A Program Guide for Engagement and TAMID Learning at The Temple
2019-2020 | 5780
Welcome!

For 152 years, The Temple has been inspiring lives and transforming our world. In everything we do as clergy, as staff, and as a community, our aim is to inspire towards new ways of knowing and being, so that we can engage with the most exciting and most challenging issues of our day. Jewish life has always sought, through education and through our resulting efforts, to inspire hope and paint a picture of a future of wholeness for our bodies, minds, and souls. We are excited to share with you some of the paths for our community to inspire and transform. The pages of this booklet present classes and programs designed with these goals in mind, executed in partnership between people who care about our vibrant community. Included are ways to tend to our bodies, classes that will entice and challenge the mind, and small groups designed to help us explore the depths of our souls. By becoming a community that attends to all of these dimensions, we hope we will all feel a deeper sense of inspiration and transformation, resulting in a self and a world that is just a little more whole and full of peace. We hope you enjoy perusing the pages of this booklet, feel pride in your Temple community, and join us often!

With love,
Your Temple Clergy & Staff
Ben Zoma says: Who is wise?
One who learns from every person.
— Pirkei Avot 4:1

For registration questions, contact Joya Schmidt at 404-873-1731 or jschmidt@the-temple.org.
TAMID: A Lifetime of Jewish Learning

Judaism 101
A basic overview of the many facets of Judaism and Jewish practice: history, holidays, life cycle events, Torah, texts, and more.

Instructors: Clergy and Staff from The Temple and Congregation Bet Haverim
Times: 7:00-9:00pm
Dates: Beginning Monday, September 16 or Monday, February 24 for 7 weeks
Cost: Free for members, $30 book fee for members who do not own *Honoring Tradition, Embracing Modernity*; $150/person (includes book) for non-members; add a second family member $36

Judaism 102
This course is for those who are converting to Judaism, covering a variety of issues that arise as one makes the choice to become a Jew.

Instructors: Temple clergy
Times: 7:00-8:00pm
Dates: January and April 2020
Requirements: Judaism 101 or its equivalent and an entrance interview with Rabbi Lapidus. Course registration information will be given after that meeting.

Hebrew 101
This weekly class is for the Hebrew novice. Participants learn Hebrew consonants and vowels, then learn to read Hebrew aloud.

Instructors: Elizabeth Foster
Times: 7:00-7:55pm
Dates: Beginning Monday, October 28, 2019 or Monday, February 10, 2020
Cost: $100 for members, $125 for non-members*
Requirements: Minimum of 8 participants per class

ULPAN-OR: Conversational Beginner’s Hebrew For All
Atlanta Learns Hebrew! Join us Intown this October 2019 through May 2020 to learn conversational Hebrew through a collaboration between 10 partner organizations. The course includes weekly one-hour classroom lessons and weekly online lessons as well. Visit ulpanor.com for more info about the outstanding curriculum that will help you achieve your goal of speaking Hebrew!
Open to beginners, but knowledge of the Aleph-Bet is required. Please plan to bring a laptop computer or tablet with Google Chrome.

SEMESTER 1 AT THE TEMPLE:
Dates: Mondays, October 28 – February 3 (12 classes)
Times: 7:00-8:00pm
Cost: $90 (Fee includes Semester 1 classes and one year of access to ulpanor.com). Register through the MJCCA at www.the-temple.org/ulpan

SEMESTER 2 AT CONGREGATION SHEARIT ISRAEL:
Dates: Mondays, February 10 – May 11 (12 classes)
Registration opens in December
Preparing our Hearts and Souls for the High Holy Days: Looking at The Prayers Up Front and Personal

In these two sessions we will analyze and discuss two of the most important and meaningful prayers of the season. On September 16 we will focus on Avinu Malkeynu. No other prayer reaches our hearts and souls and connects us with our emotions as the Avinu Malkeunu. We will look first at the derivation of the prayer, then analyze the 44 verses, and finally compare and contrast different versions of the prayer throughout time. On September 23 we will focus on the Unetane tokef prayer. The words “who shall live and who shall die” are the most haunting in the machzor. In this session we will look at the two distinct components of this prayer and discuss the prayer as both a theological challenge and a source of comfort. This second session will conclude with a discussion on the theme of teshuvah.

Instructors: Rabbi Peter Berg
Dates: September 16 and 23
Times: 7:00-7:55pm
Cost: Free

Jewish Wisdom For Everyday Living

Why is it hard to be good? The Rabbis asked themselves that question 1000 years ago, as they wondered why people had trouble keeping the commandments. The Jewish Spiritual practice of Mussar grew out of the recognition that we have an internal world, drives and impulses that make it hard to keep our cool, and do or say the right things. In today’s challenging political, cultural, and social media environment, now more than ever we need guidance on how to show up as the best version of ourselves. Come to this highly interactive session to learn how the Jewish Mindfulness practice of Mussar can help you become more present, stress less and love more.

Instructors: Greg Marcus
Dates: October 28
Times: 7:00-8:30pm
Cost: Free

Preparing for the End of Life: Jewish Views on Death, Funerals, and Cemeteries

Over three weeks, we will learn about Jewish views on death, preparing for a funeral, and burial, cremation, and cemeteries. On November 4, we will be joined by Eddie Dressler, owner of Dressler’s Funeral Care, as we discuss Chevra Kadisha, preplanning, and funerals. On November 11, our clergy will teach about mourning rituals, ethical wills, and the basics of “what to do” when a death occurs. On November 18, we will be joined by representatives from local cemeteries, as well as our board member James Gelin, to learn about various options for burial and pre-planning.

Instructors: Temple Clergy, Staff, and Guest Speakers
Dates: November 4, 11, and 18
Times: 7:00pm, end time varies
Cost: Free
A New Vision of Southern Jewish History
This class will explore the vibrant new interpretation of southern Jewish history developed by Mark Bauman during the last four decades. He will depict the southern Jewish experience as dynamic and cosmopolitan with Jews, congregations, and organizations providing major national and even international leadership. Mark’s presentation will largely come from a book of his essays published in May by the University of Alabama Press. Many of the essays and examples derive from the history of The Temple and Atlanta Jewish community.

Instructors: Mark Bauman
Dates: December 9
Times: 7:00-7:55pm
Cost: Free

Biographies of God
The Jewish tradition believes, and has believed in, the one and only God from the beginning of our faith. But how has our understanding of God changed over the course of Jewish history? Join Rabbi Kaye for an exploration of Tanakh, Talmud, philosophy both modern and ancient, and mystic texts as we explore one of the great questions of Judaism: who is the God we are in covenant with?

Instructors: Rabbi Sam Kaye
Dates: January 13, 27, February 3, 10
Times: 8:00-8:55pm
Cost: Free

Israel: Four One Hour Sessions
The history of American Zionism and the evolving relationship between the Reform movement and Israel
In this session, we will explore this history and its significance in understanding contemporary tensions and opportunities between the two largest Jewish communities in the world.

What happened in the 2019 Israeli elections? How does the Israeli political system actually work (and why)?
In this session, we will explore how the Israeli political system works and then look at how the many fraught components of Israeli politics in 2019 highlight the often misunderstood domestic tensions that exist within Israeli society/the Israeli electorate.

One-state, two-states, three-states, or maybe something else?
In this session, we will explore the history of the various final-status models and discuss the implications of each.

Israeli television as a reflection of Israel’s political spectrum/sectors of society
In this session, we will watch small segments of Israeli TV shows (with subtitles) and explore the cultural/societal meanings and nuances that can be uniquely understood through the lens of Israeli TV.

Instructors: Eli Sperling
Dates: February 3, 10, 17, 24
Times: 7:00-7:55pm
Cost: Free

Keep your eyes open! More electives to be announced!
The Florence Melton School of Adult Jewish Learning is the largest pluralistic adult Jewish education network in the world. With its international headquarters at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, the Melton School offers adults all over the world the opportunity to acquire Jewish literacy in an open, trans-denominational, intellectually stimulating learning environment. The Temple offers this curriculum in partnership with the Marcus Jewish Community Center of Atlanta’s Lisa F. Brill Institute of Jewish Learning.
THE MELTON TWO-YEAR PROGRAM

These two one-hour classes make up the first year of a two-year certificate program. This curriculum covers Rhythms of Jewish life and Purposes of Jewish living.

Rhythms of Jewish Life
What’s the point of living Jewishly? What ideas, beliefs, and practices are involved? This course examines a wide variety of Jewish sources to discover the deeper meanings underlying Jewish holidays, observances, and Jewish practice.

Instructor: Rabbi Steven Rau
Dates: Monday, September 16-May 18
Time: 7:00-7:55pm
Cost: $250 for both classes*, $75 for Melton Graduates. Rates above are for for Temple members only.

Purposes of Jewish Living
Why do Jews believe as they do? What are the big questions of life and how do Jewish thinkers answer these questions? This course explores both ancient and modern responses to many of the major issues of Jewish thought and theology.

Instructor: Rabbi Adam Starr
Dates: Monday, September 16-May 18
Time: 8:05-9:00pm
Cost: $250 for both classes*, $75 for Melton Graduates. Rates above are for for Temple members only.

*Through the generosity of the Halpern TAMID Adult Education Enrichment Fund, 15 Temple members taking Year One or Two will receive the discounted rate of $250, a subsidy for the total cost of Melton.

MELTON CONTINUING EDUCATION

Melton Social Justice: The Heart of Judaism in Theory and Practice
This new Melton course draws from text and history to explore how social justice work goes beyond addressing short-term needs and looks at structural causes of injustice today. Topics include issues related to poverty, immigration and environmental degradation. Social Justice: The Heart of Judaism will seek to not just define but also to grapple with what social justice is and is not; with how it fits with, complements and goes beyond the powerful service activities that many individuals and communities are already engaged in.

Instructors: Temple Clergy
Dates: Mondays, December 2-February 24
Times: 7:00-8:30pm
Cost: $100
Requirements: Melton Graduates (or special permission from the Melton or Education staff)

MONDAY MORNING MELTON

Searching for Meaning in Midrash
In this course we will explore the world of the rabbincic sages to appreciate their wisdom and search for the meaning of their words.

Instructors: Dr. Shelley Buxbaum
Dates: Mondays, August 19-May 11
Times: 10:00-11:30am
Cost: $230
Leven Family
Jewish Identity Institute

The Leven Family Jewish Identity Institute helps each young couple and family find their place at The Temple and in the Jewish community, especially those who are newer to Judaism, who identify as interfaith or multifaith, or who are looking for support as they navigate their family’s religious and spiritual identity. We hope you will use these programs to start to meet other couples and get connected here at The Temple.

For the latest details and registration information, please visit www.the-temple.org/interfaith. To join our mailing list or be connected with our co-chairs, please email Rabbi Loren Filson Lapidus at llapidus@the-temple.org.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

A Conversation about Anti-Semitism
Sunday, November 3, 2019 | 10:00am
We often talk about “raising Jewish children,” but what does that mean for an interfaith couple? We’ll discuss milestones of Jewish education, life cycle events, and questions of how to create space for both parents and sides of the family to be involved in passing along family traditions and important values.

Chanukah at the Atlanta Botanical Gardens
Tuesday, December 17, 2019
The Temple’s Chanukah party at the “Garden Lights, Holiday Nights” program.

Beineinu (The Two of Us): The Temple’s Marriage Retreat
February 28-29, 2020
Designed for couples in their first seven years of marriage, this overnight retreat provides an opportunity to reflect as a couple and to get to know other couples in a similar age and stage. For registration information, visit www.the-temple.org/marriageretreat.

Passover Around the World
Sunday, April 5, 2020 | 10:00 AM
The story of Passover and the Exodus from Egypt is one of the most universal stories yet is told and celebrated in different ways across cultures and traditions. Through food and conversation, we’ll learn about Passover and ways to make this unique and meaningful for your family.

Conversion

The Temple is proud to be a home for so many people at all ages and stages who have chosen to make their journey to Judaism here. Conversion to Judaism is an intense process of study and reflection. Our conversion program consists of three main parts: Judaism 101 (or its equivalent) and Judaism 102, as well as individual meetings with an assigned rabbi as part of Judaism 102. Please see page 5 for class descriptions. Contact Rabbi Loren Filson Lapidus at llapidus@the-temple.org for more information.
Temple Mosaic

Temple Mosaic is our name for our efforts to celebrate, welcome, and include the diversity of our Temple community and the Jewish people. We are excited to be learning and growing as a diverse community where everyone’s gifts and story are celebrated. For more information, go to www.the-temple.org/mosaic.

Unity Sukkah: NEW Communal Art Project for Unity during the High Holy Days
Shabbat Service: Sept 20 @ 5:30pm
Selichot: Sept. 21 @ 6:30pm
Shabbat Service: Sept. 27 @ 5:30pm

In June of 2016, Nancy Belmont created UNITY, an interactive public art project, as a response to the divisiveness and negative rhetoric in American politics. Created to raise consciousness about the labels we give ourselves and others, The Temple will build on this idea with a NEW project, known as the Unity Sukkah, that explores how those labels both support and limit building interconnected, interesting communities. The Unity Sukkah will be a larger-than-life structure that helps us celebrate our uniqueness and strengthens our ties to each other. The project consists of 32 posts, each with identifiers such as, “I’m a parent; I speak English as a second language; I identify as LGBTQ,” etc. Members of The Temple will tie colorful yarn to posts that reflect their identities. As our yarn intertwines, we will be able to visualize our web of interconnectedness. In the end, we see that we are all connected by something, and it’s our diversity that builds a strong and vibrant community.

The best part? We will wrap the Unity Sukkah to create our communal sukkah, celebrating in a space built by all of us, about all of us, for all of us.

Join us to create this communal symbol of Unity for the High Holy Days. RSVP to Joya Schmidt at jschmidt@the-temple.org.

Jewish Food from Around the World
October 28, December 2, and February 3 @ 6:00pm

Before TAMID classes begin, come learn a recipe, tradition, and story of a Jewish family in our community. For more information, contact Martin Maslia at mmasliagrs@gmail.com.
**Shabbat Morning Torah Study**

This weekly study session of the week’s Torah portion brings together a wide range of people who enjoy studying the foundational text of our tradition. Regulars and “one-timers” will both find their place at the table of learning. Coffee is served.

**Instructors:** Temple Clergy

**Dates:** Every Shabbat Morning

**Time:** Saturdays at 9:00am

**Cost:** Free

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**Ben Franklin Circles**

A curriculum based on the 13 virtues that Ben Franklin considered central to creating a life of more meaning and a world of more wholeness. The 92nd Street Y in New York, who created this curriculum, has taken these virtues and paired them with sections from Pirkei Avot, which is a fascinating and incredibly relevant Jewish guide to living. The goal of the discussion group is to improve our lives so that we can improve the world in which we live, having fun and making friends while we do it. Our pilot group this year has given it nothing but RAVE reviews!

Our hope is that you’ll JOIN a Ben Franklin Circle in the year to come—all you need to join is a willingness to learn and meet new friends. To join a group, visit www.temple-connect.com and filter by “discussion.” For questions, email Rabbi Lydia Medwin at lmedwin@the-temple.org. All groups begin after the High Holy Days.

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**Raising Race Conscious Children—A Three Session Workshop**

This three-session community education workshop is designed to help white parents of white and multiracial Jewish children learn tools and strategies to raise children and teens who are able to actively understand, empathize with, and intervene in the struggle for racial justice in the United States and around the world. Because each session builds on the previous workshop, attendance at all three sessions is highly encouraged, but not mandatory. People of all levels of experience thinking and talking about race are welcome to attend.

All sessions will be facilitated by E.R. Anderson, the Executive Director of Charis Circle, the non-profit programming arm of Charis Books and More, the South’s oldest independent feminist bookstore. He is a proud life long Atlantan with more than twenty years experience working in multi-racial coalitions and with other white people to learn how to be more effective in the fight for racial justice.

**Dates:** Sundays, September 8, October 6, October 27

**Time:** 10:00am

**Cost:** $20

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**ATLANTA RABBINICAL ASSOCIATION PRESENTS:**

**Mahloket Matters**

The Atlanta Rabbinical Association is bringing our organizations and synagogues across Atlanta together with one goal in mind; agreeing to disagree. Jewish tradition has a strong history of machloket, constructive disagreement, which has sharpened and strengthened our communities for years. Join your local Rabbis, alongside new friends from across Atlanta’s Jewish community, in exploring the classic Jewish roots of machloket and rediscover how disagreement can be holy.

Presented in partnership with the Pardes Institute for Jewish Studies and the Atlanta Jewish Federation, with numerous community partners, this program will be held simultaneously in multiple locations throughout the greater Atlanta-Metro area.

**Dates:** November 13 at AA Synagogue, December 11 at The Temple, January 22 at AA Synagogue, February 19 at The Temple, March 18 at The Temple, April 22 at Siyyum

For more information or to register, contact Rabbi Sam Kaye at skaye@the-temple.org.
Scholars-in-Residence

Lee Bycel
Friday, December 6
6:00pm Erev Shabbat Services
Saturday, December 7
9:00am Torah Study

Join us for a weekend of learning from the author of the forthcoming book, Refugees in America: Stories of Courage, Resilience and Hope in Their Own Words (Rutgers University Press). In his book, eleven refugees spoke candidly about their experiences with our Scholar-In-Residence and leader in the Reform movement, Lee Bycel. He will provide illuminating background information on the refugee crises in the refugees’ native countries as well as stories that help reveal the real people at the center of political debates about US immigration.

Jaclyn Friedman
February 21-23, 2020

Join us for a weekend of learning with Jaclyn Friedman, a leading feminist writer, educator and activist, whose books include Yes Means Yes: Visions of Female Sexual Power and a World Without Rape (a Publishers’ Weekly Top 100 Books of 2009) and the forthcoming Believe Me: How Trusting Women Can Change the World. Her podcast, Unscrewed, was named one of the Best Sex Podcasts by Marie Claire and Esquire.

Friedman’s work has popularized the “yes means yes” standard of sexual consent that influenced law in several U.S. states and on countless campuses worldwide. Her commentary has appeared in The New York Times, Vox, Time, The Washington Post, Glamour and The Guardian. Friedman is a founder and the former Executive Director of Women, Action & the Media.

Atlanta Premiere!

The Presence of Their Absence
Monday, November 11, 2019 | 7:00pm
Rabbi Peter Berg and Producer Donna Kanter


The Presence of Their Absence follows Fred Zaidman, the son of Holocaust survivors, on a journey to trace his inherited trauma. Armed with determination and scant clues from his late parents, he ventures into the unknown. With helpers in Poland, Israel, and Germany, and an unlikely source—a Baptist minister in Atlanta who guides him through a cemetery in Poland—Fred finds his roots in the ashes of the Shoah, unshackles his pain, and through the puzzle of his ancestral past reconstructs his future.

Selichot

Celebrating Temple Authors

Featuring Temple member Michael Coles, author of Time to Get Tough: How Cookies, Coffee, and a Crash Led to Success in Business and Life
Saturday, September 21 | 6:30pm Nosh | 7:00pm Program and Service
8:30pm Reception and Tour of Temple Authors

The celebration of Selichot serves as our kick off to the whole season of High Holy Days. The High Holy Day liturgy imagines that God has a “Book of Life,” a record that reflects on our past year, and the ways in which we’ve succeeded and failed to be as authentic to our best selves as possible. The hope is that, through prayer, insight and our subsequent willingness to improve, we will be written in the Book of Life again for the year to come. Many of our fellow Temple members have also written books, works of art that reflect their lives or reflections on parts of their lives. It made us wonder: how might writing a book have an impact on how we see the lives we’ve lived, and how would we want to “write our days and years to come.” Our liturgical metaphor meets real life!

Join us for a night of learning and reflection, featuring Michael Coles with co-author by Dr. Catherine Lewis, Assistant Vice President, Museums, Archives & Rare Books at Kennesaw State University. RSVP to Joya Schmidt at jschmidt@the-temple.org by September 17.
“When keeping the body in health and vigor, one walks in the way of God.”
— Maimonides, Mishneh Torah, Hilchot Deot 4:1

“According to the effort is the reward.”
— Avot 5:23
Part of what it means to be Jewish is to act on behalf of what is just and right. When we do so, we are walking in the footsteps of Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel who said, as he marched next to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., that he was “praying with his feet.” We hope you bring your whole selves to our justice work at The Temple!

Named in honor of Rabbi Jacob M. Rothschild, The Temple’s senior rabbi from 1947-1973, the Rothschild Social Justice Institute draws inspiration from Rabbi Rothschild’s vision and voice for social justice, honoring his pioneering leadership and The Temple’s historic commitment to tikkun olam. Social justice remains a cornerstone of The Temple, and the Rothschild Social Justice Institute embodies this faithfulness by organizing around ten, vibrant Temple Connect small groups actively engaged in the broad issues of our day. Generously endowed by the Blank Family Foundation, the Rothschild Institute seeks to honor Rabbi Rothschild’s legacy by living Jewish values in repairing the torn fabric of our world.

**RSJI GROUPS**

For more information, visit [www.the-temple.org/rsji](http://www.the-temple.org/rsji).

**Anti–Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking**

This group works with city and county officials, in addition to local non profits, to educate our community and combat the issue of modern slavery and sex trafficking in Atlanta.

**Environment & Climate Change**

This group works to care for our environment and positively affect climate change in our own small ways, through educating our Temple community and changing our practices, as individuals and as a Temple community, to make sure that we are acting as sustainably as possible for future generations.
RSJI GROUPS (CONTINUED)

**Gun Violence Prevention**
The GunSense group is committed to “moving the needle on gun violence” through engagement in the Safe Homes Initiative, by advocating for sensible gun laws, and participating in actions that raise awareness of the need for common sense gun legislation.

**Homelessness**
This group works to educate our community about the problems of homelessness, as well as volunteer with local organizations such as our very own Zaban Paradies Couples Center, for hands-on impact.

**LGBTQ Inclusivity & Equality**
This group represents The Temple’s dedication to equality and safety for all members of the LGBTQ community. We volunteer with non-profits, march in the Pride Parade, and advocate for legislative avenues to protect people who identify as LGBTQ.

**Jewish-Muslim Relations**
This group works to strengthen the relationships between the Jewish and Muslim communities of Atlanta. In partnership with the Islamic Speakers Bureau, we educate Temple members about the diverse and warm Muslim communities and endeavor to forge new friendships based on mutual understanding and respect.

**Racial Justice**
The mission of this group is to provide leadership and collaboration in addressing the countless concerns surrounding civil and racial justice for all. By bridging the worlds of ideas and action, serving as leaders and collaborators, we play a vital role in achieving racial and ethnic equity in our communities.

**Women’s Rights**
At a time where Women’s Rights are at stake, this group is a critical emphasis area. Our three core objectives for the coming year are equality, women’s health and reproductive rights, and advocacy.

**Refugee Resettlement**
When groups of people immigrate to the United States, it can be difficult to create a new life. This group works to improve the lives of refugees in Atlanta by supporting their businesses, volunteering, and aiding in supportive programs like the Global Village Project.

**Public Education**
The RSJI small group for public education is partnered with Title 1 schools in our community; heightening awareness to social policies in education while continuing to learn its place in our Temple’s community at large.

RECORD EXPUNGEMENT SUMMIT

**November 11, 2019 | 12:00pm–4:00pm, with volunteer opportunities before, during, and after the event**

The Temple with the leadership of Dr. John Eaves, the clergy, and Racial Justice small group, has created The Temple’s first Expungement Summit. The Expungement Summit will be a one-stop shop for people with records, specifically charged with non-violent offenses that resulted in arrests but not convictions. This summit will help to get their records restricted within the bounds of the law. In our city of just over 480,000 people, there are over 1.5 million outstanding charges that have never gone to trial but are marring the records of the citizens of the city of Atlanta, preventing them from getting or keeping jobs, getting access to colleges and universities, and disqualifying them from public housing, not to mention the collateral damage to families, communities, and our public services that support these communities. The Summit, which coordinates justice and faith partners from City of Atlanta and Fulton county, will offer access to these clients to a free, one-day process that is withing their legal rights but which usually takes over 120 days, a great deal of complexity, and fees that can be prohibitive.

For more information and to sign up to volunteer, visit our website at www.the-temple.org/summit or email Rabbi Lydia Medwin at lmedwin@the-temple.org or call at 404-875-1731.
Men’s Softball
The Temple fields two teams, one competitive and one recreational, in the 25 team Greater Atlanta Men’s Synagogue Softball League. Games are played on Sundays during the day between 9:00am to 7:00pm in June and July with playoffs in August. Games are played at various fields such as East Roswell Park, John’s Creek Ocee Park, and Dunwoody Marcus Jewish Community Center. The Temple teams always play deep into the playoffs, but more importantly, the comradery and fellowship is always the big winner. Interested players should contact Captain Steve Tapper (competitive) at tapper.steve@gmail.com or Co-captains (recreational) Nat Strohl at nathaniel.strohl@usdoj.gov or Brian Silver at briansilver75@hotmail.com.

Sunday Morning
We are putting the mind, body and soul into Sunday mornings. RSVP to Joya Schmidt at jschmidt@the-temple.org.

The Temple Men’s Club
Sundays, August 25, October 6, November 3, December 8, 2019; January 12, February 2, March 1, April 5, 2020
A way for men of all ages, backgrounds, and life situations to build relationships and get to know other Temple members in a relaxed, small group environment. Through a combination of discussions, occasional presenters, and a few field trips, it’s a great way to make personal connections and make the Temple feel like a smaller community.

Walking/Running
Sundays, September 8, 15, 22; October 6, 20, 27
Meet in the lobby near the cafe at 9:45am.

Yoga
Sundays, January 12, 26; February 2, 9, 23
Lead by a trained yoga instructor. RSVP required, as space is limited. Minimum 6 people. Register on The Temple website at www.the-temple.org/inspiretransform.
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**SUKKOT**

**Erev Sukkot Service and Dinner in the Unity Sukkah**

**Sunday, October 13 | 5:00pm**

Welcome the holiday with a brief Sukkot service followed by dinner in the sukkah. Enjoy a picnic-style meal for $10/adults and $5/children. To RSVP, contact Joya Schmidt. Please note there will not be a service on First Day Sukkot Morning.

**Sukkot and Shabbat Services**

**Friday, October 18**

5:00pm Refreshments in the Sukkah  
6:00pm Shabbat services

With festive music from our House Band, we will celebrate Shabbat and Sukkot in a service that welcomes all ages and stages. Experience the joy of this Season of Harvest, and reap the benefits of celebrating with our community!

**The Well’s Sukkah Cafe for Young Professionals**

**Friday, October 18 | 8:00pm**

For The Well in October, we will be in the Temple’s Sukkah. Join us for some spiritual archeology, as we dig into who we were last year and who can be this year; accompanied by music, food, drinks and spirit.

**Sukkot in the Wilderness**

**Friday, October 11 through Sunday, October 13**

**Cloudland Canyon State Park**

Join the Temple family as we return to Cloudland Canyon, this time for Sukkot in the Wilderness. It’s the perfect way to celebrate a holiday that is all about appreciating the natural world and enjoying the great outdoors. Great for kids of all ages and adults of all experience levels.

**SIMCHAT TORAH**

**Kindergarten Consecration**

**Sunday, October 20 | 10:30am**

Our kindergarten students and families will be honored as they begin their Jewish educational journey.

**“Wait, Wait...Don’t Torah Me!” returns for a second installment!**

**Sunday, October 20 | 4:30-6:30pm**

Over “happy hour”-style snacks and drinks, The Temple clergy will teach about Torah in the style of NPR’s “Wait, Wait...Don’t tell me!” games and trivia. RSVP to Joya Schmidt at jschmidt@the-temple.org.

**Simchat Torah/Shemini Atzeret/ Yizkor Services**

**Monday, October 21 | 10:30am**

Join us for this intimate prayer experience, during which we’ll give thanks for the blessings that fill our lives and remember our loved ones who have passed away in this season or in years past.
**CHANUKAH**

Visit [www.the-temple.org/chanukah](http://www.the-temple.org/chanukah) in November for updated details and to sign up.

**The Inner Light of Chanukah: A Celebration of Practice & Learning**

**Sunday, December 8 | 10:30am-12:00pm**

Join us for 90 minutes of revitalizing Jewish mindfulness and contemplative practice to prepare for the festival of Chanukah. Using online video, we will join together with participants across the country (and around the world)! More information and register at: [jewishspirituality.org/20-years-of-practice](http://jewishspirituality.org/20-years-of-practice)

**Chanukah at the Atlanta Botanical Garden**

**Tuesday, December 17 | 5:30-9:30pm**

Our annual evening at the “Garden Lights, Holiday Nights” program returns! Join us for one of four candle-lightings during the evening with activities and refreshments tailored to each age and stage.

**Shabbanukkah**

**Friday, December 20**

5pm Refreshments | 6pm Service

With the help of our house band, get in the Chanukah spirit before the holiday starts on Sunday.

**MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. SHABBAT**

**Friday, January 17**

6:30pm Dinner | 8:00pm Service

Join us for our annual celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and his legacy. We’ll reunite with our friends from Ebenezer Baptist Church for dinner and Shabbat services, as our combined choirs inspire us to continue to work for justice.

Guest Speaker:

Rev. Raphael Warnock, Senior Pastor, Historic Ebenezer Baptist Church.

Reservations open November 15. Space is limited. Babysitting available upon request.

**PURIM**

Check out [www.the-temple.org/purim](http://www.the-temple.org/purim) in February for updated details and to sign up.

**Purim Spiel—Adults ONLY!**

**Saturday, March 7**

7:00pm Cocktail Party

7:30pm Showtime!

The Temple’s Purim Spiel is the most amazing and unforgettable event ever. There is no cost to attend the cocktail party and spiel, but RSVPs help us plan. Babysitting available for $5/child

**Purim Carnival**

**Sunday, March 15**

10:00am & 10:45am Purim Spiel by Sheer Kef (TBRS Youth Performers)

11:00am Entrance to the Carnival for Tots

11:30am Carnival open for ALL!

Volunteers are needed to help make this carnival a success. Check back online in February to sign up for a slot. All volunteers 7th grade and older can run a booth on their own. Other kids may volunteer to run a booth with parent help.

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**MARCH 9-10, 2020**

- **Purim**

**APRIL 8-15, 2020**

- **Passover**

**APRIL 20-21, 2020**

- **Yom Ha’Shoah**

**APRIL 27-29, 2020**

- **Yom Ha’atzmaut**

**MAY 11-12, 2020**

- **Lag Ba’omer**

**MAY 28-29, 2020**

- **Shavuot**

**JULY 29-30, 2020**

- **Tisha B’Av**

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More details coming this spring about celebrating Passover and Shavuot!
“If I am not for me, who is for me; and if I am (only) for myself, what am I. And if not now, when?”
— Hillel, Pirkei Avot 1:14

For registration questions, contact Joya Schmidt at 404-873-1731 or jschmidt@the-temple.org.
Temple Connect

For a complete listing of Temple Connect groups, visit www.temple-connect.com.

Joining a Temple Connect group is the best way to get to know a small group of people well. Formed around interests, needs, geography, demographic or profession, group meetings take place in the home, in an office, or anywhere in the city. Groups meet regularly (usually monthly), are led by your fellow Temple members, and consist of anywhere between 3-18 people. Temple Connect is designed to inspire us and transform our lives and the world around us.

We want to help you get connected!

CURRENT TEMPLE CONNECT GROUPS...BUT THE LIST CONTINUES TO GROW!

Acting in Atlanta's TV & Film Industry
Adult Israel Trip Reunion 2019
Bereavement Group
Book Club
Books Worth Studying
Canasta for Fun
Chinese Mah Jongg
Chai on Life Moms
Dads and Grads
Eating Explorers
Women of the Well Arts and Crafts Group
(Young Professional)
Gourmet Cooking
Intermediate Bridge
Israel Conversations
Jewish Mediation
Knitting Group - (Young Professional)
Mah Jongg 1
Mah Jongg 2
Mah Jongg 3
Mah Jongg 4
Movies
Running
Temple Clergy Group
Temple Connect @ Morningside
Temple Connect @ Mary Lin
Temple Connect @ Paideia
Temple Connect @ TCS (The Children’s School)
Temple Connect Coaching Team
Temple Heads
The Librarians
What Are We Making for Dinner?...Reservations!
Wine Tasting
Vegan Group
Yoga

Ben Franklin Circles:
• Buckhead/Sandy Springs (Men’s Group)
• Midtown/South (Men’s Group)
• Northlake/Oakgrove (Men’s Group)
• Midtown (Women’s Group)

Rothschild Social Justice Institute Groups:
• Environment
• Gun Violence Prevention
• LGBTQ Equality & Inclusion
• Muslim-Jewish Relations
• Racial Justice
• Anti-Slavery & Trafficking
• Education
• Homelessness
• Refugee Resettlement
• Women’s Rights

Temple Connect Group Leader Workshop
Sunday, September 15 | 10:00am–12:00pm
Interested in leading a group? Learn group leadership skills and our NEW measure of small group development. Be a part of a nation-wide movement to make sure synagogues are a place where each person matters. RSVP to Joya Schmidt at jschmidt@the-temple.org.
YOUNG PROFESSIONALS
Adult Members and prospective members in their 20’s and 30’s, single or married, come together to have a good time, do social justice work, and bridge our Jewish backgrounds with personal interests. Be sure not to miss The Well, our monthly Shabbat soulful gathering.

Roshim: Caitlin Harvey (Caitlin.rw.harvey@gmail.com)


Women of the Well
WOW is a place for Young Professional women who are looking to cultivate meaningful relationships with one another, and create a community through spiritual learning opportunities and social events. Past educational opportunities have been mindfully counting the Omer together through a lens of self-renewal, as well as a fun night out wine tasting at Barcelona VinoTeca. For more information, please contact Summer Jacobs at sjacobs@the-temple.org

Next up: Jewish Spirituality Retreat at Elohee Center, September 7-9

The Backyard
The Backyard is The Temple guys group of The Well. It’s place to get to know one another outside of The Well and make new friends. Past social opportunities have included Bourbon Tasting, and going to an Atlanta United Game.

Roshim: Jeff Gordon (jeffgordon84@gmail.com)

Next Up: Sukkah Building in the backyard

Well Done
Jewish cuisine is a vibrant way to tell our story, and Well Done is our way of communally sharing in that Tale. Join our small group at 6:30pm before the Well to help make a unique Jewish meal and then wash it down with a signature cocktail.

Questions? Contact Taylor Baruchel at tbaruchel@gmail.com

Next Up: Challah baking in the Kaye-Baruchel kitchen

Age & Stage Programming
Age & Stage seeks to create a Community of Deeper Connections. Our vision is to awaken the human spirit to the possibilities within and between us—creating moments that fundamentally change our relationships with a person(s), situations, places or things. We create this Jewish Community of deeper connection through study, prayer, and community engagement with those around us. Events might be for twenty people, two hundred people, or two thousand people—our measure of success is based on the quality of each person’s experience! Led by fellow congregants, these Roshim (“Heads”) are in partnership with the Temple clergy and Engagement team. The Roshim have two main jobs: 1) help to plan opportunities for others in their age and stage in life to connect with one another and 2) walk hand-in-hand with our new members until they feel they’ve found their place here in our large congregation.

Our Age & Stage programming is the best way to meet people in the same stage of life as you are in, and the leaders of your Age & Stage group want to get to know you! Please reach out to the Roshim for your Age and Stage in order to stay in the know about opportunities to connect. For any questions, please contact Summer Jacobs at sjacobs@the-temple.org.
YOUNG FAMILIES
Serves families with children 5 and under. We gather for Mini Shabbat, holiday celebrations, family friendly outings, and more!
Roshim: Sheri and Brad Baker (sheri.o.baker@gmail.com), Lauren and David Wattenmaker (lauren.wattenmaker@gmail.com), Kary and Adam Lewis (gators4804@gmail.com)

Dads and Donuts
Dads—bring your kids to the playground on a Sunday morning once a month, rotate who brings the donuts and coffee, watch your kids go bananas together, get to hang out with fellow dads, AND give your partner a couple of kid-free hours. For more information, please contact Colby Schwartz at colby.schwartz@gmail.com.

SCHOOL-AGE FAMILIES
Parents strengthen the sense of community at The Temple by engaging in social action opportunities, parenting speaker series, and social gatherings both inside and outside of the synagogue. Groups are further broken down into K-2, 3-5, and B’nei Mitzvah age and up. Day School families welcome.

Families in Grades K-2
Roshim: Meg and Justin Bluth (m_janits@yahoo.com); Hilary Leland (hilaryleland@yahoo.com); Julie and Ryan Flynn (jsflynn2@gmail.com)
Calendar Highlights: Social Justice Projects, Active Family Adventures throughout the Year

Families in Grades 3-5
Roshim: Lisa and Edward Katz (guldinkatz@gmail.com); Todd Slutzky (toddfs@yahoo.com)
Calendar Highlights: Stone Summit Climbing, Social Justice Volunteering Opportunity, Parent Board Game Morning during TBRS, Parents Outting to Top Golf

Families with B’nei Mitzvah and Post B’nei Mitzvah
Roshim: Joanna Genser (jojogenser@yahoo.com), Keith Yaeger (k_yaeger@yahoo.com), and Stephanie Aferiat (Stephanie_Aferiat@HomeDepot.com)
Calendar Highlights: Progressive Shabbat Dinner on The Beltline (Parents Only), Social Justice Volunteering Opportunity, An evening at the theater, Yoga on the farm and cooking with Souper Jenny (Westside)

KULANU
Kulanu means “All of Us.” It’s a place for empty nesters and those without children; folks who now have more time to meet new folks and try different things. Our goal is to take advantage of Atlanta City life and out on the town, as well as opportunities at The Temple.
Roshim: Barbara LeNoble (lenoblebarbara@gmail.com)
Calendar Highlights: All Citizens Police Academy, Yoga on the farm and cooking with Souper Jenny, Atlanta Jewish Film Festival, Jewish Walking tour of The Beltline, Glass Blowing

SAGES
Adults 75+, retired or not, get together for opportunities at The Temple and also throughout the Greater Atlanta Area. Monthly trips referred to as Sages trips are also scheduled.
Calendar Highlights: Theater Productions, Cooking classes, Museum Exhibits, GA Mountain Trips, and more!
For more information, please contact Summer Jacobs at sjacobs@the-temple.org.

Sages and Kulanus
Women’s Theater
A group for women to explore cutting edge productions at Synchrocity Theater in Atlanta. Gather at Sufi’s Restaurant before the show. For more information, please contact Harriet Wilner at trumwil@aol.com.

Caring Congregation
Soup Making
Our Caring at The Temple program provides homemade chicken soup and challah to members who are bereaved, ill, recently discharged from the hospital, or celebrating the arrival of a new child. Volunteers who would like to help make the soup, and fulfill the mitzvah of bikkur cholim (visiting the sick), please contact Rabbi Lydia Medwin at lmedwin@the-temple.org.
Sandwich Salon
Come connect with other women at these informative events planned just for us! Bring your lunch, bring a friend, and enjoy conversation with women of all ages. So, mark your calendars and join us for some exciting and provocative discussions.

All Sandwich Salon events are held from 11:45am-1:15pm. Please RSVP to Joya Schmidt at jschmidt@the-temple.org.

Making Sense of Diet and Fitness Advice
Tuesday, September 24, 2019
Do you really need 10,000 steps every day? Are ‘natural’ vitamin supplements superior to synthetic ones? Of course organic foods are better for you—aren’t they? Robert Davis, PhD, aka The Healthy Skeptic, will discuss confusing and conflicting health claims, revealing what’s believable and what’s not.

Davis is an award winning health journalist, the author of three consumer health books and host of “The Healthy Skeptic” video series. After graduating from Princeton he earned a master’s degree in public health from Emory University’s Rollins School of Public Health and a PhD in health policy from Brandeis University.

#QuietingTheSilence: Personal Stories and Mental Health Trends for Women
Tuesday, February 25, 2020
One in every five adults in America suffers from a mental illness. Join us for an educational session presented by The Blue Dove Foundation and learn about Judaism’s connection to mental health and addiction, trends in women’s mental health and the local and national resources available to offer help and provide support. Hear one woman’s journey as she grappled with her own mental health diagnosis.

https://thebluedovefoundation.org/

The Temple’s connection to Atlanta Symphony Orchestra
Monday, May 11, 2020
Please note – this event is not on a Tuesday.
Get the inside scoop and behind the scenes information on the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra (ASO) and enjoy their musical talents. Meet Lisa and Mark Yancich, longtime Temple members and prominent members of ASO. Mark is Principal Timpanist with ASO since 1981. He is also a publisher, clinician and teacher at Emory University. Lisa is a member of the first violin section and has sat across the stage from Mark since 1984. She is also an Affiliate Artist at Emory.
New Members’ KAHAL
[kä’häl]– n. crowd, gathering, sacred community
WHERE NEW MEMBERS BECOME FAMILY
It is our immense pleasure and sacred responsibility to help you find your home here at The Temple. Please join us at the following New Members’ Events to get to know one another and our Temple family. Learn more about our New Members’ listserv to find other new members to join you at all of our opportunities for engagement.

Welcome Home Sanctuary Tour And Temple 101
Sunday, September 22, 2019 | 4:30-6:00pm
Join us for an afternoon 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.

New Member Shabbat
Friday, November 8, 2019
5:00pm Reception | 6:00pm Services | 7:30pm Dinner
We celebrate a special Shabbat to honor you who’ve chosen The Temple as your Jewish home. Let us host you for a private dinner and get to know you better as we dine together with our clergy and Temple leadership.

RSVP by November 3rd to Joya Schmidt at jschmidt@the-temple.org. The whole family is invited, but babysitting is available for those who would like it (RSVP required). Vegetarian options available.

Be A Blessing
Date & Time: TBD
Atlanta Community Food Bank | 732 Joseph E. Lowery Blvd., NW | Atlanta, Ga 30318
The Temple has a rich history of leading the way in social action and social justice. Be a part of that legacy and get to know other new members as we participate in the important mitzvah of rescuing dry groceries and getting them ready for distribution to Atlanta’s hungry. Make a difference, meet some new friends, and learn more about the ways in which our community transforms the world for the good.

Please RSVP to Joya Schmidt at jschmidt@the-temple.org or 404-873-1731.

Membership:
MAKE THE TEMPLE YOUR HOME!
We’re fond of saying, “The Temple is your temple.” It means that people make up our community, and those people matter more than anything. The building we worship in, our long history and traditions, these all serve as sources of pride. But our members, the more than 4,000 individuals who come and give of themselves, are what makes The Temple a home to so many.

Developing Jewish spirituality and identity is our central mission as a synagogue. To that end, we offer a wide range of religious, educational, and social justice programs and services. From the youngest to the eldest of our members, we work to ensure they benefit from Temple membership.

We invite you to join your Temple and explore what this community offers. For more information, contact Tena Drew at tdrew@the-temple.org or 404-873-1731.
The Weinberg Early Learning Center (WELC)

The WELC offers both Half Day and Extended Day Programs for children 3 months through Pre-Kindergarten. Call us at (404) 872-8668 to schedule a private tour.

For additional program details and tuition information, visit www.the-temple.org/welc

WELC TPA (The Parent Association)

TPA is a parent-led organization whose mission is to enhance our children’s preschool experience. Our goals are as follows:

• Promote the welfare and education of the children attending the WELC
• Bring parents, children, teachers and staff closer together so that they may work jointly to enhance the education of our children
• Raise funds to expand the opportunities offered to our children at the WELC
• Foster fellowship and friendships among the families of the WELC

To get involved, contact Elizabeth Zweigel, TPA President, at Eszweigel@gmail.com.

Join us Sunday, September 15 from 1:00-3:00pm for our back-to-school grand reopening to see our newly redesigned space!

Our arms are open to nurture your infant with warmth and love at the WELC. Providing a safe and secure environment is always The Temple’s top priority.

Play-based curriculum will include:

• Daily stimulating and age-appropriate activities and lessons
• Baby sign language
• Intro to Judaics
• Infant yoga
• Music, art, science, and motion
• Story time

Parents will receive daily reports and each infant will have an individualized daily schedule and his/her own crib.

We have a 3:1 ratio of highly trained, loving, and experienced teachers.

For more information:
Please contact Sarah Shinsky or Audrey Henderson at 404-872-8668.
Family Education at the Breman Education Center

One of the goals of the Breman Education Center is to involve the whole family in the Jewish learning experience. Our family education program invites pre-kindergarten through sixth grade parents to participate with their children in their education at least one Sunday morning during the year. During the morning, parents have the opportunity to learn about specific topics from their child’s curriculum with our rabbis and teachers, as well as their children. Approximately two weeks prior to the family education day, families are contacted to provide contributions for a light brunch. Another important goal of these gatherings is assisting families and students in getting to know one another. In conjunction with our Engagement Team, we have included specific activities for parents to socialize and engage with one another during these programs.

Families with children in pre-kindergarten through first grades are also invited once a year for a holiday social program to get to know other families in an informal setting.

**Kindergarten Family Education**  
September 15 at 9:30am

**2nd Grade Family Education**  
September 22 at 9:30am

**5th Grade Family Tree Project**  
October 27 at 9:30 & 11:00am

**3rd Grade Family Education**  
November 3 at 9:30am

**1st Grade Family Education**  
November 10 at 9:30am

**4th Grade Family Education**  
December 8 at 9:30am

**KG Family Chanukah Social**  
December 15 at 11:00am

**5th Grade Family Education**  
January 12 at 9:30am

**Pre-K Family Social**  
February 2 at 10:30am

**4th Grade Mock Wedding**  
February 23 at 11:00am

**1st Grade Family Social**  
March 22 at 11:00am

**3rd Grade Model Seder**  
March 29 at 11:00am

**6th Grade Family Tile Project**  
April 19 at 9:30am

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College Outreach

Sign up your student again!

Do you have a college-aged student? A child at college, 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, wherever that may be! Please send us your student’s new mailing address for this year so we can continue to be a part of their life.

For questions and more information, contact Jacqueline Morris at jmorris@the-temple.org.

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Adult B’nei Mitzvah

This course is for the Hebrew novice wishing to participate in this Jewish life cycle. During the fall and winter, emphasis is placed on Hebrew skills. Study continues through the spring focusing on the prayer service, writing a d’var Torah, chanting skills, Torah reading, and preparations for the b’nei mitzvah service on Saturday, May 16, 2020. Prior knowledge of Hebrew is not required.

**Instructor:** Rabbi Steven Rau  
**Times:** 8:05-9:00pm  
**Dates:** Beginning Monday, September 16  
**Cost:** $400 payable over 2 semesters  
**Requirements:** Temple Members only
Music

The Temple Singers
The Temple’s congregational adult choir, is perfect for those who just love to sing! All Temple congregants are invited to join this group—no audition necessary!

If you have a passion for singing old and/or new Jewish music, The Temple Singers is for you. The Singers lead the musical liturgy every erev Rosh Hashanah, and sing their hearts out at Martin Luther King, Jr. Shabbat each January, when they partner with the choirs of Ebenezer Baptist Church. This is a truly rewarding way to be involved in our Temple family and the greater Atlanta community at large.

Rehearsals begin in August in preparation for erev Rosh Hashanah and continue meeting periodically throughout the worship season. Contact Cantor Deborah Hartman at dhartman@the-temple.org to add your name to our roster!

Organ
On September 21, 2012, after an absence of nearly 18 months, our signature Aeolian-Skinner organ was reinstalled and rededicated during our Shabbat Shuvah worship service. Now newly restored, modernized, and digitized, its pipes are sounding once again, filling our sanctuary with awe-inspiring music of our past, present and future. You can hear the sounds of our musical history come alive every year during the High Holy Days, on Shabbat mornings and periodically during the worship season.

We invite you to Shabbat to experience the grandeur in our sanctuary on November 15, March 6 and May 22, as the voice of our Aeolian-Skinner organ resounds to fill our souls with the richness of our musical heritage!

The Temple House Band
Anchored by our pianist Judy Cole and by composer and guitarist, Rabbi Micah Lapidus, The Temple’s House Band always adds sparkle and zest to our Shabbat evening worship. With its ever-changing array of top-notch musicians, our House Band enhances and elevates our worship each and every time they are with us. Join us on the following Shabbat evenings for an energetic and fun worship experience:

- August 23
- September 13
- October 18 (during Sukkot)
- November 8
- November 22
- December 6
- December 20
- January 10
- February 21

Clark Atlanta University Choir
Tuesday, November 12 | 7:00pm | The Temple Sanctuary
The Temple hosts Clark Atlanta University Choir, lead by conductor Dr. Curtis Powell, for a performance of Annelies, a choral work based on the Diary of Anne Frank.
Elana Arian

Friday, January 31
5:00 pm Nosh
6:00 pm Shabbat Worship with clergy, plus sermon in song

Saturday, February 1
9:00 am Shabbat Learning: Music as Midrash
10:30 am Shabbat morning chapel service
7:00 pm Salon-style Havdallah Concert

This year, our Brockey-Rothschild Institute will feature musician and scholar, Elana Arian, one of the leading voices in contemporary Jewish music. A composer, multi-instrumentalist, and recording artist, Elana inspires communities across the country with her soulful songwriting and spirit. She has collaborated with some of the leading voices in contemporary Jewish music including Dan Nichols, Noah Aronson, Josh Nelson, and Debbie Friedman z”l. Elana has served on the faculty of both Shirei Chagiga in London and the Hebrew Union College – Jewish Institute of Religion in New York, working as a teaching artist in the Debbie Friedman School of Sacred Music. In addition to her work as a teacher and Artist-in-Residence for communities across the United States, Elana has spent 12 years in the Friday worship ensemble at Central Synagogue in New York City. She has performed at notable concert venues across the United States including Carnegie Hall, Lincoln Center and Tanglewood. Raised on equal parts Mozart, Mingus, and Mitchell, Elana is a sought-after studio musician and has recently released her third album of original music—A Spark of Light.

Please join us for a Shabbat experience that is sure to inspire and refresh you!

At The Temple, We Are Always Looking to the Future

In 2014, The Temple launched the Dream for Tomorrow Endowment campaign; where so many of our Temple members came together giving generously, supporting the future sustainability and growth of our vibrant, inclusive, spiritual home.

Still today, securing the future of The Temple is our collective responsibility. Your gift to the Lynne and Howard Halpern Endowment Fund will see to it that we are at the forefront of influence and change in our community. Together, we can ensure that The Temple lives on for generations to come.

Make a pledge or planned gift today by contacting our Executive Director, Mark Jacobson, at mjacobson@the-temple.org or 404.873.1731

Respite Care Atlanta

A collaboration of 7 faith congregations in Buckhead has formed Respite Care Atlanta, Inc., to offer a safe place for adults with mild cognitive impairment to engage in stimulating activities. This program, providing their dedicated caregivers with some much needed respite time, is staffed exclusively by volunteers and will operate four days a week from 10:00am to 3:00pm.

Volunteers are needed to make this endeavor happen! There are many options and time frames to become involved. If you have a special talent, interest, or knowledge that could help entertain our participants, please contact Lola Battle (batlola@att.net) or Dell Rearden (dellrearden@gmail.com).

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Temple Trips

THE TEMPLE GOES TO MOROCCO
November 8-17, 2020
Jews and Muslims have coexisted peacefully here throughout history, leaving a legacy of strong Jewish Heritage. Drenched in color, and brimming with mystery, the country offers ancient ruins, snowcapped mountains and the sand dunes of the Sahara Desert. Highlights include:

- A journey of inspiration and education
- Explore the beauty, culture and mystery of Morocco
- Experience the rich history of Jewish Morocco
- From royal cities to village hospitality: encounters and authenticity
- Share Shabbat with the Jewish community of Marrakech
- Meet Muslim students celebrating the Jewish role in Moroccan life
- Mosques, markets, and a cooking workshop, Moroccan-style
- North Africa in style: outstanding tour educators, superb service

To learn more (including price, itinerary, hotels, etc) and to register, please visit www.mydaattrip.com/the-temple-moroccan-discovery-2020/

JOIN YOUR TEMPLE FAMILY IN ISRAEL
SAVE THE DATE! 2021 SUMMER TRIPS
Families, teens, and adult travelers are encouraged to join their Temple clergy and staff on one of three individual and spiritual experiences. Trip details will be available in March, 2020. To be added to the list for more information, please email Rabbi Steven Rau at srau@the-temple.org.

The Temple Teen Trip
Traveling June 7-20, 2021
A unique experience to explore Israel from north to south. For current juniors and seniors in high school. Highlights include:

- A Sunrise climb up Masada
- A Jerusalem scavenger hunt
- Rappelling in the Negev
- Snorkeling in the waters of Eilat
- Hanging out with Israeli teens
- Camel rides and hospitality with Israeli Bedouin
- Zip-line in the Galilee
- Sleep under the stars in a Bedouin tent
- Archaeological digs and spelunking

The Temple Family Trip
Traveling June 15-27, 2021
Extended families are invited to explore Israel with your Temple clergy and staff. One of the highlights of this trip is a memorable b’nei mitzvah ceremony on a veranda overlooking the Old City. Recommended minimum age of 8 in June 2019. Highlights include:

- From north to south visit Israel’s most meaningful sites: the Kotel, Yad Vashem, Independence Hall, and more
- Camel rides in the Negev
- Experience the awe-inspiring Masada Fortress
- Float in the Dead Sea
- Kayaking on the Jordan River
- Partake in an active archeological dig and spelunking cave crawl
- Optional grandparent only track

The Temple Adult Trip:
Conversations & Connections
Traveling June, 2021
Luxury accommodations, top-rated dining experiences, and Israel’s most meaningful sites. Highlights include:

- Luxury hotels & special dinners in some of Israel’s top-rated restaurants
- Israel’s most meaningful sites: the Kotel, Yad Vashem, Independence Hall, & more
- Hike, jeep, and rappel the Ramon Crater and Zinn Valley
- Experience the awe-inspiring Masada Fortress
- Partake in a culinary dinner workshop with a master chef in Jerusalem’s Machane Yehudah Market
- A colorful street art tour with local Tel Aviv artist
- Meaningful encounters many different Israelis: a Jewish/Arab couple who founded a preschool, IDF soldiers, political leaders, Bedouins, scientists and astronomers, and more!
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