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PROJECT CONNECT

THE TEMPLE’S YOUTH PROGRAMS
FOR 4th THROUGH 12th GRADERS
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A LETTER FROM THE PROJECT CONNECT TEAM

Welcome to Youth Central at The Temple! The Education Team and Youth Engagement Committee are so thrilled to bring you this guide to all things youth. The Temple is so much more than our religious and spiritual home; it is our social home as well. Our youth programs and projects strive to create and build upon pre-existing bonds through fun and engaging ways.

No matter the event, our programs bring teens together to provide a Jewish experience outside the classroom. As the Torah teaches us, we must pass our values, beliefs, and passions on to the next generation, dor l’dor. The Temple’s Project Connect initiative allows teens to learn from and spend time with other teens and our incredible clergy, staff, and chaperones.

In addition to our youth groups, The Temple provides numerous Sunday-based opportunities for our youth and teens. Information about the entire Temple’s youth programs can be found inside.

We can’t wait for you to pick your project and find your connection!
45 CLUB

The 45 Club is The Temple's youngest youth group for all 4th and 5th graders. 45 Club promotes friendship and fun through engaging programming and Jewish values. Activities will vary from sports to performing arts and cooking to STEM programs. This is youth group, your way!

2019-2020 45 Club Dates:

All events are on Sunday at noon.

- September 8 - Sunday Sundae Social
- November 3 - Mad Science
- February 23 - Fun to be announced
- April 19 - Fun to be announced
Project 678 is the middle school youth group at The Temple. All 6th, 7th, and 8th graders are invited to join. 678 promotes the development of an inclusive environment for our young teens and caters to their needs of socialization and engagement. We aim to create a community for our middle school students while keeping in mind the individual schedules and priorities.

2019-2020 Project 678 Dates:
All events are on Sunday at noon.

- August 18 - Laser Tag
- September 22 - Escape Room
- November 17 - Fun to be announced
- March 22 - Fun to be announced

2019-2020 NFTY 678 Dates:

- August 25 (Regressive Dinner in Dunwoody)
- October 27 (8th Grade Only, Corn Maze)
- December 15 (Donut Party)
- January 2-3 (Ski Trip)
- January 26 (Scavenger Hunt / Movie in Marietta)
- April 18 or 19 (6th and 7th Grade, Braves Game)
URJ Camp Coleman
In the beautiful North Georgia mountains, is home to over 900 campers every summer. At Camp Coleman, campers learn about themselves and their Jewish heritage while participating in a wide variety of exciting activities.

URJ 6 Points Academy
The URJ also has a series of camps where students choose their majors and minors during their time at camp as well as other electives and Judaic programming. All of these camps are housed on boarding school campuses around the country.

Our students also love attending these camps:
Camp Barney Meditz
Ramah Darom
Camp Judea
Blue Star
In the City Camp
MJCCA Day Camp
Overnight Camp Scholarships Available

We encourage you to reach out to your Jewish summer camp to ask about their scholarship program. Many camps provide matching financial aid for students who apply to multiple donors. The Temple and Jewish Federation of Greater Atlanta offer scholarships and grants for Jewish overnight camping. More information can be found at:

www.atlantajewishcamp.org/resources

Questions? Contact Elizabeth at efoster@the-temple.org.

Sheer Kef

Children in **second through fifth grades** who like performing and music are invited to participate in our outstanding youth performance group directed by Tania Moser and Amy Peskin.

Sheer Kef (“song fun”) practices after school in the winter. They perform on Purim at the Breman Education Center on Sunday, March 15, 2020.

Sheer Kef has a $25 cost for lunch to be provided at all after school rehearsals. Payment will be accepted at the first after school rehearsal on January 12, 2020.

To register, email Marjorie at mvaughn@the-temple.org.
4TH GRADE SHUL-IN AT THE TEMPLE
February 1-2, 2020

This is for fourth grades who get to feel at home sleeping at The Temple. During the overnight, students participate in an arts and crafts project, a scavenger hunt, make your own cupcakes, and more.

5TH GRADE OVERNIGHT AT CAMP COLEMAN
March 27-28, 2020

Students participate in sports, art projects, skits, mixers, several elements on the ropes course, make s’mores, and celebrate Shabbat with Temple friends.

6TH GRADE TRIP TO NORTH GEORGIA
March 27-28, 2020

After an overnight at Camp Coleman, students volunteer at a senior living center followed by an lunch out and an afternoon at an amusement center.

7TH GRADE TRIP TO TENNESSEE
October 5-6, 2019

Travel with Rabbi Rau and your Gesher Peer Leaders to Whitwell and Chattanooga, TN to the Paperclips Holocaust exhibit, an amusement center, and a spelunking adventure.
8TH/9TH GRADE TRIP TO NEW ORLEANS OR FLORIDA
January 17-20, 2020

Travel with Temple clergy, staff, and your peer leaders to New Orleans or Florida (alternating years) for a social action, social and Jewish heritage trip. This year, we will be traveling to New Orleans.

10TH GRADE TRIP TO NEW YORK CITY
October 25-27, 2019

Take a weekend trip to New York with your teachers and clergy. On this trip, confirmation students explore Judaism in the largest Jewish community in America.

TEEN ISRAEL TRIP
June 2020

Students visit Jerusalem and the Old City, climb Masada, hike, rappel, kayak, snorkel, and participate in an archaeological dig.

JUNIOR/SENIOR CLASS TRIP TO WASHINGTON, DC
February 7-10, 2020

Take a weekend trip to DC with Rabbi Berg and Elizabeth Foster. On this trip, teens participate in the Religious Action Center’s L’Taken Seminar and visit our nation’s capital.
Welcome to Project Connect! The Education Team, in partnership with the Youth Engagement Committee, has worked to create Project Connect, an umbrella group that connects teens (9th-12th grade) to their various interests. There are numerous opportunities, some existing and some new, to involve teens in ways that appeal to them. Teens may belong to as many Projects as they wish. Projects are led by teens who are responsible for scheduling and implementing events from beginning to end.
PROJECT CONNECT
We are empowering our teens to help us plan, recruit, and host social events for their peers. Teens who would like to help plan events are invited to join us at our pizza and planning meetings. At these meetings teens will work with one another to plan one upcoming event in the month following. We will help with everything you need to have a successful event including registration and supervision. Teens and parents will receive information about these upcoming events one month before each event.

**Pizza & Planning Meetings (12:15-1:15pm):**
- August 25
- October 20
- December 15
- February 9
- March 29

PROJECT JUSTICE
Project Justice is for teens wanting to engage in social justice and advocacy. This group, led by Lucy Adelman and Abby Edlein, participate in multiple advocacy events ranging from gun violence prevention to equal rights and more. A list of our scheduled events is below. More information on other events coming soon!

**Gun Violence Prevention Program: Wednesday, August 14**  
**Pride Parade: Sunday, October 13**  
**Hunger Walk: Spring 2020**

PROJECT MITZVAH
Project Mitzvah is for teens to engage in hands-on social action projects. Throughout the year, teens will participate in mitzvot ranging from helping at an animal shelter, planting trees, and our very own Project Merry Mitzvah. A list of our scheduled events is below. More information on other events coming soon!

Project Merry Mitzvah is our teen-led social action project for the Zabam Paradies Center for Homeless Couples. Teens are needed to help fundraise, plan, and implement both the meal and shopping experience for the residents.

**Unload the Truck at Midtown Assistance Center: Sunday, October 13**  
**Project Merry Mitzvah Fundraiser: Sunday, November 10**  
**Project Merry Mitzvah: Friday, December 13**  
**Tree Planting with Trees Atlanta: Spring 2020**  
**Atlanta Community Food Bank: Spring 2020**
Created and performed by teen actors, Project Tolerance is designed to raise the consciousness of its audiences through an original play which takes on contemporary societal ills while also educating about the Holocaust. Using the Holocaust as an extreme example of the consequences of racism, the Project Tolerance performance includes contemporary scenarios which tackle discrimination, bullying, apathy and intolerance. These social issues are dramatized in a compelling theatrical style which stimulates middle and high school students to think, discuss and perhaps even act on what they have seen. By witnessing other teenagers dealing head-on with issues of bigotry, discrimination, anti-semitism, homophobia, exclusion of people with learning needs or disabilities, and fear of the “other,” they are inspired to consider their own views on these subjects and to take stock of their personal values and behaviors.

Project Tolerance is a free performance, made possible by the generous bequest of Ambassador William B. Schwartz, Jr. Donations are welcomed.
**PROJECT GESHER**

We look forward to another successful year of Gesher for 7th, 8th and 9th grade students. Our middle school students meet with 11th & 12th grade peer leaders to discuss pertinent Jewish BIG QUESTIONS on Sunday mornings. In addition, the Gesher Peer Leaders travel with our students on their class trips to Tennessee, Florida, or New Orleans. Gesher leaders are trained by our clergy and education team and lead weekly sessions with our teens. Applications to become a Gesher leader are released at the end of each school year and are followed by an interview with our clergy and education team. All Gesher Leaders are also required to be involved in Project Connect in some other way.

**PROJECT MADRICHIM**

Eleventh and twelfth grade students are encouraged to sign up to work as teacher’s aides in one of the lower elementary classrooms. Madrichim (literally “leaders” in Hebrew) assist teachers in all aspects of the curriculum. Eighth graders also serve as assistant madrichim on Sunday mornings as part of their curriculum. Volunteer hours and a gift are awarded at the end of the year for all juniors and seniors.

**PROJECT TZADIKIM**

All 9th graders who have completed the madrichim program and 11th and 12th graders have the opportunity to be a part of Project Tzadikim. All tzadikim have training with a learning specialist and are taught the skills and techniques to work with kids who learn differently. Volunteer hours and a gift are awarded at the end of the year for all juniors and seniors.
**NFTY-SAR**

As The Temple is a part of the Union of Reform Judaism, our youth groups, Project 678 and Project Connect, are a part of the URJ’s youth movement, NFTY (North American Federation of Temple Youth). Teens, as part of NFTY-SAR (Southern Area Region), come together 4 times a year for kallot to practice reform Judaism through tikkun olam, prayer, generational leadership, and friendship. Project Connect teens have the opportunity to attend each kallah and apply for NFTY-SAR’s mitzvah corps project, Camp Jenny. For more information about NFTY-SAR, visit www.nfty.org/sar.

**2019-2020 NFTY-SAR Schedule:**

- **LLTI – September 13-15, 2019 @ Camp Coleman**
- **Fall Kallah – November 8-10, 2019 @ Temple Beth Tikvah (Roswell, GA)**
- **Winter Kallah – January 17-19, 2020 @ Temple Emanu-El (Atlanta, GA)**
- **Spring Kallah – April 24-26, 2020 @ Camp Coleman**

**BBYO**

We know there are many ways to get involved in the Jewish community in Atlanta. The Temple is excited to partner with BBYO as an Intown hub for their chapters. This program is based out of the MJCCA including staffing and registration but we will share information on events with you through our monthly Project Connect emails. Additional information can be found on the MJCCA’s website at www.atlantajcc.org.

**ATLANTA-WIDE EVENTS**

The Temple encourages our teens and tweens to meet, learn, and engage with other youth from synagogues around Atlanta. We have partnered with many Reform and Conservative synagogues to provide fun, social events for kids of all ages. This is a wonderful opportunity to spend time with friends who attend other synagogues and/or meet new people from different walks of life. Information about joint events will be shared via email with parents and teens.
BECOME A MEMBER TODAY!

Join now, save time later! Get all events for one low price.

45 CLUB: $50 | PROJECT 678: $50

Five starred events included printed on pages 4-5. Additional events may be added for additional costs.

Information about events will be sent via email. Please make sure we have your current email on file.

Child's Name:_______________________________________ Grade:________________________
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PROJECT CONNECT/MITZVAH/JUSTICE (9TH-12TH GRADE)

No dues. Just let us know what project you want to join!

Teen's Name:_______________________________________ Grade:________________________
☐ Project Connect  ☐ Project Mitzvah  ☐ Project Justice

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☐ Project Connect  ☐ Project Mitzvah  ☐ Project Justice

HOW TO CONTACT MY TEEN:

☐ Email:_______________________________________________
☐ Text:_________________________________________________
☐ Instagram:___________________________________________

PAYMENT INFORMATION

☐ Check Enclosed (payable to The Temple)

☐ Credit Card*

☐ Visa  ☐ MasterCard

Name on Card:___________________________________________

Card #:_________________________________________ Exp. Date:________________________

Total amount to be charged:_________ CVV Code:_____________________________

Address:_______________________________________________________________________

Signature (required):_________________________ Date:_____________________________

*All Credit Cards will be charged 3% to cover banking charges

Mail completed form, with a check or credit card information, to:

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