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SCHEDULE: AUGUST 2023

 In-person  Virtual  Multi-access (virtual & in-person)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 4

 6:00 PM Shabbat Worship Service

SATURDAY, AUGUST 5


 9:00 AM Torah Study & Kaddish

FRIDAY, AUGUST 11

 6:00 PM Shabbat on the Lawn

SATURDAY, AUGUST 12

 9:00 AM Torah Study & Kaddish

 9:30 AM Mini Shabbat Morning

FRIDAY, AUGUST 18

 6:00 PM Shabbat Worship Service with Professional "House" Band

SATURDAY, AUGUST 19

 9:00 AM Torah Study

 10:30 AM Bat Mitzvah of Zimra Medwin

FRIDAY, AUGUST 25

 6:00 PM Shabbat HaNefesh

SATURDAY, AUGUST 26

 9:00 AM Torah Study

 10:30 AM B'nei Mitzvah of Mollie Bloomfield and Max Tavani

 5:30 PM Bar Mitzvah of Evan Kessler

TORAH & HAFTARAH:

AUGUST 5: Eikev

Deuteronomy 7:12–11:25; Isaiah 49:14–51

AUGUST 12: R'eih

Deuteronomy 11:26–16:17; Isaiah 54:11–55:5

AUGUST 19: Shof'tim

Deuteronomy 16:18–21:9; Isaiah 51:12–52:12

AUGUST 26: Ki Teitzei

Deuteronomy 21:10–25:19; Isaiah 54:1–10



New Beginnings— An *Elul* Reflection

After Moses destroyed the original Ten Commandments, in an angry response to the Israelites dancing around an idolatrous golden calf, he trekked back up the mountain to receive a second set. Moses stayed for 40 days and nights, with neither food nor water, during which time he atoned for the sins of his people. There are varied interpretations as to why Moses threw down the tablets in the first place. Surely, he was angry—as the Torah clearly states. But why throw down sacred words given by God? Couldn't he have scorned the people? Was this violent act really necessary? Perhaps Moses, in all his humanity, couldn't control his anger, so he reacted like a petulant child and smashed the object closest to him without thinking it through. This begs the question, when Moses went back up the mountain, was he atoning for the sins of the Israelites, or for his own transgressions?

Tradition teaches that, just as Moses and the Israelites atoned for their sins, we too, atone for our sins. According to Talmudic tradition, when Moses came down the mountain the second time, the original broken tablets were placed in the ark alongside the new tablets. Why not toss aside the broken tablets? Why keep something damaged next to something new? Isn't it better to forget about past mistakes when we try to begin anew?

When we are reminded that brokenness exists, when we reflect on our mistakes, we have a better chance of growing and rebuilding our lives. Change is hard. Change is not about pushing a "CHANGE NOW" button and PRESTO!—We are better! We are renewed! Change is about respecting and acknowledging our past as we move forward.

Taking spiritual stock is one of the most revered customs leading up and during the Days of Awe. It is the cornerstone of the month of Elul. However, it is an opportunity that most of us do not even think about until we walk into the sanctuary during the High Holy Days, and we recite the words of the prayerbook, which remind us over and over to take a good hard look at our lives. Elul begins in August. How do we begin the path to reflection when we are in summer mode? We are still at the beach, still basking in our relaxed state of being. Can't we wait until Yom Kippur? Here is the problem—when we walk into the synagogue cold, without any kind of inner warm-up, how can we possibly relate to the words on the page, words that make demands of us, that we are hardly prepared to internalize?

The High Holy Days challenge us, through liturgy and teachings, that it is incumbent upon all of us to reexamine ourselves and make the changes necessary to begin anew—to look at ourselves and at the world around us with fresh eyes. Sounds easy, yes? Rabbi Eric Lanken shares a story to help us understand the complexity of change: A woman proudly hangs on her mantelpiece a needlework plaque that said, "Prayer Changes Things". A few days later, the plaque is missing from its place. The woman asks her husband if he has seen it. "I took it down, I didn't like it," her husband replied. "But why?" the woman asked. "Don't you believe that prayer changes things?" "Yes, I honestly do," her husband answered. "But it just so happens that I don't like change, so I threw it away."

None of us like change. Some of us are, for the most part, happy with our lives and don't see change as something that is necessary. Others, who are not happy with things in their lives, may not have the courage, strength or insight to make the changes necessary to better their situation. As we enter this month of reflection, may we find the resolve to begin the process of t'shuvah, of turning and looking at our lives with a renewed set of eyes. Like Moses and the Israelites, we carry the cracks and broken pieces with us as we search for wholeness. That, as poet Leonard Cohen writes, "is how the light gets in."

With wishes for a year of wholeness,

Cantor Tracey Scher

About Cantor Tracey Scher:

Cantor Tracey Scher is a mezzo-soprano from Nova Scotia, Canada. Cantor Scher has created several multi-generational choirs, bands and arts programs throughout the years, believing strongly in the enrichment of Judaism through music and the arts.

Cantor Scher holds a Bachelors Degree in Music Education from Acadia University, a graduate degree in Opera Performance from Peabody Conservatory of Johns Hopkins University and studied extensively with the world-renowned tenor, Carlos Bergonzi, at the Accademia Verdiana in Busetto, Italy. Deciding to lead a life where relationships could be nurtured through music, she pursued the cantorate and graduated from Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in NYC with a Master of Sacred Music Degree in 2003.

Cantor Scher is married to Christopher Lewis, and they have two children, Isaac and Maya.

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LIFECYCLES

B'NEI MITZVAH



AUGUST 19:
Zimra Medwin

Parents: Lydia &
Dan Medwin



AUGUST 26:
Mollie Bloomfield

Parents: Melissa &
Jason Bloomfield



AUGUST 26:
Max Tavani

Parents: Shawn &
Andrew Tavani



AUGUST 26 (MINCHA):
Evan Kessler

Parents: Julie &
Cory Kessler

MAY THEIR MEMORY BE FOR A BLESSING

Our Heartfelt Sympathy to the Families of:

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Maxine Reingold (mother of Beth Reingold)

Donald Reisman (uncle of Judy Landey, great-uncle of Olivia Kleinman)

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Linda Segal (friend of James and Judy Freeman)

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Walter Weinberg (wife of Jo Ann Weinberg, father of Jaime Weinberg, sister of Marianne Weinberg-Benson)

Esther Zells (wife of Stanley Ingber)

Meet Our Staff!
Get to know some of the friendly faces at The Temple.

Sophie Brilliant Coordinator of Teen & Family Experiences

Sophie is originally from Miami, Florida and just spent her 12th summer at URJ Camp Coleman.

Likes:

- Sushi
- Travel
- Meeting New People

Dislikes:

- Hearts of Palm
- Bullying
- York Peppermint Candy

Fun Fact:

Sophie just moved back to the United States from Israel.





MAZAL TOV!

Have good news to share? Please email Lisa Ellinger at lellinger@the-temple.org.

Domenic and Catherine Kelly on the birth of their daughter, Mahalia Eve Kelly.

Grant and Abigail Archer on the birth of their son, and to brother Wyatt Archer and to sisters Eloise and Quinn Archer.

Dr. Jacob and Catherine Perlow on the birth of their daughter, Noah Perlow.

Brigette and Jason Sosnovsky on the birth of their son, Roger Abel Sosnovsky, and to brother Nell and sister Sofia Sosnovsky.

Abraham and Jennifer Levy on the birth of their son, Harrison James Levy, and to brother Alvin Levy.

Patty and Drew Shenkman on the birth of their daughter, Emma London Shenkman, and to brothers Brody and Ben Shenkman.



ADULT B'NEI MITZVAH

Left to Right: Rabbi Peter Berg, Cantor Deborah Hartman, Katie Johnston, Brettne Bloom, Alex Henson, Peggy Ellis, Anne Broussard, Jenna Angst, Rabbi Lydia Medwin, Rabbi Steven Rau

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Andrew Velcoff

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Anderson Weinfeld

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Zimra Pearl Medwin

We joyfully invite you to join us as
Zimra becomes a Bat Mitzvah.

Saturday, August 19th, 2023 • 10:30 am
The Temple 1589 Peachtree St. NE Atlanta, GA 30309

Kiddush Luncheon to follow.
Please RSVP for the kiddish luncheon by Tuesday,
August 8 at noon at www.the-temple.org/zimra

EDUCATION

Camp Minimac Summer 2023 Adventures

We started the summer deep Under the Sea and celebrated with a foam party. Then we created lassos to catch all the reptiles that came to visit us for our Wild Wild West adventure. Next we set up some tents, built our own lanterns and enjoyed an Outdoor Extravaganza! While staying outdoors we headed Down On the Farm to a petting zoo where we felt the different textures of piglets, goats, bunnies and even chickens! We celebrated the 4th of July with a bubble party. Our days have been filled with fun in the sun and splashing around on our splash pad.



The first day of school is right around the corner and we are busy getting ready for even more fun! See you soon!

For more information contact us by phone 404-872-8668, email welc@the-temple.org or visit us online at www.the-temple.org/welc.



Weinberg Early Learning Center
at The Temple



EVENTS & NEWS



AUGUST 2023 PROGRAMMING

- 13** Faculty, Madrichim, Tzadikim Orientations
Breman Education Center Meeting
- 20** Opening Day of BEC Sunday Program • 9:30am
Parent Meet & Greet • 9:30am
Gesher Training Part 1
New Parent Orientation • 10:30am
Opening Service • 11:30am
Opening Picnic • Noon
Project 67 Opening Event • Noon
- 27** BEC Sunday Program • 9:30am
Gesher Training Part 2
Project Justice Backpack Buddies • Noon
Project Connect Kick-off Planning Event • Noon

Breman Education Center Registration is Open!

New to The Temple? We would love to speak with you about our program. We strive to promote positive Jewish identity in a fun and interactive learning environment. Contact the BEC Team at 404-873-1734 to learn more about our exciting programming. We hope you will join us!

Returning Families:

Please contact Abby Friedman at 404-873-1734 or afriedman@the-temple.org if you have not received a registration packet in the mail. All forms are due by August 2 to avoid late fees. Can't wait to see you on the first day, August 20!

Parent Meet & Greet

Sunday, August 20 at 9:30am

After helping your child/ren make their way to their classroom, join our Engagement Department for bagels and coffee in Schwartz-Goldstein Hall to:

- Connect with other parents.
- Learn about exciting upcoming programs.
- See how your family can get involved at The Temple.

Know someone interested in joining The Temple community? The services below are casual and a great place for **prospective members** to meet others and see what The Temple can offer them.

Bring a friend!



Shabbat on the Lawn

Friday, August 11 at 6:00pm

Join us outside on the lawn to welcome Shabbat together! Dinner available for purchase. Chairs are provided but feel free to bring your own lawn chairs or picnic blanket.

Mini Shabbat with a Splash

Saturday, August 12

9:30am Shabbat Sing-a-long

10:00am Bagels, Coffee and Playtime

Join your clergy and special puppet friends for a final summer extravaganza! We'll begin preparing for the High Holy Days by celebrating new things—new teachers, new friends, new clothes, new YOU! And we'll have a blast with our friends on the playground and splash pad. We'll meet in The Temple's Motor Lobby and then continue the fun outdoors. Kids are welcome to attend in their bathing suits, because water play is the best way to beat the heat! Questions? Email Rabbi Lydia Medwin at lmewin@the-temple.org.



Second Shot: A Documentary Film Screening and Discussion

Tuesday, August 29 • 6:30pm • The Temple

The Rothschild Social Justice Institute invites the Greater Atlanta Jewish Community to a screening of the short-form documentary *Second Shot*. The screening will be followed by a panel discussion on juvenile justice, forgiveness and restoration through a Jewish lens. Light refreshments provided.

Please visit www.the-temple.org/secondshot to RSVP by August 28.



EVENTS&NEWS

Summer RECAP

Shabbat on the Lawn: Camp Edition

Summer camp came to Peachtree Street! We didn't let the weather get us down. We joined together in song, enjoyed a yummy cookout, and even made it outside for s'mores. Thank you to Stacy Hyken and all the volunteers that made this evening possible.



Our Shared Journey Trip

Rabbi Loren Filson Lapidus took her second cohort of interfaith couples to Israel on an unforgettable 10-day journey in June.



Dianne Ratowsky's Retirement Celebration

Dianne Ratowsky served as Executive Assistant to Temple senior rabbis for more than four decades. We honored her on Friday, June 2 in a special Shabbat service and celebratory supper. Everyone agreed that the highlight of the evening was Dianne's opening one-liner: "To be honest with you, I didn't even want this job!" It captured her signature sense of humor perfectly.

Left: Dianne Ratowsky visiting her life-like cut out. Right: Dianne Ratowsky with her family (Ellis Vener Photography).





Montgomery Trip

Our Temple group had a powerful experience visiting the National Memorial for Peace and Justice, the only national memorial acknowledging the victims of racial terror lynching, and the Legacy Museum: From Enslavement to Mass Incarceration, a site where enslaved black people were warehoused and forced to labor in bondage.



Thank You to Our Interns

Julia Kushner (above left) is a rising sophomore at Penn State University and spent the summer as a Communications Intern with The Temple's Engagement Department helping with graphic design, website development, archiving and much more.

Addie Nix (above right) is a rising second-year rabbinical student at HUC-JIR and spent the summer as the Rabbinic Intern here at The Temple. In addition to shadowing our clergy, Addie led worship services and Torah study for our Temple community.



Jewish Summer Camp

Hundreds of Temple kids spent their summer at Jewish Summer Camps like URJ Camp Coleman (left) and Camp Barney Medintz (right).



Horizons School

The first summer of Horizons School at The Temple is in the books! We are so proud of our scholars who spent the summer working on their reading, math, and swimming. They also had a blast on their weekly field trips!



Sages & Kulanu Trip

Our Temple Sages and Kulanu groups enjoyed a behind-the-scenes tour with CEO Paige Alexander of the Carter Presidential Library & Museum as well as The Carter Center side, including the Presidential Conference Room and the offices of the former president and first lady.





Join us in song this year!

Rhythm and Ruach – New This Year!

Our first ever jamming-to-Jewish music group. If you've ever wanted to sit in the round in a relaxed atmosphere, with friends old and new, singing great music, this is for you! Complete with beverages, food and lots of schmoozing! Dates TBD.

Mitzvah Minstrels – New This Year!

A group of dedicated musicians whose aim it is to bring music to communities in need. Made up primarily of members of our adult choir, The Temple Singers, we will perform concerts in and around the Atlanta community. If you are not a member of the Temple Singers but would like to learn more, please contact Cantor Scher for more information.

Other Music Opportunities for people of all ages:

- **The Temple Singers** – our adult volunteer choir. Temple Singers meets every Tuesday evening from 7:00-8:30 with several performing opportunities throughout the year. If you love to sing, this group is for you. No experience necessary.
- **Shir Chadash** – our adult volunteer band. Shir Chadash plays once a month for Friday services with one rehearsal/month. If you play an instrument and would like to join this fun-filled musical experience, it is a great way to make new musical friends.
- **Project Shir** – our teen musical group geared for young adults. Meets on Sundays from 12:00-1:00 when BEC is in session. If your teen is interested in videography, singing, or playing an instrument in a band, this fabulous musical group is a great way to make new friends in a fun creative setting.
- **Shir Harmony** – our 3rd-5th grade choir. Meets on Sundays at 10:30. With lots of fun filled performance opportunities, Shir Harmony is a great way for your child to connect to Judaism through music. No experience necessary.

Calling All Temple Ladies!

WOMEN'S WELLNESS WEEKEND

CONNECT & REFLECT

GIVING YOURSELF THE GIFT OF JEWISH TIME WITH THE TEMPLE

MARCH 8 - 10, 2024

WWW.THE-TEMPLE.ORG/WOMEN

Zaban Paradies Center

How ZPC is doing more to support couples and families facing homelessness

This is a picture of a beautiful baby girl, born a week ago, napping with her father. This little one's father and mother resided at ZPC for five months and are now in their own home. We celebrate this young family and are grateful to be a part of their journey. ZPC believes in the power of family, healthy support networks, and community as a part of helping people to transition out of homelessness.



Our new mission, based on our 2023-2026 strategic plan is empowering couples, families, and individuals facing homelessness to achieve self-sufficiency. To support this mission, we provide the following:

- **Couples Emergency Residential Services** – free, short-term residential services for adult couples for up to 90 days (extensions are made on a case-by-case basis). The focus is on economic stability, permanent housing, health, and well-being referrals and maintenance, strengthening life skills, and family reunification (if needed). Case management, meals, laundry, clothing, and transportation assistance are also provided.
- **Community-based Housing Services** – short to long-term housing assistance for couples, families, and individuals facing homelessness. The focus is on economic and housing stability, community-based supportive services referrals, and aftercare support for long-term stabilization as needed. Examples of housing services include rapid re-housing, eviction prevention, and diversion.
- **Day and Aftercare Services** – light-touch case management, short-term financial assistance, and community-based supportive services referrals for past program participants. Couples and families unable to obtain shelter can receive meals, laundry and hygiene services, clothing, and light touch case management by appointment. Individuals previously served as part of a couple or family are also eligible for services.



ZABANPARADIESCENTER
FOR HOMELESS COUPLES

Logo Design Contest

To help the community understand and engage in our new mission, we are rebranding. This rebranding includes a new logo. We invite you to be a part of our logo design contest. To learn more, please check out Facebook [@Zaban Paradies Center](https://www.facebook.com/ZabanParadiesCenter).

WORSHIP



SOUL PURPOSE

Finding joy and meaning in life.



We are excited to welcome you for the
HIGH HOLY DAYS 5784
with in-person and multi-access offerings as we begin the new year!

Be an Usher and Help Your Fellow Members

If you would like to be part of the Usher Team, in service to your fellow Temple members, please visit our website at www.the-temple.org/ushers for more information.

Tickets

Tickets will be mailed the week of August 21 to all members in good standing who have contributed at least $\frac{3}{4}$ of their annual commitment. Dependent children between the ages of 18 and 22 will also receive tickets. If you have out of town immediate family, please fill out the Visitor Ticket Request form on our website at www.the-temple.org/tickets. The form also includes instructions on the Union for Reform Judaism courtesy reciprocal seating system.

Moved?

We want to make sure we send your tickets to the right address. Visit www.the-temple.org/member to sign into your account and check your information.

Babysitting is Available

We have babysitting available during some of our services for a fee. To learn more and register, please visit www.the-temple.org/babysitting.

All Babies Born in 5783

We would like to celebrate the birth of any new life during our Rosh Hashanah Service. If you or anyone in your family has welcomed a baby since last Rosh Hashanah, please email Lisa Ellinger at lellinger@the-temple.org.

The Temple's Memorial Book

This year, the Memorial Book will be in online and printed formats. We request minimum contributions of \$36 for the first listing and \$10 for each additional name, or any amount your heart should prompt.

Visit www.the-temple.org/memorialbook to complete the Memorial Book form and pay online by Friday, August 11, 2023.

If you have questions, please contact Rita Zadoff at rzadoff@the-temple.org or call 404-873-1731.

Keep an eye on your mailbox. HHD Mailer coming soon!

For up-to-date information, worship schedule, and to register, please visit www.the-temple.org/high-holy-days.

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