MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. SHABBAT

FRIDAY JANUARY 13

6:30PM DINNER (RESERVATION REQUIRED)
8:00PM SERVICE

also inside...

theatre dybbuk Residency
The U.S. & the Holocaust Panel
Shalom Corps
... and more!

January 2023
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SCHEDULE: JANUARY 2023

FRIDAY, JANUARY 6
6:00 PM  Shabbat Worship Service with Professional Band

SATURDAY, JANUARY 7
9:00 AM  Torah Study (Virtual Only)
10:30 AM  Shabbat Worship Service

FRIDAY, JANUARY 13
8:00 PM*  MLK Shabbat Worship Service

SATURDAY, JANUARY 14
9:00 AM  Torah Study (Multi-Access)
9:30 AM  Mini Shabbat
10:30 AM  Bar Mitzvah of Laney T. Serwitz

FRIDAY, JANUARY 20
6:00 PM  Shabbat Worship Service with Shir Chadash

SATURDAY, JANUARY 21
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10:30 AM  Bar Mitzvah of Ezra S. Malino

FRIDAY, JANUARY 27
6:00 PM  Shabbat HaNefesh Worship Services

SATURDAY, JANUARY 28
9:00 AM  Torah Study (Multi-Access)
10:30 AM  Bar Mitzvah of William R. Krakow

* Note Time

TORAH & HAFTARAH:

JANUARY 7: Vayechi
Genesis 47:28–50:26; I Kings 2:1-12

JANUARY 14: Shemot

JANUARY 21: Va-eira
Exodus 6:2–9:35; Ezekiel 28:25-29:21

JANUARY 28: Bo
One of the greatest joys of the rabbinate is working with our teens. Whether teaching them in the classroom, chaperoning youth programs, or traveling with them on their grade-level trips, our goal in partnership with our chaperones, Gesher leaders and teachers is to create a safe space for teens to explore their Judaism and strengthen their Jewish pride. Additionally, we focus our energy on supporting them as they navigate difficult teen pressures and issues.

As a teacher of teens, I am rarely surprised when there is a difference of opinion on any given topic. In fact, we constantly remind our teens that debate and questioning is encouraged in Judaism. In the Torah portion Vayishlach, we learn that after Jacob wrestled with a “man” at Peniel through the night, he was given the new name of Yisrael, meaning “struggle with God.” Like Jacob, we, too, learn through struggle and debate. However, one Sunday in November when our confirmation class began their study of confronting antisemitism and anti-Israel speech, I was a bit taken aback by several teens debating that antisemitic humor by non-Jewish comedians is acceptable.

After almost a decade of rising antisemitism and antisemitic incidents in America, it seems as if it is becoming more normalized in America. While blatant attacks, incidents and antisemitic speech are criticized and denounced by government and media, less obvious and often hidden antisemitism (like the humor debated by the confirmation students) and anti-Israel rhetoric goes unquestioned or unnoticed. During a Yom Kippur teen service discussion, when we first asked the general question of the 175 teens present if they had ever experienced antisemitism, only small portion raised their hands. But when we began listing off specific questions, such as, “Has a classmate ever referred to you as a Jew in a derogatory way?,” “Have you ever overheard a non-Jewish classmate making fun of Jews or telling Jewish jokes?,” or “Have you ever been told that Israel shouldn’t have a right to exist?,” almost every hand in the social hall went up. Sadly, our children and teens are confronted by anti-Jewish and anti-Israel acts and words almost daily.

In this climate of rising antisemitism and anti-Israel sentiments, we as parents and teachers must talk to our children and teens about it and teach them how to process and respond appropriately. It is most important to begin the conversation no matter how inexperienced we may feel (silence on the subject may indicate to your child that bad behaviors are acceptable) and keep communication channels open, encouraging children and teens to ask questions when they are concerned or confused. It is certainly okay to express helpful feelings when talking, such as anger, sadness, and empathy. Your Temple rabbis, cantors and education team are also always available to help you and your children process incidents and concerns.

When incidents do show up in the news, we should begin by asking children (usually second grade and older) what they know about them and correct

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Project Merry Mitzvah
Thank you to all the people who helped make the holiday season a little brighter for the residents of the Zaban Paradies Center. The 15th annual Project Merry Mitzvah was held on December 9th. This event would not be possible without our amazing adult and teen volunteers. We want to especially thank our event Senior co-chairs, Henry Banner and Chase Herbert and Junior co-chairs, Daniel Ratner and Sarah Zedd for their leadership. We are also grateful for all those who donated money or items for the shopping mall. We thank the following families for making this possible: Aferiat, Alexander, Azar/Haar, Banner, Bass, Ben-Arie, Berg, Bernstein-Wilner, Bilotto, Bookspan, Bowie, Braunstein, Caplan, Carter, Cohen, Cope, Crow, Davis, Edlein, Fishbein, Fishman, Flynn, Gillett, Gnaat, Goldberg, Golden, Goldman, Goldsmith, Goncher, Herbert, Herman, Hirsh, Hyken, Jones, Kaplan, Kessler, Kremer, Lavine, Leibowitz, Lettes, Levit, Levy, Lieb, Louie, Lourie, Luscher, Malino, McNaught-Walker, Nelson, Neuman, Ratner, Romanstein, Schmoll, Schoenbaum, Schwartz, Silver, Sommerfeld, Spear, Taylor, Wassersug, Weiss, Winarsky, Zedd, and Zufi.

Looking Forward
Our amazing early learning program strives to provide a warm, supportive, and inspiring learning environment for each child (3 months – Pre-K)!

2023-2024 WELC Enrollment
Enrollment for Temple members will be opening soon for the 2023-2024 school year followed. Visit www.the-temple.org/welc to learn more and visit www.the-temple.org/application.html to learn specifics about enrollment. We’d love to schedule a tour and show you what the WELC is all about!

Give us a call 404-872-8668.

Camp Minimac 2023
Camp Minimac information will be coming out by March 1st! Visit www.the-temple.org/camps.html for more camp information. Feel free to email us at camp@the-temple.org for more information.
MAY THEIR MEMORY
BE FOR A BLESSING

Our Heartfelt Sympathy to the Families of:

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MAZAL TOV!

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

Shaina Jordan Plotkin and Joshua Nathaniel Taft on their wedding
Daniel Alexander and Amanda Sara Kamor on their wedding
Amy Lynn Selig and Jeffrey Howard Stepakoff on their wedding
Hillary Erin Duncan and Matthew Michael Albert on their wedding
Sara Tasini and Peter Slag on their wedding
Jared and Tristyn Reisman on the birth of a daughter, Charlotte and to big brother, Max.
Gail Sharon Brena on the birth of her first granddaughter, Sylvie Ilana Brena

Connecting Through the Arts—
théatre dybbuk’s Residency

Tuesday, January 31
7:00pm • The Temple’s Sanctuary
No Charge and Open to All!
Registration is required at www.the-temple.org/tamid-classes

The Temple will be joined by théatre dybbuk for a residency that will take place here in Atlanta from January 30 through February 5, 2023. As part of this unique collaboration, théatre dybbuk will offer a variety of programs to our Temple community, including a workshop for youth learners, a Shabbat Service experience, and a performed reading of their recent theatrical work, breaking protocols, a piece which explores the notorious, fraudulent text “The Protocols of The Elders of Zion” as a jumping off point to investigate antisemitism and variety of related issues throughout history.

Théatre dybbuk creates lyrical theatrical performances and innovative educational encounters that use Jewish history as an entry point to investigate issues connected to identity, belonging, and power in our contemporary world.

This residency is supported in part by a Signature Grant from the Covenant Foundation.
Mini Shabbat: Tu B’Shvat
Saturday, January 14 • 9:30am: Service
10:00am: Bagels, Coffee, and Play time
Join your favorite puppet friends, along with their clergy, to learn all about Tu B’Shvat, the holiday of the trees! Come with the name of your favorite tree! 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 Circular Drive—make sure to pay attention to the weather and dress accordingly, because we’ll be outside! Questions? Email Rabbi Lydia Medwin at lmedwin@the-temple.org.

MLK Day Tree Planting
Monday, January 16
The Temple partners on this tree planting project with Repair the World. Check your weekly emails for details!

Multifaith Initiative to End Mass Incarceration:
Let My People Go Conference
January 11-13 • Theme: A New Day
The Temple co-founded this incredible network of faith leaders who speak with one voice about the need for changes in our criminal justice system. We hope you’ll join us to learn more and be a part of the change. Show up for our own MLK Shabbat transformed in mind and spirit.

Register now for the whole conference at www.multifaithemi.com.
Join us for just one session on January 11, 2023 at Ebenezer Baptist Church for a phenomenal presentation by Rev. Dr. Otis Moss III. This free event will also be livestreamed. Keep your eyes on Temple emails for more information.

The Temple is hosting on Thursday, January 12 of the conference—sign up now to volunteer and help us host our guests from across the country! https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0e4eabaa22a2fd0-2023
Questions? Call Rabbi Medwin at lmedwin@the-temple.org.

ACC Mission to Prague & Poland
Information Meeting for Cantors and Congregants
Wednesday, January 18, 2023 • 12:30pm
Trip Dates: October 14-25, 2023
Visit http://tiny.cc/ACCEurope2023 or scan the QR code or vto register for the Zoom.

Multi-Access Service! In person & Virtual

Martin Luther King, Jr. Shabbat
FRIDAY, JANUARY 13, 2023
GUEST SPEAKER: Rev. Raphael Warnock, Senior Pastor, Historic Ebenezer Baptist Church
Dinner: 6:30-7:45pm
Temple members: $36 • Community members: $40
Please consider a donation to host a member of Ebenezer.
Multi-Access Service: 8:00pm
with The Temple and Ebenezer Baptist Church Clergy and Choirs
Please RSVP by January 6: www.the-temple.org/mlk-shabbat
Reservation required for dinner. Space is limited. No table reservations necessary.
Age & Stage: Sages—
Landmark Midtown Art Cinema

Tuesday, January 24 • 3:00pm
Join us for a film and dinner! We’ll meet at The Temple and load the bus to the Promenade Center for a 4 pm showtime. The film will be selected by Carol Wien, MSEd., former film instructor at Emory University’s Osher Lifelong Learning Institute and at Georgia Gwinnett College, formerly Georgia Perimeter College. We will announce the choice and share a synopsis and review on the Thursday prior when they are released. Dinner next door at Apres Diem will follow, and we will return to The Temple by 8:30 pm. The cost is $20 and includes transportation, tickets and popcorn at the theater. Dinner purchased separately.

The Mitzvah of Welcoming—
Join our Shalom Corps team!

We read in Genesis that Abraham opened the door of his tent, welcomed in strangers as guests, washed their feet, fed them and took care of them. While we at The Temple don’t necessarily wash the feet of people who walk in our doors, we do strive to welcome them as guests and take care of them.

Meet Shalom Corps, a core group of friendly and helpful Temple members, dedicated to making every person who walks in our doors feel cared for. From first time visitor to founding member, we want to take great care of our guests.

Intrigued? We want to welcome you and invite you to join Shalom Corps! We are developing a core group of rotating greeters to welcome people at Friday night services. These greeters will provide 5-star service within our Temple as they welcome attendees, engage in conversation and provide information about The Temple to those who seek it.

Save the date for our first training session on Sunday, February 12 from 1:00-2:00pm—open to anyone interested in being a part of Shalom Corps. At this meeting we will learn about how important and valuable we can be to guests visiting our Temple for the first time. We will learn how to make Shabbat feel like an experience from the moment a person enters our doors to the moment they leave.

This meeting is open to anyone at The Temple who is interested in being a part of this team. It will last approximately one hour, and will be designed to be fun, light, interactive and informative. This session will not require a long-term commitment, and you can decide to opt-out after the meeting.

While we hope you will join in person for the hands-on experiential experience, a zoom-in option is available.

If you would like to learn more but cannot attend the meeting, we will provide you with an informational packet. Last, but not least, as we welcome you to this meeting, we will have snacks and beverages for your eating pleasure!

For more information, please contact Cantor Tracey Scher at tscher@the-temple.org. We hope to see you there!

Cantor Tracey Scher’s Installation

Our sanctuary filled with more than 300 people to celebrate the installation of Cantor Tracey Scher and to hear Guest Speaker Rabbi Jeffrey Sirkman from Larchmont Temple. The dinner theater cantorial concert was a hit, too!
We Must Not Be Silent...
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any inaccurate information. For younger children, it is especially important to reassure them of their safety (by pointing out local safety measures). We may also wish to include values in our discussions to remind them of the importance of respect and tolerance in our own language and behaviors. And if your child encounters antisemitism, anti-Israel speech, or any form of hate at school, speak directly to principals and school leaders, and report larger incidents to the Anti-Defamation League.

While it is always a good idea to monitor media for younger children, we must remember that our middle and high school teens and college students are constantly bombarded with hidden and blatant antisemitism and anti-Israel propaganda on social media and on campus. Websites from the ADL, the American Jewish Committee, and the Union for Reform Judaism provide excellent resources for parents and teens about antisemitism and acts against Jews. And for college students, organizations such as StandWithUs (www.standwithus.com), local campus Hillels (www.hillel.org/about/countering-antisemitism-on-campus and www.reportcampushate.com) and the AJC’s Campus Library (www.ajc.org/campuslibrary) provide important resources for reporting incidents and learning how to advocate on campus.

Sadly, antisemitism is not going away, and we as a Jewish community should not ignore it or hide. We are blessed by the hard work of our Temple security committee in conjunction with local and national Jewish security organizations and our Temple security team who keep our Temple and our educational programs safe for us all. Through a partnership between parents and our Temple educators, we can work to prepare and educate our children. And through this sacred teamwork, let us pray that 2023 is the year that ends antisemitism and hate.

Oseh shalom bimromav, Hu ya’aseh shalom, aleinu v’al kol Yisrael. May the One who creates peace on high bring peace to us and to all Israel.

With wishes of peace and health in 2023 from my family to yours,

Rabbi Steven Rau

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Zaban Paradies Center—Spreading Light and Warmth during Winter

As we move closer to our holidays and winter’s longest night, let’s remember to spread light and warmth to those in our city who are often isolated and cold. ZPC provides the following services to help those experiencing homelessness in our community: Emergency Residential Services for Couples, Day Services, and Community Housing Assistance for Couples and Families. In this article, we will focus on Day Services.

Services Spotlight: Day Services

Zaban Paradies Center provides a Day Services and Resource program to those experiencing homelessness or facing financial hardship. This program, currently offered on Monday and Thursday from 10 am to 2 pm, provides a refuge from the cold as well as wrap-around services. These services include access to showers, hygiene products, washers and dryers, light-touch case management, housing services, well-care visits, a hot meal, referrals to community services, and a place to rest for a few hours. Day Services and Resources are open to anyone experiencing homelessness in the city of Atlanta.

D. Simms began coming to ZPC’s Day Services and Resource program in June. Simms has a physical disability, because of childhood abuse, which has made him vulnerable and afraid to be in a shelter or on the streets. He found ZPC to be a place of refuge and safety. Through Day Services, Simms developed relationships that helped him to build community and find a safe, supportive men’s residential program.

In 2021, ZPC served over 130 people through Day Services. This is just one way that we have expanded our services to meet the greater need of those experiencing homelessness in our community.

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 (404-841-7045, bfeiman@yahoo.com) or Bobbi Wilson (404-259-1489, bobbwilson@gmail.com)
• The Holidays will be upon us soon. Check out ways you and your family can be involved by visiting www.zabanparadiescenter.org/volunteer.

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Oseh shalom bimromav, Hu ya’aseh shalom, aleinu v’al kol Yisrael.

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With wishes of peace and health in 2023 from my family to yours,

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Festivities will include a program, followed by a celebratory supper.

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By Phone: 404-873-1731
By Mail: The Temple, Attn: Mark Jacobson Celebration 1589 Peachtree St. NE, Atlanta, GA 30309

Invitation and details to follow.
Committee Chair: Patty Reid; Honorary Chairs: Kent Alexander, Lauren Grien, Doug Hertz, and Janet Lavine.