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SCHEDULE: NOVEMBER 2019

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1

6:00 PM Shabbat Worship Service
7:00 PM Meditation – Room 34

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2

9:00 AM Torah Study
10:30 AM Bar Mitzvah of Gavin Sender

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8

6:00 PM New Member Shabbat Worship Service with House Band
7:00 PM Meditation – Room 34
8:00 PM The Well

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9

9:00 AM Torah Study
9:30 AM Mini Shabbat
10:30 AM B'not Mitzvah of Sarah Braunstein & Phoebe Luscher
5:30 PM Mincha Bar Mitzvah of Noah Rogers

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 15

6:00 PM Shabbat Worship Service with Organ
7:00 PM Meditation – Room 34

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16

9:00 AM Torah Study
10:30 AM B'not Mitzvah of Hilary Taylor & Emily Silver

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22

6:00 PM Shabbat Worship Service with House Band
7:00 PM Meditation – Room 34

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23

9:00 AM Torah Study
10:30 AM Chapel Shabbat Service

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 29

6:00 PM Shabbat Worship Service
7:00 PM Meditation – Room 34

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30

9:00 AM Torah Study
10:30 AM Chapel Shabbat Services

TORAH & HAFTARAH:

NOVEMBER 2: Noach

Genesis 6:9-11:32; Isaiah 54:1-55:5

NOVEMBER 9: Lech Lecha

Genesis 12:1-17:27; Isaiah 40:27-41:16

NOVEMBER 16: Vayera

Genesis 18:1-22:24; II Kings 4:1-37

NOVEMBER 23: Chaye Sarah

Genesis 23:1-25:18; I Kings 1:1-31

NOVEMBER 30: Toledot

Genesis 25:19-28:9; Malachi 1:1-2:7



God Needs Us

One of the biggest Jewish questions we ask is “Why would God choose the Jewish people, small in number, to teach peace to the world?” The answer is found in the story of Noah and the flood. *Noah was a righteous man, blameless in his generation.* A better translation may very well be: *Noah was a righteous and blameless man, he was with his generation.* Noah did not succeed in his task of helping the world. Yes, he built an ark, but he did not convince any human beings that they should change their ways. The entire earth was destroyed under his watch.

I have always wondered why Noah could not successfully convince his fellow human beings to reverse their behavior and fix themselves and their world. It occurs to me that the answer is right there in Genesis 6:9—*Noah was with his generation.*

Sometimes it is hard to make an impact as one of the group. Noah was an insider. Contrast his leadership with that of Jonah. Jonah comes from seemingly nowhere and transforms Nineveh instantly. Jonah is an outsider.

We often wonder why Abraham was chosen as the first Jew. The midrash suggests that *Everyone walked on one side, and Abraham on the other.* He was present, yet apart. This may be the secret sauce for making a difference in the community and the world—to be a part and yet to be separate—both at the same time. God wants to perfect the world, to bring justice and peace. And God needs us as partners to implement this task.

One of the ways we do this at The Temple is through the Rothschild Social Justice Institute. Named in honor of our esteemed Rabbi Jacob M. Rothschild, the Rothschild Institute seeks to affect positive change on the local level and beyond, regarding ten broad societal issues of concern, rooted in Jewish tradition. On page 9, you will find a very impressive list of some of the Institute’s recent achievements.

For this work is the keynote of our season of Thanksgiving: To conquer, to fight, and to emerge triumphant in the battle of love against hate, concern against unconcern, interest against apathy and compassion against indifference.

l’shalom,

Rabbi Peter Berg

About Rabbi Berg:

Peter Berg became the fifth senior rabbi of The Temple since 1895 in July 2008. He is thrilled to serve this diverse and multi-generational congregation as a spiritual leader. Rabbi Berg is passionate about Jewish learning and meaningful worship, and he is an advocate for social change. A native of Ocean Township, New Jersey, Rabbi Berg holds a degree in Education and Human Development, with a focus in human services, counseling and Judaic Studies from George Washington University in Washington, D.C. He earned his M.A. in Hebrew Literature and his rabbinic ordination from Hebrew Union College – Jewish Institute of Religion in New York and Jerusalem, where he was a Steinhardt Fellow. Rabbi Berg also holds a certificate in Chemical Dependency and Spiritual Counseling and is a trained Disaster, Fire and Police Chaplain.

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LIFECYCLES

B'NEI MITZVAH



NOVEMBER 2:

Gavin Michael Sender

Son of Jennifer & Eric Sender



NOVEMBER 9:

Sarah Nicole Braunstein

Daughter of Glenn & Jessica Braunstein



NOVEMBER 9:

Phoebe Luscher

Daughter of Michael & Karen Luscher



NOVEMBER 9:

Noah Rogers

Son of David & Kelly Rogers



NOVEMBER 16:

Hilary Taylor

Daughter of Craig & Lauren Taylor



NOVEMBER 16:

Emily Paige Silver

Daughter of Mara & Brian Silver

NEW & RETURNING MEMBERS

Elizabeth Austen
*Ryan, Carl, Sabrina,
& Jack Weinstein*

Maxine Bier

Ida Bolt
Izzy Bolt

Eliza Cherry

Catherine & Brad Cohen

Diana & Bryon Colby
Tyler & Olivia Colby

Craig Dobrin
Isaac Dobrin

Lauren & Curran Doody

Franklin Edrich

Molly Elson & Jacob Snider

Christina & Greg Fox
Cydney, Olivia, & Ella Fox

Alex Friedman

Marcia & Josh Ganz
Haley & Max Ganz

Lisa & Stuart Gold
Ava & Owen Gold

Maya Goldman

Lauren Gordon

Riley & Misha Gosis

Sasha Gosis

Michelle & Sam Gruber

Sarah Gruber

Tracy Hall &
David Clemons

Risa Hayet &
Cameron Bauman

Carly Herbert

Haley Hurowitz

Ellen Lapuck

Julie Lavallee &
Todd Orlansky

Meg Lazarus

Marya & Drew Levine
*Everett, Isabelle,
& Oliver Levine*

Debbie & Anthony
Levinson

Abby & Matthew Levy

M.J. Levy

Zach Levy

Jennifer & Art Lieb
*Asher, Darren,
& Greyson Lieb*

Hannah Lynn &
Aaron Ducoffe

Marilyn & Larry Margolis

Sara & Brian Offen
Charlotte & James Offen

Adam Oppenheimer

Abby Orlansky

Goldie & Louie Pine

Penelope Pine

Gabrielle & Geoff Pollak

Robin Rolader & Eli Mlaver

Victoria & Todd Schmidt
Ronen Schmidt

Sonia Schragar &
Michael Russo

Karen Shacham &
Michelle Putnam
Lior & Yoav Shacham

Rebecca Silk

Lindsey & Daniel Simon
*Emory, Camden,
& Everett Simon*

Stephanie Singer

Sydni & Nathan Smootha

Katherine Squires

Jennifer Stokley
Jack & Kate Stokley

Sarah & Joseph Sutherland

Sara Waterson &
Frank Waterson, III
Harper & Frank Waterson

Natalie Weldon &
Victor Cohen

Allison & Taylor Zacks

Megan Zubar



EDUCATION

MAY THEIR MEMORY BE FOR A BLESSING

Our Heartfelt Sympathy to the Families of:

Gene Kout (husband of Lee)

Susan Mazer (mother of Jenny Horrigan)

Beverlee Kanengiser
(grandmother of Lindsey Kamin)

Florence Siflinger (grandmother of Brooke Siflinger)

David “Danny” Lobel (brother of Julie Stahlman,
uncle of Lissie Stahlman, uncle of Joel Lobel)

Darren Michael Cott (nephew of Stuart Cott)

Mark Dodd

Selma Wolff (mother of Donna Howell)

Shirley Friedman

Leah Cohen (daughter of Seth & Terri Cohen, brother
of Sam and granddaughter of Mickie & Burt Cohen)

Robert Jordan Greer
(brother in law of Joanna Genser)

Barbara Ziff (mother of David Ziff)

Muriel Lesselbaum (mother of Judy Maziar and
grandmother of Kim Hockstein and Kerrie Zurofsky)

Jerry Averbuch (father of Greg Averbuch and
grandfather of Elizabeth & Alexander Averbuch
and Allison Atkinson)

MAZAL TOV!

**Have good news to share? Please email Katie Bass
at kbass@the-temple.org.**

Valerie and Bill Needle on the birth of their grandchild,
Wren Helen Lewis to parents, Meredith and Ben Lewis.

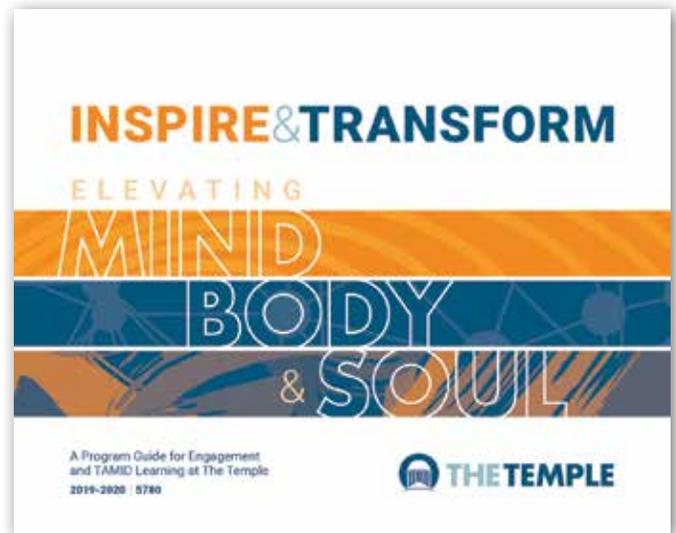
Jack and Deborah Wexler on the birth of
grandchildren, Luisa Claire Arnold to Ellen Pepper and
Jonathan Arnold and Lillian Shira Arnold to Eveline
and Grant Arnold.

Joyce Shlesinger on the birth of her great grandchild,
Eva Rose Zacks.

Joyce Bihary and Jon Lowe on the birth of their
grandson, Peter Aaron Lowe to Jimmy and Lynn Lowe.

Stephanie Blank for receiving the Community
Champions Award given by Christian City Children
and Family Programs.

Bruce Alterman for being recognized as an
outstanding SCORE mentor by the Sandy Springs
Economic Development Chapter. SCORE stands for
Service Core of Retired Executives.



TAMID Programming Calendar

Preparing for the End of Life: Jewish Views on Death, Funerals, and Cemeteries

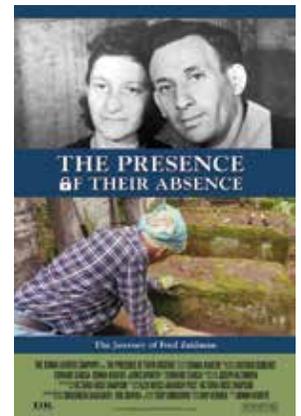
**November 4, 11, and 18 • 7:00pm • Cost: Free
Instructors: Temple Clergy, Staff, and Guest Speakers**

Over three weeks, we will learn about Jewish views on death, preparing for a funeral, and burial, cremation, and cemeteries. On November 4, we will be joined by Eddie Dressler, owner of Dressler’s Funeral Care, as we discuss Chevra Kadisha, preplanning, and funerals. On November 11, our clergy will teach about mourning rituals, ethical wills, and the basics of “what to do” when a death occurs. On November 18, we will be joined by representatives from local cemeteries, as well as our board member James Gelin, to learn about various options for burial and pre-planning.

Atlanta Premiere! The Presence of Their Absence

**Monday, November 11, 2019 • 7:00pm
Rabbi Peter Berg and Producer Donna Kanter**

Join Rabbi Berg and Producer Donna Kanter for the Atlanta premiere of award-winning film, *The Presence of Their Absence*. A short discussion will follow. *The Presence of Their Absence* follows Fred Zaidman, the son of Holocaust survivors, on a journey to trace his inherited trauma. Armed with determination and scant clues from his late parents, he ventures into the unknown. With helpers in Poland, Israel, and Germany, and an unlikely source—a Baptist minister in Atlanta who guides him through a cemetery in Poland—Fred finds his roots in the ashes of the Shoah, unshackles his pain, and through the puzzle of his ancestral past reconstructs his future.



EDUCATION



NOVEMBER 2019 PROGRAMMING

- 3** Fall Back - End of Daylight Savings Time
Sunday Program @ 9:30am
3rd Grade Family Education @ 9:30am
45 Club Youth Group Event: Mad Science @ 12:00pm
- 8-10** NFTY-SAR Fall Kallah (Temple Beth Tikvah)
- 10** Sunday Program @ 9:30am
1st Grade Family Education @ 9:30am
Project Merry Mitzvah Fundraising Kick-off @ 12:00pm
- 15** YoFI Shabbat Services @ 6:00pm
YoFI Shabbat Dinner @ 6:45pm
- 17** Sunday Program @ 9:30am
“Day in the Life of B’reisheit” Program (1st-5th Grade) @ 9:30am
Project 678 Event: Escape Room
- 24** No Sunday Program
- 25-27** No Midweek Hebrew

YoFI Shabbat

Friday, November 15

YoFI Shabbat is a worship experience for young readers. Services are led by a rabbi and song leader and are followed by a dinner catered by Willy’s. November’s YoFI is hosted by the Breman Education Center’s 2nd Graders.

To register for dinner, please visit www.the-temple.org by November 12.

Members:

Ages 10 years and up \$12
Ages 2-9 years \$10
under 2 are free

Guests:

Ages 10 years and up \$15
2-9 years \$12
under 2 are free

Questions? Contact Bethany Smith at bsmith@the-temple.org

Jewish Overnight Camp



Your kids will definitely be thankful for a summer at Jewish overnight camp! Plus, if they’re first time campers, they might even be eligible for up to \$1,000 off! 2nd Year grants are available for up to \$500 off. Needs Based Scholarships are also available. Check out all the ways to make Jewish overnight camp affordable at: www.the-temple.org/jewishcamp. Contact Elizabeth Foster, Camp Ambassador, at 404-873-1734 for more information.

7th Grade Field Trip to Tennessee

Seventh Graders from the Breman Education Center visited Chattanooga where they visited the Paper Clip Exhibit and went spelunking at Raccoon Mountain.



PROJECT CONNECT

PICK YOUR PROJECT. FIND YOUR CONNECTION.

Project Merry Mitzvah

Project Connect (our high school youth program) is gearing up for our annual social action initiative! Each December our teens host a Shabbat dinner and shopping evening for the residents of the Zaban Paradies Center for Couples. Teens will serve dinner, celebrate with the residents, and then give them an opportunity to go shopping in the “mall” for a gift for their spouse or partner. This can’t happen without help from you.

To donate items to Project Merry Mitzvah, please visit our website at www.the-temple.org/merrymitzvahgifts or donate gift cards to Publix, Walmart, Kroger or Home Depot in increments of \$20.

For more information, please contact Rabbi Steven Rau (srau@the-temple.org), Bethany Smith (bsmith@the-temple.org) or Elizabeth Foster (efoster@the-temple.org).



Weinberg Early Learning Center at The Temple

WELC: Don't Just Take it From Us!

When Sam Schoenbaum moved to Atlanta years ago with her family, she was a new mom, living in a new city, and had to rediscover everything—friends, community, synagogue, a supportive mom-groups, and a preschool for her youngest. Fast forward 8 years later, Sam shares her journey about finding a preschool that gave her all those things and how a deeply nurturing and loving place called WELC shaped her kids into confident beings today.

How many schools did you look at prior to your selection?

Just one. The stars were aligned. The end result was, I just got lucky. My first choice was the best choice. Not knowing much about WELC, the first thing that I was happy about was my short drive from Ansley to Peachtree Rd. Secondly, as soon as I stepped into WELC, I felt welcomed and experienced positive vibes from its environment. Simply put, I felt the love. The positive energy that WELC exuded gave me the confidence to make a quick decision. I knew at that moment that WELC was the place for Max. We started Max in a three day program.

Once you decided to join WELC how did it stand out for you?

WELC is an incredibly nurturing environment. The WELC PTA is exceptional. They have raised funds for the school and they also have groups that parents can join to get more involved. It is care that goes way beyond the norm. WELC- provided me with parenting help. I would have never gotten that anywhere else. The willingness to want to help parents as teachers is what stood out for me.

What made you the happiest in your selection?

I wasn't expecting to find such an amazing and strong community. WELC has become my center - my place of worship, connection to my community, my tradition and values and a nurturing environment for my kids.

- **Everlasting friendships:** My oldest two, who are now in elementary school, developed such fantastic friendships at WELC that they continues to grow even today.
- **Retention:** We love the continuity of interacting with the same teachers. The same teacher who taught my oldest is still there. We love the staff retention and the clergy.
- **Community:** I benefited so much from WELC personally. I met my mom friends here. I feel so incredibly lucky to have developed a great network of friends as a result. In addition, my family are members at The Temple.

How has WELC prepared your child to deal with his/her current school curriculum and/or program?

They were incredibly prepared for Kindergarten. They have great penmanship. They were, in fact, ahead of the game both academically and socially!



WELC Graduates now in high school revisit their preschool during the High Holy Days. Pictured: Bella, Cate and Jo Samuels, Abby and Ethan Drake.

WELC Grand Re-opening & Back to School Celebration

On September 15, the Weinberg Early Learning Center welcomed current families, alumni, Temple families, and community members for a special Grand Re-opening and Back-to-School Celebration of our newly-renovated and refurbished school. With the goal of creating an even more inviting and nurturing environment for our learners, our new classroom furnishings and color scheme brighten up our Temple's beloved and successful preschool. Attendees had the opportunity to explore the newly refreshed classrooms and our beautiful new Infant Room. Children and adults also enjoyed a variety of activities including face painting, a bounce house, the splash pad on Sonia's Playground, and delicious snow cones.

Special thanks to the WELC Chatham Valley Fund established by the Schwartz family for generously supporting the Weinberg Early Learning Center. The WELC is excited to offer Jewish early learning experiences for children 3 months through Pre-K.

A Letter to WELC:

Hi Sarah,

Hope you had a nice holiday! I'm not sure who is in charge of picking crafts for the Temple holiday projects inside the WELC rooms, but I thought this year they were far and beyond from years past. LOVED them! The tote bags and mosaics were adorable.

As well as the WELC branded honey straws. Awesome presence from the WELC.

Thanks if it was you! And if not...thanks for all the awesome stuff you do every day for us.

Eden K.



Anti-Domestic Sex Trafficking

Delivered over 100 casseroles to girls at Wellspring.

Canvassed stores pre-Super Bowl with literature to find missing children. 20 children were found.



Environment

Red Maple tree planted on Temple lawn in memory of Tree of Life Synagogue.

Water refill stations installed at The Temple; environmentally friendly products were purchased.

Held Tu Bishvat tree planting ceremony.

Held MLK Tu Bishvat tree planting in Grove Park in collaboration with AA Synagogue & Trees Atlanta.



Gun Violence Prevention

Created youth advocacy program.

Hosted gun violence prevention panel at The Temple.

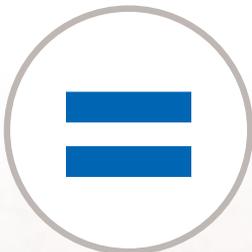
Brought Georgia Peach Quilt to Temple as a memorial to the victims of gun violence in America.



Homelessness and Poverty

Support the wonderful work of the Zaban Paradies Center.

Partnered with the Women's Rights group on the Period Pack Party.



LGBTQ Inclusion and Equality

Partnered with Jerusalem House on clothing drive.

Acquired Jewish LGBTQ books for Temple library.

Invited politicians from all parties to march with The Temple in the Pride Parade.



Public Education

Assembled 1,500 packages of female sanitary supplies for women in public schools.

Held school supplies drive for Toomer Elementary, our partner school.



Racial Justice

Hosted successful summit to eliminate unprosecuted criminal records from hundreds of Fulton County residents who are now able to rent homes and apply for jobs.

Co-sponsored mass incarceration summit with Ebenezer Baptist Church and Auburn Seminary in New York.

Organized two busses of Temple members to visit the Legacy Museum in Montgomery, AL. (see page 10)



Refugee Resettlement

Supported the Global Village Project.

Hosted Syrian dinner at The Temple to raise funds for refugee family.

RSJI: Next Up...



Jewish-Muslim Relations

Temple sponsored table at Islamic Speakers Bureau gala.

Attended Al-Farooq Masjid security meeting after Mosque shooting.

Muslim-Jewish seder was held at Temple.



Women's Issues

Researching maternal mortality in Georgia as an issue for Temple advocacy.

Hosted teach-in on Maternal Mortality.

Gun Violence Prevention Group— Safe Homes / Secure Kids

Sunday, November 17 • 9:45-11:15am
Temple Adult Library

In these uncertain times when parents and children experience anxiety and insecurity about safety in schools and even in homes, theirs or friends', we invite parents of ALL school age children and youth to join us for an open dialogue covering...

- Safe storage of firearms in the home and in autos;
- How to inquire whether your child's friends' parents are gun owners and if so, how they are store them;
- How to instruct you kids in what to do if they should ever encounter a gun; AND
- How to deal with your children's anxiety as well as your own when you send them off to school every day.

Cindy R. Zeldin, M.S. psychotherapist, life coach and Temple member, will address practical and workable guidelines in communicating with your children about recent gun violence.

Parents and children alike have anxiety when it comes to violence in today's world. Cindy will help you learn how to have "courageous conversations" with your kids.

Mark Winarsky, an expert on safe storage is a husband and father of two daughters and has served as a volunteer EMT in several states. Ten year Temple member and past Temple Men's Club chair, Mark joined the CDC after 9/11 where he worked in Anti-Terrorism and has continued to serve for more than fifteen years.

Mark will school us on best practices for safe storage, and Cindy and Mark will engage you in how to talk with your children and parents of their friends.

Also participating will be Abby Edlein and Lucy Adelman, youth co-chairs of the RSJI Gun Violence Prevention group to provide us with the youth perspective.

Please arrive early, have bagels and coffee and be prepared to participate with your experiences and questions.

RSVP is not required but requested in order to provide adequate seating and breakfast. Please RSVP to: elstahlman@gmail.com. And if you have any questions whatsoever, don't hesitate to contact Lissie at the above email address.

This program is generously funded by the Blank Rothschild Social Justice Institute Fund.

RSJI Racial Justice Group— Record Restriction Summit

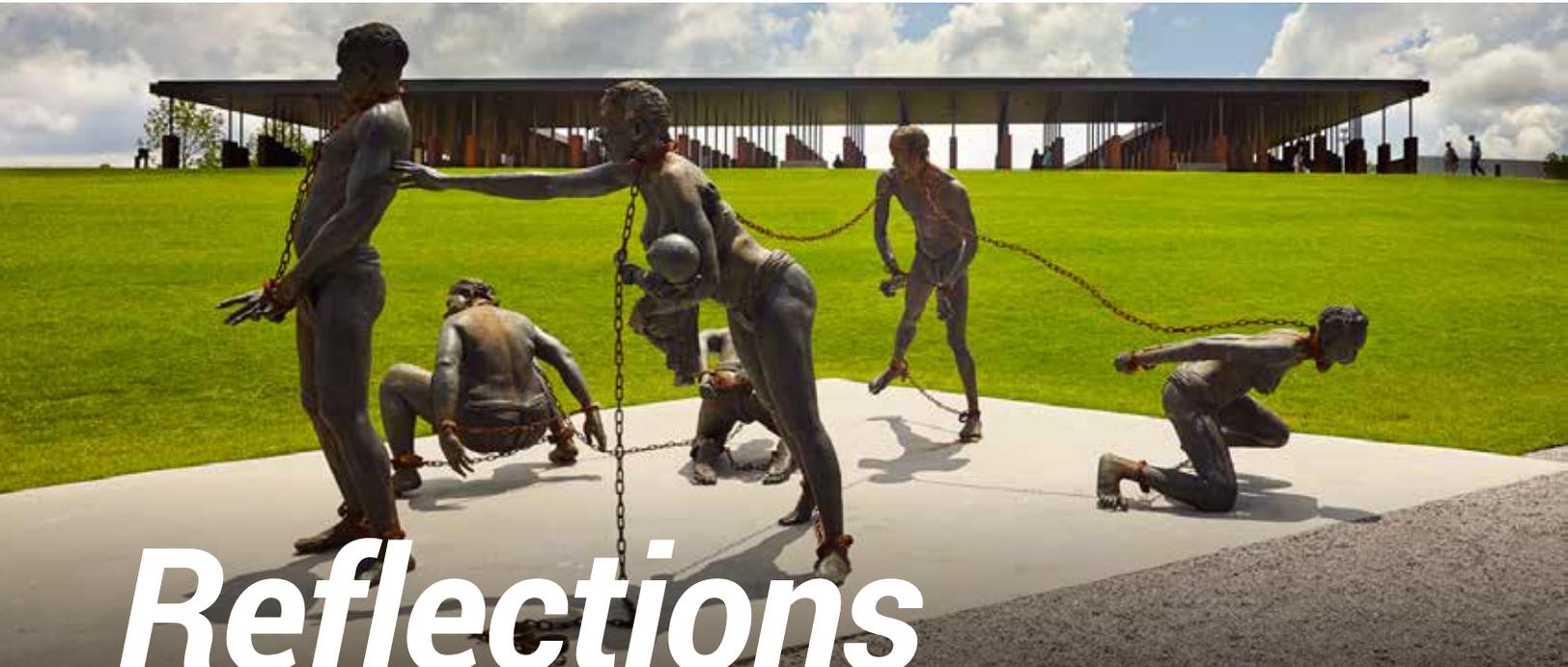
November 11, 2019
11:00am-4:00pm

The Temple with the leadership of Dr. John Eaves, the clergy, and the RSJI's Racial Justice group, is bringing The Temple's second Record Restriction Summit. The Summit will be a one-stop shop for people with records, specifically charged with non-violent misdemeanor offenses that resulted in arrests but not convictions. This summit will help to get their records restricted within the bounds of the law. In our city of just over 480,000 people, there are over 1.5 million outstanding charges that have never gone to trial but are marring the records of the citizens of the city of Atlanta, preventing them from getting or keeping jobs, getting access to colleges and universities, and disqualifying them from public housing, not to mention the collateral damage to families, communities, and our public services that support these communities. The Summit, which coordinates justice and faith partners from City of Atlanta and Fulton county, will offer access to these clients to a free, one-day process that is within their legal rights but which usually takes over 120 days, a great deal of complexity, and fees that can be prohibitive. For more information and to sign up to volunteer, visit our website at www.the-temple.org/summit or email Rabbi Lydia Medwin at Imedwin@the-temple.org or call at 404-873-1731.

GET INVOLVED!

To learn more about The Temple's RSJI Groups and find a group to join, visit www.the-temple.org/rsji

RSJI: RACIAL JUSTICE



Reflections

The Temple's trip to the Equal Justice Initiative's Legacy Museum and Lynching Memorial in Montgomery, Alabama.

INTRODUCTION BY RABBI MEDWIN | REFLECTIONS BY TRIP PARTICIPANTS

Back in August, over 100 Temple members and community members joined us on a very long day to visit the new Legacy Museum and Memorial in Montgomery, AL. While there, we toured the Legacy Museum, which outlines our history from slavery, through sharecropping and Jim Crow, to our modern day criminal justice system. Then we visited a local synagogue for lunch and discussion with their Reform rabbi. Following lunch, we finished our pilgrimage with the Lynching Memorial and a short service to say Kaddish Yatom, Mourner's Kaddish, for the memory of all who'd been brutally murdered in our country because of their skin color. And though we returned home months ago, the memories and reflections continue to pour in. Below, you'll find a sampling of those memories. If they stir your heart and mind, please join us in the future for any event sponsored by the Temple's RSJI Racial Justice group to do your part to fight against racism. Email Eric Schwartz to get involved at eric schwartz201@gmail.com. (See the Record Restriction Summit on page 9 for your next opportunity!)

"One of my grandmother's favorite poets was Langston Hughes. As a kid I remember reading his poems; one poem, *Merry-Go-Round* (quoted on opposite page), stuck with me because I was fascinated with merry-go-rounds during my childhood. This poem helps me reflect on our trip to the museums in Montgomery, AL.

"And then we got back on the bus to be driven slightly out of town to the grassy plain of the Legacy Memorial itself. The temperature was about 96 degrees, and as we alighted and stood in



the pitiless sun, I readied myself for seeing the bronze figures in the articles about the Legacy Museum I had read. I had, however, little idea that the exposed path wound upward in the brutal sun and steaming heat that baked this older person's body. The display details in the polygon, its open sides available to the breeze and waves of humid boiling heat, accompanied one's reading on each* the starkly printed names of counties in southern states under which appear, when available, the names of the lynched. These swaying rust-colored four or five inch boxes, the simulacra of coffins, suspended from the ceiling by silver-toned poles are frank memorials of the unspeakable lynchings. Each has a twin lying next to the path leading away from the polygon. That twin, hopefully, will be claimed by its county and placed, as if by an invisible thread to its hanging twin in Montgomery as a singular city lynching memorial."

"The image stuck in my head from our trip to EJI is the jars of dirt collected by the ancestors of those who were lynched. Yes, it has a certain shock value, but to me it also represents exactly what the EJI mission is all about. They work painstakingly to corroborate the information through dozens of volunteers and lawyers at the firm to confirm in fact, this was the area that the victims were lynched but more importantly they give those relatives an opportunity to connect with those victims by allowing them to feel the earth in which their ancestors walked and ultimately died. They provide those relatives a chance to say goodbye. To me, the EJI mission is not just about calling out the domestic terrorism of racism, they actively pursue ways to take the lessons of the past and offer context and education so it never happens again."

"I thought I had done a really good job of educating myself as to the injustices African Americans had suffered as a result of Slavery, but seeing the story from "Enslavement to Mass Incarceration" put everything in context for me. It gave me a sense of the entrenchment of racism in America and reconfirmed my commitment to action. In addition, I can't overstate how moving it was walk through the Peace and Justice Memorial Center and say Kaddish to memorialize all the lynching victims as a Temple Community. It was a day I will never forget."

Merry-Go-Round by Langston Hughes

Where is the Jim Crow section
On this merry-go-round,
Mister, cause I want to ride?
Down South where I come from
White and Colored
Can't sit side by side.
Down South on the train
There's a Jim Crow car.
On the bus we're put in the back -
But there ain't no back
To a merry-go-round
Where's the horse
For a kid that's Black?

"Someone asked me what were my lasting impressions. It is difficult to say one thing. It was beautiful to travel together as a community. The Legacy Museum and memorial reminded me of how important it is for me to do my part in repairing the world...However, what I am thinking about the most is the prayer service and poetry reading at the end of the program which was heartfelt and deeply touching. I carry the closing ceremony program in my purse and in my heart."

"The trip to Montgomery was very powerful. It was comforting for me to know that I was visiting the museum and the Memorial with Jewish people from my congregation that also recognized the wrongs of our past and how important it is to fight for justice in our world today."

"The Temple visit to Montgomery has made a lasting impression that I continue to revisit in my mind. There are a mixture of emotions that reoccur, all of which were felt during the visit. They include sadness for the pain and suffering inflicted on so many, anger for the betrayal of human decency that continues to persist, shame, rejection of white privilege, and fear of the current political environment. This experience is much the same when I visited Auschwitz."

There is some comfort in knowing the Equal Justice Initiative exists and is bringing our history forward for all to see and learn."

"Our trip to Montgomery should remind all of us, as Jews, Americans and citizens of a deeply complex world—we have an obligation to shine a light on injustice,

near of far. In the words of Dr. King, 'Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere.'"

"My first reflection is not knowing that Montgomery was the leading slave trading/auction venue in the south. Also did not know about prisoner leasing practices. These remarkable new physical spaces give a graphically visual reminder of America's treatment of Africans and their US born and raised progeny. I was also surprised to learn of lynchings in Ohio and wondered what other non-Southern states experienced lynchings. Finally, I met a fellow Latino visiting the memorial who explained that Hispanics know little to nothing of the slavery and black American story, which is to say that more recent immigrants (who come of their own volition) are generally unaware of the stories of these early unwilling/coerced immigrants. On a positive note, I had no idea of the charming side of Montgomery and the lovely architecture of its preserved buildings."

"Somehow it has been my life's work to lean into discomfort. The years growing up as I did made me strong but not tough...I want to bring love to people who need it. I want to demystify the "white woman" to those who think they know me. I want to be enlightened and wise, not ignorant."

While in Montgomery I felt my old friend, anger, return. I felt anger and shame – same as I had when I first learned about injustice, about the Holocaust, about slavery, about our broken world where my skin color makes me an inadvertent accomplice. When as a group we met for lunch that day and were asked to put words to our feelings. "SHAME" I said with confidence. But then I heard a word. "REFOCUS". It wasn't shouted. It was strong. It was smooth. It spoke directly to me. What will shame do? Don't we teach our children to not feel shame? To know right from wrong and to speak out? Why would I default to shame when I could refocus?

I wish I knew who said it. It doesn't matter but I would like to know. It has changed me. I feel refocused and that makes me feel effective. I don't have to feel badly about finding joy. I do need to put that joy out into the world and affect change where and when I can. Anger teases me and tickles my toes often as the easy path but I try hard now to refocus."

EVENTS & NEWS

Temple Sages

**Mornings with Bob Bahr:
Anything for a Laugh—American Comedy
and The American Jewish Soul**

**Wednesdays, October 23 - November 20
10:30am-12:00pm • Cost: \$49 per person**

An examination of how Jews have largely created America's comic tradition in the last hundred years against the backdrop of changing times and monumental changes in technology and communications. Liberal use of feature film and documentary film sources. RSVP to Joya at jschmidt@the-temple.org



Midtown Assistance Center Coat Drive

November 1 - November 16

As one of the founding congregations for the Midtown Assistance Center, The Temple and its members have always supported MAC and its clients. Now is not only another chance to help out, but a chance to clean out those closets. Please donate men's warm jackets, coats, gloves, hats and scarves that may be cluttering your closets. Blankets are also welcome!

Please bring them to The Temple from November 1st thru November 16th and just put them in the marked barrels in the lobby. You will be doing a mitzvah in helping to keep someone warm this winter. We will be collecting coats throughout the winter season, but the earlier the better. Thank you all for your support to keep Atlanta warm.



New Member Kahal

New Member Shabbat

**Friday, November 8, 2019 • 5:00pm Reception
6:00pm Services • 7:30pm Dinner**

We celebrate a special Shabbat to honor you who've chosen The Temple as your Jewish home.

Let us host you for a private dinner and get to know you better as we dine together with our clergy and Temple leadership. RSVP by November 3rd to Joya Schmidt at jschmidt@the-temple.org. The whole family is invited, but babysitting is available for those who would like it (RSVP required). Vegetarian options available.



Sandwich Salon

**The Temple's Treasures
at The Breman Museum**

Tuesday, November 12 • 11:45am-1:15pm

The Breman Museum is the keeper of our community's history. Leo Frank's diary, fragments from the Temple bombing and the certificate from the very first wedding ever performed at The Hebrew Benevolent Congregation are all part of the Breman's collection. Jeremy Katz, Archives Director at the Breman, will share photos and stories about some of The Temple's most valuable treasures. Please RSVP to Joya Schmidt at jschmidt@the-temple.org.



Leven Institute for Jewish Identity

Upcoming programs for Interfaith Couples and Families. This program is generously funded by the Leven Jewish Identity Institute Fund.

A Conversation about Anti-Semitism

November 3 • 10:00-11:30

For those who did not grow up in the Jewish community, the realities of anti-Semitism may feel new and unfamiliar. And, all of us are grappling with the headlines to make sense of it for ourselves and our families. Join us for a conversation with clergy and communal leaders. Please let us know you're coming by emailing Nalo Grant at ngrant@the-temple.org.

Chanukah at the Atlanta Botanical Garden

Save the date! Tuesday, December 17

**Our Shared Journey... The Temple's Israel Trip
for Interfaith Couples**

June 4-14, 2020

We are excited to offer this pilot program through the generosity of Leah and Richard Davis, who approached us to offer a heavily-subsidized Israel trip for young interfaith couples through The Temple. There are limited spaces available for this trip, so please go to www.the-temple.org/oursharedjourney to see the flyer, the criteria for this pilot grant, and to request a registration form. If you have additional questions, please contact Rabbi Lapidus at llapidus@the-temple.org.

Join a Temple Connect group today!

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 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!





The Temple – Moroccan Discovery with Rabbi Peter Berg

Embark on a fascinating and invigorating trip to Morocco, a country drenched in color and brimming in mystery. A rarity in the Arab world, Morocco boasts a long and rich history of Arab-Jewish co-existence. A journey to the four imperial cities, which all played a crucial role in Moroccan history, offers authenticity, mystique, and passion.

The Best of Morocco

- Journey of connection & inspiration
- Royal cities revealed: a Jewish journey to mystical Morocco
- Connect with Muslim students promoting Jewish-Muslim friendship
- Berber culture: Bake (and break) bread, enjoy Berber hospitality
- Experience ancient ruins and snow-capped mountains
- Visit the only Jewish museum in the Arab world

The Da'at Difference

- Travel with an expert tour educator
- Behind-the-scenes exploration of the human stories
- Access to lesser-known sites
- Top-notch service

Zaban Paradies Center

ZPC is inextricably tied to The Temple. Founded by The Temple Board in 1984, it has been the focus of social justice work for many years. That has not changed. Temple members volunteer at ZPC on a regular basis. Religious School students do projects focused on ZPC. Teens plan Project Merry Mitzvah, an annual event for ZPC residents. The dinner calendar is packed with Temple members providing and serving the evening meal.



ZABANPARADIESCENTER
FOR HOMELESS COUSINS

But there have been changes.

Did you know...ZPC is a 501c3, independent non-profit organization...has a full-time staff of 4 (with the addition of a newly hired executive director)...provides programming for residents that covers financial management, job readiness, relationships and health/wellness...has a robust lunch program providing lunch 5 days a week...is a United Way Resource Center, partners with multiple agencies serving those experiencing homelessness...and more?

We still need your help.

Much of the work done at ZPC is funded by grants from foundations around Atlanta. The Temple generously provides 'rent' and utilities. Donations from individual donors are still essential if ZPC is to continue the services that are vital to our residents.

As we near the end of 2019, **please support ZPC with a donation;** it can be made online or via check mailed to 1605 Peachtree Street, 2nd Floor, Atlanta, GA 30309.

Annual College Outreach

Sign up your student again!

Do you have a college-age student, a child at college, on a gap year, or pursuing other paths? The Temple would like to reach out, send holiday greetings and gifts, and remind them that they are still part of our Temple family, wherever that may be! Please send us your student's new mailing address for this year so we can continue to be a part of their life. Contact Jacqueline Morris at jmorris@the-temple.org for questions and more information.

SAVE THE DATE



#GIVINGTUESDAY

The Temple is excited to participate in Giving Tuesday! Following Black Friday and Cyber Monday, Giving Tuesday is a movement to create an international day of giving.

Support The Temple on #GivingTuesday!

Caring at The Temple

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 & Doug Berlin, Scott Chalk, Debra Fowler, Bill & Barbara Goldstein, Ron & Elaine Koenig, Robbie Levin, Adam Oppenheimer, Nora & Ben Rachelson, Stanley Romanstein, Rebecca Siegel, Randy & Marc Shapiro, Debbie Shelton, Shayna Steinfeld, Debbie Wexler, Ronnie van Gelder, Lisa Vayle, Esther Zells

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 imedwin@the-temple.org or 404-873-1731.

We Get Mail:

Dear Ariela & Temple Caring Committee,

Thank you so much for the delicious soup and challah you delivered after Mom died. The soup was delicious and comforting—the food was delicious and comforting—the food was nourishing for our bellies and our hearts. We are so lucky to have such a caring Temple family. Thank you again.

With gratitude, Karen Cooper

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We also see the many ways that you are thankful for the special people in your lives when tribute gifts are made in their honor or memory. These tributes are a thoughtful way of you saying “*mazel tov*,” “thank you” or “you will be remembered.”

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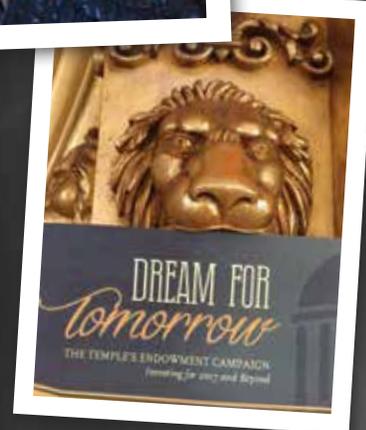
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