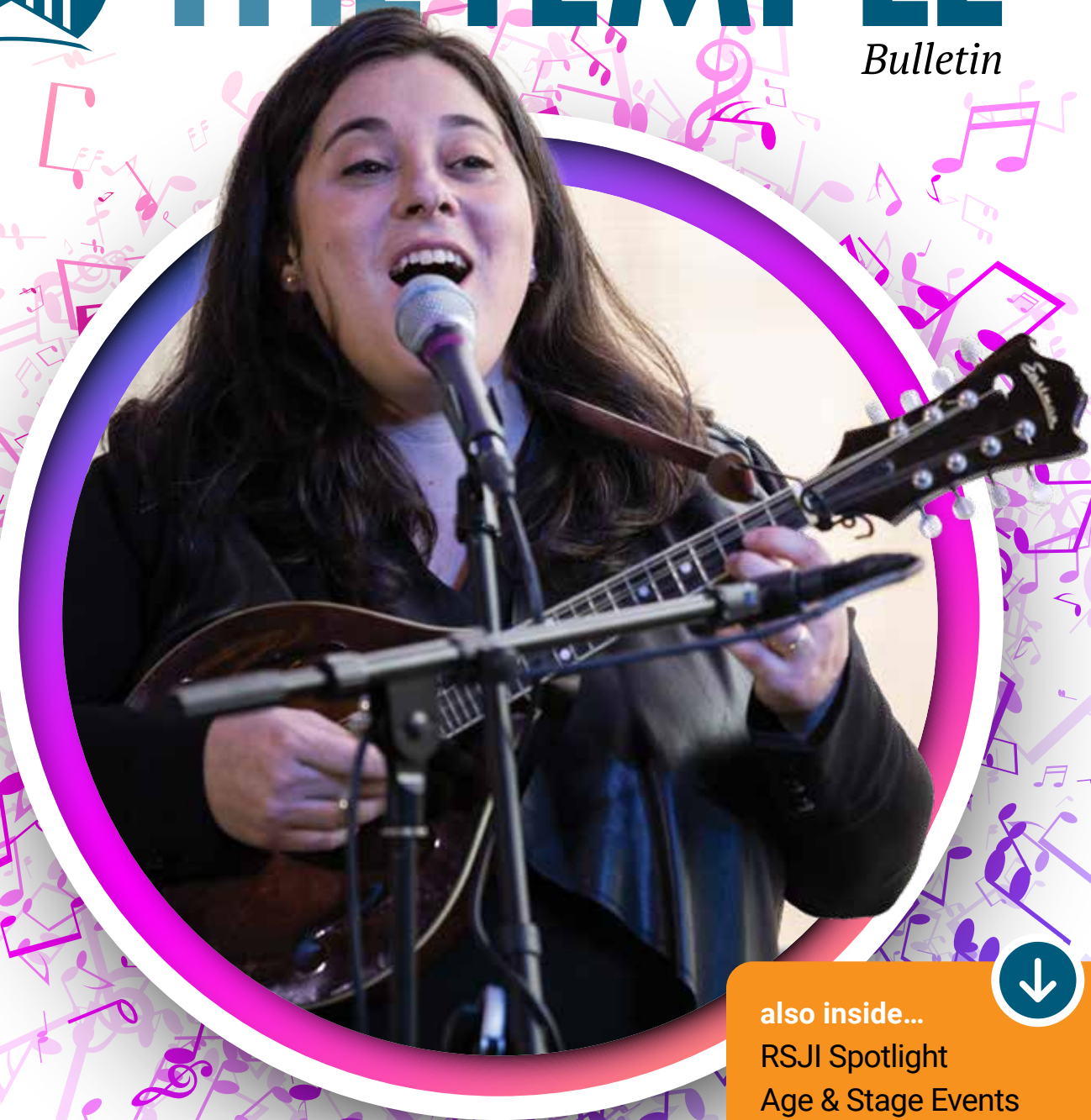




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SCHEDULE: FEBRUARY 2024

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

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2

6:00pm Shabbat Worship Service honoring Jewish Disabilities Awareness Month

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3

9:00am Torah Study
 10:30am Shabbat Worship Service and Bat Mitzvah of Cassandra Gaydos

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9

8:00pm Shabbat Worship Service featuring Cantor Deborah Hartman Musician-in-Residence Artist, Elana Arian

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10

9:00am Torah Study
 9:30am Mini Shabbat Morning with Elana Arian
 10:30am Shabbat Worship Service and B'nei Mitzvah of Drew Cohen & Lucas Rosenbloom

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16

6:00pm Shabbat Worship Service featuring Shir Chadash & Birthday Blessings

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17

9:00am Torah Study
 10:30am Shabbat Worship Service and Bar Mitzvah of Colin Dorfman

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23

6:00pm Shabbat HaNefesh

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24

9:00am Torah Study
 10:30am Shabbat Worship Service and Bat Mitzvah of Emma Siegelman

TORAH & HAFTARAH:

FEBRUARY 3: Yitro

Exodus 18:1–20:23; Isaiah 6:1–7:6; 9:5–6

FEBRUARY 10: Mishpatim

Exodus 21:1–24:18; Jeremiah 34:8–22; 33:25–26

FEBRUARY 17: T'rumah

Exodus 25:1–27:19; I Kings 5:26–6:13

FEBRUARY 24: T'tzaveh

Exodus 27:20–30:10; Ezekiel 43:10–27



The Power of Music and Community

“The power of music” is commonly imagined as an art form that evokes a heightened emotional and physical state of being. Music brings people together, it heals, it energizes, and it stimulates parts of the brain that can literally heal damage to the body.

My cousin was a music therapist and spent much of her lifetime working with patients and helping in emotional and physical recovery. She did this as a second career and talked about the life-changing force that music had on her patients. I have witnessed physical and emotional transformations in hospital settings with both loved ones and congregants that, even if momentary, bring peace and comfort to those who are suffering.

Music also connects us—one to another—and to something much greater than ourselves. It is THE universal language that speaks to all.

I can think of countless moments when music has connected me to complete strangers. When everyone stands at a ballgame, singing the national anthem, or “Take Me Out to the Ball Game,” I get teary. I can’t explain why, other than that the community feels as one as they raise their voices together, and that sound is powerful beyond words. When I travel with groups of people, the bonds made are largely due to the shared musical experiences. When we sang “El Male Rachamin” in a recently-discovered hidden makeshift synagogue in Terezin, we all wept. It was more than being together in this sad and sacred space. The music swept us off our feet and bonded us for life.

We need community more than ever right now. There is so much sadness and confusion and anger in the world. Everywhere we look, it is there—it is inescapable. My own children, in the past few months, have been talking more than they ever have about their Jewish identities and their need for Jewish community.

In a September 24, 2023 *New York Times* op-ed entitled, “Want to Fight Anti-Semitism? Embrace Jewish Traditions,” Deborah Lipstadt explains a moment while teaching at Emory University. “I noticed one of my students was wearing a kipa, or skullcap, something he had not done previously. Before I could consider whether to comment on his new attire, he pointed at his kipa and proudly—if not gleefully—proclaimed that, with antisemitism rising, he was intent on showing haters they could not frighten him. Rather than hiding, he told me, he would tell the world that he was a Jew. I appreciated his moxie, but my heart broke a little bit. He had handed our oppressors power over his identity. He had been pushed, not pulled, closer to his tradition”.

Lipstadt suggests that in the face of anti-Semitism, the best way for Jews to respond is to come together in solidarity; to let the beautiful traditions of Judaism guide us and pull us closer to our Jewish identities.

Music is a catalyst for bringing people together and strengthening relationships. The Temple’s Cultural Arts mission is to bring people together, to build community, through diverse art forms.

On the weekend of February 9-11, we welcome Elana Arian, one of the Jewish world’s most gifted singer/songwriters, and whose music is a staple in our Shabbat services. She will join our Temple’s choirs and bands for a weekend of soulful uplifting music that will surely lift our community in spirit and camaraderie. On Sunday, February 25 we celebrate the milestone (100th) birthday of Janice Rothschild Blumberg with an interview with WABE’s Lois Reitzes as she takes us on her lifetime journey through beautiful pictures and art. The community building continues on the weekend of March 8-10 with the first ever Women’s Wellness Weekend, as we come together for an unforgettable experience of music, prayer, learning and connecting.

We all need more music in our lives. I hope that you will find that spark of the divine in the musical and arts community with all of us at The Temple!

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 Busseto, 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.

Connect with Cantor Tracey Scher:


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EDUCATION

ADULT EDUCATION

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

RSVP for all of these courses at www.the-temple.org/classes.

Medieval History, Modern Anguish, and the Jewish Future

February 6, 20, and 27 • 7:00pm

Instructor: Dr. Craig Perry, Assistant Professor of Middle Eastern Studies and Jewish Studies at Emory University

What can the history of Jewish life in the Middle Ages (622–1492 CE) possibly offer us in the aftermath of October 7? This mini-course will explore three medieval case studies that prompt us to ask new questions about present-day crises and to imagine new possibilities for the future of Jewish life and community.

- February 6 – Jewish Privilege and Subordination in the Islamic Caliphates
- February 20 – The Royal Alliance: Jews and State Power in Christian Europe
- February 27 – Jew vs. Jew: Heresy, Polemic, and Everyday Life

Judaism 101

Begins February 6 • 7:00pm • Eight weeks plus a Shabbat experience

Cost: Free for members, \$36 book fee for members who do not own *Honoring Tradition, Embracing Modernity*; \$150/person (includes book) for non-members; add a second family member for \$36

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



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BEC PROGRAMMING

FEBRUARY 3

4th Grade Shul-Under
& Confirmation Evening Activity

FEBRUARY 4

9:30am Sunday Program
PreK Family Program & Social
No Classes for 4th or 10th Grades

FEBRUARY 11

9:30am Sunday Program
9:45am B'nei Mitzvah Coffee Parent Social
11:15am Elana Arian Family Concert

FEBRUARY 18

No Sunday Program

FEBRUARY 23

Project 67 Event

FEBRUARY 25

9:30am Sunday Program
Museum of Jewish Peoplehood

WELC PRESCHOOL



WELC Registration is Now Open!

Priority registration for the 2024-2025 school year is currently open for the children of our Temple Members until February 16! It then opens to additional priority and starting March 1st it is open to everyone! 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.

Camp Minimac 2024

Camp Minimac information will be coming out March 1! Please call 404-872-8668 or email camp@the-temple.org for more information.



Weinberg Early Learning Center
at The Temple





Youth Lounge Refresh

We are excited to share with you that the Musicer Youth Lounge is getting a refresh for the spring, including new modular furniture, a 150 retro arcade game machine, and other new exciting additions! Project Connect is looking forward to a pizza lunch unveil in the spring. Thank you to the Musicer Family for their generous support.

Project Connect

Our youth program, Project Connect, is off to a great start to the secular new year! Our wonderful 8th and 9th graders had a blast on their trip to Florida! The group volunteered at UP Orlando, who's been our partner for many years, and made a difference in the local Orlando community. UP Orlando serves those in poverty and allows families in the area to have access to basic needs, nutritional food, and crisis care. The teens were able to make an impact in the lives of others and learn how food insecurity impacts their community in Atlanta as well. We spent another day of our trip at Hollywood Studios where we had a fun time bonding and made new lasting memories!



Esther Bleich

SCHOLARSHIP



We have a gem at the Temple you may not know about! It's the Bleich Scholarship Fund. Set up 38 years ago by the late Dr. Jack

Bleich in a generous gift to the Temple to honor his mother, Esther, its mission is to help Jewish college students who don't have all the necessary funds and need a little help to complete a meaningful education. Since its inception in 1980, we are very proud the Bleich Fund has assisted almost 300 students entering college, during college, or going for graduate degrees, by offering them grants, loans, or a combination of both.

Please call Heather McKerley at 404-873-1731 ext. 1150 at The Temple to receive the necessary paperwork. The deadline for grant/loan applications has been extended to Monday March 15, 2024.



MAY THEIR MEMORY BE FOR A BLESSING

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MAZAL TOV!

Have good news to share?

Please email Lisa Madrigal at lmadrigal@the-temple.org.

Julie and Kenneth "Scott" Voelker, Jr. on the birth of their son, Ryan Brooks Voelker.

Laura and Nicholas Richardson on the birth of their son, Graham Edward Richardson, and to big brother, Bennet Richardson.

Katherine and Michael Crosby on the birth of their daughter, Louise Bonner Crosby.

Alison Reed and Amit Shemesh on the birth of their daughter, Eleanor Shemesh Reed, and to big brothers, Adrian and Julian Shemesh.

Stephanie and Omri Eban on the birth of their son, Denny Benjamin Eban.

Alison & David Ash on the birth of their daughter, Charlotte Ash.

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CANTOR DEBORAH HARTMAN
MUSICIAN-IN-RESIDENCE WEEKEND

Elana Arian

FEBRUARY 9-11



A composer, multi-instrumentalist, and prayer leader, **Elana Arian** is one of the leading voices in contemporary Jewish music.

Bring your family and friends for an amazing weekend of soulful, energetic music.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9

6:00pm Shabbat Service
with our youth and adult choirs
and Temple band, followed by dinner

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10

9:30am Mini Shabbat
7:30pm Parlor Concert
with drinks, dessert and fabulous music
(Location provided upon RSVP)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11

11:15am BEC Family Concert
with Shir Harmony

RSVP for these events at
www.the-temple.org/musicweekend.



EVENTS & NEWS

Age & Stage

VIYP: Trivia at Whitehall Tavern

Wednesday, February 7 • 8:00pm

Young Families: Playground Meet Up

Sunday, February 25 • Ansley Park Playground

Sages: SCAD Tour

Tuesday, February 20 • 10:00am

Our friends and neighbors at SCAD have invited The Temple Sages for a tour! We will have the opportunity to visit the SCAD FASH Museum, which has a new exhibit, "Cristobal Balenciaga: Master of Tailoring," as well as their new theater. The tour will include lunch in one of their beautiful event spaces.

There is no charge for this program, but spaces are limited! The event will close once filled. Meet in The Temple lobby by the security desk at 9:50am. A SCAD shuttle will pick us up promptly at 10:00am and return us to The Temple at the conclusion of the tour. Sign up at www.the-temple.org/event/temple-sages-scad-tour.html

Leven Family Jewish Identity Institute Events

These programs are designed for interfaith couples and those couples and families who are starting to find their connections to the Jewish community.

The Temple's Marriage Retreat

March 8-10, 2024 at Brasstown Valley Resort

This marriage retreat is a great blend of reflection, connection, and fun. Led by Rabbis Loren and Micah Lapidus, it is designed for couples ranging from newly married to around 15 years of marriage. For the first time, it is two nights allowing for more free time to enjoy Brasstown Valley Resort and the North Georgia Mountains. The cost is only \$500 per couple for the entire weekend, including room and resort fees, meals, and retreat activities. To register, go to www.the-temple.org/marriageretreat



Men's Club

Facts & Finances with John Montag

Sunday, February 4 • 10:00-11:00am

RSVP at www.the-temple.org/mensclub



Mini Shabbat with Elana Arian

Saturday, February 10

9:30am: Service • 10:00am: Bagels & Coffee

Join your favorite puppet friends, along with their clergy, and meet our new musical friend, Elana Arian! You will NOT want to miss this—Elana has special music for the younger set and knows how to make it fun for everyone! We will start together with our mini friends for a fun service, and then enjoy some bagels and coffee and time time playing with friends.

MLK SHABBAT RECAP

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Social Justice Institute

SPOTLIGHT ON...

RSJI's Women's Rights and Gender Equality Group

Group Leader:

Samantha Schoenbaum, Temple Member Since: 2008

Why are you passionate about Women's Rights and Gender Equality?

Woman's reproductive rights and gender equality is a topic that I have spent my life fighting for. Do you know that in Judaism women are considered on a higher spiritual plane? However, throughout history, women have had to continually fight for equality. As a wife and mother, it boggles my mind that still women are not seen as equals to men in so many facets of our society. From equal pay to bodily autonomy, it is a topic that I will never stop fighting for.

What is one thing your group has accomplished that you are proud of?

In 2015 Roses for Roe was started as a way to spread the mission of Planned Parenthood and raise awareness. In 2017 it was first hosted by The Temple and Temple member Elaine B. Alexander. It has now become the second largest fundraiser for Planned Parenthood Southeast, and The Temple has played a large part in making it successful. Another fantastic program that I thought was particularly powerful was a conversation with Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies, raising awareness about the maternal mortality rate in Georgia.

If someone wants to get involved, what is one event they might be able to participate in?

On January 24, 2024 Roses for Roe will be taking place, it is a great way to learn more about the healthcare work Planned Parenthood does.

If someone wants to learn more about your group's issue, what is one book you would recommend?

The Women's History of the Modern World: How Radicals, Rebels, and Everywomen Revolutionized the Last 200 Years by Rosalind Miles.

RSJI Public Education Group

Upcoming Volunteer Opportunity: Backpack Buddies

Sunday, February 4 • 10:00am

RSVP: tinyurl.com/rsji-backpack

The Temple's RSJI Public Education Committee is committed to helping students in Atlanta who struggle with food insecurity. Over 30 million children in the U.S. rely on free or reduced lunches during school, and many of these children go hungry when they are home on the weekends without school meals.

We aim to help by working with Toomer Elementary, Sarah Smith Elementary, and Burgess-Peterson Academy (all APS schools) to identify students who can benefit from extra weekend food. Each month, we pack weekly bags to send home with these students on Fridays.

Upcoming Events in March:

Memphis Shabbat

Friday, March 1 • 6:00pm

- Taste some yummy Memphis-style food for Shabbat dinner!
- Enjoy soulful music with the sounds of the Memphis Blues and Elvis sprinkled throughout!
- Meet up with friends and neighbors who are from Memphis or who feel connected in some way!

Shabbat Worship Service highlighting our Rothschild Social Justice Institute

Friday, March 15 • 6:00pm

Rhythm & Ruach Debut

Friday, March 15 • 8:00pm

Rhythm and Ruach is a new Jewish jam group created to inspire people, through music, to connect to the rich texts, rituals and prayers of the Jewish people.

Purim Night Live with Dad's Garage & Dessert

March 23 • 7:00pm • Adults only



Purim Carnival

March 24 • 11:30am • Tons of fun for kids of all ages!

ShalomCare

Supporting Mental Health

Powered by The Temple

Mission

Our mission is to create a supportive culture at The Temple and within our community with intentional programming focused on mental health. We seek to increase awareness, eliminate stigma, provide education, and advocate for expanded support around mental health within our community and in coordination with the broader Jewish community and its stakeholders.

Contact:

If you are ill or in need, please reach out to our clergy at 404-874-1731. If The Temple is closed, one of clergy can be contacted on the emergency page by selecting option #3.

Web

www.the-temple.org/shalomcare

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