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Noah **Aronson**

CANTOR DEBORAH HARTMAN MUSICIAN-IN-RESIDENCE WEEKEND

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... and more!



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WORSHIP



SCHEDULE: APRIL 2023

SATURDAY, APRIL 1

9:00 AM Torah Study (Multi-Access)

10:30 AM Bat Mitzvah of Hailey Tepper (Multi-Access)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5

Passover: First Seder

THURSDAY, APRIL 6

Passover Worship Service (Virtual)

FRIDAY, APRIL 7

6:00 PM Shabbat Worship Services (Multi-Access)

SATURDAY, APRIL 8

9:00 AM Torah Study & Kaddish (Virtual)

9:30 AM Mini Shabbat Morning: Passover Edition (In Person)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12

10:30 AM Passover Yizkor Services (Multi-Access)

FRIDAY, APRIL 14

6:00 PM Shabbat Worship Service featuring Cantor Deborah Hartman

Musician-in-Residence: Noah Aronson (Multi-Access)

SATURDAY, APRIL 15

9:00 AM Torah Study & Kaddish with a Musical Twist

featuring Noah Aronson (Multi-Access)

FRIDAY, APRIL 21

6:00 PM Shabbat on Lawn with Shir Chadash, our Volunteer Band

celebrating High School Senior Send-off, April Birthdays and

Green Shabbat (Multi-Access)

SATURDAY, APRIL 22

9:00 AM Torah Study (Virtual)

10:30 AM Bar Mitzvah of Lazaro H. Neimark (Multi-Access)

FRIDAY, APRIL 28

6:00 PM Shabbat Worship Service celebrating Rabbi Peter Berg &

Rabbi Steven Rau's 25 Years in the Rabbinate, Israel's @ 75th

with BEC's 6th Grade Participation (Multi-Access)

SATURDAY, APRIL 29

9:00 AM Torah Study & Kaddish (Virtual)

TORAH&HAFTARAH:

APRIL 1: TZAV

Leviticus 6:1-8:36; Malachi 3:4-24

APRIL 7: CHOL HAMO-EID PESACH

Holidays Exodus 33:12-34:26; Ezekiel 37:1-14; Song of Songs is read

APRIL 14: SH'MINI

Leviticus 9:1-11:47; II Samuel 6:1-7:17

APRIL 21: TAZRIA – M'TZORA

Leviticus 12:1-15:33; II Kings 7:3-20

APRIL 28: ACHAREI MOT – K'DOSHIM

Leviticus 16:1-20:27; Amos 9:7-15



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Gratitude & Reflections:Retirement Celebration Remarks

ow does one share almost 46 years of gratitude and reflections in relatively few words? Let me give it a try on this special, special occasion.

First, thanks to each and every one of you for being here this afternoon. What an honor to celebrate all that we have accomplished together. For some of you, our relationship extends over several generations of your family, for others our relationship is more recent. Whether the time is longer or shorter, I am truly grateful for having the opportunity to be a part of your Temple story. We have shared many connections and touchpoints over the years such as greeting you for services on Fridays and Saturdays and Sunday mornings for BEC, sitting with you at WELC Kabbalat Shabbats, preparing for life cycle events, happy and sad, Confirmation, Committee and Board meetings, Leadership Development classes, High Holy Days and, of course, discussing the temperature in this building...the memories are endless... The thing is, I really feel that I know each of you, and it is something that is real and something I will always treasure.

Conversations began in November of 2021 to get us to this passage. Thank you Doug Hertz, Kent Alexander, Billy Bauman, and Louis Lettes for the kind, heartfelt, and professional manner in which we collectively embraced the concept of my transition journey.

We sometimes hear the cliché that no one ever inscribes on their tombstone "I wish I had spent another day at the office". However, I'd be comfortable saying, "I enjoyed my days at the office". Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve you and develop such a gratifying career.

Thank you, Committee Chair Patty Reid and your committee of Wendi Aspes, Juli Bauman, my wife Susan Jacobson, Julie Levine, Erika Montag, Barbara Roos, Sarah Scalia, Nancy Schmidt, Sam Schoenbaum, and Ronnie van Gelder. I would like to say, Patty, your infectious enthusiasm and kindness throughout is so, so appreciated by me, Susan, and our entire family. Additionally, I have a connection with each committee member which makes your participation very special to me. Thanks also to Louis Lettes and Honorary Chairs Kent Alexander, Janet Lavine, and Lauren Grien. I also want to acknowledge the responsiveness of our Temple staff who supported your efforts. And, many thanks to Janet Dortch and Janet Lavine for organizing our meaningful, intimate, staff appreciation lunch this past week.

Please watch the video of my remarks where I gratefully acknowledge my Temple family of clergy and staff colleagues to whom I owe so much: https://vimeo.com/809610168.

At The Temple, I worked with so many remarkable Boards. Every Board stood on the shoulders of the Board that preceded it. I have partnered, collaborated, and learned from 24 Presidents that I served during their administrations. Additionally, I was blessed with gaining wisdom from the 8 already past presidents when I began my time as Executive Director.

The Temple has always met challenges and come out stronger on the other side. When I started in 1977, the challenge was the survival of the State of Israel, after all, that was only 4 years after the Yom Kippur War. Later, we were concerned by the rate of intermarriage, wondering if this would be a threat to the Jewish community. Then, we questioned the condition of Jewish education for our young people as if this might also be a threat to Jewish continuity. When midtown was not what it is today, we even considered and seriously discussed establishing satellites in Roswell and Alpharetta and possibly moving there some day just as when we moved from south of downtown Atlanta here to midtown. Look at us now! Our congregation sends hundreds of members, young and old and at every age

and stage to Israel. Our welcoming of interfaith families has led to a vibrant membership serving the mosaic of diversity that exists in our walls and beyond. And look at our facilities. What a gem our campus is along the Midtown Peachtree Corridor. We worship in this majestic, technology-advanced sanctuary, educate our youngest members in the state-of-the-art Weinberg Early Learning and Breman Education Centers, serve the homeless at the Zaban Paradies Center, and provide rental space to AID Atlanta. We seized opportunities and built the Selig, Davis, and Rosenberg Buildings.

We expanded our social capabilities with our beautiful Schwartz-Goldstein

We expanded our social capabilities with our beautiful Schwartz-Goldstein Hall. We constructed an award-winning Covenant Chapel. And now, we are utilizing our green spaces such as the Front Lawn and Shalom Plaza.

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About Mark Jacobson:

Mark Jacobson has been Executive Director of The Temple since 1977. A native of Atlanta, Mark received his B.A. degree from Tufts University and earned his M.B.A. from Georgia State University's Executive M.B.A. program. Mark has a long list of accomplishments over his 45+ vears of service to The Temple, the city of Atlanta, the Union for Reform Judaism and NATA, the National Association for Temple Administration. These include: Reform Pension Board Member for over eight years; Board and **Executive Committee member** of the National Association for Temple Administration; chaired the NATA Consulting Service, a joint program of the Union for Reform Judaism and NATA; served as President of Peachtree Corridor Congregations; Board Member of Atlanta's oldest and largest AIDS service organization, AID Atlanta; and graduate of Leadership Atlanta.

Mark is married to the former Susan Harberg of Houston, TX.

Connect with Mark:

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EDUCATION



Spielberg at 75

Wednesdays, April 19 & 26 and May 3 & 10 (In-person only) 10:00-11:30am • Cost: \$49/person Register at www.the-temple.org/event/spielberg.html

Join Bob Bahr for riveting discussion about four Steven Spielberg films: Indiana Jones and The Raiders of the Lost Ark, Schindler's List, West Side Story, and The Fabelmans during Spielberg's 75th year.

Bob writes regularly about entertainment and media for the *Atlanta Jewish Times* and is a multiple winner of the annual Simon Rockower Awards in American Jewish journalism.

WELC Preschool

We had an amazing time at Grandfriends Day! There were yummy breakfast snacks, professional pictures with our loved ones, art projects along with teacher planned activities, and the best Kabbalat Shabbat! We are so thankful for all who joined us!

A special thank you to our special visitors and supporters so far this year, as well. Thank you for your donations, contributions, volunteering and so much more. We have enjoyed our mystery readers, police officers, doctors, dentists, CNN producers, business owners and so many more that have shown love to our students!



Weinberg Early Learning Center at The Temple













Play and Learn with Camp Minimac's Amazing Adventure Camp this Summer!

Each week will focus on a different theme. We will enhance our knowledge and enjoy learning more about each topic through activities including special in-house field trips, art, music, science, songs, games, cooking and more!

Camp Minimac is offered each summer at Weinberg Early Learning Center in June and July for kids ages 18 months to 5 years old! We are offering camp in eight sessions! This summer Camp Minimac starts on June 5th and goes through July 28th!

Session 1

June 5-9: Under the Sea

Session 2

June 12-16: Wild Wild West

Session 3

June 19-23: Outdoor Extravaganza

Session 4

June 26-30: Down On The Farm

Session 5

July 3-7: Stars and Stripes

Session 6

July 10-14: All Things Small

Session 7

July 17-21: Lost In Space

Session 8

July 24-28: Wacky Olympics





Visit www.the-temple.org/camps.html or email camp@the-temple.org for more information.



Please join us as we are called to the Torah as

ADULT B'NEI MITZVAH

Saturday, May 20, 2023 10:30am in the Sanctuary

(Multi-Access)

Oneg Reception Immediately Following

Jenna Angst, Brettne Bloom, Ann Broussard, Peggy Ellis, Alex Henson, Katie Johnston



APRIL 2023 PROGRAMMING

- 2 No Sunday Program
- 3-5 No Midweek Hebrew
- 9 No Sunday Program
- 10-12 No Midweek Hebrew
 - 16 Sunday Program @ 9:30am
 - B'nei Mitzvah Parent Coffee 9:45am

Family Concert with Noah Aronson @ 11:15am

- 17-19 Final Week of Midweek Hebrew
 - 23 Sunday Program @ 9:30am 6th Grade Family Tile Project @ 9:30am
 - 30 Sunday Program @ 9:30am Closing Service @ 11:30am

Weinberg Early Learning Center

Our amazing early learning program strives to provvide a warm, supportive, and inspiring environment for each child (3 months-Pre-K)! We are located in midtown!

- Nurturing Infant Program!
- Half-Day and Extended Day Programs!
- Play-based learning!



For more information, please contact us!

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LIFECYCLES



B'NEI MITZVAH



Hailey Tepper
Parents: Naomi
& Micah Tepper



APRIL 22, 2023

Lazaro Neimark

Parents: Leila
& David Neimark

MAY THEIR MEMORY BE FOR A BLESSING

Our Heartfelt Sympathy to the Families of:

Donald (Don) Jack Goldberg (father of Jacquelyn Allen)

Claire Goldberg (aunt of Laurie Botstein)

Carol Haber (sister of Barbara Smith)

Nancy Hartman Horwitz (sister of Shirley Wender)

Gail Kastorf (mother of Kurt Kastorf)

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Dennis Mesnick (uncle of Lauren Colon)

Sandi Nessel (wife of Julie Nessel)

Marjorie Edelstein Reyburne (sister of Bruce Edelstein)

Nanette Jean (Prober) Ross (mother of Donna Kallman)

Mazal Tov!

Elizabeth Foster and Rebecca Good

We are delighted to announce that Elizabeth Foster is The Temple's Assistant Director of Engagement & Communications. After more than 16 years of devoted work with teens and families at Breman Education Center, Elizabeth has shifted over to the Engagement Department with responsibilities for content creation, marketing, event planning, and more.

After 21 years of educational leadership and dedication to The Temple, Rebecca Good was recently named the Assistant Director of Breman Education Center. Rebecca, who holds a master's in Jewish Education from Hebrew College, has developed innovative curriculum and programming for our elementary students and teens informed by many years in the classroom as a beloved teacher.





MAZAL TOV!

Have good news to share? Please email Dianne Ratowsky at <u>dratowsky@the-temple.org</u>.

Erica and Louis Ashner on the birthday of their daughter, Maya Rose.

Steven and Mamie Dayan Vogel on the birth of Henry Gus Dayan Vogel and to big sister, Marian Grace Vogel.

Meredith and Marshall Sunshine on the birth of their son, Theodore (Theo) Reese Sunshine.

Alyssa and Jordan Kaplan on the birth of twins, Zac Maxwell and Sloan Marilyn.

Jason and Hailey Price on the birth of their daughter, Emmett Noa Price.

Catherine & Richard Crum on the birth of their daughter, Lucy Elizabeth, and to grandparents, Debra & Chris Patterson, and great-grandmother, Carole Goldberg.

Hilary and Marc Goldberg on the birth of their daughter, Reese Frances Goldberg, and to big brothers, Jacob and Harrison.

NEW&RETURNING MEMBERS

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EVENTS&NEWS

Happy Passover!

The Temple Passover Services

Thursday, April 6 @ 10:30am Passover Services (Virtual)

Wednesday, April 12 @ 10:30am



Mini Shabbat - Passover Edition!

Saturday, April 8 • 9:30am: Service • 10:00am: Coffee and Matza/Cream Cheese and Playtime

Join us as we walk through the Red Sea together! What will it be like? What will we see? Come with our puppet friends as we explore our prayer and our holiday in real time!

We will start together with our mini friends for a fun service, and then enjoy some treats and coffee and run off the energy on our playground. We'll meet in The Temple's Motor Lobby—make sure to pay attention to the weather and dress accordingly, because we can play outside after refreshments! Questions? Email Rabbi Lydia Medwin at lmedwin@the-temple.org.

Welcoming Elijah:

Be a Host, Be a Guest, Be a Community

Welcoming Elijah is a central part of any seder. Elijah represents redemption, a world of wholeness and caring. Our Welcoming Elijah program offers a chance to host or be hosted by fellow Temple members. By hosting another member of our community, you'll be welcoming Elijah in a very real sense—creating a world which sorely needs more warmth and hospitality. And if you are embodying Elijah as a guest this year, you will be providing the opportunity to build a deeper sense of community.

Please register online to be a host or a guest by Monday, April 3 at www.the-temple.org/passover. We will do our best to accommodate as many requests as possible.

A Weekend with Noah Aronson

CANTOR DEBORAH HARTMAN MUSICIAN-IN-RESIDENCE WEEKEND

www.the-temple.org/noah

Noah Aronson is a Jewish inspirational composer and performer. Join us for a music-filled weekend, April 14-16, 2023! These events are made possible by the Cantor Deborah Hartman Music Fund and The Arthur M. Blank Family Foundation.

Shabbat Worship Service

Friday, April 14 @ 6:00 PM

Shabbat Service with dinner, featuring Noah Aronson with Shir Harmony (youth choir), Shulhouse Rock (teen musicians), Shir Chadash (volunteer band) and the Temple Singers (volunteer choir). Registration is required for dinner.

Torah Study with a Musical Twist

Saturday, April 15 @ 9:00am

Bagels and coffee provided.

Parlor Concert

Saturday, April 15 @ 8:00pm

Parlor Concert with hors d'oeuvres and drinks. Space is limited and registration is required. Location will be sent to those who register.

Family Concert

Sunday, April 16 @ 11:15am

Parents join your child(ren) for this rockin' concert! Our kids will be participating and the entire BEC program will be joining for this concert.



EVENTS&NEWS

Gratitude & Reflections

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Challenges still exist today. There is a national downward trend in faith affiliation, an alarming rise in antisemitism, and a need to address mental health issues. The Temple is not resting on its laurels, rather, true to form, your time and generosity makes it possible for us to address these challenges head on. Today The Temple is financially secure, systems are in place, and we have the strongest infrastructure ever to move us forward.

The Temple has magnificent buildings, vibrant education and social justice programs serving our community, a history that no other Jewish institution can claim. However, from my perspective nothing would be possible without our amazing members, all of you in this sanctuary and online. You voluntarily choose to become congregants and generously support our sacred community with your hands, hearts, minds, and resources. I have truly loved being your partner in creating an environment where your spiritual, educational, and social needs can be met.

Now the time has come for someone else to sit in The Temple's Executive Director's chair. I wish Jeremy Perlin every success. Jeremy, you will enjoy the good fortune of serving alongside an incredible clergy and staff team and embracing the best members any synagogue could ever hope for.

With the next phase of my life's journey in view, I am excited. My family, especially Susan, have been extraordinarily supportive of my commitment to my work. I have never taken that for granted. So, while tonight is about thanking and honoring me, it is also about my appreciating and loving my family for all they do to make my life whole.

On May 25th, 1966, I stood right here as a Confirmand and my part started out with the words, "Judaism is like a torch that illumines all the corners of the world."

Thank you, Temple Family, for brightening my life and my world!







Shabbat Worship Service celebrating Our High School Seniors, April Birthdays & Earth Day

Friday, April 21 • 6:00pm

Join us outside as we celebrate our high school seniors, April birthdays and listen to our amazing volunteer band, Shir Chadash. We will do our part and celebrate Earth Day on this Green Shabbat with a sustainable meal served in compostable containers, thanks to Scott Edlein and Compost Now. Register online at www.the-temple.org/dinner.

High School Seniors—Visit <u>www.the-temple.org/senior</u> and fill out the form so your information can be included in our service.

Atlanta Celebrates Israel @75

Wednesday, April 26 • 6:00pm (location will be provided upon registration)

Atlanta Celebrates Israel @ 75 will bring together a wide umbrella of Atlanta community organizations, along with the Israeli Consulate, Georgia state and local governments and the Jewish community-at-large for an evening of solidarity, recognition, and celebration.

Register at: https://atlantacelebratesisrael75.com.



PERCIVAL EVERETT

Shabbat Worship Service celebrating Rabbi Peter Berg & Rabbi Steven Rau's 25 Years in the Rabbinate, Israel @ 75th with BEC's 6th Grade Participation

Friday, April 28 · 6:00pm

Join us to celebrate Rabbis Berg and Rau, enjoy a medley of Israeli music, and stay for dinner after the service. Register online at www.the-temple.org/dinner.

Zaban Paradies Center

April Showers, and May Flowers

The rainy season is upon us, which helps spring to blossom and grow. We are excited about spring, and the hope it brings to all of our hearts.

Stories About Home

Sunday, April 30

We hope that you will save the date for our annual fundraiser.



BLUE JEANS, BOW TIES, AND BLING A FUNDRAISER FOR THE ZABAN PARADIES CENTER SYNCHRONICITY THEATRE SUNDAY, APRIL 30, 2023 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM

We are looking for items for our silent auction to help us raise funds, as well as sponsorships. Have questions? Please email info@zabanparadiescenter.org.

Ways to Support ZPC's Programs

We are grateful for the continued support and partnership of The Temple. Here are ways you can help us to be a light to couples, families, and individuals in need in our community.

- To give safely and securely online, please visit www.zabanparadiescenter.org/ways-to-give.
- To see our updated winter needs for our residents and the public experiencing homelessness please visit our website at www.zabanparadiescenter.org/ways-to-give and click on the Amazon Wish List link.
- · We need year-round meal suppliers. To provide a meal, you can visit our website and connect with our signup sheet, or you can connect directly with Bea Feiman (404-504-2370, bfeiman@yahoo.com) or Bobbi Wilson (404-259-1489, bobbiwilson@gmail.com).
- Want to facilitate a therapeutic art, music, poetry, or exploratory course? Visit www.zabanparadiescenter.org/volunteer.

R@THSCHILD

Social Justice Institute

RSJI: Racial Justice Group

Reading Race Series: The Trees by Percival Everett

Sunday, May 7 • 7:00pm

Join the RSJI Racial Justice group as we do a congregational read through the prize-winning

fiction entitled *The Trees*. This wild and (sometimes) irreverent story will captivate you and you'll find yourself flying through its pages. The book will be entertaining and thought-provoking, and set us up well for our congregational trip to Montgomery and the EJI Museum and Lynching Memorial at the end of May.

To join us, please register to receive the Zoom link at this address: https://tinyurl.com/mry58zuw.



156th Annual Meeting

Wednesday, May 17 @ 6:00pm

WELC Graduation

Tuesday, May 23 @ 11:00am

AJC Atlanta Honors Rabbi Peter Berg

Tuesday, May 23 · 6:00-9:00pm

American Jewish Committee (AJC) proudly presents the 2023 Distinguished Advocate Award to Rabbi Peter Berg of The Temple. Please join to celebrate Rabbi Berg's incredible contributions to AJC and the greater Atlanta community.

More information and registration: https://www.ajc.org/news/ 2023-distinguished-advocate-award-celebration.

RSJI: Racial Justice Group -Visit the Equal Justice Initiative's Legacy Museum and National Memorial For Peace And Justice

Wednesday, May 31

The Temple RSJI Racial Justice Committee is planning our second congregational trip to visit both the museum and the memorial on Wednesday, May 31, 2023. We will travel together by bus for this allday trip to Montgomery, Alabama where we will explore the history of racial inequality and reflect on the legacy of racial terrorism. Please join us for this important event. For more information, visit museumandmemorial.eji.org/museum.

Register online at www.the-temple.org/montgomery.

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