



# THE TEMPLE

*Bulletin*

## SOUL PURPOSE

*Finding joy and meaning in life.*



We are excited to welcome you for the

## HIGH HOLY DAYS 5784

with in-person and multi-access offerings  
as we begin the new year!

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## SCHEDULE: SEPTEMBER 2023

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

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

6:00pm Shabbat on the Lawn

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

9:00am Torah Study  
 10:30am B'nei Mitzvah of Fiona G. LeFrancois & Quinn R. Yedvarb

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

6:00pm Shabbat Worship Service

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

9:00am Torah Study  
 10:30am Bat Mitzvah of Sarah E. Sommerfeld  
 8:00pm Selichot Under the Stars

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

7:30pm Erev Rosh Hashanah Worship Service

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

9:00am & 11:30am Rosh Hashanah Services

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

10:00am Second Day Rosh Hashanah Services

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

6:00pm Shabbat Shuvah Worship Service

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

9:00am Torah Study & Kaddish

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

6:00pm Sukkot & Shabbat Celebration on the Lawn

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

9:00am Torah Study  
 10:30am B'nei Mitzvah of Julianne M. Colon & Ariel D. Neuman

## TORAH & HAFTARAH:

### SEPTEMBER 2: Ki Tavo

Deuteronomy 26:1–29:8; Isaiah 60:1–22

### SEPTEMBER 9: Nitzavim - Vayeilech

Deuteronomy 29:9–30:20, 31:1–30; Isaiah 61:10–63:9

### SEPTEMBER 16: Rosh Hashanah

Genesis 22:1–19; I Samuel 1:1–2:10; Jeremiah 31:2–20

### SEPTEMBER 23: Haazinu

Deuteronomy 32:1–52; Hosea 14:2–10; Micah 7:18–20; Joel 2:15–27

### SEPTEMBER 30: Sukkot

Leviticus 23:33–44; Zechariah 14:7–9, 16–21; The Book of Ecclesiastes is Read



# With Gratitude

I want to begin with gratitude. Gratitude to the Board of Trustees who granted this sabbatical in 2020 and those who continued to make it a priority as soon as it was able to happen. Gratitude to the entire Temple team who took on extra responsibilities this summer to allow me to be away for eight weeks. And gratitude to you, my Temple family, who enthusiastically sent me away on June 16th and generously gave time and space this summer.

Sabbatical comes from the idea of sabbath and rest. *Shmita* is the sabbatical year prescribed in the Torah that occurs every seven years. The land is commanded to lay fallow, to take in sunlight and renew itself in order to be ready to support and nourish the people for years to come. Similarly, this sabbatical was eight weeks to rest and renew, to be ready to continue my work as a rabbi serving our community. This has been a truly special time, a blessing for me and my family, and I am excited to share what I've gained and experienced to bring with me into the years to come.

The first goal for this sabbatical was to make this a summer of travel to remember. The three year delay was actually a benefit to accomplishing this goal. I wanted to see a new continent, Caleb loves penguins, Hadara wanted to see Norway, and Micah wanted to do something we couldn't do on a normal summer vacation. So, we embraced all of the opportunities to travel the world. We left June 18 for Australia (Melbourne and Sydney) and New Zealand (Auckland and Queenstown), we came back to Atlanta for a week and then went to Amsterdam for three days, followed by a cruise through the Norwegian Fjords. After another week at home, we split into three time zones as Hadara went to spend time with cousins, Micah and Caleb enjoyed a week of camp and work, and I traveled by myself for a week of meditation, yoga, and reflection. As you can imagine, we conclude this summer with countless photos, stories, souvenirs, and SkyMiles—truly a summer to remember for our family.

The second goal was to be curious for its own sake, not just with the intention to immediately apply it. From summer classes for my counseling degree to watching "A Small Light," learning about Maori and Aboriginal cultures as well as Vikings and ancient Norwegian myths, experiencing Ayurvedic treatment and attending crystal and astrology workshops at a retreat center, I took it all in. I enjoyed nature without a cell phone and lost track of how many books I read (including the new Daniel Silva book!). I end this summer incredibly aware of the threads of nature and humanity that connect us all over the world, an appreciation for the ancient traditions that support cultures and people, and a belief that curiosity is something to be cultivated at all ages. I didn't realize how much I was missing this!

The third and most important goal was to be present...whatever that meant each day. I had the opportunity to be in one place at a time—doctors' appointments without checking emails in the waiting room; vacation with the phone turned on "do not disturb"; talking with my kids in the car rather than dictating text messages; and deciding in the morning what the day would bring, not hesitating to prioritize rest or changing the plan because we had the flexibility to do so. I spent a summer without multi-tasking and bouncing between the spheres of my life, and discovered what I enjoy and miss in the balance of my many roles.

A few people asked before I left (jokingly, I assume) whether I was going to want to come back on August 14th. Much like my prior maternity leaves, that was never in question! Yet, I do not want to *return*, implying I simply pick up where I left off. Instead, I want to *turn*, to continue a new chapter with what I have gained in this time of renewal.

Elul, the month preceding Rosh Hashanah and this new year, is a time of self-reflection, apologies and repentance, and vowing to change where needed. As I conclude this sabbatical, I truly feel that I have enjoyed an extended Elul in many ways. I come back deeply committed to certain changes that I owe to you, to The Temple, to my family, and also to myself. In my personal week away, I found myself journaling on Hillel's famous line, and paraphrasing it thus:

"If I am not for myself, who will be for me?"

*My body and soul have shown me that they depend upon my boundaries and my level of stress. My physical, spiritual, and emotional health depends upon digital boundaries, giving time for mindful meals and movement, and nourishing my passions (such as my counseling degree). If I care for myself, I will be better able to care for others.*

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## About Rabbi Loren Filson Lapidus:

Rabbi Loren Filson Lapidus joined The Temple in 2008 and currently serves as Senior Associate Rabbi. She was ordained at Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, and also has a Master of Arts in Hebrew Letters and a Master of Education in Administration.

Here at The Temple, Rabbi Lapidus brings her experiences as the child of an interfaith family and a parent to help people of all backgrounds to feel more welcome and involved in the congregation.

Rabbi Lapidus is married to Rabbi Micah Lapidus, the Director of Judaic and Hebrew Studies at The Alfred and Adele Davis Academy. They have two children, Hadara and Caleb.

## Connect with Rabbi Loren Filson Lapidus:

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## B'NEI MITZVAH



SEPTEMBER 2:

**Quinn Yedvarb**

Parents: Danna Lipton  
& Gregg Yedvarb



SEPTEMBER 2:

**Fiona LeFrancois**

Parents: Sarah Peterson  
& Josh LeFrancois



SEPTEMBER 9:

**Sarah Sommerfeld**

Parents: Elizabeth &  
Lawrence Sommerfeld



SEPTEMBER 30:

**Ariel D. Neuman**

Parents: Beth Kallet-Neuman  
& Mark Neuman



SEPTEMBER 30:

**Jullianne Colon**

Parents: Marieli  
& Loren Colon

## MAY THEIR MEMORY BE FOR A BLESSING

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

Mercedes Rojas Hernandez (mother of Angie Rosenman (Martin)

Gloria Submit (wife of Milton "Bud" Submit)

## MAZAL TOV!

**Have good news to share?**

**Please email Lisa Ellinger at [lellinger@the-temple.org](mailto:lellinger@the-temple.org).**

Ruth Schachter on her milestone, 100th birthday.

Happy Birthday, Ruth!

On the 37th Wedding Anniversary of Dr. Linda M. and  
Michael Christmann.

Arielle and Alex Orlansky on the birth of Sunnie Lu Orlansky,  
and to grandparents Cheryl and Herb Orlansky.

Macie Berlin and Zachary Shewmaker on the birth of their son,  
Marley Shewmaker

Victoria and Alan Weinfeld on the birth of their son Theo Benjamin  
Weinfeld, and to brother Anderson Weinfeld.

## NEW & RETURNING MEMBERS

Ariel & Blake Ashley

Scott Barnett & Slate Taylor

*Sophie Barnett*

Macie Berlin & Zachary Shewmaker

*Lucy & Marley Shewmaker*

Rachel & Clayton Cox

*Cooper & Archer Cox*

Alexa Crisa & Nick Anderson

Lauren Friedman

Heather Gatcombe & David Gutman

*Jacob, Lillian & Samuel Gutman*

Ellen Monk & Gary Snyder

Rachel & Edgar Neely

Diane & Mark Perlberg

Marta & Adam Rowh

*Ricky, Emmett, &*

*Fiona Rowh*

Andrew Saul

Savannah (Anna) &

Jonathan Smoot

Kat-I van Morblue

& Nan Segler

## Meet Our Staff!

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

### Ryan Benjamin

**Engagement & Communications Assistant**

Ryan was born in Atlanta and raised in the surrounding area. He joined our  
Engagement team full-time at the end of July.

**Likes:** Travel, movies, music and civil engineering

**Dislikes:** Chocolate, jellyfish and attending a function when food is not served

**Fun Fact:** Avid roller coaster enthusiast and visits AT LEAST

4 amusement parks a year. Tallest coaster ever ridden was 325 feet tall.



# EDUCATION



## Wish You Learned Hebrew as a Child?

The 2023-24 Adult B'nei Mitzvah class is now forming. Classes meet on Tuesday nights at 7pm beginning October 17, 2023. To find out more information or to register, please contact Rabbi Rau @ 404-873-1731 or [srau@the-temple.org](mailto:srau@the-temple.org).



**Breman**  
EDUCATION CENTER  
at THE TEMPLE

## SEPTEMBER 2023 PROGRAMMING

- 3** No BEC Sunday Program
- 10** Sunday Program, 9:30am  
Kindergarten Family Education, 9:30am  
Project 45 Event, Noon
- 15** Erev Rosh Hashanah
- 16** Rosh Hashanah Family Service, 9:00am  
Rosh Hashanah Teen Service, 11:30am
- 17** No BEC Sunday Program
- 24** No BEC Sunday Program  
Kol Nidre Family Experience, 6:00pm
- 25** Yom Kippur Family Service, 9:00am  
Yom Kippur Teen Service, 11:30am

# WELC PRESCHOOL

## Engaging Lessons at WELC

As we begin the 2023-24 school year at the Weinberg Early Learning Center, we are incredibly lucky to have an amazing group of teachers to create interactive lessons and projects that will not only teach but captivate the young minds of your children. We utilize theatrics and art to teach stories and incorporate Jewish morals and values within our play-based learning. WELC's Jewish education is weaved into the fabric of our solid academic curriculum.

If you or someone you know is ready to place your child in a nurturing environment where they will thrive academically, as well socially and emotionally, The Weinberg Early Learning Center is the place for you!

We have limited space available in our Pre-Kindergarten program for this year and a waitlist for all other age levels. Don't wait to find out more information about enrolling your babies and children through Pre-K at WELC for next year! Call or email Sarah Shinsky 404-872-8668 or [sshinsky@the-temple.org](mailto:sshinsky@the-temple.org)



**Weinberg Early  
Learning Center**  
at The Temple



# HIGH HOLY DAYS 5784

## Be an Usher and Help Your Fellow Members

If you would like to be part of the Usher Team, in service to your fellow Temple members, please visit [www.the-temple.org/ushers](http://www.the-temple.org/ushers) for more information.

## Babysitting is Available

We have babysitting available during some of our services for a fee. To learn more and register, please visit [www.the-temple.org/babysitting](http://www.the-temple.org/babysitting).

## All Babies Born in 5783

We would like to celebrate the birth of any new life during our Rosh Hashanah Service. If you or anyone in your family has welcomed a baby since last Rosh Hashanah, please email Lisa Ellinger at [lellinger@the-temple.org](mailto:lellinger@the-temple.org).

For up-to-date information and to register, visit [www.the-temple.org/high-holy-days](http://www.the-temple.org/high-holy-days).

## Yizkor

If you would like the name(s) of your loved one read at Yizkor Services, they passed away during last year, and the service was not performed by one of our Temple rabbis, or the service was out of town, please call The Temple office 404-873-1731.

## Selichot Under the Stars \*

**Saturday, September 9 • 7:00pm**

Join us for dinner inside and a live outdoor reflective service to begin the High Holy Day Season. Not multi-access, as previously advertised.

## Kever Avot Services

**"Visiting the Graves of our Ancestors"**

**Sunday, September 10 • 11:00am @ Crest Lawn Cemetery  
1:00pm @ Arlington Memorial Park**

We are continuing our tradition of Kever Avot (Visiting the Graves of Our Ancestors) for our members. It will be a time for us to confront our own mortality, and it will help each of us face the future with serious intent and purposefulness.

## Second Day of Rosh Hashanah \*

**Sunday, September 17**

**9:15am: Bagels & Coffee**

**10:00am: Traditional Worship Service & Dialogue**

**10:00am: Yoga & Meditation Hour For The New Year**

**2:00pm: Reverse Tashlich:**

**A Multigenerational Environmental Clean-Up**

## Reverse Tashlich – Join Us to Clean Up our River

**Peachtree Creek Greenway, near North Druid Hills Road and I-85**

On Rosh Hashanah, Jews around the world participate in the ancient ritual of Tashlich. We go to a body of water and symbolically cast off the sins of the past year into the water to start the New Year with purity of heart. Every year, approximately six million tons of human-made trash enter the water, posing health and safety hazards to the animals that call the sea their home. Families welcome, Age 10+. <https://www.the-temple.org/event/reverse-tashlich.html#>

## Kol Nidre Family Experience \*

**Sunday, September 24**

**6:00pm • Schwartz-Goldstein Hall**

Join us for this brand new service led by our clergy including the tradition of Kol Nidre with contemporary melodies and family-oriented experience.

## Yom Kippur Study Session

**Monday, September 25 • 2:00pm • Schwartz-Goldstein Hall**

Israel in Flux: Exploring the Challenges & Opportunities of Israel's Current Political & Social Discord. Guest Speaker: Eli Sperling, Israel Institute Teaching Fellow at the University of Georgia's Department of International Affairs.

## Meditative Music

**2:00pm • Chapel**

Join us to listen to the sounds of our pianist, Judy Cole, and Israeli cellist, Roei Harran, for some contemplative melodies designed to add depth of meaning to your Yom Kippur.

## High Holy Day Food Drive

**Bring donations on Yom Kippur**

MAC is a non-profit organization that has provided emergency assistance to the working poor of Midtown and Downtown Atlanta since 1986. As always, we continue to collect food on the High Holy Days in order to meet the critical hunger needs in our community. Save the date to help us load or unload the truck on October 1 & 2.

## Sukkot 5784

**A Time of Gathering Outside in Joy**

The festival of Sukkot begins on Friday, September 29. It is a time of joy and festivity as we celebrate the holiday in our Sukkah. We hope that you will join us virtually or in person for any and all of the festivities! Please check out [www.the-temple.org/sukkot](http://www.the-temple.org/sukkot) to register and get more details.

## Unity Sukkah

**September 29 – October 6**

Beginning on September 29 through October 6, all will have the opportunity to participate in building the roof of our sukkah. We will weave yarn to represent ourselves in the fabric of our community.

## Sukkot & Shabbat Celebration on the Lawn

**Friday, September 29 • 6:00pm**

From the front lawn of The Temple, we'll welcome Shabbat and celebrate Sukkot, with a casual fun-filled service. Come early to add your yarn to our Unity Sukkah. Enjoy your own picnic dinner or boxed dinner available for purchase.

# SCHEDULE OF WORSHIP SERVICES



**KEY:** In-person only Multi-access (virtual & in-person) Babysitting available New this year!

## Selichot: Saturday, September 9

	Location	Key
7:00 PM Selichot Dinner	Outdoors	
8:00 PM Selichot Under the Stars Program	Outdoors	

## Kever Avot—The Graves of Our Ancestors: Sunday, September 10

	Location	Key
11:00 AM Kever Avot Services	Crest Lawn Cemetery	
1:00 PM Kever Avot Services	Arlington Cemetery	

## Erev Rosh Hashanah: Friday, September 15

	Location	Key
7:30 PM Multigenerational Service with Temple Musicians	Sanctuary	

## Rosh Hashanah: Saturday, September 16

	Location	Key
9:00 AM Worship Service featuring a blend of majestic and contemporary music	Sanctuary	
9:00 AM Multigenerational Family Service for elementary-aged children and their families	Schwartz-Goldstein Hall	
9:00 AM Shanah Tovah Temple! for preschool-aged children and their families (choose one service time)	Chapel	
9:45 AM Shanah Tovah Temple! (choose one service time)	Chapel	
10:30 AM Shanah Tovah Temple! (choose one service time)	Chapel	
11:30 AM Worship Service featuring a blend of majestic and contemporary music	Sanctuary	
11:30 AM Teen Service for middle and high school students only	Schwartz-Goldstein Hall	

## Second Day Rosh Hashanah: Sunday, September 17

	Location	Key
9:15 AM Bagels & Coffee	Media Center Lobby	
10:00 AM Yoga & Meditation Hour for the New Year	Motor Lobby	
10:00 AM Traditional Worship Service & Dialogue	Chapel	
2:00 PM Reverse Tashlich: A Multigenerational Environmental Clean-Up	Offsite	

## Erev Yom Kippur/Kol Nidre: Sunday, September 24

	Location	Key
6:00 PM Kol Nidre Worship Service	Sanctuary	
6:00 PM Kol Nidre Family Experience	Schwartz-Goldstein Hall	
8:30 PM Kol Nidre Worship Service	Sanctuary	

## Yom Kippur: Monday, September 25

	Location	Key
9:00 AM Worship Service featuring a blend of majestic and contemporary music	Sanctuary	
9:00 AM Multigenerational Family Service for elementary-aged children and their families	Schwartz-Goldstein Hall	
9:00 AM Shanah Tovah Temple! for preschool-aged children and their families (choose one service time)	Chapel	
9:45 AM Shanah Tovah Temple! (choose one service time)	Chapel	
10:30 AM Shanah Tovah Temple! (choose one service time)	Chapel	
11:30 AM Worship Service featuring a blend of majestic and contemporary music	Sanctuary	
11:30 AM Teen Service for middle and high school students only	Schwartz-Goldstein Hall	
2:00 PM Study Session	Schwartz-Goldstein Hall	
2:00 PM Meditative Music Hour	Chapel	
3:30 PM Afternoon, Yizkor (Memorial), and Neilah (Concluding) Services	Sanctuary	

## Erev Sukkot: Friday, September 29

	Location	Key
6:00 PM Sukkot & Shabbat Celebration on the Lawn (dinner available)	Front Lawn	

## Consecration: Sunday, October 1

	Location	Key
10:30 AM Consecration Celebration	Sanctuary	

## Simchat Torah: Friday, October 6

	Location	Key
6:00 PM Simchat Torah & Shabbat Celebration with band and dancing	Sanctuary	

## Simchat Torah: Saturday, October 7

	Location	Key
10:30 AM Simchat Torah Service with Yizkor (Memorial)	Chapel	

# EVENTS & NEWS

## The Temple's Young Professionals

### Young Professionals & Leven Identity Institute High Holy Day Kickoff

Tuesday, September 5 • 6:00-9:00pm

Urban Tree Cidery  
1465 Howell Mill Rd NW, 30318

Members in their 20s & 30s are invited to join us for this *sweet* high holy day kickoff! This will be a great opportunity to meet new people, catch up with old friends, enjoy a delicious dinner, and prepare yourself for a *fruitful* High Holy Days at The Temple. Dinner from Fox Bros. BBQ will be served.

This event is open to Temple members in their 20s & 30s only. Cost is \$18/person and we request an RSVP by Friday, September 1 at noon.

### Mitzvah Day with JF&CS

September 10 • 1:30-3:30pm at The Temple

Just before the new year, let's give back. Partnering with JF&CS, we will participate in two mitzvah projects including Backpack Buddies, a part of RSJI's Public Education program.



## Refaenu Renamed ShalomCare

Inspired by Rabbi Peter Berg's call to action during the High Holy Day services last fall, Temple members, clergy, staff, mental health practitioners, and board members came together with the goal of supporting mental health within our congregation. This initiative, originally referred to as Refaenu, is now well underway and is already evolving in a number of ways, including its name. The committee recently decided to change from Refaenu to a new name that would better encapsulate Jewish ideals and the mission, vision and values behind this initiative. Not to mention, our new name is also easier to say! We are delighted to share that **ShalomCare: Supporting Mental Health at The Temple** has now replaced Refaenu. It is hoped that ShalomCare will become a word that is synonymous with mental health support at The Temple that is reliable, trustworthy, innovative and meaningful. As noted in our mission statement, we believe deeply (and now more than ever!) that this initiative will strengthen the mental well-being of individuals within our synagogue as well as our congregation as a whole and will also have a ripple effect on the greater Atlanta community and beyond. For more information or to get help, visit [www.the-temple.org/shalomcare](http://www.the-temple.org/shalomcare).

### Suicide Prevention Week

September 10-16

The ShalomCare committee will be posting information and crisis hotlines around the building in honor of Suicide Prevention Week and in time for the High Holy Days.

## ZPC is on a Mission

Temple friends and supporters of ZPC, thank you for helping us to serve our neighbors experiencing homelessness. As many of you know, we have served couples facing homelessness through our Residential Services program for close to 40 years. What you may not know is all of the new ways we are helping our community members facing homelessness. Here is what ZPC is up to at a glance.



### Residential Services for Homeless Couples

This year-round service focuses on helping couples experiencing homelessness transition to permanent housing. We provide trauma-informed case management, housing navigation, and housing assistance. We also provide referrals to wraparound services and assist with reunification. **From September 2022 to June 2023, we served 78 couples; 30 of which has positive housing or reunification outcomes.**

### Permanent Housing

This year-round, community-based service focuses on helping couples, families, and individuals with housing solutions that best meet their needs. Employed individuals can receive diversion services intended to provide immediate, short-term assistance such as rent deposits. Families and individuals needing long-term support (six months to one year) can receive rapid rehousing services that include employment and case management support. **From July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023, we assisted 212 households with obtaining housing.**

### Day Services and Aftercare

This year-round service focuses on providing immediate, emergency assistance for individuals and families facing homelessness or past program participants needing additional assistance. These services are provided onsite three days a week from 10:00am to 2:00pm by appointment. Services include showers, laundry, Marta passes, and light-touch case management. **From July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023, we assisted 129 households with day and aftercare services.**

*Pictured: Recent ZPC residents. They were expecting a child when they enrolled in the program. They were able to work, save money, and receive housing assistance. By the time their baby daughter arrived, they were in their apartment.*





## Inspire & Transform

**Join us for a year of learning!**

Check your mailbox! Our annual education and programming guide coming soon! Adult Education classes begin in October including Judaism 101, Adult B'nei Mitzvah, Melton, and more!

### Judaism 101

**Beginning Tuesday, October 17 for 8 weeks  
plus a Shabbat experience • 7:00-8:30pm**

**Instructors: Temple Clergy and Staff**

**Cost: Free for members, \$36 book fee for members who do not own Honoring Tradition, Embracing Modernity; \$150/person (includes book) for non-members; add a second family member for \$36**

A basic overview of the many facets of Judaism and Jewish practice: history, holidays, life cycle events, Torah, texts, and more.

### Rhythms of Jewish Life

**Wednesdays, October 17-January 31 • 10:00-11:30am**

**Instructor: Temple Clergy**

**Cost: \$160 (Temple members only)**

What's the point of living Jewishly? What ideas, beliefs, and practices are involved? This course examines a wide variety of Jewish sources to discover the deeper meanings underlying Jewish holidays, observances, and Jewish practice.

### Melton: Pray It Forward: God, Gratitude, and Gathering Together

**Tuesdays, October 24-December 5 • 7:00-8:30pm**

**Instructor: Rabbi Adam Starr**

**Cost: \$100 (Temple members only)**

Prayer provides a means to express gratitude. Prayer can be silent. Prayer can be communal. Prayer expresses our deepest needs and appreciation. This course follows the development of prayer, from the Tabernacle in the wilderness of Sinai, to the Temple in Jerusalem, to the Synagogue of today. The course will also explore some of the concepts behind prayer and blessings, as well as the power of meditation, as we link our past, present, and future, to the immediate and the transcendent.

## Parade Recap

A show like no other! At the end of July, almost 70 Temple members joined us in NYC for a performance of the Tony Award winning musical, *Parade*. *Parade* tells the story of Leo and Lucille Frank and is based off the play written by Alfred Uhry. After the show, we were able to stay for a talk back with Mr. Uhry and Micaela Diamond, who stars as Lucille Frank. They shared the journey of how this play became a musical and we reflected on how important it is for us to remember this story today over 100 years after Leo's death. Seeing a piece of Atlanta Jewish history come to life on the Broadway stage is a powerful experience! Thank you to Temple member, Greg Kaufman, for helping us to put this whole event together.



*Pictured: The entire Temple group with Alfred Uhry, Micaela Diamond, and Justin Scribner.*

## With Gratitude

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*"If I am only for myself, what am I?"*

*In 2008, I wrote a personal statement that said for me, being a rabbi was fundamentally about relationships. I am a rabbi because I believe in Judaism's truth and wisdom as experienced through community. I feel the Divine Presence when I am present with others, undistracted, compassionate, without judgment. While my family will always be first, my Temple family will come second. May I remember before Whom I stand, and remember my privilege as a rabbi to serve others.*

*"If not now, when?"*

*Time is passing quickly, and no one knows how much time on Earth we are given. May I make the most of each day, and have gratitude for all of my blessings.*

No one bulletin article, sermon, or conversation will convey how deeply this sabbatical has nourished my soul, my body, my spirit, and my family. My prayer for all of us is that we all can find some blessing to bring to our own lives this year, so we are all ready to support those who need us.

With tremendous gratitude,

Rabbi Loren Filson Lapidus

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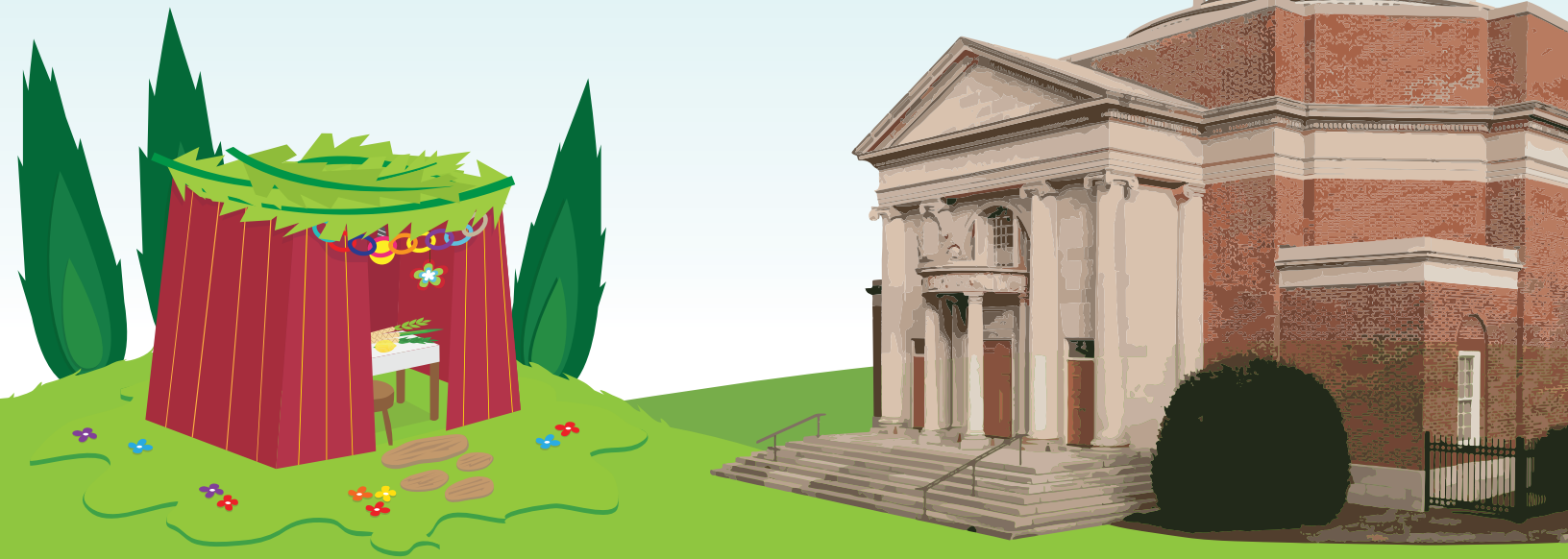
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