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Bulletin



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## SCHEDULE: MAY 2022

### SUNDAY, MAY 1

10:00 AM Confirmation Service

### FRIDAY, MAY 6

6:00 PM Shabbat Worship Service Honoring Rabbi Sam Kaye

### SATURDAY, MAY 7

9:00 AM Torah Study  
10:30 AM B'not Mitzvah of Elinor R. Luscher & Lily G. Cester  
5:30 PM Adult B'nei Mitzvah

### FRIDAY, MAY 13

6:00 PM Shabbat Worship Service

### SATURDAY, MAY 14

9:00 AM Torah Study  
9:30 AM Mini Shabbat  
10:30 AM B'not Mitzvah of Ayla M. Davis & Kayla R. Braunstein

### FRIDAY, MAY 20

6:00 PM Shabbat Worship Service  
8:00 PM The Well

### SATURDAY, MAY 21

9:00 AM Torah Study  
10:30 AM Shabbat Service (VIRTUAL ONLY)  
5:30 PM Mincha B'not Mitzvah of Brittany & Caitlin Persily

### FRIDAY, MAY 27

6:00 PM Shabbat Worship Service  
8:00 PM The Well

### SATURDAY, MAY 28

9:00 AM Torah Study  
10:30 AM Bar Mitzvah of Gabriel M. Fisher

## TORAH & HAFTARAH:

### MAY 7: Kedoshim

Leviticus 19:1-20:27; Amos 9:7-15

### MAY 14: Emor

Leviticus 21:1-24:23; Ezekiel 44:15-31

### MAY 21: Behar

Leviticus 25:1-26:2; Jeremiah 32:6-27

### MAY 28: Bechukotai

Leviticus 26:3-27:34; Jeremiah 16:19-17:14



## Mother's Day: A Jewish Rereading

IF you are reading this at the beginning of May, you might be thinking about your mother. Since 1914, Mother's Day has been a part of the U.S. holiday calendar, a day honoring motherhood in all its different forms. We know the holiday today as one marked by brunches, flowers in all shades of pastel, and making sure to call your mom (fun fact: more phone calls are made on Mother's Day than any other day of the year). What you may not know is that the history behind Mother's Day is less about greeting cards and more about the ways women have been powerfully shaping our world for generations with a vision of hope and peace.

The origins of Mother's Day as celebrated in the United States date back to the 19th century. In the years before the Civil War, Ann Reeves Jarvis of West Virginia helped start "Mothers' Day Work Clubs" to share best practices for parenting. These clubs later became a unifying force in a region of the country still divided over the Civil War. In 1868 Jarvis organized "Mothers' Friendship Day," at which mothers gathered with former Union and Confederate soldiers to promote reconciliation. Another precursor to Mother's Day came from the abolitionist and suffragette Julia Ward Howe. In 1870 Howe wrote the "Mother's Day Proclamation," a call to action that asked mothers to unite in promoting world peace.

At times, Mother's Day has also been a date for launching political or feminist causes. In 1968 Coretta Scott King, wife of Martin Luther King, Jr., used Mother's Day to host a march in support of underprivileged women and children. In the 1970s women's groups also used the holiday as a time to highlight the need for equal rights and access to childcare.

But mothers promoting peace is not a modern American phenomenon alone. The 11th day of Cheshvan commemorates the Jewish Mother's Day, celebrating the life of Rachel, one of our Imahot, or foremothers. Rabbi Judy Chessin explains that Rachel, among all the women in those initial Jewish generations, experienced the most suffering with regards to motherhood, including infertility and death after childbirth. These experiences earned her special merit in our folklore, becoming identified with the indwelling Presence of the Divine. She is the spiritual mother who compels us to acknowledge our own suffering and seek peace in our hearts. She connects us to that razor's edge of existence, and therefore a profound appreciation of the preciousness of life.

Today, women, who continue to walk this razor's edge, work together for the sake of hope and peace. Just last month, hundreds of mothers gathered for the first time on the shores of the Dead Sea from two major women's movements, the Israeli organization "Women Wage Peace" and the Palestinian organization "Women of the Sun." They vowed to carry on the push for peace despite the stagnation of political talks.

"As women, when we start to sit and speak about our children and about life, we feel like we've known each other for a long time," Layla Sheikh from Bethlehem in the West Bank told the French Press Agency (AFP). "We can understand each other's suffering and share it," she said. Pascale Chen from Tel Aviv agreed, saying, "We feel we have a role to play in peace."

As we celebrate Mother's Day this year, we give thanks for our own mothers, those with us today and those whose lives have been a blessing to us. And, we can also celebrate their lessons to us about hope and peace. By way of honor all mothers this month, we should work for a world transformed by hope and peace, not just on Mother's Day, but every day.

*Lydia B. Medwin*

Rabbi Lydia Medwin

*\* If you'd like to see a powerful example of women transforming our world for the sake of peace, you won't want to miss the art installation opening celebration on May 15th at the MJCCA called "Full Disclosure." Women from The Temple came together to create this huge piece to highlight our legacy of justice and compassion. See the program details under the Programming section of this bulletin.*

### About Rabbi Medwin:

Since 2014, Rabbi Lydia Medwin has served as a Rabbi at The Temple in Atlanta, GA. A native of Memphis, Tennessee, Lydia attended the University of Texas in Austin (hook 'em) and Hebrew University for undergraduate studies, earning degrees in Middle Eastern Studies and Honors Humanities. She was ordained on the Los Angeles campus of Hebrew Union College in May of 2010. While there, she received a Masters of Hebrew Letters and a Masters in Jewish Education from the Rhea Hirsch School. Lydia has served synagogue Beth Israel in Jackson, MS, B'nai David in Visalia, CA, Or Ami in Calabasas, CA, the Hillel at UCLA, and as a teacher's assistant at USC in Jewish history. She later served for four years as a pulpit rabbi at Stephen S. Wise Temple in Los Angeles.

Rabbi Medwin is a certified Jewish Meditation Teacher. She is a co-author with Dr. Ron Wolfson and Rabbi Nicole Auerbach of The Relational Judaism Handbook: How to Create a Relational Engagement Campaign to Build and Deepen Relationships in Your Community (Kripke Institute). Lydia also proudly serves as co-chair of the board for the Multifaith Initiative to End Mass Incarceration. While in rabbinic school, Lydia met her husband, Dan Medwin, and they and their three children are thrilled to be a part of The Temple community.

### Connect with Rabbi Medwin:

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# EDUCATION



**Breman**  
EDUCATION CENTER  
at  **THE TEMPLE**

## The Breman Education Center Registration is Open!

To register for the 2022-23 program year, simply log on to [the-temple.org/bec](https://the-temple.org/bec) and sign into your account. If you need assistance with registration, please contact Marjorie Vaughn at 404-873-1734.

### Are you new to our Sunday morning education programs?

We would love to speak with you. We inspire your child's positive Jewish identity in a fun and interactive learning environment on Sunday mornings from 9:30am-noon. Contact Rabbi Rau at 404- 873-1734 to learn more about our exciting programming. We hope your family will join us on Sundays!

### Project Launch

**Monday, May 9 @ 7:30pm**

JumpSpark is excited to once again offer Project Launch—an interactive virtual program connecting parents as they prepare to send their kids to college, a gap year, and beyond. This is a free event. Register now to attend and to receive helpful resources to make your teen's launch a success. Reach out to Rabbi Lydia Medwin or program director, Amy Fox ([amy.fox@jumpsparkatl.org](mailto:amy.fox@jumpsparkatl.org)) if you have any questions. <https://jumpsparkatl.org/projectlaunch22/>



### BEC Trips are Back!

8th and 9th Graders traveled to Florida for their social action trip in February.

*Please join us virtually  
as we are called to the Torah as*

## ADULT B'NEI MITZVAH

**Saturday Evening, May 7, 2022**  
**6 Iyar 5782 • 5:30pm in the Sanctuary**  
(service will also be streamed live)

*Grant Baldwin, Catherine Lewis,  
Ayer Ryden, and Dana Wollin*



# WELC PRESCHOOL

## And That's a Wrap!

We cannot believe it is the last month of school here at Weinberg Early Learning Center! Once again it was a year unlike years prior, but with the support of our community we succeeded at being the nurturing, safe, caring, and happy place for the children of our families. Check out the pictures of the fun we had throughout the year, and we look forward to more fun this summer at Camp Minimac!

We have limited open spots available in our 3 year old program for the 2022-23 school year. Call today for more information about enrolling 404-872-8668.



Weinberg Early Learning Center  
at The Temple

## WEINBERG EARLY LEARNING CENTER'S CAMP MINIMAC at The Temple

## Here Is What's Happening This Year at Camp Minimac!

This summer, 2022 Camp Minimac is all about STEAM! Each week we will turn into a different type of scientist, and incorporate technology, art, cooking, in house field trips, and of course plenty of time in Sonia's Splash Pad! All children ages 18 months to 5 years old are welcome at Camp Minimac's "Scientist Camp!"

### Session 1

June 6-10: Exciting Entomologists!  
June 13-17: Becoming Botanists!

### Session 2

June 20-24: Zany Zoologists!  
June 27- July 1: Engineering Experts!

### Session 3

July 5- July 8 (Closed July 4th):  
Preschool Paleontologists!  
July 11-15: Mighty Marine Biologists!

### Session 4

July 18-22: Savvy Computer Scientists!  
July 25-29: Future Physicians!

Visit [www.the-temple.org/camps.html](http://www.the-temple.org/camps.html)  
or call Audrey Henderson at 404-872-8668  
for more information.

## The WELC Graduating Class of 2022

The Weinberg Early Learning Center wishes a warm *Mazel Tov* to our Pre-K graduating class! Graduation will take place May 20, 2022. Thank you to Ms. Amy, Ms. Tamara, and Mr. Jeremy for all their hard work and dedication this year!

### SOPHIE BARNETT

Scott Barnett  
& Slate Taylor

### NEVE BROWNING

Joel Browning &  
Alexandra Fynke

### JULIETTE FISHER

Danielle & Doug Fisher

### LUKE FISHER

Danielle & Doug Fisher

### BRODY HERD

Brent Herd &  
Carolina Sanchez Herd

### GREYSON LIEB

Jennifer & Art Lieb

### EMMA LOEWENSTEIN

Michael &  
Lauren Loewenstein

### COOPER MCCABE

Jessica &  
Jeremy McCabe

### ZACH PERLIN

Evan & Sarah Perlin

### ABIGAIL ROSEN

Daniel & Molly Rosen

### YOAV SCHWARTZ

Ilan & Rebecca  
Schwartz

### EMILIA STEIN

Lance & Tanya Stein





## B'NEI MITZVAH



MAY 7:

**Elinor Rae Luscher**

Daughter of Karen  
& Michael Luscher



MAY 7:

**Lily Grace Carter**

Daughter of Cameron  
& Dan Carter



MAY 14:

**Ayla Margaret Davis**

Daughter of Mary  
& Michael Davis



MAY 14:

**Kayla Renee Braunstein**

Daughter of Jessica  
& Glenn Braunstein



MAY 21:

**Brittany Persily**

Daughter of Seth Persily  
& McCree O'Kelley



MAY 21:

**Caitlin Persily**

Daughter of Seth Persily  
& McCree O'Kelley



MAY 28:

**Gabriel Martin Fisher**

Son of Marci Fisher  
& Kevin Fisher

## MAY THEIR MEMORY BE FOR A BLESSING

**Our Heartfelt Sympathy  
to the Families of:**

Laura Sue Juntoff Foster  
(mother of Elizabeth Foster,  
Sister of Adele Sheftel)

Morris "Bubba" Berger  
(uncle of Raye Lynne Banks)

Amy Slotin (sister of Emily Allen)

Evelyn Alexander  
(mother of Kenneth Alexander)

Sam Massell  
(husband of Sandra Massell)

Sue Lubin (wife of Alvin Lubin)

Toni Barkoni  
(mother of Ariela Barkoni)

Jerry Burnstein  
(father of Ben Burnstein & Betsy)

## MAZAL TOV!

**Have good news to share? Please email Dianne Ratowsky  
at [dratowsky@the-temple.org](mailto:dratowsky@the-temple.org).**

Reeva Hirsch on the birth of her great granddaughter  
Autumn Claire Moore to Julie and Andrew Moore and  
grandparents, Susan and Louis Feingold.

Jenna Schwartzberg's marriage to Bill Somner and to Jenna's  
parents, Paula & Roy Swartzberg.

Dana and Josh Kirshner on the birth of their son, Jordan  
Francis Kirshner and to proud grandparents, Debra & Joseph  
Berger, Lori and Ron Kirschner and great grandparents, Sid &  
Carole Kirschner, Bob & Joyce Schreiber and Sidney Berger.

Darrell and Allison White Holmes on the birth of Shai  
Holmes and Metin and Liane White Ozcan on the birth of  
Ella Ozcan and to proud grandparents, Karen & Tom White.

Laura and Nicholas Richardson on the birth of Bennett Lewis  
Richardson and ecstatic grandmother, Ellen Frauenthal.

Suzanne Gail Soloff and Eyal Meiri on their wedding.

Aaron Lewis Deutsch and Marina Morrow Patrick on their  
wedding and to Aaron's parents, Ben & Karen Deutsch.

## NEW & RETURNING MEMBERS

Paulina & Ari Gordin  
*Benjamin & Leonard Gordin*

Allison & Darrell Holmes  
*Shai Holmes*

Nikki Katz

Madelynn Kay  
& Gabriel Alboukrek

Samantha Mandich  
& Simon Block

Gillian & Greg Matteson  
*Ren Matteson*

Rachel Weinthal  
& Robert Frank  
*Hudson & Emerson Frank*

Alison & David Wynn  
*Ethan Wynn*

Emily & Chase Warden  
*Tyler Warden*



# EVENTS & NEWS



## Souls to the Polls 2022

**Tuesday, May 3 • 6:30pm • Hosted by St. Luke's & All Saints Episcopal Churches, The Temple, and Ebenezer Baptist Church**

**Virtual Event via Zoom: Meeting ID: 845 8208 2313 • Passcode: 321616**

On Tuesday, May 3 at 6:30 PM, St. Luke's & All Saints Episcopal, The Temple, and Ebenezer Baptist Church will present a panel discussing how people of faith can empower voters during the 2022 election. The virtual discussion will be moderated by Ann Cramer and includes Helen Butler, Sara Ghazal, and Edward Lindsey.

The changes to Georgia's election laws will be explained, with an emphasis on how faith communities can ensure that everyone who wants to vote is able to do so. 'Souls to the Polls' has been a powerful movement, motivating faithful people to make their voices heard. This discussion will clarify the importance of the involvement of churches, temples, mosques, and all faith communities in getting out the vote for the midterms in 2022.

### About the Panelists:

**Helen Butler** is the Executive Director of the Georgia Coalition for the Peoples' Agenda, an umbrella organization founded in 1998 by the Reverend Joseph Lowery to advocate for, among other issues, voting rights protection, elimination of barriers to the ballot box and equal participation in the political process for Georgians of color and underrepresented communities. She has served as Executive Director of the Peoples' Agenda since 2003, and was a member of the Morgan County Board of Elections from 2010 to 2021. Last July, Ms. Butler testified before the U.S. Senate Committee on Rules & Administration about SB202, the new Georgia elections law.

**Sara Tindall Ghazal**, an attorney, has been a member of the Georgia State Election Board since June, 2021, having been appointed to that role by the Democratic Party of Georgia (DPG). For two years beginning in 2018, she was the Voter Protection Director for the DPG, the first year-around director in the nation for a state Democratic party. She left that position to run for Georgia House District 45. Prior to working for the DPG, Sara worked for ten years at the Carter Center. She is currently the Minority Caucus Policy Director in the Georgia House of Representatives.

**Edward Lindsey** is a member of the Georgia State Election Board, having been appointed to that position by Georgia House Speaker David Ralston in January. An Atlanta attorney, Lindsey served in the Georgia House of Representatives for 10 years, and for three terms was House Majority Whip. He is a partner in the Dentons law firm's Public Policy practice, and serves as the head of the firm's Georgia State Government Affairs team. Lindsey is a member of All Saints.

## Mornings with Bob Bahr

**Up, Up and Oy Vey!  
How Jews Invented  
The Modern Superhero and  
Helped Save The World**

**Wednesdays, May 4, 11, 18 and 25  
10:30am-12:00pm  
Adult Media Center**

**Cost: \$49 for whole series**

During the depths of the Great Depression, a group of Jewish artists and writers invented the modern comic book superhero as a defense against the rise of Fascism and virulent anti-Semitism.

Over the years, the Jewish creators of Superman, Batman, and countless others spawned an international phenomenon that has left an indelible imprint on our social, political, and cultural thinking as American Jews. An examination of how and why after so many decades we still have such an insatiable appetite for these modern-day messiahs.

RSVP is required. Visit [www.the-temple.org/event/mornings-with-bob-bahr1.html](http://www.the-temple.org/event/mornings-with-bob-bahr1.html) or contact Joya Schmidt at [jschmidt@the-temple.org](mailto:jschmidt@the-temple.org). For questions, please contact Summer Jacobs at [sjacobs@the-temple.org](mailto:sjacobs@the-temple.org).



## Farewell Celebration

Please join us for a very special celebration as we express our deep appreciation and farewell to our beloved

**Rabbi Sam Kaye and his family**

Friday, May 6, 2022 at The Temple  
6:00PM Shabbat Service • Reception to follow

**RSVP for the reception at [www.the-temple.org/event/kaye](http://www.the-temple.org/event/kaye)  
or call 404-873-1731**

The service will be multi-access.

# EVENTS & NEWS

## Mini Shabbat

**Saturday, May 14 • Fun begins at 9:30am!**

Join us as we celebrate Shabbat with our puppet friends! May is a time for counting—celebrating the end of one grade and entering another; counting the days til summer; counting the Omer! We'll have fun with numbers as we count our blessings. We will start together with our Mini friends for a fun service, and then enjoy some treats and coffee, and the 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 [Imedwin@the-temple.org](mailto:Imedwin@the-temple.org).

## MAC's Annual Race Is Back

**Saturday, May 14 • Piedmont Park**

The annual Midtown Assistance Center 5K race at Piedmont Park is open to all ages and to all level of walkers and runners. MAC could not be happier about returning to our traditional date in May for the annual race. Join us at Park Tavern on the morning of May 14 to support the non-profit, interfaith organization that provides emergency assistance to the Midtown community while you are having a great time.

Registration can be found at <https://www.active.com/atlanta-ga/running/distance-running-races/8th-annual-midtown-race-for-mac-5k-run-walk-2022> or search for MAC 5K race.

## The Art of Disclosure: Temple Community Art Installation Opening

**Sunday, May 15 • 2:00-3:30pm • MJCCA**

Our visiting artists will install the piece of communal art that our community made back in the end of March. Join us for this premier art opening, as we share in the joy of seeing our reflections of change makers at The Temple, along with two other major pieces of art they've created. Enjoy this celebration of women and our power to repair the world!

## Age and Stage-Kulanu and Sages

**Tour of Noble Hill Rosenwald School with Andrew Feiler**

**Tuesday, May 24 • Bus departs from The Temple at 9:30am**

**Cost: \$20/pp**

Join us for a guided tour of the Rosenwald School with Andrew Feiler. Lunch to follow. To RSVP, please contact Joya Schmidt at [jschmidt@the-temple.org](mailto:jschmidt@the-temple.org).

## 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.

## Java Nagila Cafe & Gallery



Java Nagila and The Temple are most grateful to artists Doug Slavin and Paul Muldower who generously contributed work during the pandemic when viewing opportunities were limited. Don't miss the opportunity to enjoy the last few weeks of Paul's unique and wonderful art before it goes home. There aren't many 90 year old artists with half a million followers on Tik Tok!

### Spring/Summer 2022 Show

We are thrilled to announce it's The Spring/Summer 2022 show featuring the work of Beth Thomsen and Susan Coddon, two mixed media artists working in metal, paper, wood and other three dimensional media. It will open on May 20, with a reception and continue through the High Holidays.

### New Call For Artists for Fall/Winter Show

The Java Nagila Cafe & Gallery is preparing for its Fall/Winter 2022-2023 show. The gallery exhibits a new show three times a year and this one will open with a reception on Friday, October 14, 2022 as we celebrate Suchot and will close in April 2023.

For the Fall/Winter show, the gallery is soliciting the work of painters working in oil, acrylic, water color and pencil. The artists must be Temple members but Judaic themes are not required. The gallery exhibits art by both professional and serious non-professional artists.

Artists wishing to be considered should contact Jill Slavin, Gallery Curator, for further information and submission procedures at [jillaslavin@gmail.com](mailto:jillaslavin@gmail.com).

## 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](mailto:jschmidt@the-templeorg)) to let us know if you'd like to help, and we can send you a suggested pattern.

## 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](mailto:rjgbbg@yahoo.com).



## Temple Connect

### Temple Connect Small Groups—Will you lead with us?

Temple Connect is back! We are so excited to restart our efforts to grow new Temple Connect groups, and we need you! If there's something you'd like to see happen at Temple, you can make it happen! We can help.

Join the dozens of other continuing Temple Connect group leaders by emailing Rabbi Lydia Medwin at [lmedwin@the-temple.org](mailto:lmedwin@the-temple.org). We can brainstorm ideas, create goals, and ensure your group has a ton of fun! Now is the time to create your small group—we'll be collecting group ideas and new leaders through the end of the summer.

### 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](http://www.temple-connect.com).

## Caring at The Temple

### Soup Delivery

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: Arlette Berlin, Scott Chalk, Lauren Chekanow, Terri Cohen, Karen Droze, Dyan Duff, Bill Goldstein, Libby Gozansky, Lindsey Kamin, Ron Koenig, Debbie Levinson, Barbara Seligman, Shayna Steinfeld, Lauren Wattenmaker, Jack Wexler and Tania Yegelwel.

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](mailto:lmedwin@the-temple.org) or 404-873-1731.

### Feel Better Phone Calls

Are you a new parent and under a lot of stress? Are you a senior living solo and finding the days too quiet? We can help! We are a small group of Temple members and counselors who want to give you a call and bring a little sunshine and relief. If you would like a friendly call, please let us know by emailing Rabbi Lydia Medwin at [lmedwin@thetemple.org](mailto:lmedwin@thetemple.org), and we'll connect you with a volunteer.



Please join us for a celebration honoring  
Cantor Deborah Hartman's retirement  
after 35 years with The Temple!

*music & memories*

**Sunday May 22, 2022 @ 5pm**

Festivities include live music, celebration and food.

**PLEASE CONSIDER JOINING THE HOST COMMITTEE  
AT ONE OF THE FOLLOWING LEVELS:**

**\$1,000**

to honor each note  
in the symphony  
of Deborah's many  
contributions

**\$500**

to honor Deborah's  
terrific teaching  
work, including  
chanting Torah

**\$250**

to honor the  
magic of  
Deborah's musical  
leadership

**All levels include tickets to the event for hosts plus immediate family members.** Hosts will be recognized in event publicity. Please make your celebration donation by 3/15/2022.

**Individual tickets are available for \$18 each.**

**SIGN UP:**

**Online:**

**[www.the-temple.org/event/hartmancelebration](http://www.the-temple.org/event/hartmancelebration)**

**By Mail:**

**The Temple, Attention Hartman Celebration,  
1589 Peachtree ST, Atlanta, GA 30309**

**By Phone: 404-873-1731**

Invitation to follow.

Committee Co-Chairs: Amie Herbert and Nancy Schmidt

# EVENTS & NEWS



## ROTHSCHILD Social Justice Institute EVENTS, NEWS & UPDATES

### Environmental Sustainability Group

#### Urban Farm Crew Day

**Sunday, May 1, 2022 • 6:00-7:30pm • Historic Westside Gardens**  
Join our RSJI Environmental Sustainability group as we combine our work against racism, poverty, hunger, and sustainability. Join us for our farm crew day at the Historic Westside Gardens. We can't wait to see you there—get ready to get dirty!

### Anti Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking Group (ADMST)

#### 100 Men Against Sex Trafficking

**Wednesday, May 4 • 6:30-8:00pm**  
**St. Luke's Episcopal Church • 435 Peachtree St. NE**

The fight against sex trafficking is a universal one, but for several reasons few men are involved in this cause. We know that when 50% of the population isn't engaged in this issue, sex trafficking flourishes. Help us change these numbers and gather 100 men across Atlanta who care about the vulnerable! Along with St. Luke's Episcopal Church and the Interfaith Children's Movement, we will gather for an educational program engaging the extent of the trafficking problem and promoting opportunities to volunteer and be part of the solution.

While this program is aimed at gathering men, all people are welcome! Bring fathers, husbands, sons, and friends and help us spread the word that sex trafficking isn't welcome in our home.

Please register at this link: <https://www.stlukesatlanta.org/blog/100menevent/?occurrence=112>

### Immigration Outreach Committee

The RSJI Immigration Outreach Committee works to ensure fair, humane, compassionate and dignified treatment of all refugees, asylum seekers, and immigrants to the United States regardless of race, religion, ethnicity, country of origin, or political beliefs.

We have specifically been involved with La Esquilita school in Matamoros, Texas, with Team Brownsville. We've raised over 100,000 miles for Miles For Migrants, provided lunches and tutoring for Global Village Project in Decatur, helped in the release of people in detention centers, reunited children and families whom have been separated at the border, developed active networks across the country, and engaged with educators, politicians and media to further our mission to provide compassionate and dignified treatment for all refugees. We are now known across the country by other organizations who might need our assistance.

The most exciting news is that we are partnering with New American Pathways to help an Afghan family who came here recently to Atlanta. The Temple has made a commitment to provide everything needed to help this family become acclimated to their new life here. We have collected furniture, provided tutoring, taken

them on outings and helped provide them with the necessary things to set up an apartment. More importantly, we provide love, compassion, and friendship to our family. We are there to empower this family to become self sufficient and to gain confidence as they adjust to their new life.

Over 100,000 Ukrainians will be arriving to the United States next year and we are hoping once again to do everything possible to commit to a family and provide for them as we have done for our Afghan family.

There is a special fund for the Immigration Outreach committee if anyone cares to make a monetary donation. For further information as to how you can help, please contact Cindy Zeldin, [cindy@zeldin.com](mailto:cindy@zeldin.com) or 678-973-2730.

### Muslim-Jewish Relations

#### *We Refuse To Be Enemies* by Sabeeha Rehman

**Tuesday, May 10 • 7:00-8:00pm**

The mission of the Rothschild Social Justice Institute Muslim-Jewish Relations Small Group has been to develop and nurture close and meaningful relationships with the metropolitan Atlanta Muslim community. While this has been a difficult task during the pandemic, there have been several virtual events, including the 2021 Muslim-Jewish Iftar, where we explored the commonalities of ritual fasting. Now that COVID-19 is seeming to relax its stranglehold, we have both virtual and in-person events planned for 2022.

On March 26, 2022, The Temple hosted a table at the annual Islamic Speakers Bureau Gala, which celebrated and honored the 100 most influential Georgia Muslims who exemplified the ISB vision of creating a world based on mutual respect, acceptance, and peaceful coexistence through dialogue and engagement. The Temple has been attending the ISB Gala for years now, and they have always been uplifting and meaningful.

#### SAVE THE DATE!

#### Virtual Event with Sabeeha Rehman and Walter Ruby

**Tuesday, May 10 @ 7:00pm • Virtual**

**Register at: <https://tinyurl.com/2p9apyjf>**

Sabeeha Rehman and Walter Ruby will be leading a virtual program based on their book, *We Refuse To Be Enemies: How Muslims and Jews Can Make Peace One Friendship At A Time*. In Walter's words: "Our book elucidates the largely untold story of the building of a Muslim-Jewish alliance in America, as well as Europe, over the past two decades.... It also serves as a manifesto for 2021 and beyond; asserting the importance of our two communities standing up for each other and defending diversity and mutual acceptance..."

This will be an informative and enlightening event at which all are welcome to register and attend. There are other projects in the works. If you have interest in becoming involved, contact Doug Pike at [piked@bellsouth.net](mailto:piked@bellsouth.net)

# OFFICERS & TRUSTEES



**ANNUAL MEETING!**

## 155th ANNUAL MEETING & INSTALLATION

**Wednesday,  
May 18, 2022**

6:00pm | Multi-Access  
Temple Sanctuary or via Zoom  
Reception in Schwartz-Goldstein Hall



In accordance with The Temple's By-Laws, the slate of Officers and Trustees for The Temple and the Lynne and Howard Halpern Endowment Fund which will be presented by the Nominating Committee follows.

**Register at [www.the-temple.org/annualmeeting](http://www.the-temple.org/annualmeeting) and watch the weekly Temple email for more info!**

## INTRODUCING OUR NEW OFFICERS & TRUSTEES:

### Temple Officers:

#### Louis Lettes, President

Louis's Temple involvement began in the mid-1990s. He has served on the Board of Trustees in 8 of the past 9 terms. As a member of the Executive Committee, he served as Executive Vice President, Vice President and Treasurer, and has also chaired several committees, including Adult Education, Interfaith, Social Justice, Membership, Professional Relations, Strategic Plan and the Cantor Search Committee. Louis also served on the last two capital campaigns. His community involvement has included serving on the board of the Jewish Educational Loan Fund (JELF) and volunteering the past 13 years for the St. Baldricks' Foundation for childhood cancer research. He is an attorney and has been General Counsel at Altium Packaging for the past 20 years, after starting his career at Alston & Bird and then Turner Broadcasting. Louis and his wife, Amy, have four children—Sarah (25), Sammy (23), Sophie (20) and Sydney (15). He grew up in Memphis, Tennessee.



#### Jeff Belkin, Executive Vice President

Jeff Belkin is a Temple softball Z team founder, and got his start in Temple leadership as co-captain of the team. Jeff also has been chair of the Bremen Education Center Committee, and has served as Treasurer of the Board and a member of the strategic plan committee and clergy search committee. Currently, Jeff is one of the Usher Co-Chairs, coordinating ushers for the High Holy Days and the MLK Shabbat. Jeff and his wife, Dara Steele-Belkin, have three children, Sabrina (18), Vivian (16) and Eli (12). Jeff, an attorney, is a partner at Alston & Bird, where he leads the firm's nationwide Government Contracts practice. Jeff has been a guardian ad litem for children in foster care in Washington, DC and Atlanta, and has served on the executive board of Families First, an Atlanta non-profit social services agency. He is a graduate of Duke University and the University of Virginia School of Law, is a fan of (almost) all things New Jersey, and when time allows, serves as a grassroots youth soccer referee.



#### Amy Adelman, Vice President

Amy Adelman and her family have been members of The Temple since 2006 and she has served on the Board of Trustees since 2019. Amy has also served on the Religious School committee, was a member of the 2015-2016 Leadership Development Cohort, contributed to the Temple Strategic Plan, served on the Professional Relations Committee, and has served as a Roshim for the post-B'nei Mitzvah age and stage group. She currently co-leads the Temple's Leadership Development Program. Her most memorable Temple experience was traveling on the Temple's adult trip to Israel in Summer 2019.



Amy has been practicing law in Atlanta since 1991, and currently works at Emory University as its Deputy General Counsel. Before joining Emory's Office of General Counsel in 2003, she was a partner in the law firm of Kilpatrick Townsend, in the Labor & Employment practice group. She attended undergrad at Tulane University and received her law degree from Washington University in 1991. She and her husband Mark have two young adult children, Max (23) and Lucy (20), both of whom became B'nei Mitzvah at The Temple and continued through Confirmation.

#### Steve Kushner, Vice President

Steve and his wife Lynne have been members of The Temple for about 15 years. Steve has served on various committees and graduated from the Leadership Development Program. In addition to his involvement with The Temple, Steve is on the Finance Committee for JELF and is very active with AIPAC, serving on the Atlanta Executive Council, the National Council and as the Vice Chair for the Atlanta New Leadership Network. Steve graduated from the University of Michigan and Emory University School of Law, and is a Partner with Fellows LaBriola LLP, an Atlanta litigation boutique. Steve handles complex business litigation matters and copyright and trademark infringement claims. Steve has been recognized in Georgia Trend's Legal Elite and as a Super Lawyer for the past 15 years, and has





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been included in the list of the Top 100 Lawyers in Georgia for 8 of those years. Steve and Lynne live in Virginia-Highland with their daughters Amelia and Julia.

## Francie Schwarz, Secretary

Francie is an Executive Coach for SW&A (Sally Williamson & Associates). Her focus is on developing strong, confident communicators. Prior to joining SW&A, she served as the head of Corporate Communications for IHG (InterContinental Hotels Group) overseeing all PR, employee and franchisee communications for the Americas region. With over thirty years of advertising, marketing and communications experience, she brings a wealth of knowledge to the Board of Trustees. Francie served as a member of the Temple Strategic Planning Committee, a co-chair of the 2019 Adult Israel Trip and became a Bat Mitzvah with the 2013 Adult B'nai Mitzvah class. She is a past board member of the Empty Stocking Fund and currently serves on the Zaban Paradies Center Board of Directors. Francie and her husband, Barry, have two children—Marissa (22) and Genna (21), both of whom became a Bat Mitzvah and are confirmands of The Temple.



## Sara Loft, Treasurer

Sara received her undergraduate degree from the University of Georgia and law degree from NYU School of Law. She practiced tax law for over a decade at King & Spalding LLP, where she advised clients on aspects of federal income taxation with an emphasis on partnership and real estate transactions and also served in leadership roles, including chairing the summer associate program and mentoring junior attorneys. Sara currently represents victims of domestic violence on a pro bono basis and is a trained guardian ad litem.



Sara and her husband, Evan, have two children—Dylan (15) and Emmy (12), both of whom are graduates of the Weinberg Early Learning Center and students in the Breman Education Center. Sara was active in the preschool's parent association, serving as its vice president and president. Upon her children's graduation from WELC, she joined the WELC Committee and co-chaired that committee for two years. She also recently chaired the Cantorial Search Committee. Sara is currently a member of the Executive Committee of the Temple Board of Trustees and has previously served on a variety of other committees at the Temple, including the Finance Committee, the WELC Director Search Committee, and the Strategic Planning Committee. Sara is a native of Memphis, Tennessee, where she was a member of Temple Israel.

## Trustees, Term Expiring 2025:

### Dena Kimball

Dena Kimball is the executive director of The Kendeda Fund. Before joining The Kendeda Fund in 2014, Dena served as the Vice President of Network Support for Teach For All; the Vice President of Alumni Affairs and the Deputy Vice President of Admissions for Teach for America; and as the Executive Director of GirlVentures in San Francisco,



a nonprofit organization with a mission to inspire adolescent girls to develop and express their strengths.

Dena holds a master's degree in public policy from the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University and a bachelor's degree in political science from Emory University.

She was the founding chair of redefinED atlanta and American Jewish World Service's Global Circle and currently sits on the board of the Arthur M. Blank Family Foundation.

She has been part of the Temple's Leadership Development Program (2021) as well as involved in the Rothschild Social Justice Institute.

Dena lives in Atlanta, Georgia, with her husband, Josh, and two daughters, Nadia and Nessa, both former WELC students.

### Jane Meisel

Jane's parents joined The Temple in when she was in fifth grade, exactly thirty years ago. She was bat mitzvahed in 1995, confirmed in 1998, and she and her husband, Jonathan, were married at the Temple in 2008. They were living out of state at that time, but moved back to Atlanta in 2015 and joined The Temple. Their sons, Jack (9) and Josh (7), are proud graduates of the WELC, and now attend the Breman Education Center's religious school on Sundays.



Jane is a medical oncologist at Emory University, where she sees patients with breast and gynecologic cancers, teaches younger physicians how to care for these patients, and runs clinical trials of new drugs to treat these illnesses. She has spoken at The Temple in years past about breast cancer screening, prevention, and treatment; about genetic testing and breast/ovarian cancer risk; and about end-of-life issues. She's also the medical director for JScreen's Cancer Genetics screening program, and recently had the privilege of participating in The Temple's podcast on this topic.

### Ruth Menter

Ruth has been a member of The Temple for 30 years. She is chair of the RSJI Environment Protection group (aka Temple Green Team) and council member of the Rothschild Social Justice Institute. She is a member the Engagement Core Team, helping to roll out and manage our Connect Groups to infuse engagement throughout Temple life. Ruth also served on a committee for our last Strategic Plan.



Ruth is also a founding Board member of JCAN-GA (Jewish Climate Action Network of GA) and active with GIPL (Georgia Interfaith Power and Light) on whose board she served for six years.

Professionally, Ruth is a software consultant. As owner of a successful consulting practice since 1990, she works with businesses, across a wide cross-section of for-profit companies and not-for-profit organizations to enhance efficiencies through the implementation of accounting software and related applications.

Ruth's love of our natural world and environment is always enhanced by the time she and her family spend in the mountains of Montana, which they have been enjoying for over 20 years. She currently lives in the Old Fourth Ward with her husband, Larry. Their daughter, Rachel, lives here in Atlanta with her husband Rudy, and daughter Danielle, lives in Bozeman, MT. Both were confirmed and became Bat Mitzvah at The Temple.



### Rachel Spasser

Rachel is a Managing Director and leads the AccelKKR Consulting Group. Rachel provides strategic guidance as well as commercial leadership across Accel-KKR's portfolio.

Prior to joining Accel-KKR's Consulting Group, Rachel was the Senior Vice President and Chief Marketing Officer for Ariba, Inc. (acquired by SAP). At Ariba she led the design and execution of the company's marketing strategy and programs. With over 30 years of experience in general management, marketing leadership and business development for growth-oriented companies, Ms. Spasser has spent the past 25 years focused on the business-to-business technology sector. She sits on the board of a number of growth stage software companies in the US and Europe.

Rachel holds an MBA with honors from the Goizueta Business School at Emory University and a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Pennsylvania.

Rachel and her husband Leo have three daughters. She also currently sits on the board of Cool Girls and Venture Atlanta



### Douglas Spear

Douglas Spear is the Chief Legal Officer of Greenlight. He and his wife Andrea have 3 daughters who attended the WELC and currently attend the BEC. He previously served on the Board of JF&CS and on various committees for JFGA and JELF.



### Andy Travis

Andy Travis is a native Atlantan and a third-generation member of The Temple. He became Bar Mitzvah and celebrated his Confirmation at The Temple, and he and his wife Brynn joined as a family before they were married in 2009 by Rabbi Lapidus. A graduate of the Temple Leadership Development Program, Andy looks forward to serving on the Board of Trustees to continue The Temple's legacy of social justice and civic action. He is actively involved at the school his children attend, serving as a grade-level captain for The Galloway School's Annual Fund campaigns. Professionally, Andy is a lawyer with a practice in criminal defense and civil litigation. He enjoys working with local lawyers' groups to provide pro bono and low cost criminal defense representation for the indigent and disadvantaged. Andy is an avid home cook and baker and loves attending concerts and sporting events. He and Brynn live in Sandy Springs with their sons Charlie and Benjamin, where they enjoy attending neighborhood festivals together



### Trustee, Term Expiring 2024 to fill Unexpired Term:

#### Stan Lowenstein

Stan's family joined The Temple when they moved to Atlanta in 1977 (maybe 76...) and he was confirmed at The Temple (maybe 85?) Stan was an active member of The Temples Young Professionals after college and also served on the



board of the Zaban Paradies Couples Center (2008-2011 I think). He has also been involved with the Jewish Educational Loan Fund in Atlanta since 2006 and served as JELF's Board Chair from 2018-2020. Stan currently serves on JELF's Executive Board and also holds a board position with Future Inc.

Stan currently lives in Dunwoody with his wife Jennifer and their 3 children (Michael, 10th grade at Dunwoody High School; I.J., freshman at Georgia College; and Erin, Junior at Georgia State). Stan has been working in Wealth Management since 2002 and currently is a Vice President with Ameriprise Financial.

### Lynne and Howard Halpern Endowment Fund:

#### Billy Levine, Board Chair, Term Expiring 2026

Billy Levine is a Senior Wealth Advisor with Truist Bank in Atlanta with more than 25 years of experience in the financial services industry working with companies and high-net-worth individuals throughout the Southeast. Previously he was with J.P. Morgan as an executive director in private banking and an investment banker with SunTrust Robinson Humphrey.

Billy earned a BA from Boston University and an MBA from the University of Chicago—Booth School of Business.

An active member of the Atlanta community, Billy is a past chair of the board of the Atlanta Speech School and a former chair of the board of advisors at the Winship Cancer Institute of Emory University. Currently, he serves as the VP of Club Service of the Rotary Club of Atlanta, on the Chick-fil-A Peach Bowl board of advisors. Billy is married to Julie and they have 3 children, Jessica, Mia and Jason.



#### Richard Brody, Board of Trustees, Term Expiring 2025

Richard was born in Steubenville, Ohio, and his wife, Janet, is from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, where we were married in 1982. They have been members of the Temple for more than 40 years.

His nomination is for a second term on the Endowment Board. Before that, he served on the Temple's Board of Trustees, the Finance Committee, and the Esther Bleich Scholarship Fund Committee. Richard also went through the Temple's Leadership Development Program prior to serving on the Board of Trustees.

He retired as a partner from the Troutman Pepper law firm (formerly Troutman Sanders) at the end of 2020, where he practiced business law for more than 40 years.



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