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SCHEDULE: MAY 2024

FRIDAY, MAY 3
6:00pm    Shabbat in the Lot with House Band
           honoring May Birthdays and High School Seniors

SATURDAY, MAY 4
9:00am    Torah Study
10:30am   Shabbat Worship Service and
           Bar Mitzvah of Robert Shapiro

FRIDAY, MAY 10
6:00pm    Shabbat Worship Service

SATURDAY, MAY 11
9:00am    Torah Study
9:30am    Mini Shabbat Morning
10:30am   Shabbat Worship Service and
           B'not Mitzvah of Reny & Keller Stephenson

FRIDAY, MAY 17
6:00pm    Shabbat Worship Service with Shir Chadash

SATURDAY, MAY 18
9:00am    Torah Study
10:30am   Adult B'nei Mitzvah

FRIDAY, MAY 24
6:00pm    Shabbat HaNefesh

SATURDAY, MAY 25
9:00am    Torah Study
10:30am   Shabbat Worship Service and
           Bat Mitzvah of Libby Abramson

TORAH & HAFTarah:

MAY 4: Acharei Mot
Leviticus 16:1-18:30; Ezekiel 22:1-19

MAY 11: K'doshim
Leviticus 19:1-20:27; Amos 9:7-15

MAY 18: Emor
Leviticus 21:1-24:23; Ezekiel 44:15-31

MAY 25: B'har
Leviticus 25:1-26:2; Jeremiah 32:6-27

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Lynne & Howard Halpern Senior Rabbinic Chair
Rabbi Loren Filson Lapidus
Rabbi Lydia Medwin
Cantor Tracey Scher
Rabbi Steven H. Rau, RJE, Director of Lifelong Learning
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*The Mark R. Jacobson Executive Director Chair is endowed by the Douglas J. Hertz Family Foundation.
In October 1884, a young journalist for the liberal Vienna newspaper Neue Freie Presse was assigned to Paris to cover the trial of an assimilated 35-year-old Jewish French artillery officer who was framed for treason. On January 5, that Hungarian born reporter named Theodor Herzl witnessed the public degradation of Captain Alfred Dreyfus in the Morlan Court of the Military School in Paris. Amidst a drumroll and an angry crowd, four artillery officers read his false judgement, tore off his badges and stripes, and then paraded him through the streets of Paris while throngs of people shouted, “Death to the Jews.”

Though Herzl witnessed antisemitism in Europe during his early years, watching Dreyfus’s public degradation that January afternoon came to shape the rest of his life and changed the future of Judaism. Reflecting back on that frightening scene, he proposed that in order to combat antisemitism, the Jewish people needed both a national and a political solution. In 1896, Herzl published Der Judenstaat in which he presented the philosophy that only by establishing a state of our own could the Jewish people ever truly be free. With his vision for the Jewish people, Herzl also coined the phrase, “Im tirtzu ein zo agada” / “If you will it, it is not a dream.”

After eight years of diplomatic efforts traveling from country to country attempting to create a Jewish State while establishing and leading the World Zionist Congress in Switzerland, Herzl died at the young age of 44, probably from heartbreak of failed efforts. Though Herzl did not live to see the fulfillment of his dream, in August 1949 his remains were flown to Jerusalem where he was reinterred on Mount Herzl.

At sunset on Monday, May 13, 24 hours after the start of Israel’s Memorial Day (Yom HaZikaron), Israel will celebrate its seventy-sixth birthday on Yom HaAtzmaut. Yet this year, the celebration of Herzl’s dream will be different with at least 130 hostages (96 still believed to be alive) in Gaza, the country’s economy torn apart, and its reputation tainted by over eight months of the war against Hamas.* Additionally, almost 150 years after Herzl’s realization, Jews today are experiencing the worst antisemitism since the Holocaust and the world around us is questioning the legitimacy of a Jewish State.

The juxtaposition of these two Israeli holidays is, however, quite purposeful and powerful. Like the breaking of a glass under a chuppah, these holidays remind us that Jewish life is defined by the existence of both happiness and pain. As the sun sets following 24 hours of sadness on Yom HaZikaron, Israelis are forced into celebration so that we remember joy will return even in our darkest moments.

In this most difficult time for Jews worldwide, how can we celebrate Herzl’s gift to the Jewish world and carry on his dream? In the hours and days after the brutal attacks of October 7, Jews around the world, both secular and religious, mourned the tragedy as one. Yet as the weeks and months of war have passed

*This article was written in early April.
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You are cordially invited to attend the

**Confirmation Services**

of The Hebrew Benevolent Congregation, Atlanta, Georgia, at The Temple

**Sunday, May 5, 2024**

27 Nisan 5784

10:00am in the Sanctuary

Reception immediately following the service

This service will also be streamed live: [www.the-temple.org/streaming](http://www.the-temple.org/streaming)

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Please join us as we are called to the Torah as

**ADULT B’NEI MITZVAH**

Saturday, May 18, 2024

10 Iyar 5784

10:30am in the Sanctuary

Oneg Reception Immediately Following

Lindsay Borenstein, Sandra Reed, Angelica Rosenman, Kat-I van Morblue, Marcharii van der Watt, Joshua McCann, Darin Givens, Charles Shapiro, Brielle Berkowitz, Sai Mukkamala, Virginia Seldowitz

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**Sparking Positive Jewish Identities.**

The Breman Education Center Registration is Open!

To register for the 2024-25 program year, simply sign into your account at [www.the-temple.org/bec](http://www.the-temple.org/bec) and. If you need assistance with registration, please contact Abby Friedman 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.

We hope your family will join us on Sundays!

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Breman Education Center

To learn more about our exciting programming, please contact Rabbi Rau at 404-873-1734.

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The Weinberg Early Learning Center wishes a warm Mazel Tov to our Pre-K graduating class! Graduation will take place on May 22, 2024. Thank you to Ms. Rosalyn, Ms. Diana, Ms. Andrina, Ms. Tamara, Ms. Brina, Ms. Renee, and Mr. Million for all their hard work and dedication this year!

**Limited Pre-kindergarten Spots Available for 2024-2025**

For more information, contact us at 404-872-8668 or welc@the-temple.org. We do have Alef Fund scholarships available through GOAL for our Pre-K.

**Looking forward to Camp Minimac!**

**Week 1**
June 5–7: Travel Transportation with a trackless train ride!

**Week 2**
June 10–14: Travel to Jurassic/ Dinosaurs with our own bouncy house!

**Week 3**
June 17–21: Travel to Europe with a cooking class!

**Week 4**
June 24–28: Travel to Asia with That Puppet Guy!

**Week 5**
July 1–5: Fairytale Land with our own character face paint!

**Week 6**
July 8–12: Travel to Africa with a drummer/musician!

**Week 7**
July 15–19: Travel to Antarctica with a foam party!

**Week 8**
July 22–26: Travel out of this world to Space with The BubbleMan!

**The WELC Graduating Class of 2024**

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- **Wyatt Archer**
  Grant & Abby Archer
- **Zuri Arline**
  LaToya Arline
- **Cooper Cox**
  Clayton Cox & Rachel Rauscher
- **John Diamond**
  Adam & Diana Diamond
- **Charlotte Gelman**
  Preston & Samantha Gelman
- **Jackson Hengen**
  Jill & Louis Hengen
- **Owen Kaye**
  Karen & Ian Kaye
- **Brayden Lasher**
  Rachel & Brett Lasher
- **Talia Lennon**
  Samantha & Chad Lennon
- **Emma Mandrell**
  Kate & Ryan Mandrell
- **Jack Murphy**
  Mimi Krauss & Ryan Murphy
- **Luke Perez**
  Adrianna & Manuel Perez
- **Levi Reiner**
  Matthew & Hillary Reiner
- **Lillian “Lily” Rosen**
  Daniel & Molly Rosen
- **Ben Shenkman**
  Drew & Patty Shenkman
- **Jackson Tanenbaum**
  Lauren & Stephen Tanenbaum
- **Marian Grace Vogel**
  Mannie Dayan Vogel & Steven Vogel
- **Harriet “Hattie” Walker**
  Amanda & Mark Walker
- **Benjamin Washington**
  Tamara Smith & Frank Washington

**ADULT EDUCATION**

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

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

**Professor Series with Dr. Eli Sperling**

Tuesday, May 7 • 7:00-8:30pm

Join Dr. Eli Sperling for a discussion about his new book, *Singing the Land: Hebrew Music and Early Zionism in America*. We will explore the nuanced history of Zionism and Hebrew national culture in American Jewish life during the formative interwar period and beyond. Visit https://a.co/d/djkrHhp to purchase the book before or after the presentation online.
B’NEI MITZVAH

MAY 4
Robert Shapiro
Parents: Kimberly & Steak Shapiro

MAY 11
Lea (Reny) Stephenson
Parents: Sara & Scotland Stephenson

MAY 11
Keller Stephenson
Parents: Sara & Scotland Stephenson

MAY 11 (MINCHA)
Ella Fox
Parents: Christina & Greg Fox

MAY 11 (MINCHA)
Olivia Fox
Parents: Christina & Greg Fox

MAY 25
Helen (Libby) Abramson
Parents: Allison & Adam Abramson

MAY THEIR MEMORY BE FOR A BLESSING
Our Heartfelt Sympathy to the Families of:
Lorraine Jaffe – mother-in-law of Jay Aven
Elaine “Lainy” Lesser Goldstein – Wife of Bobby Goldstein, Sr.
Benjamin “Benji” Jack Reisman – Great-grandson of Anta Room; grandson of Robert and Amy Arogeti.
Charles Milton Rosenberg – Father of I.J. Rosenberg
Murray Solomon – Father of Andy and Cristy Solomon
Ruth Brunnell Strauss – Mother of Robert Strauss

MAZAL TOV!
Have good news to share?
Please email Lisa Madrigal at lmadrigal@the-temple.org.

To Mark Arnold on the birth of his grandson, Sandy Lorne Arnold, and to the parents Daniel and Taylor Arnold, and to the siblings Gili, Siggy and Goldie Arnold.

To Jon and Stefani Berman on the birth of their son, Cory Berman.

On the marriage of Aaron Michael Cohen and Cheyenne Jeanette McClain, and to parents Ezra and Katy Cohen.

Ilene Engel on receiving the American Jewish Committee (AJC) Atlanta 2024 Distinguished Advocate Award.

On the marriage of Mariah Pearle Friedland and Cameron Sol Feinberg.

On the marriage of Daniel Mark Furman and Hope Elizabeth Roberts.

To Tony Montag celebrating his 90th Birthday.

To Michelle and Ian Stribling on the birth of their daughter, Margaret “Maggie” Rose Stribling; and to big brothers, Judah and Matthew Stribling.

NEW & RETURNING MEMBERS
Stefanie & Jonathan Berman
Cory Berman
Sam Boyer
Gail & Bernie Natter
Virginia & Sam Seldowiz
Another Sunrise: An Evening of Music and Reflection with the Atlanta Opera & The Temple

Wednesday, May 1 • 6:30-8:30pm • Sanctuary

www.the-temple.org/opera

Join us leading up to Yom HaShoah, Holocaust Remembrance Day, as The Temple and The Atlanta Opera partner for a special program of music and remembrance. The evening features a performance of Another Sunrise followed by a community conversation. Another Sunrise (2012) is work for soprano and chamber ensemble based on one woman’s true, day-to-day struggle to survive the Nazi occupation of Poland. It is also about the struggle to describe harrowing, unimaginable situations to people who weren’t there. Like many who make it through a war, Krystyna Zywulska survived not through grand acts of heroism, but through near soul-shattering acts of survival. In Another Sunrise, composer and librettist Jake Heggie and Gene Scheer tell her story and describe the unimaginable terror of that experience.

Reinventing herself as a gentile after escaping the Warsaw Ghetto, Zywulska was captured as a member of the Polish Resistance. While captive at Auschwitz-Birkenau, she wrote satiric lyrics to well-known songs that became anthems of resistance in the camp. While courting this dangerous notoriety, Kywulska continued to hide her Jewish roots from the Nazis and camp informants. Do we do whatever it takes to live another day: to see another sunrise?

Sponsored by: Douglas J. Hertz Family Foundation.
Community Partners: Jewish Federation of Greater Atlanta and The Breman Museum.

Cancer Genetic Testing is Coming to the MJCCA on May 5, 2024!

Register for a CancerGEN test at JScreen.org
Enter your insurance information
Enter event code: 2024MarcusJCC at checkout
Pick up your kit on May 5th at MJCCA (5342 Tilly Mill Rd., Dunwoody) between 10am and 1pm

Sandwich Salon with Dr. Mimi Zieman, OB/GYN

Wednesday, May 8, 2024 • 11:30am-1:00pm

Come connect with other women at informative Sandwich Salon events planned just for us! Bring your lunch, bring a friend, and enjoy conversation with women of all ages.

Mimi will share her latest book and recount her unlikely journey from an upbringing in an Orthodox Jewish community in 1970s New York City as the daughter of immigrants, to an audacious and historic Everest expedition in 1988. Zieman’s play, The Post-Roe Monologues, recently previewed in New York.

Visit www.the-temple.org/sandwichsalon to register.

Mini Shabbat Morning

Saturday, May 11 • 9:30am Service

10:00am Bagels, Coffee, and Playground

Join us for a Shabbat about...Shabbat! This weekly holiday lets us rest, recharge, and face the new week ahead full of energy and love—our puppets will tell you all about the fun we get to have every single week. 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 Motor Lobby—make sure to pay attention to the weather and dress accordingly, because we can play outside after refreshments!

10th Annual Midtown Race For MAC 5K Run/Walk

Saturday, May 11 • 8:30am

Piedmont Park (Park Tavern), 500 10th St NE Atlanta, GA 30309

The Midtown Assistance Center (MAC) is once again preparing for its 10th Annual Midtown Race for MAC 5K at Piedmont Park on May 11, 2024. In its tenth year, this annual event draws runners from around Atlanta to raise awareness about the prevention of homelessness and hunger for working families. Since its inaugural race in 2014, the Midtown Race for MAC has raised hundreds of thousands of dollars to provide essential emergency assistance to low-income working Atlantans. Register at: tinyurl.com/RaceForMAC
RSJI Environment and Climate Action Group

Annual Urban Farm Crew with Historic Westside Gardens
Saturday, May 4 • 11:00am-1:00pm
Historic Westside Gardens, 380 Elm St NW, Atlanta, GA

Join the RSJI Environment group for a Shabbat moment and a chance to make a difference for our Atlanta neighbors. Digging in the dirt is a fun and rewarding activity for all ages. Please wear closed toe shoes and clothes appropriate for gardening, bring a reusable water bottle and bring garden gloves if you have them.

SPOTLIGHT ON...
RSJI Public Education Group

Group Leader:
Stacey Berg

Why are you passionate about this issue?
We should all care about our education system. Children who can read proficiently by the end of third grade have a higher likelihood of graduating high school, which opens up so many more opportunities. Educating our community is key to safer, happier cities. While our public education system works to teach every child equally, it can be tough to overcome challenges students face in their homes, including hunger, housing challenges, financial insecurity, safety concerns, or any number of other issues.

What is one thing your group has accomplished that you are proud of?
Horizons! We launched Horizons at The Temple last summer, a 6-week summer enrichment program to help 30 K-1 students from Toomer Elementary avoid the summer education slide. In addition to reading and math lessons, we taught the students swimming, took them on field trips, and provided enrichments of dance, music, cooking, and art. With over 40 volunteers from The Temple, it was an amazing experience for the kids and us!

If someone wants to get involved, what is one upcoming event they might be able to participate in?
Volunteer with our Horizons program this summer. Starting on June 3, we’ll have opportunities in the classroom, lunchroom, swimming pool, and on field trips. We’d love to see more of our Temple community lead enrichment programs too.

If someone wants to learn more about your group’s issue, what is one book, news article, or other reference you would recommend?
I would encourage people to reach out to their local public school. The best way to understand what challenges our schools are really facing is to jump in and help. Many times, they are looking for classroom supply donations, teacher support, or event volunteers. Help your own community thrive by supporting your public school.

RSJI Racial Justice Group & Ending Mass Incarceration Initiative
SAVE THE DATE:

ENDING MASS INCARCERATION “LET MY PEOPLE GO” UNCONFERENCE
JUNE 24-26 2024
REGISTER EARLY FOR ONLY $199
Join us for 2-1/2 days of movement building, best practices, collaboration and inspiration. Multifaith EMI National Conference is ready to EQUIP YOU and your FAITH COMMUNITY!
Yom HaZikaron Memorial for Israel’s Fallen Soldiers & Victims of Terror

Sunday, May 12 • 6:00-8:00pm
Ahavath Achim Synagogue:
600 Peachtree Battle Ave NW, Atlanta, GA 30327

Please wear a white shirt to honor the fallen.

− Security check-in begins at 5:00PM. Please arrive early to allow sufficient time for security screening. No large bags will be permitted at the entrance. No weapons allowed.

Age & Stage

Kulanu & Sages: SCAD Tour
Tuesday, May 14, 2024
10:00am-1:30pm
Back by popular demand and open to Kulanu and Sages! Our friends and neighbors at SCAD have invited members of The Temple for a tour. We will have the opportunity to visit the SCAD FASH Museum as well as their new theater. The tour will include lunch in one of their beautiful event spaces.

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

Sages: Lunch and Mercedes-Benz Tour
Wednesday, May 29 • 12:00pm
Join us at noon for lunch before we board the bus and head for a private tour of the Mercedes-Benz stadium. To RSVP, please visit www.the-temple.org/event/temple-sages-mercedes-benz-tour.html.

Summer Service Leading Workshop
Tuesday, May 21 • 7:30-8:30pm
Have you ever thought about leading a Shabbat service? Then this Summer Service Leading Workshop is for you! Join us in a relaxed atmosphere as we explore the “how’s and why’s” of worship.

Explore ways to:
• Deliver a drash
• Teach an iyyun (an introductory perspective to liturgy)
• Lead music for Summer Services

Please RSVP to Cantor Tracey Scher at tscher@the-temple.org. Light refreshments will be served. Hope to see you there!

ShalomCare

Supporting Mental Health
Powered by The Temple

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

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

Web
www.the-temple.org/shalomcare

If you are experiencing a mental health crisis and need immediate help, call or text 988 to get help now.

UPCOMING EVENT:

Shabbat HaNefesh:
Mental Health Shabbat
Friday, May 24 • 6:00pm: Worship Service
7:30pm: Dinner and Discussion

We are wrapping up the Shabbat HaNefesh year with a reflection on the past year...and what a year it’s been! How do we tell this story of grief and hardship, of unity and connection? What set us up for pride, courage, and resilience? What story are we telling our children about this time?

Join us for a Shabbat HaNefesh service and a dinner and discussion that will feature Dr. Robyn Fivush, professor of psychology and director of the The Institute for the Liberal Arts at Emory University. She will share her work on the intersection of autobiographical narrative, memory, trauma, and coping, and how we can gain so much by telling our stories of surviving and thriving to one another and to our children for everyone’s wellbeing.
and the voices of those held hostage below the ground in Gaza still cry out, it seems that we the Jewish people are more divided than ever. Regardless of our political views, we cannot give up on Herzl’s legacy and dream. The State of Israel is no less than a modern miracle in our own time after nearly 2000 years of exile and wandering.

When our ancestors crossed the Red Sea toward freedom, the Torah teaches that “a mixed multitude went up with them” (Exodus 12:38) out of Egypt. And it was precisely through the experiences and trials of our journey toward the Promised Land that we, the mixed multitude, became one united people. Surely, we must learn from our history. The Talmud teaches in Shevuot 39a, “Kol Yisrael aravim ze ba’zeh” / “All of Israel is responsible for one another.” Regardless of our denominations, our political stances, or our even our personal connections or struggles with the State of Israel, we must put aside our differences and once again stand together as one Jewish people.

As Jews, we are not required to share the same opinions. But as we approach Yom HaAtzmaut this year, let us lift up Herzl’s call, “If you will it, it is not a dream,” and embrace one another and our differences. Neither Moses nor Herzl were blessed to see the realization of their visions for Jewish nationhood. By standing together, we, the beneficiaries of their dreams, have the ability and the gift to lift up the torch and exclaim “Am Yisrael Chai!”— so that the people of Israel will forever thrive, united as one!

“May it be Your will that we are able to hold together the diverse needs within one community, to cry and to laugh, to mourn and to dance, to celebrate as always…”

(Rabbi Oded Mazor)
Committee of the Temple Board of Trustees. She has previously served on a variety of other committees at the Temple, including the Finance Committee, the WELC Director Search Committee, the Strategic Planning Committee, and she chaired the Cantorial Search Committee. Sara is a native of Memphis, Tennessee, where she was a member of Temple Israel.

**Amy Adelman, Vice President**

Amy 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 has also served as the Interim Chair of RSJI and 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 practiced law in Atlanta since 1991, and currently works at Emory University as its Interim Senior Vice President and General Counsel. Before joining Emory’s Office of General Counsel in 2003, she was a partner with 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, Evan, have two young adult children, Max (25) and Lucy (22), both of whom became b’nei mitzvah at The Temple and continued through confirmation.

**Stan Lowenstein, Vice President**

Stan has been a member of The Temple since 1978 and he was confirmed at The Temple in 1985. He was an active member of The Temple’s Young Professionals after graduating from The University of Georgia and served on the board of the Zaban Paradies Couples Center 2008-2011. Stan has been involved with the Jewish Educational Loan Fund (JELF) since 2006 and served as JELF’s Board Chair from 2018-2020. Currently he serves on JELF’s Executive Board and on the Board of Futures Inc. He currently lives in Dunwoody with his wife Jennifer and has 3 children (Michael, 12th grade at Dunwoody High School; I.J., Junior at Georgia State and Erin, Senior at Georgia State). Stan has been working in Wealth Management since 2002 and currently is a Managing Director, Financial Advisor with Ameriprise Financial.

**Larry Sommersfeld, Secretary**

Larry and his family have been Temple members since 2013. He has served on various Temple committees including most recently the Board of Trustees, Shalom Corps, the clergy search committee, the Professional Relations Committee, and High Holiday ushers. Larry and his wife, Elizabeth, have three children, Daniel (18), Charlotte (15), and Sarah (13), all of whom were b’nei mitzvah at the Temple. Daniel was confirmed in 2022, and Charlotte and Sarah traveled to Israel with the Temple in the summer of that year. Larry is Chief of Appeals and Legal Advice at the U.S. Attorney’s Office of General Counsel.
Office in Atlanta, and previously led the office’s Cybercrime unit. He was a Cyber & Data Strategy partner at Alston & Bird, and has practiced in New York City and Silicon Valley. Larry is an MIT and Virginia Law School graduate, who clerked on the federal district and circuit courts. Larry currently serves on Attorney General’s Advisory Committee’s Appellate Chiefs’ Working Group and the Executive Committee of Emory Law School’s Clarence Cooper Inn of Court, dedicated to mentoring law students and young lawyers as to the values of professionalism and integrity in the practice of law. Larry is a native New Yorker who appreciates any restaurant recommendations and Kamado Joe recipes.

**Stacey Berg, Treasurer**  
Stacey and her family have been members of The Temple since moving to Atlanta in 2012. She joined the board last year and has been chairperson of the RSJI Public Education Committee for two years, leading The Temple Backpack Buddies and spearheading the launch of the Horizons at The Temple enrichment program last summer. She looks forward to joining the executive board and continuing her work in Public Education by providing opportunities for student enrichment in the Atlanta area with support from The Temple community. She also serves on the board of The Zadie Project and is actively involved in a number of activities with her daughter’s school, Midtown High School. Stacey has built her career working in innovation and brand development, and now co-owns a marketing company specializing in branding and websites for professional businesses. She has a journalism degree from the University of Missouri and an MBA from Washington University. She and her husband, Chris, have two girls, Laine and Kate, both of whom became b’nei mitzvah at The Temple and continued through confirmation. For fun, you can find Stacey hanging with her family, playing tennis, or attending music festivals.

**Trustees, Term Expiring 2026:**

**Hilary Goldberg**  
Hilary is excited to join the Board of Trustees of the Temple. She is driven by her profound love for Atlanta and her cherished connection to the Temple preschool. Hilary is a third-generation native Atlantan, and her husband, Marc, is a third-generation Temple member. Inspired by her children’s experiences and her own involvement as a parent volunteer, Hilary has felt compelled to play a more active role in shaping the future of the Temple. Hilary’s journey with the Temple began when her first child started attending the Weinberg Early Learning Center (WELC). Since then, she has served on various committees within the institution. She is a graduate of the Temple Leadership Development Program and spent multiple years as the WELC’s TPA President. In addition to her involvement within the Temple, Hilary is very active within the Women’s Division of the Jewish Federation of Atlanta and Morningside Elementary. Hilary attended the University of Texas at Austin and received her Master’s degree from Georgia State University. Professionally, Hilary holds a certification as a Certified Commercial Investment Member (CCIM) and works as an Asset Manager in her family’s privately held Real Estate business. She lives in Morningside with her husband, Marc, and three children, Jake, Harrison and Reese. Jake is a WELC graduate and current BEC student; Harrison is a current WELC student; and her daughter Reese will begin WELC in the Fall. Hilary is honored to serve on the Board of Trustees and is excited to work alongside fellow trustees to continue strengthening the Temple’s space within the fabric of the Atlanta Jewish community.

**Trustees, Term Expiring 2027:**

**Zahava (Zavi) Bailey**  
Zavi has been a member of The Temple since 2019 and lives in Grant Park with her husband, Chris, and their son, Jonah, a third grader at the BEC. As an interfaith family, both by birth and marriage, the welcoming and inclusive environment at the Temple made it easy for her to get more involved. She embarked on an adult b’nei mitzvah in 2020, completed both the Melton program and the Leadership Development Cohort in 2022, and currently serves on the BEC committee. Her participation in those programs has fostered meaningful connections with other members of the Temple community and provided an important foundation for the work she will do as a board member. With a professional background in business administration, human resources, sales, and strategy development, she brings a wealth of skills to the table. Her current work is in diversity, equity, and inclusion where she helps guide her organization through cultural transformation and develops impactful strategies to increase representation and build inclusion and belonging. She is committed to bringing those skills to this work to ensure the Temple remains a welcoming and inclusive space. Zavi strives to foster a sense of community and connection by leading with empathy and humor. Eager to contribute to the board, she aims to strengthen the community, uphold its values, and ensure a vibrant future for The Temple.

**Amy Birnbaum**  
Amy and her family have been members of The Temple since 2016, a few years after relocating to Atlanta from the Northeast. She lives in Druid Hills with her husband, Adam Klein, and their two children, Hannah (17) and Oliver (14). In 2024, Amy served on the Temple’s Cantorial & Rabbinic Search Committee, and she will soon graduate from this year’s Leadership Development Class. She is often found singing with the Temple Singers, occasionally singing alongside Cantor Scher, and spearheading Cultural Arts initiatives (like Vodkas & Latkes!). She looks forward to working alongside our exceptional clergy team and passionate Temple members in her new role on the Board. With degrees in Child Development and Media & Communications from Tufts University, Amy has built her professional career as a creative leader, producer, marketer, and brand strategist within the kids’ entertainment industry (Cartoon Network, Scholastic, Sesame Workshop), creating TV, digital and mobile content for kids of all ages. She now runs her own brand & design business (amyb.creative). Amy is also a well-known voice
actress in the world of anime (if you're fans of Kirby, Pokemon, and Yugioh—you've heard her!) In her spare time, Amy started a (now retired) mandelbrot cookie business (eatmandel—because why should biscotti have all the fun?!), and she will be more than happy to make you some, if asked!

**Lauren Linder**

Lauren, her husband, Jonathan, and their twins, Gabriela and Grady, have been members of the Temple since 2019. In the past 5 years, she's been involved with Temple Mosaic and currently co-leads the Racial Justice Committee of the Rothschild Social Justice Institute with Jonathan. An Atlanta native, Lauren attended Pace Academy and received her bachelor's degree from Brown University and her juris doctor from Duke University. As a former educator, D1 athlete, and dancer, Lauren's volunteerism reflects her passion for education, social justice, and the arts. Lauren is on the Board of Trustees for Pace Academy and recently joined the board for the ADL Southeast. Her previous nonprofit board experience includes: serving on the Advisory Board for the Alliance Theater and on the board of Central CSI, the non-profit arm of her childhood church in Vine City. Lauren has also been an active participant with LEAD Atlanta as a 2015 alumni volunteer and held several leadership roles with the Atlanta Black-Jewish Coalition following her participation in the 2013 Project Understanding class. She has also participated as a student, teacher, coach, and administrator in debate leagues around the country, including Atlanta, Baltimore, New York, and Providence. Lauren is an attorney with experience providing counsel in a wide range of industries--from cannabis to media. She is currently Vice President and Group Counsel at Equifax.

**Katie Littmann**

Katie is a native Atlantan, third generation member of The Temple, and a Temple bat mitzvah and confirmand. She has served on the WELC TPA executive board for several years, including her current position as Co-President of the TPA. Both of Katie's parents are past presidents of The Temple, and she is thrilled to continue their legacy! Katie graduated from The Westminster Schools in 2005 and Duke University in 2009, and has spent her career building consumer products in the media industry for companies including CBS Interactive, Warner Media, Disney, and at present, SiriusXM where she is the Sr. Director of Product Development. Katie and her husband, Mark, live in Ansley Park with their two children, Henry (a recent WELC graduate) and Isabelle (a current WELC student). In her spare time, Katie enjoys embroidery, baking, and chasing her kids around the golf course and baseball diamond.

**Knox Maslia**

Knox and his wife, Sami, rejoined The Temple in 2022 after moving from New York to Atlanta. Knox was active in the Temple community growing up, celebrating his bar mitzvah, going through confirmation, and traveling to Israel. After substitute teaching on a few Sundays, he participated in the most recent Leadership Development cohort and is excited to continue giving back to the Temple community. Knox currently works in the Finance department at Wahoo Fitness, focusing on product profitability and channel mix. He spent the first 8 years of his career at Ernst and Young working in the International Tax practice. Knox is a graduate of the University of Georgia, where he studied finance and German. Outside of work, Knox enjoys riding his bike, exploring the Atlanta food scene with Sami, and is happy to discuss at any time how TV networks are ruining college football. Knox and Sami have been married for close to three years and now live in Buckhead. They are the proud parents of their dog Roo, who brings them endless joy and somewhat meets their parents’ expectations of grandchildren.

**Keith Yaeger**

Keith is a native Atlantan who has been a member of the Temple for 27 years. He and his wife, Mira, were married here in 1997. Keith has been an active member at The Temple, volunteering at numerous events, assisting with the Esther Bleich committee, serving as Group Chair of the RSJI Homelessness group, working through the Leadership Development program, and, of course, spending quality time with his fellow Ben Franklin Group crew. Keith has worked as the Director of Operations for the Souper Jenny Restaurant group for the past 10 years. He is also the President of their non-profit, The Zadie Project. Keith and Mira have two grown children, living in New York and Denver respectively, who were confirmed at The Temple. He is extremely grateful for the positive impact the Temple clergy, leaders, and many members have had on their lives and is looking forward to serving in this next role.

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**Mark Wassersug**

Mark and his wife, Dara, have been members of The Temple since 2006. Mark has served on the Board of Trustees since 2021 and was a member of the Executive Director Search Committee. Dara and Mark have two children: Jonah (20), a sophomore at Syracuse University, and Eden (16), a junior at The Mount Vernon School. Jonah and Eden are both graduates of the Weinberg Early Learning Center and are b’nai mitzvah and are confirmands of The Temple. Mark graduated from Lehigh University in 1992 and The Goizueta Business School (Emory) in 1999. Prior to retiring in 2023, Mark was the Chief Operating Officer (COO) and Chief Information Officer (CIO) for Intercontinental Exchange (ICE) where he helped build the company from a start-up to a Fortune 500 global FinTech leader over his 22-year career at ICE. Mark now plays an active role as an advisor, board member and investor in early-stage companies applying his experience operating ICE to help the companies and entrepreneurs grow, scale and succeed in a dynamic marketplace.

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