our voice? How do we hear and experience the voices of others? In what areas do we suffer from an abundance of words? In what areas do we lack the necessary language to articulate our thoughts and feelings? Before officially entering the Days of Awe, it is both necessary and profoundly meaningful to reflect on the voice that we are bringing with us to this sacred time. You will not want to miss this.

**Temple Connect Kick-Off**

Do you want to get more involved in The Temple community? Do you want inspiration in your life? Then you should consider leading a Temple Connect group! We are so excited to announce the coming year’s lineup for Temple Connect. Group leaders will take the Group Leader Workshop on the afternoon of September 9th and support from our Temple Connect team to help ensure your group’s success.

Here are the different types of Temple Connect Groups that you can be a trailblazer for and lead the way!

**TEMPLE CONNECT AFFINITY GROUPS**

These are the original groups, based on interests and needs/stages of life. You can find a list of the groups we had last year on the website (www.temple-connect.com) to get ideas for the future.

**TEMPLE CONNECT CHAI NEIGHBORHOOD GROUPS**

The word Chai in Hebrew means “Life,” and we hope that these groups help you deepen and clarify your life—with Temple members in your neighborhood. Based on where you live or work, these groups meet monthly and will discuss topics prompted by discussion materials offered by our Temple clergy.

**TEMPLE CONNECT PROFESSIONS GROUPS**

Based on your profession, meet other people in homes and/or offices to discuss meaningful material, network with your colleagues, and learn the Jewish perspective on your vocation.

If you want to be a group leader this year or have questions, email/call Rabbi Lydia Medwin, Director of Congregational Engagement via lmedwin@the-temple.org or phone (404-873-1731). We can’t wait to partner with you to inspire and transform our Temple community.
New Member & Prospective Member Events

WELCOME HOME — SANCTUARY TOUR AND TEMPLE 101
Sunday, September 10 • 5:00-7:15 PM
Join us for an evening of wine and hors d'oeuvres as we celebrate you and welcome you home. Enjoy a tour of The Temple's historic Sanctuary. Learn more about The Temple's vision and values and the ways in which you can find your tribe within The Temple. Meet some of our clergy and staff. Find someone to sit with during High Holy Days or just find a new friend. This is the event of the year for our newest members and we couldn't be more excited to welcome you to our community. Babysitting available. RSVP to Joya at jschmidt@the-temple.org or call 404-873-1731.

PROSPECTIVE MEMBER COFFEE, DESSERT, & CONVERSATION
See info on right.

SCHOLAR-IN-RESIDENCE WEEKEND

Dr. Rabbi Josh Feigelson
September 8-10, 2017
Don't miss this chance to meet Dr. Rabbi Josh Feigelson, former Campus Rabbi of the Hillel at Northwestern University, founder and current Executive Director of Ask Big Questions, an initiative of Hillel International. He will address our community on the challenges that our Jewish college students experience today on campuses, as well as tell us about his latest venture towards creating productive and meaningful conversations as a way to transform communities across the country and the world. Join us all weekend as we explore questions of collective reflection and the Jewish future.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8TH:
Erev Shabbat message “What College Is, and What College Could Be” • 6 PM
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9TH:
Torah Study “The Wisdom of the Heart: Questions and Stories” • 9:00 AM
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9TH:
Chapel Services “Conversation as Prayer: A Creative Service” • 10:30 AM
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9TH:
Temple Connect Group Leader Training • 4:00–6:00 PM
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10TH:
Age & Stage Roshim Training • 10:00 AM
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10TH:
Gesher Leader Training • 11:00 AM

Boy, we could tell you some stories:
Stories of being in the forefront of the civil rights movement 50 years ago to advocating for the rights of women, the poor, the immigrant, and more today; stories about members whose families have been here for five generations and stories of the 500+ preschool and religious school families who have chosen to make this their home; stories about cutting edge thinking and a dynamic senior rabbi who was ranked in the top 50 rabbis in our nation; stories about what we imagine our community to be in the next 150 years. But what we care most about is your story: who you are, what’s most important to you, how we can help you make this YOUR home. If you are interested in a deep sense of community, a way to engage in meaningful, relevant Jewish learning, a team with which you can change the world, a quiet sanctuary from the daily grind, or just a place to call your Jewish home, we are here for you.

Let us tell you more, and listen more, at following get-together:

FOR COFFEE + DESSERT + CONVERSATION:
WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 6
7:30 PM • SHERWOOD FOREST NEIGHBORHOOD
At the home of Mary Carole Cooney & Henry Bauer
PLEASE RSVP BY SEPTEMBER 1

Kindly...
RSVP online the-temple.org/coffee
email jschmidt@the-temple.org
phone 404-873-1731
THANK YOU TO OUR VOLUNTEERS from Zaban Paradies Center!

Zaban Paradies Center had another successful season and much of that success goes to the many volunteers. Volunteers are involved of every aspect of the work of the Center and many of them help without any acknowledgement of their positive impact. To all of you who make meals, serve meals, help with the clothes closet and countless other areas, THANK YOU!

In order for ZPC to expand all that volunteers, we have created a new online volunteer registration system to register and sign up for volunteer opportunities. This system will help us better know where gaps may exist. Please go to www.zapanparadiescenter.org/volunteer to get started. If you have any questions, please email volunteer@zabanparadiescenter.org and we will get back to you.

Although our volunteers do not ask to be recognized, we need to thank three who have completed their terms on the Board. Linda Davis, Brenda Moss, Scott Rafshoon and Dale Shields have worked in almost every capacity and role at the Center. We would not be where we are today without their numerous contributions in so many ways. We welcome Susan Banner, Scott Edlein, Cindy Lourie and Robyn Ripps to the Board and look forward to your involvement.

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: Susan Amsler, Susan Banner, Jackie Berkelhamer, Doug & Sandy Cox, Brooke Dickerson, Lance Gibbs, Lindsay Kamin, Belinda Morris, Robbie Levin, Valerie Needle, Cherie Restler, Ellen Schwartz, Debbie Shelton, Vicky Sloan, Marcy Solmson, Jill Spasser, Doug Spear.

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.

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COMMUNITY TASHLICH*
Piedmont Park Dock
521 Park Dr NE Atlanta 30306
(near park entrance at 12th & Piedmont)

FREE and OPEN to all


* Tashlich is a Jewish High Holiday Ritual observed at the new year.

** Schmooze means chat or mingle.
Social Justice

HOW TO TALK TO YOUR SPOUSE, CHILDREN, FRIENDS & NEIGHBORS ABOUT GUN OWNERSHIP AND GUN SAFETY

Sunday, September 10 • 9:45–10:30 AM

The news is rife with horror stories about firearms left unsecured in homes and the resulting unintended injuries and deaths of children and other family members.

This informative program which will focus on safe storage of firearms will appeal to two specific groups of people:

- Those who are gun owners and want to be certain they are practicing safe storage techniques in their homes
- Parents whose children will have play dates in other homes and how to ask the right questions and obtain enough information to determine whether their friend’s house is secure.

If you are a parent, we urge you to mark your calendar and attend this event.

ROTHSCHILD SOCIAL JUSTICE INSTITUTE: RACIAL JUSTICE GROUP INITIATIVES

The Racial Justice Group of the Rothschild Social Justice Institute is currently undertaking two efforts to advance the mission of racial justice in the city of Atlanta. We are seeking participation and support from the community on both of these efforts.

- For our first initiative, the group will host an Atlanta mayoral forum to provide mayoral candidates an opportunity to discuss issues of social and racial justice. Similar Temple-hosted fora have attracted hundreds of interested citizens. This forum will take place on Tuesday, October 24, 2017. We hope members of the Temple community will attend the forum and participate in this important discussion.

- Our second initiative focuses on the challenges individuals in our community with criminal records face in finding gainful employment. We would like to examine what we as a community can do from a policy perspective to facilitate the employment of these individuals and support their ability to live as productive members of society after incarceration. We will partner with the Georgia Justice Program to implement actions. However, our first step is to delve deeply into the matter with all impacted parties, including employers. We are currently seeking connections to HR professionals in the community to under the viewpoint of industry and seek their wisdom on ways to break down barriers to entry for employment of individuals with criminal records.

If you are an HR professional that would like to join us in exploring this topic, or know someone who might, please contact us: Elizabeth Webster (elizabthnwebster@gmail.com) or Gilly Segal (gillysegal@gmail.com).

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