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SCHEDULE: FEBRUARY 2022

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 4

6:00 PM Shabbat Worship Service

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 5

9:00 AM Torah Study

10:30 AM Bat Mitzvah of Adeleigh (Addy) M. Licthstein

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 11

6:00 PM Shabbat Worship Service w/ House Band

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 12

9:00 AM Torah Study

9:30 AM Mini Shabbat

10:30 AM B'nei Mitzvah of Grant B. Bernstein-Wilner & Vivian Gerber

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 18

6:00 PM Shabbat Worship Service

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 19

9:00 AM Torah Study

10:30 AM B'nei Mitzvah of Jacob A. Hyken & Daniel C. Hyken

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 25 6:00 PM

6:00 PM Shabbat Worship Service

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 26

9:00 AM Torah Study

10:30 AM Bat Mitzvah of Juliet Ratner

5:30 PM Mincha B'nei Mitzvah of

Noah M. Northcutt & Rae V. Northcutt

TORAH&HAFTARAH:

FEBRUARY 5: Terumah

Exodus 25:1-27:19; I Kings 5:26-6:13

FEBRUARY 12: Tetzaveh

Exodus 27:20-30:10; Ezekiel 43:10-27

FEBRUARY 19: Ki Tissa

Exodus 30:11-34:35; I Kings 18:1-39

FEBRUARY 26: Vayakhel

Exodus 35:1-38:20; 1 Kings 7:40-50



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Rise Up Together

he year was 2013. I was having an informal chat with Rabbi Micah Lapidus (now The Temple's composer-in-residence), about our widely known MLK Jr. Shabbat service. We were deep in conversation about choosing the right music for the right moment in a worship setting when out of the blue, Micah casually mentioned he had written a song he believed would work well in that service. Upon hearing this, even though I outwardly expressed a keen interest in listening, I was inwardly dreading the moment I would inevitably have to tell Micah that his song was not a good fit for our MLK worship service.

Within the hour, the song recording appeared in my inbox. I let it sit there for a while, and eventually summoned the courage to push "play." As I listened, my trepidation quickly turned to excitement and joy. From the moment *Rise Up* began to play and its melody and message came to life, not only did I know it would find its way into the heart of our MLK service, but also that it would define my musical choices for many years to come!

Since 2014, we have been using *Rise Up* to begin our MLK service. The combined choirs of The Temple and Ebenezer Baptist Church march in from the Peachtree Street lobby, singing through the rows of the sanctuary, to take their place in front of our congregation. Throughout the sanctuary, the sense of eager anticipation and energy is palpable and when the first chords of Rise Up are sounded, the joint communities of The Temple and Ebenezer unite in joy, fellowship, and prayer.

Throughout the succeeding years, Micah has written several other iconic pieces created expressly for our worship with Ebenezer. They define the spirit of friendship, unity, and our shared vision to make the world more just, more equal, and more righteous for all.

Although we were not able to come together in person yet again this year to rejoice in the legacy of Martin Luther King, Jr., our choirs did have an opportunity to make music together in a safe and artistically fulfilling way! Over the course of last November, forty-three members of our combined choirs came together in dedicated solo sound booths to add their voices to seven of the most loved Lapidus compositions. Gallop recording studio owner Will Robertson, Micah's longtime choral arranger and collaborator, sat at the recording controls as each singer donned a headset and sang their heart out to an instrumental track newly recorded by Micah, Will, drummer Bob Michek, and Temple pianist Judy Cole.

The result of this endeavor is an incredible recording entitled *Rise Up Together*, which contains the seven quintessential Micah Lapidus songs that make the music of our MLK Shabbat service so engaging, transformative, and memorable. Micah, Will and I want to express our deep appreciation to all those involved in the process, especially the choir members of Ebenezer's The J.L. Roberts Men's Choir and The Singing Sisters, and The Temple Singers. Together, we were able to preserve The Temple's MLK musical legacy so it can be enjoyed by all for many years to come!

I am so pleased to tell you that The Temple is generously providing one copy of this remarkable CD to every Temple family. The CD itself can be picked up at The Temple—simply call us and reserve your copy! If you prefer to receive the CD digitally, you can download via the QR code (see below) or use the following link to The Temple's YouTube page: https://tinyurl.com/2p8zyckd.

Canta Debach Hartman

Cantor Deborah Hartman





About Cantor Hartman:

Deborah L. Hartman has been singing at The Temple since 1987, initially as a cantorial soloist and then in 1998, as The Temple's first Cantor. From the moment she received her certification from Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, Cantor Hartman has held leadership positions in the American Conference of Cantors, serving on its Executive Board, and on its Membership and Nominations committees.

Connect with Cantor Hartman:

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Our Heartfelt Sympathy to the Families of:

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David Irving "Duke" Roos, Jr. (husband of Barbara, father of Alan)

MAZAL TOV!

Have good news to share?

Please email Dianne Ratowsky at dratowsky@the-temple.org.

Dianne Ratowsky on the birth of great granddaughter, Jolie Colibri' Appel to Alexis & Ross Appel

Paige and Laura Craig on the birth of their son, Watson Leslie Craig

Terri Bonoff and Matthew Knoph on the birth of their granddaughter, Hana Aleah Paulson Adam Bonoff Paulsen and Soon Reichelt

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EDUCATION





TAMID: The Temple's Adult Education

For more information or to register, visit www.the-temple.org/tamid-classes.

Awareness in Action: Mindful Parenting for Parents of Achool-Aged Children

Course opens: February 27 • Live sessions: Wednesdays, March 2, 9, 16, 23 • 8:00-9:00pm with Rabbi Lydia Medwin Tuition: \$99. ASL interpretation and live captioning available with 2-weeks advance request.

Become the parent you aspire to be. Experience the joy of parenting more often.

Being fully present for our children and also making time and space for our own needs as adults, allowing our children increased independence and also still guiding them, juggling multiple responsibilities and priorities... can feel challenging.

Awareness in Action: Cultivating Character through Mindfulness and MIddot (inner-traits) was created by the Institute for Jewish Spirituality (IJS), the global leader in teaching Jewish mindfulness and spiritual practice. This special version is designed especially for parents of school-aged children.

The course consists of four professionally produced, selfpaced online modules, taught by Rabbi Marc Margolius, IJS Program Director, and four live weekly sessions facilitated by Rabbi Lydia Medwin, a trained tikkun middot facilitator. You'll learn to access this Jewish spiritual practice and how it can strengthen your parenting and help you cultivate more joy. Contact Learning@urj.org for more information. Registration will be forthcoming.

Upcoming Electives

Scouts, Trailblazers, **Pathfinders, Explorers:** A History of Women Rabbis

Tuesdays, March 8, 15, 22 • 7:00-8:00pm • Instructors: Rabbis Loren Filson Lapidus, Peter Berg, Lydia Medwin

Your Rabbi Lied to You: What the Other **Jewish Texts Say** Happens After you Die 📧

Tuesdays, March 29, April 5, 12 • 7:00-8:00pm • Instructor: Rabbi Sam Kaye

Conversion to and from Judaism in the Middle Ages \subseteq

Ianuary 18, 25, February 1 • 7:00-8:00pm • Instructor: Craig Perry, Ph.D., Assistant Professor at Emory University in the Department of Middle Eastern and South Asian Studies and the Tam Institute for Jewish Studies



Sparking Positive Jewish Identities.

FEBRUARY 2022 PROGRAMMING

6 Sunday Program @ 9:10/9:30am 2024 B'nei Mitzvah Parent Education **PreK Family Program**

13 Sunday Program @ 9:10/9:30am 1st Grade Family Program

- 20 No Sunday Program
- 27 Sunday Program @ 9:10/9:30am

WELC PRESCHOOL

Camp Minimac 2022

Camp Minimac information will be coming out at the end of February! Please call 404-872-8668 or email us camp@the-temple.org for more information.



WELC Registration is Now Open!

Priority registration for the 2022-2023 school year is currently open for the children of our Temple Members until February 11! It then opens to everyone starting March 1st! Schedule a virtual tour and see why so many Temple families call WELC their children's home away from home! For more information contact us by phone at 404-872-8668 or email welc@the-temple.org.

Weinberg Early Learning Center

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

Enrollment Opens February 1, 2022!

2022-2023 School Year starts in August!

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

Please call 404-872-8668. visit www.the-temple.org/welc or email us at welc@the-temple.org for more information.









EVENTS&NEWS

Matthew Bernstein and Bob Bahr Talk About Their Best Bets At This Year's AJFF

February 6 @ 7:00pm • In-person or Zoom TBD
Emory film professor Matthew Bernstein and
media critic Bob Bahr will present their top
choices for the Atlanta Jewish Film Festival on
a Zoom program Sunday, February 6th at 7PM.
That's a week after the festival announces its full
lineup and before tickets go on sale.

They will provide a critical evaluation of their selections, show a number of film clips during their Best Bets program, and review what's new about how to order tickets and view this year's festival films. The AJFF for 2022 runs from February 16 through 27.

Leven Institute Events

Join us for events specially designed for interfaith couples and families. Registration and details can be found at www.the-temple.org/interfaith

Shabbat Dinner at The General Muir—Emory Point

Friday, February 11 @ 6:30pm

Welcome Shabbat with a delicious meal and good company! We'll begin with Shabbat rituals and enjoy a fairly traditional Shabbat dinner together (vegetarian option available). Dinner is \$25 per person, and will be on the outdoor heated patio. Please register at www.the-temple.org/interfaith. If you have any questions, please reach out to Rabbi Lapidus at llapidus@the-temple.org.

Beineinu: The Temple's Annual Marriage Retreat

March 25-26, 2022 at Lanier Islands Resort

We are excited to return to an in-person retreat this year with both overnight and Saturday-only options for couples in their first ten years (approximately) of marriage.

Mini Shabbat - Being a Leader

Saturday, February 12 @ 9:30 am

Join us as we celebrate Shabbat and Leadership! With President's Day around the corner, we take this time to learn more about some of the greatest Jewish leaders – Moses and Miriam! Your clergy and puppet friends are excited to share with you about what made these leaders so great and the ways we can emulate them in our world today. We will start together with our Mini friends outside in the circle, and then enjoy some bagels/coffee and the playground! We'll meet in The Temple's Circular Drive near the outdoor playground—make sure to bundle up in your snuggly, warm hats and gloves! Questions? Email Rabbi Lydia Medwin at Imedwin@the-temple.org.

Baby Hats!

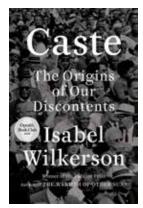
Do you crochet or knit? We would love to add you to our team of Temple members who create hats for our newest Temple members. When we send them soup and challah, we'll add your hat to the caring package to let them know how excited we are as a Temple family to help them welcome their sweet addition. Please email Joya Schmidt (jschmidt@the-templeorg) to let us know if you'd like to help, and we can send you a suggested pattern.

Book Club

Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents by Isabel Wilkerson

Sunday, January 23 • 7:00-8:30pm • Parts 1-3 (Chapters 1-9) Sunday, February 20 • 7:00-8:30pm • Parts 4-5 (Chapters 10-24) Sunday, March 20 • 7:00-8:30pm • Parts 6-7 (Chapter 25-Epilogue)

In this brilliant book, Isabel Wilkerson gives us a masterful portrait of an unseen phenomenon in America as she explores, through an immersive, deeply researched narrative and stories about real people, how America today and throughout its history has been shaped by a hidden caste system, a rigid hierarchy of human rankings. Beyond race, class, or other factors, there is a powerful caste system influencing people's lives and behavior and the nation's fate. Linking the caste systems of America, India, and Nazi Germany, Wilkerson explores eight pillars that



underlie caste systems across civilizations, including divine will, bloodlines, stigma, and more. As a Temple community, we are looking forward to understanding how this history intertwines and diverges with our own. We are delighted to join the Fulton County Libraries, along with dozens of book clubs across Atlanta, to read and digest this important book. We'll break the book into 3 sections and discuss each section over the next 3 months.

SAVE THE DATE!

Annual Montag Speaker Series Presents:

Scholar-in-Residence— Professor Andrea Weiss, HUC

Friday, March 11 – Saturday, March 12
You are invited to join us and learn from one of the top scholars and lecturers of the Jewish world. Dr. Andrea Weiss serves the Hebrew Union College as the Jack, Joseph and Morton Mandel Provost at Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion. Dr. Weiss was ordained at HUC-JIR and received her doctorate from the University of



Included in the many topics on which she lectures is Judaism and Women/Gender Studies, Poetry of Torah, dealing with the most difficult Torah texts in our modern world, in addition to many studies of our prophetic voices. Most of all, she teaches with great heart, kindness, and a clarity that our world so needs. More information to come!





Listening Party

At a backyard or Zoom link near you.

This winter, The Temple community is going to take the time to reflect on all the changes we've experienced in our lives, and how they relate to our Temple and Jewish community. We want to listen, to hear what you think must be included in our next chapter. And we want to party, to celebrate with you as precious friends and community members. That's why we are rolling out our Listening Parties, small gatherings of 10 or so friends, hosted by your peers, who will lead us in an intentional conversation that relates to new ways to engage with this historical and dynamic community. We urge you to visit The Gathering (www.thegathering.the-temple. com) to find a group meeting near you. Or, be in touch with us here (jschmidt@the-temple.org) with your interested in joining a conversation, and we'll find one for you. We can't wait to hear what you have to say!

Zaban Paradies Center Keeping Connected

with Our Community! First, we want to acknowledge Project Connect, ZABANPARADIESCENTER The Temple's youth group, who wowed us in mid-December with their fantastic Merry Mitzvah event! The residents were blown away by the delicious meal, games, gifts, and kindness of the group. We are grateful to Project Connect for working diligently to provide an opportunity for our residents to connect with the spirit of giving. What a great tradition!

Second, as a precaution, our Blue Jeans, Bow Ties & Bling event scheduled for Sunday, February 27, is postponed due to Covid. The event committee is working on the plans for a future event that will showcase the rich history of ZPC and the legacy of its founding volunteers and donors. Stay tuned for our announcement of the rescheduled date. If you are interested in being a sponsor, donating something for the mystery boxes/silent auction, or getting involved in the decorating and planning, please email Mary Wesley at mary. wesley@zabanparadiescenter.org or call 404.872.2915.





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EVENTS&NEWS



Temple Connect

Lead a Group Today!

Do you have a hobby that you'd like to share like hiking, theatre, or golf? Do you want to join with friends



for a great conversation? Do you hope to meet some new people who live in your neighborhood for Shabbat Happy Hours? You could be a Temple Connect group leader! Especially with all the uncertainty of the year ahead, connecting with your own small group could be a vital step for a healthy and happy Jewish New Year. All you need to start is an idea and then email Rabbi Lydia Medwin at lmedwin@the-temple.org. We will help you organize the rest. Create community for yourself and your Temple with a Temple Connect group this year!

Join a Group!

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

JF&CS Synagogue Support

Through a generous grant, JF&CS is partnering with The Temple and other synagogues to provide direct support to our members. By calling 770-677-9480, you can get in touch with dedicated JF&CS staff members to access counseling and clinical services, geriatric care managers, and emergency financial support. While your Temple clergy continue to be a resource in making these connections, this special synagogue support phone number allows you to access JF&CS on your own as well.



Prevent Cancer and Genetic Diseases in your Family!

JScreen, an at-home genetic screening program based out of Emory University, now has a new screening option called CancerGEN. This stateof-the-art test analyzes the BRCA genes and over 60 other cancer-susceptibility genes to



determine genetic risk for different types of cancer. This information can save lives! If testing shows there is a mutation in a cancer gene, action can be taken to help prevent cancer. As always, JScreen's ReproGEN test (for diseases like Tay-Sachs, cystic fibrosis and over 200 others) is available to those who are planning to start or expand their families. Both tests are done from the comfort of home on saliva, and telehealth genetic counseling is included. Thanks to the Jewish Federation of Greater Atlanta's Propel Innovation and NextGen divisions, Atlanta residents can now get \$100 off of the already low program fee by entering the code ScreenATLat the JScreen.org checkout page.

Caring at The Temple

Our Caring at The Temple program reaches out to fellow congregants during times of hardship or pastoral need, providing homemade chicken soup and challah to members who are bereaved, ill, recently discharged from the hospital, or are celebrating the arrival of a new child. We have delivered more than 500 soups, and nearly every step of the program—from soup preparation,



to delivery (within your zip code), to letting us know about fellow congregants in need—is led by members of our congregation.

Thank you to our Caring at The Temple volunteers who delivered soup this month.

To be a part of this program and to fulfill the mitzvah of *bikkur cholim* (visiting the sick) or to let us know who needs soup, please contact Rabbi Lydia Medwin at lmedwin@the-temple.org or 404-873-1731.

Bereavement Groups

We all know that we are living through unprecedented times. But we are also experiencing unprecedented grief. If you are dealing with loss in your life, these groups can help. Please don't hesitate to be in touch with any of our clergy for guidance towards what might be right for you.

Temple Connect Bereavement Group with the Drs. Greene

"Death ends a life not a relationship." We are so blessed that Temple members Dr. Robert Greene MD, a retired surgical oncologist and hospice director, and Dr. Barbara Greene PhD, a psychologist who specializes in grief groups, are offering a free, bimonthly bereavement group to help deal with the loss of a loved one and to honor the experiences of the bereaved. Whether you have recently experienced a loss or there's more distance in time from your loved ones passing; whether you need just one session or many; whether you want to schedule ahead of time or wake up that day discovering a need to talk about your experience – coming to this group will be an act of love for yourself and others, and way to honor of your loved ones. Available on Zoom. Email them directly at rigbbg@yahoo.com.

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