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SCHEDULE: MARCH 2021

FRIDAY, MARCH 5

6:00 PM Shabbat Worship Service

SATURDAY, MARCH 6

9:00 AM Torah Study

10:30 AM B'nei Mitzvah Service of Eric Krause & Jacob Opler 5:30 PM Mincha B'nei Mitzvah Service of Cori & Lawson Scher

FRIDAY MARCH 12

6:00 PM Shabbat Worship Service

"Shabbat Lab" Worship Service: A Focus on Healing and Reflection 6:00 PM

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SATURDAY, MARCH 13

9:00 AM Torah Study

9:30 AM Mini Shabbat Morning

10:30 AM Bat Mitzvah of Madeline Aferiat

FRIDAY, MARCH 19

6:00 PM Shabbat Worship Service

8:00 PM The Well

SATURDAY, MARCH 20

9:00 AM Torah Study

10:30 AM Bat Mitzvah of Zoe Dick

5:30 PM Mincha B'nei Mitzvah of Jay Berkman & Robbie Berkman

FRIDAY, MARCH 26

6:00 PM Shabbat Worship

SATURDAY, MARCH 27

9:00 AM Torah Study

6:00 PM Passover First Night Seder

SUNDAY. MARCH 28

10:30 AM Passover Service

SATURDAY APRIL 3

10:30 AM Shabbat Morning and Passover/Yizkor Worship Service

10:30 AM Bat Mitzvah of Nola Shapiro

TORAH&HAFTARAH:

MARCH 6 / SHABBAT PARAH: Ki Tissa

Exodus 30:11-34:35; Ezekiel 36:22-36

MARCH 13 / SHABBAT HACHODESH: Vayakhel-Perkudei

Exodus 35:1-40:38; Ezekiel 45:16-25

MARCH 20: Vayikra

Leviticus 1:1-5:26; Isaiah 43:21-44:23

MARCH 27 / SHABBAT HAGADOL: Tzav

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



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Introducing the "Shabbat Lab"

March 13, 2020, Cantor Hartman and I stood in the empty chapel, six feet apart, looking at our one stationary camera. With very little notice, we led a virtual Shabbat service, not realizing that it would be the first of many.

Since that Friday night, we as a Temple—clergy and congregant—have learned a lot about virtual worship. We've learned how to log in to Zoom and type in our family and friends' names for the Mi Shebeirach prayer for healing, we've installed plexiglass in our sanctuary and created an entire production studio with the help of Dan Fishman, our A/V Manager. We had a virtual High Holy Days, and virtual Chanukah candlelightings, and a virtual Purim celebration. We celebrate Shabbat and b'nei mitzvah, week after week, sometimes from the sanctuary with safety precautions, and sometimes from the safety of our respective homes. While we look forward to the days of worshiping as a community in our Temple building, we also know that technology will continue to be a part of our worship in the future, connecting members who cannot or choose not to come in person, while also providing opportunities to enhance the worship experience for everyone.

The process of implementing technology upgrades and changes to our worship service was already embedded in our strategic plan, but as with many things in the pandemic, it takes on new priority for us now. As part of figuring out what our Temple's needs will be, we will need to experiment with different production elements and technology and, just as important, get your feedback. Thus we are excited to introduce the "Shabbat Lab."

One Friday a month, there will be a Shabbat Lab service. In these services, we will try out some different elements that we might use again in the future. Unlike small adjustments we might make on a regular Friday night service, Shabbat Lab services will incorporate noticeable changes to the worship experience. Think back to the Unity Shabbat after Election Day, our virtual MLK Shabbat service, or the February 26th Shabbat service reflecting on themes of Purim—there were elements of music, imagery, and text that were different from our "usual" Shabbat worship. At a Shabbat Lab service, you might see new instrumentation or creative music, visual tefilah slides, congregant participation through videos, and even guest speakers. No matter what we might try during the service, there will always be our customary moments of praying for healing, reciting mourner's kaddish, and other familiar and anchoring communal times during the service.

Our first official Shabbat Lab service will be on March 12. In acknowledgment of a full year since starting virtual worship, we will offer a healing service, incorporating meditation, healing prayers, reflections from Temple members, and special music. On April 16, our Shabbat Lab service will be Israel-themed, following Yom HaZikaron and Yom HaAtzmaut earlier in the week. More information on future services to follow.

I will share that personally, I have found meaning this year in the creative challenges a virtual platform provides. Rather than focus on what we can't do, I've tried to lean into the opportunities and the things we can provide through virtual worship. But, it is not the same as being able to worship with you in person, seeing one another faces and hearing one another's voices. I pray that soon we will be able to safely gather together and blend the innovations and technology of the past year with the vibrancy of in-person worship. In the meantime, we look forward to "seeing" you at services and together finding new ways to celebrate Shabbat together.

Many Hon-Lyndun Rabbi Loren Filson Lapidus

About Rabbi Loren Filson Lapidus:

Rabbi Loren Filson Lapidus joined the The Temple in 2008 and currently serves as Senior Associate Rabbi. She was ordained at Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, and also has a Master of Arts in Hebrew Letters and a Master of Education in Administration. Here at The Temple, Rabbi Lapidus brings her experiences as the child of an interfaith family and a parent of young children to to help people of all backgrounds to feel more welcome and involved in the congregation. Rabbi Lapidus is married to Rabbi Micah Lapidus, the Director of Judaic and Hebrew Studies at The Alfred and Adele Davis Academy. They have two children, Hadara and Caleb.

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Jav Morton Berkman Son of Wendi & Jeffrey Berkman



MARCH 20 **Robbie Steven Berkman** Son of Wendi & Jeffrey Berkman

MAY THEIR MEMORY BE FOR A BLESSING

Our Heartfelt Sympathy to the Families of:

Elizabeth Mercer Hammond (mother of George Hammond) Dorothy "Dot" Steinheimer (mother of George Steinheimer & Carole Brand)

Harvey Ellman (father of Jeffrey Ellman)

Bluma T. Goldberg (grandmother of Leah Davis)

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Esther Rawn (mother of Hugh Rawn & Marcia Miller)

Sheldon Miller (husband of Irene Miler)

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Murray Melvin "Mel" Rubin (father of Nina Rubin)

Alva "Peaches" Wirth (mother of Michael and Mitchell Wirth)

Geraldine Isenberg Greenberg (Mother of Caryl Greenberg)

Claudia Ruth Lewin (sister of Jon Lewin)

MAZAL TOV!

Have good news to share?

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

Birth of Carter Edward Levow to Jake and Eileen Levow and to grandparents, Renee and Alan Levow

Aaron and Kimberly Ross on the birth of their daughter, Ellis Margaret and to big sister, Amelia.

Lynne Keating for Retiring from FEMA after 30 years

NEW&RETURNING MEMBERS

Khushboo & David Glustrom Bodhi Glustrom

Carole Kant

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Come and share in our joy, virtually!

NAMING CEREMONY AND SIMCHAT BAT FOR SELAH NES **BARUCHEL-KAYE**



Shabbat HaGadol March 27, 2021 at 10:30am Rabbi Samuel Kaye and Taylor Baruchel





Did you know The Temple has a podcast?

Rabbi Berg and Rabbi Lapidus host this weekly conversation that covers topics of Jewish interest, features interviews with members of our Atlanta community, and gives some insight into what happens "behind the scenes" for our clergy and Temple. Our February episodes include conversations with Rabbi Steven Rau, Terri Bonoff of JF&CS, and Jenna Shulman of JELF.

All of our episodes are available on Apple podcast, Spotify, and at anchor.fm/thetempleatl

Meet Our Staff!

Get to know some of the friendly faces at The Temple.

Amy Cox Staff Accountant

Amy is a native of Mississippi, growing up in Taylorsville, a tiny town in central Mississippi. Amy is married to Jerry Woolard. Between them, they have four children, three sons and a daughter, and two grandsons, Alex and Tristen. They have two very spoiled Boston Terriers, Toby and Harley Divason.



Likes:

Cooking, white wine, working in the yard, reading or listening to books online, and spending time with family and friends when she can.

Dislikes:

Living so far from most of her family, putting away laundry, and cold weather.

Fun Fact:

Amy lived in Germany for five years and is a two time cancer survivor.

EDUCATION

TAMID Programming

All classes are online. Registration required to receive the Zoom link: www.the-temple.org/tamid-classes



A New Approach to the Two Thousand Year Old **Issue of Anti-Semitism**

Dates: March 2, 9, 16 • Time: 7:00pm Cost: Free and open to all!

Instructor. Rabbi Dr. Albert Slomovitz, founder of The Jewish Christian Discovery Center and author of A New Look at Rabbi Jesus: Jews and Christians Finally Reconnected

Throughout these sessions, Dr. Slomovitz' will chronicle some traditional causes of anti-Semitism including the use of the Christian Bible, Jesus' life and education, the role of Judas and how the high



priests come into play. By learning about some of these misreadings and misunderstandings, we can delve into the historical significance of this "facts" regarding anti-Semitism to help inform our next steps.

Hebrew 101

Dates: 7 weeks beginning Tuesday, March 2 • Times: 7:05-8:00pm

Cost: Free for members, \$100 for non-members

Requirements: Minimum of 8 participants per class

This weekly class is for the Hebrew novice. Participants learn Hebrew consonants and vowels, then learn to read Hebrew aloud.

A Similar Season: An Interfaith Conversation on our Spring Holidays of Reflection and Renewal

Date: Tuesday, March 23 • Time: 7:00pm

Instructors: Guest Reverend Lauren Holder of the Cathedral of St. Philip and Rabbi Loren Filson Lapidus

Registeration: Visit www.the-temple.org/tamid-classes to receive the Zoom link. Free and open to all!

As our Christian and Jewish faith communities approach the spring holidays of Easter and Passover, we take an opportunity to reflect and learn together in this interfaith conversation. We'll discuss how these holidays function spiritually and theologically in our respective faiths, and have the opportunity to learn more about our neighbors' celebrations as we enter this holy season.





WELC PRESCHOOL

Registration is Now Open! Weinberg Early Learning Center

Registration for the 2021-2022 school year is open to all! Schedule a tour and come see why so many Temple families call WELC their children's home away from home! For more information contact us at 404-872-8668 or welc@the-temple.org.



Weinberg Early Learning Center at The Temple









Here is what's happening this year at Camp Minimac!

This summer, 2021 Camp Minimac will be going on adventures around the world! There will be science, cooking, art, in house field trips, and of course plenty of time in Sonia's Splash Pad! Join us for Camp Minimac's "Adventure Camp!"

- **Session 1:** June 1-4 (Closed May 31st) Antarctic Expedition
- **Session 2:** June 7-11 African Safari
- **Session 3:** June 14-18 Desert Camp Out
- **Session 4:** June 21-25 Ocean Deep Divers
- **Session 5:** June 28-July 2 American Adventures
- **Session 6:** July 6-9 (Closed July 5th) **Space Explorers**



at The Temple

- **Session 7:** July 12-16 **Dinosaur Time Travelers**
- **Session 8:** July 19-23 Volcano Visitors
- **Session 9:** July 26-30 Amazonian Jungle Cruise

For more information visit www.the-temple.org/camps.html or call Audrey Henderson at 404-872-8668.



Transitional Kindergarten

at Weinberg Early Learning Center

Following a less traditional school year because of the pandemic, give your child the gift of time in a student-centered classroom within a smaller school setting. The Weinberg Early Learning Center is opening a Transitional Kindergarten this August!

Transitional Kindergarten(TK) offers a nurturing and developmentally appropriate learning environment tailored to meet academic, social, and emotional needs of each child in a small class setting. A low teacher-to-student ratio ensures students are receiving individualized attention.

> In addition to providing a spirited Jewish learning experience, our curriculum focuses on exposing the students to standards in:



language arts/ literacy



mathematics



science



social studies



communication skills



problem-solving

By implementing differentiated instruction, our TK classroom will offer students extended opportunities to successfully meet or exceed the academic standards they will encounter in Kindergarten (or possibly 1st grade).

Generous financial aid is available for our TK and Pre-K students for those who qualify thanks to the ALEF Fund.



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BEC MARCH 2021 PROGRAMMING

- 1-3 No Midweek Hebrew Program
 - 7 Sunday Program @ 9:30am 2nd Grade In-Person Programming @ 10:15am 3rd Grade Cooking Project @ 10:30am
- 14 Sunday Program @ 9:30am 5th Grade In-Person Programming @ 10:15am
- 21 Sunday Program @ 9:30am 3rd Grade In-Person Programming @ 10:15am 2nd Grade Cooking Project @ 10:15am
- **28-31** Passover Break No Sunday or Midweek Program



LEFT & CENTER TOP: BEC begins in-person programming on Sunday mornings. CENTER BOTTOM & RIGHT: The fun continues with the BEC online including Hamantaschen baking.

DREAM FOR COMMONOR

THE LYNNE & HOWARD HALPERN ENDOWMENT FUND Investing for our Future

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Thanks to you, this Endowment Campaign will help establish financial stability for future generations. Creating a strong endowment is the most important thing we can be doing for the future of our beloved Temple. — — — Rabbi Peter S. Berg

For more information on the endowment campaign, please visit **the-temple.org/dream** or contact **Mark Jacobson, Executive Director** at 404-873-1731.



Opportunities for Learning & Preparation

Mini Shabbat: Passover Preparations!

Saturday, March 13 @ 9:30am See page 11 for details.

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Passover Drive Through The Temple!

Wednesday, March 24 • 4:00-6:00pm

Like we did at Chanukah, this is a chance to drive through our Temple, wave to your Temple clergy and staff, and collect some items to help you celebrate Passover (and a sweet treat, too!). Registration required at www.the-temple.org/passover.

Daily Dash-Passover Edition

Daily, March 28-April 4 @ 8:00am

The much acclaimed Daily Dash returns! Tune in every day (except Shabbat) for five minutes of reflection by your clergy and staff to begin each day of Passover. Get your day started with a dash of wisdom and light!

First Night Seder

Saturday, March 27 @ 6:00pm via Zoom

We will be offering a virtual community seder led by members of our clergy team. All are welcome. There is no cost but registration is required on our website.

We may be offering some small group sederim with specific themes and demographics. More information will be available on our website near the beginning of the month and will be sent via email. And, if you are hosting a virtual seder and are willing to welcome fellow Temple members, or looking for more resources, please go to our website for ways to connect.

Passover Worship Opportunities

First Day Passover Festival Service

Sunday, March 28 @ 10:30am

Rabbi Peter Berg and Cantor Deborah Hartman will lead this festival service via Zoom. It is an opportunity to reflect on the beginning of the holiday the morning after the first seder.

Last Day Passover and Shabbat Service with Yizkor

Saturday, April 3 @ 10:30am

Rabbi Sam Kave and Cantorial Intern Mike Jarvis will lead this service via Zoom that celebrates Shabbat and the conclusion of Passover, and also offers a Yizkor service of remembrance.



EVENTS&NEWS

ROTHSCHILD

Social Justice Institute

Racial Justice Committee

The History and Politics of Voting in Georgia

SAVE THE DATE: Monday, March 1 @ 7:00pm

The Rothschild Social Justice Institute is honored to host a panel that includes Morehouse College's Dr. Adrienne Jones as we discuss the history and politics of voting in Georgia from the 1800s to today.

Please Pre-register: email Joya at jschmidt@the-temple.org who will forward you the zoom link.

Dr. M. Adrienne Jones, Morehouse College. Dr. Jones teaches courses in American politics, race, and law. She serves as the Morehouse College Pre-Law Director. Her research focuses on the history and politics of black Americans and legal and public policy issues related to the black experience. Her doctoral dissertation, "The Voting Rights



Act Under Siege: The Development of the Influence of Colorblind Conservatism on the Federal Government and the Voting Rights Act of 1965," is currently being excerpted for journal publication. She is a regular opinion editorial writer on issues of race and politics.

Women's Rights Group

Reproductive freedom is a Jewish value that we at The Temple hold dear. To demonstrate this commitment to reproductive justice. the RSJI Women's Rights group is jumping into 2021 with three meaningful events this spring.

Please save the 2 dates below and be on the lookout for additional details including location and registration.

We Testify: An International Women's Day Celebration of Reproductive Justice

Monday, March 8 • 7:00-8:15 pm

Join The Temple's RSJI Women's Rights group for an evening of learning and action. We will hear the brave stories of our reproductive journeys, explore what reproductive justice is, and learn how other organizations such as Sister Song have been fighting for access for all Georgians. Please RSVP to Joya Schmidt for the Zoom log-in information.

Toiletry Drive for Women on the Rise

March 19-26, 2021

As Passover nears, we turn our attention to an age-old theme of the holiday: Freedom. While this particular Exodus story is far in the past, the dynamics of power, oppression and liberation are alive and well today.

This Passover, The Temple's Committee for Racial Justice is partnering with an organization called Women on the Rise (www. womenontherisega.org), which is dedicated to supporting and empowering formerly incarcerated women as they rejoin their families and re-enter society. These are women who have been

impacted by the justice system and are also mothers, daughters, sisters, and friends.

After years in prison, many women are experiencing freedom for the first time in many years: rebuilding relationships, reconnecting with their children, figuring out new technology, and finding housing, employment and more.

One way we can help as a community is to provide toiletry kits with basic supplies such as soap, toothpaste, deodorant, and feminine hygiene products to include in Welcome Home packets distributed by Women on the Rise. The more basics a woman starts with, the more she can focus on bigger challenges.



As you prepare for Passover, please join us in collecting these much-needed items. Here is how you can be a part of this project:

- Purchase needed items via this Amazon Wish List: www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1XJRSKENWIRYD?ref =wl share
- Sign up and purchase needed items here to drop off at The Temple March 19-26 between 10:00am and 3:00pm: www.signupgenius.com/go/4090F4AAFAC2EA20-toiletry
- * Please be sure that all items are NEW in their package and full-sized.

If you are interested in learning more or getting involved in our partnership with Women on the Rise, please contact Melissa Bloomfield at melissabloomfield@gmail.com.

Roses for Roe

Tuesday, May 25

We will host the 6th annual "Roses for Roe," an event that supports the critical role of Planned Parenthood Southeast.



The RSJI Women's Rights group is accepting new members and would love for you to join us as we plan these events. For more information, contact Sam Schoenbaum at samanthalbs@gmail.com.



Hunger Walk Sunday, March 7

The demand for food assistance has never been



greater! Let's make Hunger Walk/Run 2021 the biggest year yet! Reflecting on our Vision and Values statements and acting to repair the world we want to bring to your attention the longstanding Temple tradition of supporting the Atlanta Community Food Bank's Hunger Walk. This March 7, 2021, the Walk will be held virtually. However, we can still financially support and walk individually to help the larger than usual number of Georgians who are experiencing hunger and/or food insecurity. Over the years, the Hunger Walk has supported the Zaban Paradies Center for Homeless Couples as well as many vital Jewish organizations engaged in social

We can beat our prior years' donations by raising \$5,000 this year. When registering, please remember to choose The Temple team. In the spirit of friendly competition, let's lead the way for synagogues in the Atlanta area. Register at https://www.acfb.org

Mini Shabbat: Passover Preparations!

Saturday, March 13 @ 9:30 am

Join us, your Temple clergy and puppets, for a fun-filled journey as we scour the house for chametz! Learn about this fun rituatl to prepare your house for Passover—all you need is a candle and a feather. As always, no need to RSVP. Just jump on and join us, even in your PJs! Questions? Email Rabbi Lydia Medwin at lmedwin@the-temple.org.

Sandwich Salon

Driveway Dining with Rich Wilner

March 16 • 11:30am-1:30pm

Rich Wilner, General Manager of AFFAIRS TO REMEMBER, will share some pre-Passover tips. Hopefully we will all be able to enjoy Seder with



our families—in person. But, if that isn't the case, Rich will help guide us all to workable plans for some 'driveway dining'! Originally a New Yorker, Rich came to Atlanta in 1991 and joined AFFAIRS TO REMEMBER in 1998. He was appointed General Manager in 2014. During his years at AFFAIRS, he has produced more than 1,200 events and oversees management of private event space at Fox Theatre as well as the beverage program at Mason Fine Art. Talking us through our Passover planning should be easy lifting for Rich!

Please RSVP to Joya Schmidt at jschmidt@the-temple.org, then check your Temple email for the Zoom information.

Jewish Mindfulness Meditation – Virtual

Tuesdays @ 1:00pm

Judaism is replete with tools for navigating stressful moments and revealing our inner resilience. Join Rabbi Medwin for a few minutes of discussion and guided meditation as we look to the wisdom of our tradition. See your weekly email for the link.



The Leven Family Jewish Identity Institute helps interfaith couples and families, and couples still figuring out what role Judaism has in their families, to connect with our Temple. We are kicking off some small group virtual Shabbat dinners for couples who became parents in the pandemic, newly married couples, and are looking to start more in the coming

months. Also, we will be bringing our annual marriage retreat to a virtual platform! Our first one will be on March 19 for couples with children preK age and younger, with another offering for couples in their first 5 years of marriage (pre-kids) next month. If any of this sounds of interest, please email Rabbi Lapidus or Summer Jacobs for more information!

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 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 rjgbbg@yahoo.com.

JF&CS Clinical Services

Bereavement Groups: Joining together for comfort and consolation Every other Tuesday, starting February 9 • 4:00-5:00pm via Zoom Cost: Free, donations welcome at jfcsatl.org/howyoucanhelp Grief and loss of loved ones brings about complicated and mixed emotions. This support group aims to foster a safe and healthy environment to process and support those individuals.

For more information or to register, contact Rabbi Judith Beiner at (770) 667-9352 or chaplain@jfcsatl.org or Brennen Joseph, LCPC, NCC at (770) 677-9478 or bjoseph@jfcsatl.org.

In addition, our partnership with JF&CS allows us to offer you a clinician and geriatric care manager associated with The Temple. Please be in touch with us if we can connect you to even more resources beyond bereavement care. We care about you, and we can help.



EVENTS&NEWS



Zaban Paradies Center Spring is in the Air at ZPC!

As we round the corner toward spring and the home stretch of our 2020-2021 Residential Season, we have plenty of good news to report. Opening a month early last fall gave us a head's start and



thus far ZPC has served over 20 couples. We are learning how to implement trauma-informed best practices to help them cope with the challenges of securing employment and navigating the sense of isolation generated by the pandemic. Self-sufficiency is the main focus and many of our residents are moving forward with their plans to transition to independent living.

Our new Rapid-rehousing program has enabled us to provide case management for qualified couples and families moving into apartments throughout the metro-Atlanta area and address barriers to stability. We have placed over 10 families in permanent housing with assistance for rent, utilities, furniture and case management. This program is now a 12 month program for ZPC funded by a grant from the City of Atlanta and Partners for Home. Our goal is to help a total of over 40 families in the coming months.

With spring approaching, some of you may be preparing to do a little 'spring cleaning' in your home. As you clear out the 'clutter', we hope you will please consider donating any extra housewares and/ or furniture you are not using (the items don't need to be new, just in good condition). Our Rapid Re-Housing clients and our Residents who are setting-up their new homes can all use a boost with donations of the following items:

- Sheets (all sizes)
- Blankets (all sizes)
- Towels (all sizes)
- Pots/Pans
- Glassware
- Flatware
- Kitchen Utensils
- · Small Appliances
- · Plates and Bowls

The work we are doing is making a measurable impact in the homeless community of Atlanta. The difference we are making would not be possible without the ongoing generous support and donations we receive from members of The Temple and the community. We are very grateful for your contributions to our organization and your confidence in our ability to have a positive influence in the lives of couples, individuals, and families experiencing homelessness.



Because We Care for One Another

Our Caring at The Temple program reaches out to fellow congregants during times of hardship or pastoral need, providing soup to all who are bereaved, ill, recently discharged from the hospital, or are celebrating the arrival of a new child. In partnership with Souper Jenny, we are excited to be able to provide a quart of soup to members as a sign of our care and love. All deliveries by our



Temple volunteers are Covid-safe and contact free. 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.

Temple Connect

For a complete listing of Temple Connect groups, visit www.temple-connect.com. Joining a Temple Connect group is the best way to get to know a



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.

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It's easy and it doesn't impact your savings! To enroll, visit kroger.com with your Kroger Plus card handy. Create an account or sign in to your existing account, then enroll by searching our NPO number: ST889. To verify you are enrolled correctly, The Temple's name, "The Temple: THE HEBREW BENEVOLENT CONGREGATION," will appear on the right side of the page. Enrollment takes up to 7 days before you start earning towards The Temple community rewards.



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