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# SOUL PURPOSE

*Finding joy and meaning in Life*

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A Guide for Engagement, Learning,  
and Programming at The Temple



**THE TEMPLE**

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# WE ARE THE TEMPLE

*Inspiring Lives, Transforming Our World*

Welcome!

For 156 years, The Temple has been inspiring lives and transforming our world. In everything we do as clergy, as staff, and as a community, our aim is to inspire towards new ways of knowing and being, so that we can engage with the most exciting and most challenging issues of our day. Jewish life has always sought, through education and through our resulting efforts, to inspire hope and paint a picture of a future of wholeness for our bodies, minds, and souls. We are excited to share with you some of the paths for our community to inspire and transform. The pages of this booklet present classes and programs designed with these goals in mind, executed in partnership between people who care about our vibrant community. Included are ways to tend to our health, classes that will entice and challenge the mind, and small groups designed to help us explore the depths of our souls. By becoming a community that attends to all of these dimensions, we hope we will all feel a deeper sense of inspiration and transformation, resulting in a self and a world that is just a little more whole and full of peace. We hope you enjoy perusing the pages of this booklet, feel pride in your Temple community, and join us often!

With love,  
Your Temple Clergy & Staff





# ADULT EDUCATION

Learn more and RSVP at <https://www.the-temple.org/classes>.

## Adult B'nei Mitzvah

**Instructor:** Rabbi Steven Rau

**Dates:** Tuesdays, October 17, 2023 – May 14, 2024

**Time:** 7:00-8:30pm

**Cost:** \$400 payable over 2 semesters

**Requirements:** Temple Members only

This course is for the Hebrew novice wishing to participate in this Jewish life cycle. During the fall and winter, emphasis is placed on Hebrew skills. Study continues through the spring focusing on the prayer service, writing a d'var Torah, chanting skills, Torah reading, and preparations for the b'nei mitzvah service on Saturday, May 20, 2023. Prior knowledge of Hebrew is not required.

## Judaism 101

**Instructors:** Temple Clergy and Staff

**Dates:** Tuesdays, beginning October 17, 2023 or February 6, 2024

for eight weeks plus a Shabbat experience

**Time:** 7:00-8:30pm

**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.

## Judaism 102

**Instructor:** Temple Clergy

**Dates:** Tuesdays, January 2024 and April 2024 plus one Shabbat experience

**Time:** 7:00-8:30pm

**Requirements:** Judaism 101 or its equivalent and an entrance interview with Rabbi Medwin (course registration information will be provided after that meeting)

This course is for those who are converting to Judaism, covering a variety of issues that arise as one makes the choice to become a Jew.



## Rhythms of Jewish Life

**Instructor:** Temple Clergy

**Dates:** Wednesdays,  
October 18, 2023 – January 31, 2024

**Time:** 10:00-11:30am

**Cost:** \$125 (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.

## Purposes of Jewish Living

**Instructor:** Temple Clergy

**Dates:** Wednesdays, February 7 – May 1, 2024

**Time:** 10:00-11:30am

**Cost:** \$125 (Temple members only)

Why do Jews believe as they do? What are the big questions of life and how do Jewish thinkers answer these questions? This course explores both ancient and modern responses to many of the major issues of Jewish thought and theology.

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

**Instructor:** Rabbi Adam Starr

**Dates:** Tuesdays, October 24 – December 5, 2023  
(class will meet on Monday, October 30,  
not Tuesday, October 31)

**Time:** 7:00-8:30pm

**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.

## Foundations of Jewish Family Living

**Instructor:** Erin Pirkle Vaughn

**Dates:** Sundays: October 29, 2023, November 5, 2023, January 7, 2024, January 21, 2024, February 11, 2024, February 25, 2024, March 10, 2024, and April 7, 2024

**Time:** 9:45-11:15am

**Cost:** \$150 (Temple members only)

This rich learning experience provides an opportunity for parents to bring the Jewish conversation home to share with their young child. Foundations of Jewish Family Living provides you with the learning, the language, and the confidence to be a teacher to your own children.

## Professor Series

Learn from some of Atlanta's best scholars.

### Everything We Know is Wrong

**Instructor:** Dr. Richard Elliott Friedman, Ann & Jay Davis Professor Emeritus of Jewish Studies at the University of Georgia and Katzin Professor Emeritus of Jewish Civilization at the University of California, San Diego

**Dates & Time:** Tuesdays, October 17 and 24 • 7:00pm



### Israel in Flux: Exploring the Challenges & Opportunities of Israel's Current Political & Social Discord

**Instructor:** Dr. Eli Sperling, Israel Institute Teaching Fellow in the University of Georgia's Department of International Affairs

**Date & Time:** Tuesday, November 7 • 7:00pm



### 21st Century American Judaism: Re-Imaging the American Jewish Experience

**Instructor:** Dr. Steven Windmueller, Emeritus Professor of Jewish Communal Studies at the Jack H. Skirball Campus of Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in Los Angeles

**Date & Time:** January 9, 2024 at • 7:00pm



### Why Here, Why Now:

#### Anti-Israel Rhetoric and Anti-Semitic Behavior

**Instructor:** Dr. Steven Windmueller

**Date & Time:** January 16, 2024 • 7:00pm

### The CIA and Zionism: A Secret History of Cold War Politics

**Instructor:** Dr. Geoffrey P. Levin, Assistant Professor of Middle Eastern and Jewish Studies at Emory University

**Date & Time:** January 23, 2024 • 7:00pm



### Historical Debates: How did American Jews Discuss Antisemitism a Century Ago?

**Instructor:** Dr. Geoffrey P. Levin

**Date & Time:** January 30, 2024 • 7:00pm



### Classic Works of Jewish History

**Instructor:** Dr. Craig Perry, Assistant Professor of Middle Eastern Studies and Jewish Studies at Emory University

**Dates:** February 6, 20, and 27, 2024 • 7:00pm

# AGE & STAGE

Our Age & Stage programming is the best way to meet people in the same stage of life as you are in! A group of congregants helps the Engagement Team plan a calendar of fun events that allow you to deepen your connection to other Temple congregants. To view upcoming events, visit [www.the-temple.org/age-stage](http://www.the-temple.org/age-stage). We hope to see you at an upcoming event!

## Young Professionals

Adult members and prospective members in their 20's and 30's, single or married, come together to have a good time about twice a month. Join us to socialize, do social justice work, and bridge our Jewish backgrounds with personal interests.

## Young Families

Serves families with children 5 and under. We gather for Mini Shabbat, holiday celebrations, family-friendly outings, and more!

## School-Age Families

Parents strengthen the sense of community at The Temple by engaging in social action opportunities, parenting speaker series, and social gatherings both inside and outside of the synagogue. Groups are further broken down into K-2, 3-5, and B'nei Mitzvah age and up. Day school families welcome.

- Families in Grades K-2
- Families in Grades 3-5
- Families with B'nei Mitzvah and Post B'nei Mitzvah

## Kulanu

Kulanu means all of us. It's a place for empty nesters and those without children; folks who now have more time to meet new folks and try different things. Our goal is to take advantage of Atlanta city life and out on the town, as well as opportunities at The Temple.

## Sages

Adults 75+, retired or not, get together for opportunities at The Temple and also throughout the Greater Atlanta area. Monthly trips referred to as Sages trips are also scheduled.

## AGE & STAGE EVENTS

### Young Families

Chalk the Block

Sunday, October 1 • 9:45am

### Young Professionals

Trivia at Whitehall Tavern

Wednesday, October 4 • 8:00pm

### Kulanu & Sages

Meet Jeremy Perlin, our new Executive Director, in conversation with Lois Reitzes from NPR  
Sunday, October 1 • 1:00pm



*Additional events added regularly.  
Check out our website for more!*





# BRMI WEEKEND

April 12-14, 2024

## Brockey-Rothschild Memorial Institute Scholar-in-Residence: Rabbi Michael Marmur

**Services:** Friday, April 12 at 6:00pm

**Torah Study:** Saturday, April 13 at 9:00am, Bagels served

**Additional information will be available  
at [www.the-temple.org/bri](http://www.the-temple.org/bri).**

Michael Marmur is Associate Professor of Jewish Theology at HUC-JIR/Jerusalem. Until July 2018 he served as the Jack, Joseph and Morton Mandel Provost at HUC-JIR, having previously been Dean of the Jerusalem campus. After some 20 years in administrative capacities, he now concentrates his energies on teaching and writing.

Born and raised in England, Rabbi Marmur completed a B.A. Degree in Modern History at the University of Oxford before moving to Israel in 1984. While studying for an M.A. in Ancient Jewish History at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, he completed his studies in the Israel Rabbinic Program of HUC-JIR in Jerusalem, and was ordained in 1992. For six years following his ordination, he worked as rabbi and teacher at the Leo Baeck Education Center in Haifa. He has been an employee of HUC-JIR since 1997.

Michael Marmur served for three years as Chair of the Board of Rabbis for Human Rights, and is still a member of its Board. He has lectured and taught courses in several countries around the world.



# CULTURAL ARTS

## 100th Birthday Celebration of Janice Rothschild Blumberg

Sunday February 25, 2024

4:00-6:00pm

You are cordially invited to join us for an unforgettable celebration as we honor the remarkable Janice Rothschild Blumberg on the momentous occasion of her 100th birthday. Enjoy a festive afternoon filled with live music, light refreshments and best of all, a conversation with Janice and WABE City Lights host and Temple member, Lois Reitzes.

Janice will treat us to a treasure trove of untold stories and awe-inspiring photographs from her incredible world travels.



## Additional Cultural Arts Programs

### Vodka & Latkes

Saturday, December 9, 2023

See page 11 for details.

### Atlanta Opera

Wednesday, May 1, 2024

See page 11 for details.

# EDUCATION

## Weinberg Early Learning Center (WELC)

### Preschool Program

WELC offers both Half Day and Extended Day Programs for children 3 months through pre-kindergarten. Call us at (404) 872-8668 to schedule a private tour. For additional program details and tuition information, visit [www.the-temple.org/welc](http://www.the-temple.org/welc).

### WELC TPA (The Parent Association)

TPA is a parent-led organization whose mission is to enhance our children's preschool experience. Our goals are as follows:

- Promote the welfare and education of the children attending the WELC.
- Bring parents, children, teachers and staff closer together so that they may work jointly to enhance the education of our children.
- Raise funds to expand the opportunities offered to our children at the WELC.
- Foster fellowship and friendships among the families of the WELC.

To get involved, contact one of our TPA Co-Presidents, Katie Littmann at [kgrien@gmail.com](mailto:kgrien@gmail.com) or Mamie Dayan Vogel at [mmedayan@gmail.com](mailto:mmedayan@gmail.com).



Weinberg Early Learning Center  
at The Temple

### Infant Program

Our arms are open to nurture your infant with warmth and love at the WELC. Providing a safe and secure environment is always The Temple's top priority.

- Parents receive daily reports and each infant has an individualized daily schedule and his/her own crib.
- We have a 3:1 ratio of highly trained, loving, and experienced teachers.

### Play-based curriculum includes:

- Daily stimulating and age-appropriate activities and lessons
- Music, art, science, and motion
- Baby sign language, intro to Judaics, infant yoga, and story time

For more information, please contact Sarah Shinsky at 404-872-8668.

### NEW THIS YEAR! Mishpacha & Me

Sunday Mornings • 9:45-10:45am  
September 10, 2023, January 7,  
2024 and March 3, 2024

For 3-year-olds. No cost and open to all Temple members. To RSVP, please visit [www.the-temple.org/three](http://www.the-temple.org/three).



## NFTY Events

NFTY is a movement that builds strong, welcoming, inspired communities through teen-powered engagement. Together, we pursue tikkun olam, personal growth, youth empowerment, and deep connections, all rooted in Reform Judaism.

### NFTY Collab

November 10-13, 2023

### Winter Kallah

January 12-14, 2024

### Spring Kallah

April 19-21, 2024

## College Outreach

### Sign up your student!

Do you have a college-aged 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 complete our online form at [www.the-temple.org/college](http://www.the-temple.org/college) with your student's new mailing address for this year so we can continue to be a part of their life. For questions and more information, contact Elizabeth Foster at [efoster@the-temple.org](mailto:efoster@the-temple.org).



## Breman Education Center

One of the goals of the Breman Education Center is to involve the whole family in the Jewish learning experience. Our family education program invites pre-kindergarten through sixth grade parents to participate with their children in their education at least one Sunday morning during the year. During the morning, parents have the opportunity to learn about specific topics from their child's curriculum with our rabbis and teachers, as well as their children. Approximately two weeks prior to the family education day, families are contacted to provide contributions for a light brunch. Another important goal of these gatherings is assisting families and students in getting to know one another. In conjunction with our Engagement Team, we have included specific activities for parents to socialize and engage with one another during these programs.

Families with children in pre-kindergarten through first grades are also invited once a year for a holiday social program to get to know other families in an informal setting.



## BEC EVENTS

### Pre-K Family Social

February 4, 2024 • 10:30am

### Kindergarten

#### Family Education

September 10, 2023 • 9:30am

### Kindergarten

#### Family Chanukah Social

December 3, 2023 • 11:00am

### 1st Grade Family Education

January 28, 2023 • 9:30am

### 2nd Grade Family Education

October 22, 2023 • 9:30am

### 3rd Grade Family Education

October 15, 2023 • 9:30am

### 4th Grade Family Education

December 10, 2023 • 9:30am

### 5th Grade Family Tree Project

October 1, 2023  
9:30am & 11:00am

### 5th Grade Family Education

November 12, 2023 • 9:30am

### 6th Grade Family Tile Project

March 17, 2024 • 9:30am

## Project Connect: The Temple's Youth Programming

To connect your child or teen,  
please visit [www.the-temple.org/projectconnect](http://www.the-temple.org/projectconnect).

The Temple is so much more than our religious and spiritual home; it is our social home as well. No matter the event, our programs bring kids and teens together to provide a Jewish experience outside the classroom. Join us at an event for your age:

### Projects for 4th-8th Graders:

- **45 Club:** 4th & 5th Grade
- **Project 67:** 6th & 7th Graders
- **Project Eight:** 8th Graders (through November 2023; beginning in December, 8th graders are invited to join our high school events)

### Projects for 9th-12th Graders:

- **Project Connect (Social):** Host social events for their peers.
- **Project Justice:** Engage in social justice and advocacy work as well as hands-on social action projects (mitzvot).
- **Project Shir:** Groups of musicians, singers, and song leaders
- **Project Merry Mitzvah:** Our teen-led social action project for the Zaban Paradies Center. Teens are needed to help fundraise, plan, and implement both the meal and shopping experience for the residents.
- **Project Tolerance:** Created and performed by teen actors, Project Tolerance is designed to raise the consciousness of its audiences through an original play which takes on contemporary societal ills while also educating about the Holocaust.
- **Project Madrichim:** Classroom assistants in our Sunday program.
- **Project Tzadikim:** Classroom Hebrew assistants, Hebrew lab assistants, and one-on-one shadows.
- **Project Gesher:** Peer Leader program that meets with 7th, 8th, & 9th grade students.



# 2023

# HOLIDAYS 5784

September 15-17  
**Rosh HaShanah**



September 24-25  
**Yom Kippur**



September 29–  
October 6  
**Sukkot**



October 6-7  
**Sh'mini Atzeret  
& Simchat Torah**



December 7-15  
**Chanukah**



## SUKKOT

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 you will join us virtually or in person for any and all of the festivities! To register and get more details, please check out [www.the-temple.org/sukkot](http://www.the-temple.org/sukkot).

### Sukkot on the Lawn

**Friday, September 29, 2023**

**5:30pm: Refreshments in the Sukkah**

**6:00pm: Shabbat services**

From the front lawn of The Temple, we'll welcome Shabbat and celebrate Sukkot with a casual fun-filled service. Enjoy your picnic or boxed dinner.

## SIMCHAT TORAH

The holiday of Simchat Torah is Friday, October 6 to Saturday, October 7. We hope that you will join us virtually or in person for any and all of the festivities! To register and get more details, visit [www.the-temple.org/torah](http://www.the-temple.org/torah).

### Kindergarten Consecration

**Sunday, October 1, 2023 • 10:30am**

Kindergarten students and families will be honored as they begin their Jewish educational journey.

### Simchat Torah & Shabbat Worship Service

**Friday, October 6, 2023 • 6:00pm**

Join our band for an upbeat and celebratory service as the Torahs are taken from the ark and paraded around the congregation.

## Simchat Torah Service with Yizkor

**Saturday, October 7, 2023 • 10:30am**

Join us for this intimate prayer experience, during which we'll give thanks for the blessings that fill our lives and remember our loved ones who have passed away in this season or in years past.

## SIGD

Sigd is an ancient Jewish holiday that was preserved by the Ethiopian Beta Israel community through the generations. In Ethiopia this holiday was a highlight of the Jewish year, bringing Jews together in commitment to Torah and celebration of community. Today, the celebration of Sigd is a highlight of the Israeli calendar and spreading beyond the Beta Israel community and even to the United States.

### Sigd Program

**Tuesday, November 14, 2023 • 7:00pm**

Join us as we learn about Sigd, its rituals, themes and traditions. Hear stories of Ethiopian heroism and the challenges and joys of one of the world's oldest Jewish communities. This program is presented in conjunction with Be'chol Lashon and with the support of The Jewish Federation of Greater Atlanta's Propel Grant.



## CHANUKAH

Visit [www.the-temple.org/chanukah](http://www.the-temple.org/chanukah) in November for updated details and to sign up.

## Shabbanukah

**Friday, December 8, 2023 • 6:00pm**

Musical service with the help of Shir Chadash (our volunteer band), our youth and adult choirs and teen band, get in the Chanukah spirit. Latkes following services!

## Vodka & Latkes

**Saturday, December 9, 2023 • 7:00pm**

Join us for an adult-only evening with drinks, dancing, and yummy bites. This will be an evening you won't want to miss!

## MLK SHABBAT

**Friday, January 12, 2024**

**6:30pm: Dinner**

**8:00pm: Service**

Join us for our annual celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and his legacy. We'll reunite with our friends from Ebenezer Baptist Church for dinner and Shabbat services, as our combined choirs inspire us to continue to work for justice. Reservations open November 15. Space is limited for dinner.



## PURIM

For updated details and to sign up, check out [www.the-temple.org/purim](http://www.the-temple.org/purim) in February.

## Purim Spiel—Adults ONLY!

**Saturday, March 23, 2024**

**7:00pm: Cocktail Party • 7:30pm: Showtime!**

The Temple's Purim Spiel is the most amazing and unforgettable event ever. There is no cost to attend the cocktail party and spiel, but RSVPs help us plan.

## Purim Carnival

**Sunday, March 24, 2024**

**10:00am & 10:45am: Purim Spiel**

**11:00am: Entrance to the carnival for tots**

**11:30am: Carnival open for ALL!**

Volunteers are needed to help make this carnival a success. Check back online in February to sign up for a slot. All volunteers 7th grade and older can run a booth on their own. Other kids may volunteer to run a booth with parent help.

## PASSOVER

For updated details and to sign up, check out [www.the-temple.org/passover](http://www.the-temple.org/passover) in March.

## First Night Seder

**Monday, April 22, 2024 at 6:00pm**

The Temple's First Night Seder is back! Led by Rabbi Peter Berg & Cantor Tracey Scher.

## YOM HASHOAH

**Yom Hashoah Program in collaboration with Tomer Zvulun and the Atlanta Opera**

**Wednesday, May 1, 2024**

Join us on Yom HaShoah as The Temple and The Atlanta Opera partner for a special program of music and remembrance.



# 2024



**January 24-25  
Tu BiShvat**



**March 23-24  
Purim**



**April 22-29  
Passover**



**May 5-6  
Yom HaShoah**



**May 12-14  
Yom HaZikaron  
& Yom HaAtzmaut**



**May 25-26  
Lag BaOmer**



**June 11-12  
Shavuot**



**August 12-13  
Tishah B'Av**



# INTERFAITH

## Leven Family Jewish Identity Institute

Through a generous gift from the Leven Family, The Temple is able to significantly enhance the ways we welcome and support couples and families in the early stages of their journey into the Jewish community and our congregation. As the name suggests, we are helping to strengthen Jewish identity and connection for the generations to come.

### Upcoming Leven Institute Events

- **Simchat Torah Dinner:** Friday, October 6 following services
- **Beginning Your Jewish Family:** Tuesday, November 28 at 7:00pm
- More events coming soon!

### New Groups Starting Soon

- Expectant First Time Parents
- New Parents
- Women/Moms who've married into Judaism

### Travel Opportunities

- Marriage Retreat—details coming soon!
- Our Shared Journey Israel Trip (see page 13)

The programs of the Leven Family Jewish Identity Institute are particularly aimed towards interfaith couples (dating, engaged, married, partnered) who are figuring out the role Judaism has in their relationship and future and those who are trying to figure out what connection their children (or future children) will have to Judaism and the Jewish community. We are excited by the diversity of couples and families who choose to make their connections here. Our goal is to help you find your path into The Temple and to feel supported in your journey.

If you have questions or want to speak to other interfaith couples, or want to make sure you're receiving emails about upcoming events, please contact Rabbi Loren Filson Lapidus at [llapidus@the-temple.org](mailto:llapidus@the-temple.org).



### Conversion to Judaism

The Temple is proud to be a home for so many people at all ages and stages who have chosen to make their journey to Judaism here. Conversion to Judaism is an intense process of study and reflection. Our conversion program consists of three main parts: Judaism 101 (or its equivalent) and Judaism 102, as well as individual meetings with an assigned rabbi as part of Judaism 102. Please see page 4 for class descriptions. Contact Rabbi Lydia Medwin for more information.

# ISRAEL TRIPS 2024

Now more than ever, we need Israel and Israel needs us!



## Teen Experience

**June 2-16, 2024**

- A Sunrise climb up Masada
- Snorkeling in the Red Sea
- Rappelling in the Negev
- Splashing in the waterfalls of Ein Gedi
- Hanging out with Israeli teens
- Camel rides in the desert
- Ropes adventure in the Galilee
- Hiking through the streams and rivers in the north
- Archaeological digs and spelunking adventures
- Financial assistance available
- And much more...



## Adult Experience

**June 8-19, 2024**

- Luxury hotels & special dinners in some of Israel's top-rated restaurants
- Israel's most meaningful sites: the Kotel, Yad Vashem, Independence Hall, & more
- Hike, jeep, and rappel the Ramon Crater and Zinn Valley
- Experience the awe-inspiring Masada Fortress
- Sip and taste wine at a vineyard in the Judean Hills
- Take part in a unique Torah Yoga experience
- And much more...



## Family Experience

**June 12-24, 2024**

- From north to south visit Israel's most meaningful sites: the Kotel, Yad Vashem, Anu Museum, and more
- Camel rides in the Negev
- Experience the awe-inspiring Masada Fortress
- Floating in the Dead Sea
- Kayaking on the Jordan River
- Partake in an active archeological dig and spelunking cave crawl
- Kabbalat Shabbat and b'nei mitzvah service overlooking the Old City of Jerusalem
- And much more...

## Our Shared Journey

**May 29-June 9, 2024**

Sponsored by Leah and Richard Davis, this is the third cohort of a trip designed to introduce young interfaith couples to Israel. Led by Rabbi Loren Filson Lapidus, we will explore numerous parts of Israel, have conversations about how this relates to our respective faith traditions and families, and make new friends within our Temple community. Thanks to our generous donors, this trip is only \$1,000 per couple plus trip insurance. Criteria include:

- Identifying as an interfaith couple
- Have never been to Israel as a couple
- You are married
- If you have children, they are kindergarten age or younger
- Are members of The Temple and/or are not members of another synagogue

Visit [www.the-temple.org/oursharedjourney](http://www.the-temple.org/oursharedjourney) for more information.

Visit [www.the-temple.org/travel](http://www.the-temple.org/travel) for more information.

# MEMBERSHIP

Make The Temple Your Home!

## New Members' KAHAL

[kā'häl]— n. crowd, gathering, sacred community  
Where New Members Become Family

It is our immense pleasure and sacred responsibility to help you find your home here at The Temple. Please join us at the following New Members' Events to get to know one another and our Temple family:

- **Tuesday, October 3, 2023:** Orientation & Temple Tour with Dinner
- **Friday, November 3, 2023:** New Member Shabbat on the Lawn
- **Friday, December 8, 2023:** Shabbanukah\*
- **Sunday, January 7, 2024:** Bagels & Backpack Buddies Mitzvah Project
- **Friday, February 9, 2024:** Elana Arian Musician-in-Residence\*
- **Tuesday, March 19, 2024:** Hamantaschen Baking
- **Monday, April 22, 2024:** 1st Night Passover Seder\*

\* New Member Tables at Dinner



## Bring Your Friends!

Do you have a friend or family member that would love what we do and what we stand for? Please introduce us to them via email or in person at any event, and we will be thrilled to speak to them more about how we might be able to serve them and become their Jewish home. There is always an open invitation—the door is wide open to Jews, Jewish families, or people seeking to become Jewish!

## The Temple W&B

The Temple W&B is made up of the groups that welcome and receive members and visitors! If you are interested in welcoming, ushering, being inclusive, and partnering with our security team, join The Temple W&B.



# MONTAG SPEAKER SERIES

## Dr. Lisa Miller: Spirituality and Mental Health

December 1-3, 2023

Join us for an entire weekend of learning with our Montag Speaker Series guest, Dr. Lisa Miller, author of *The Spiritual Child* and *The Awakened Brain*. She will explore with us dimensions of spiritual development throughout life, from the youngest child to the most senior among us.



### Friday, December 1, 2023

6:00pm: Shabbat Services

7:15pm: Dine and Discover

Major Spiritual Milestones for Thriving through Middle Age and Older Adults

### Sunday, December 3, 2023

9:45-10:30am: Why Being Jewish Matters for my Mental Health

10:45-11:45am: Fostering Resilience through Spiritual Awareness

For Parents and Grandparents of Children and Teens



# MUSIC



## Music Opportunities at The Temple!

If you or anyone else in your family loves music, please consider joining one of several new opportunities to get involved in the musical life of The Temple!

- Mitzvah Minstrels—New this year!
- Rhythm & Ruach Jam Band—New this year!
- Shir Harmony—3rd-5th grade meets twice a month on Sundays
- Project Shir—Varied musical opportunities for 7th-12th graders
- Shir Ami—Volunteer adult choir meets every Tuesday night
- Shir Chadash—Volunteer adult band plays one Friday night Shabbat service each month

To get involved in any of these musical groups, please contact Cantor Tracey Scher at [tscher@the-temple.org](mailto:tscher@the-temple.org).

## Temple Chamber Players Concert Series

This new series will feature timeless classical chamber repertoire dynamically re-imagined bringing together the city's finest artists and renowned international instrumentalists.



## MUSIC EVENTS



### Cantor Deborah Hartman Musician-In-Residence Weekend: Elana Arian

February 9-11, 2024

Bring family and friends for an amazing weekend of soulful and energetic music.

### TEMPLE CHAMBER PLAYERS CONCERT SERIES:

#### Fervor: A Journey Back in Time From Buenos Aires to Germany

Sunday, October 22, 2023 at 3:00pm

Featuring ASO Concertmaster David Coucheron

#### String-mania: A Tale of Romantic Reflections

Sunday, March 17, 2024 • 3:00pm

#### Yiddishkeit: A Story of Song & Prayer

Sunday, April 21, 2024 • 3:00pm

# ROTHSCHILD SOCIAL JUSTICE INSTITUTE

For more information, visit [www.the-temple.org/rsji](http://www.the-temple.org/rsji).

## **ROTHSCHILD** Social Justice Institute

Part of what it means to be Jewish is to act on behalf of what is just and right. When we do so, we are walking in the footsteps of Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel who said, as he marched next to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., that he was “praying with his feet.” We hope you bring your whole selves to our justice work at The Temple!

Named in honor of Rabbi Jacob M. Rothschild, The Temple’s senior rabbi from 1947-1973, the Rothschild Social Justice Institute draws inspiration from Rabbi Rothschild’s vision and voice for social justice, honoring his pioneering leadership and The Temple’s historic commitment to tikkun olam. Social justice remains a cornerstone of The Temple, and the Rothschild Social Justice Institute embodies this faithfulness by organizing around vibrant Temple Connect small groups actively engaged in the broad issues of our day. Generously endowed by the Blank Family Foundation, the Rothschild Institute seeks to honor Rabbi Rothschild’s legacy by living Jewish values in repairing the torn fabric of our world.

## RSJI Groups

### **Anti-Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking**

This group works with city and county officials, in addition to local nonprofits, to educate our community and combat the issue of modern slavery and sex trafficking in Atlanta.

### **Disability Justice *NEW GROUP!***

The Temple’s RSJI Disability Justice group works to advance collective access, equity, inclusion, and liberation for disabled people in the Atlanta area. The disability community, especially those who live at the intersections of other marginalized identities, face barriers to accessing healthcare, are institutionalized at high rates, lack economic opportunities, are disproportionately impacted by voter suppression, and more. Disability justice requires, among other things, a focus on intersectionality, cross-movement solidarity, and interdependence, and The Temple’s Disability Justice group follows these guiding principles as we work toward true access and inclusion for disabled people both internal to The Temple and across the metro Atlanta area.

### **Environmental Sustainability**

The Green Team works to care for our environment and positively affect climate change in our own small ways, through educating our Temple community and changing our practices, as individuals and as a Temple community, to make sure that we are acting as sustainably as possible for future generations. Our environmental work was recognized by the Fulton County Citizens Commission on the Environment with the 2022 Environmental Award.

## Gun Violence Prevention

The GunSense group is committed to “moving the needle on gun violence” through engagement in the Safe Homes Initiative, by advocating for sensible gun laws, and participating in actions that raise awareness of the need for common sense gun legislation.

## Homelessness

This group works to educate our community about the problems of homelessness, as well as volunteer with local organizations such as our very own Zaban Paradies Couples Center (see page 25), for hands-on impact.

## LGBTQ Inclusivity & Equality

This group represents The Temple’s dedication to equality and safety for all members of the LGBTQ community. We volunteer with non-profits, march in the Pride Parade, and advocate for legislative avenues to protect people who identify as LGBTQ.

## Jewish-Muslim Relations

This group works to strengthen the relationships between the Jewish and Muslim communities of Atlanta. In partnership with the Islamic Speakers Bureau, we educate Temple members about the diverse and warm Muslim communities and endeavor to forge new friendships based on mutual understanding and respect.

## Racial Justice

The mission of this group is to provide leadership and collaboration in addressing the countless concerns surrounding civil and racial justice for all. By bridging the worlds

of ideas and action, serving as leaders and collaborators, we play a vital role in achieving racial and ethnic equity in our communities.

## Women’s Rights

At a time where Women’s Rights are at stake, this group is a critical emphasis area. Our three core objectives for the coming year are equality, women’s health and reproductive rights, and advocacy.

## Immigration Outreach and Refugee Resettlement

The Temple’s RSJI Immigration Outreach group focuses on helping individuals immigrate to the United States with compassion and dignity. Presently we are sponsoring an Afghan family and a Ukrainian family and are responsible for making them feel welcome, which includes everything from setting up their apartment to tutoring their children. This group also works to improve the lives of refugees in Atlanta by supporting their businesses, volunteering, and aiding in supportive programs like the Global Village Project.

## Public Education

This group partnered with Title 1 schools in our community, heightening awareness to social policies in education while continuing to learn its place in our Temple’s community at large. We were recognized in 2022 with the Jackson Cluster Partner Award for our Backpack Buddies initiative. In the summer of 2023, the group also launched Horizons Atlanta at The Temple, a six-week summer intensive learning program for children in underserved communities.

## RSJI EVENTS

### Pride

**Sunday, October 15, 2023**

**12:00pm**

Join the The Temple for Atlanta Pride. Every year, SOJOURN coordinates the Jewish community’s presence in the parade and at the Pride Festival in Piedmont Park. Come and connect with 40+ Jewish groups from all across Metro Atlanta as we march to show Jewish and LGBTQ+ pride!



### Blood Drive

**Sunday, November 12, 2023**

**9:00am-1:00pm**

Blood donation saves lives! Join us for a Lifesouth blood drive at The Temple. All donors will receive a recognition item and a free cholesterol screening. Donors must be 16 or older, weigh at least 110 pounds, and show photo I.D. 16-year-olds require written parental permission. Scan the QR code to sign up!



**LIFESOUTH**  
Community Blood Centers



# SANDWICH SALON

## Women Connecting and Learning

Come connect with other women at these informative events planned just for us! Bring your lunch, bring a friend, and enjoy conversation with women of all ages. So, mark your calendars and join us for some exciting and provocative discussions.

Save the date for our series opener, and we'll have more information to follow about our quarterly programs! Keep an eye out for dates and details in the weekly Temple email communications.

### Talking Turkey with Sandra Bank, President of Added Touch Catering

**Tuesday, November 7, 2023**

Back by popular demand! Join us for a pre-Thanksgiving program and cooking demo with the force behind Atlanta's award-winning upscale catering company of nearly 30 years.

### Sandwich Salon Committee:

Linda Davis, Janet Dortch, Ellen Schwartz and Ronnie van Gelder.



# ShalomCare

## Supporting Mental Health Powered by The Temple

We are living in challenging, and often overwhelming, times. ShalomCare believes supporting mental health is critically important to enhancing and changing lives.

### 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.

### Vision:

We seek to improve mental health within our congregation and believe that this will have a ripple effect on the greater Atlanta community and beyond. We passionately believe in the importance of embodying the Jewish concepts of tikkun azmut (repairing the self) and tikkun olam (repairing the world).

### Values:

- Connection: Human connection is vital.
- Education: Education is powerful.
- Compassion: Compassion for the self and others heals.
- Practice: Mental and spiritual wellbeing is a practice.

ShalomCare  
SUPPORTING MENTAL HEALTH  
Powered by The Temple

If you are experiencing a mental health crisis and need immediate help, call **988.**

## Support & Resources:

Please visit [www.the-temple.org/shalomcare](http://www.the-temple.org/shalomcare) for more information:

- Do I need professional help?
- How do I find a mental health professional?
- What does it mean to practice mental well-being?
- I need help NOW!

## Mental Health by the Numbers:

- 1 in 6 children in the U.S. ages 6-17 experience a mental health disorder each year.
- 50% of all lifetime mental health illnesses begin by age 14. 75% by age 24.
- 1 in 5 U.S. adults experience a mental health illness each year.
- 75% of suicide deaths are male, yet 3x as many suicide attempts are female.

## We are always here for you!

If you are ill or in need, please reach out to one of our clergy at 404-874-1731. If The Temple is closed and it is an emergency, one of clergy can be contacted on the emergency page. Please dial 404-873-1731 and select option #3. One of our clergy will return your call as soon as possible.

*Left to right: Rabbi Loren Filson Lapidus, Cantor Tracey Scher, Rabbi Peter Berg, Rabbi Lydia Medwin, and Rabbi Steven Rau.*



## SHALOMCARE EVENTS

### Suicide Prevention Week

**September 10-16, 2023**

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

### The Loneliness Epidemic

**Wednesday, October 25, 2023 • 7:00pm • Virtual**

After the recent publications about the health dangers of loneliness, we want to shine a light on who is at risk, what we need to know about the dangers, and how we can all help. Hosted by experts in the field of mental health and in honor of World Mental Health Day celebrated earlier on October 10.

### Technology, Anxiety, and Teens—A Program for Parents

**Sunday, November 5, 2023 • 9:45–11:00am**

Gather with other parents and learn from mental health professionals about how to prevent battles over devices, how tech may be contributing to our children's anxiety, and how we can negotiate tech in all of our lives for the sake of our children (and ourselves).

### Montag Speaker Series: Dr. Lisa Miller

**Friday, December 1, 2023 – Sunday, December 3, 2023**

See page 14 for details.

### HAMSA: Addition and Substance Use Awareness

**(For BEC families only)**

**9th graders and parents: Sunday, March 10, 2024 • 9:45am**

**10th graders: Sunday, March 24, 2024 • 9:45am**

Join us for a conversation with HAMSA, Helping Atlantans Manage Substance Abuse, a division of JF&CS. Our experts will bring us a direct conversation about what is most important for our teens to know about substance use and addiction.

### Shabbat HaNefesh: Mental Health Shabbat

**Friday, May 24, 2024 • 6:00pm**

Please be a part of our annual Mental Health Shabbat during our service geared toward healing of the mind and soul. More information to follow.

# SHABBAT

Every Friday at 6:00pm (except MLK Shabbat)

## Shabbat on the Lawn

*Join us outside on the Front Lawn*

- September 29, 2023
- November 3, 2023
- March 1, 2024
- April 5, 2024
- May 3, 2024
- June 7, 2024

## Mini Shabbat Morning

*Perfect for tots and their families*

- October 14, 2023
- November 11, 2023
- December 9, 2023
- January 13, 2024
- February 10, 2024
- March 9, 2024
- April 13, 2024
- May 11, 2024
- June 8, 2024

## Shabbat at Zoo Atlanta

*The Story of Noah*  
**Saturday, October 21, 2023 at 9:30am**

Meet at Grant Park Pavilion and then we will walk together to the Zoo. Purchase group tickets by October 2nd.

## Shabbat HaNefesh

*Service for the Soul*

Join us in the chapel on the 4th Friday of the month for a reflective, restorative Shabbat experience, awakening our spirit through the gift of prayer.



# SOFTBALL

The Temple fields two men's teams, one competitive and one recreational, in the 25 team Greater Atlanta Men's Synagogue Softball League. Games are played on Sundays during the day between 9:00am to 7:00pm in June and July with playoffs in August. Games are played at various fields such as East Roswell Park, John's Creek Ocee Park, and Dunwoody Marcus Jewish Community Center. The Temple teams always play deep into the playoffs, but more importantly, the comradery and fellowship is always the big winner. Interested players should contact Captain Steve Tapper (competitive) at [tapper.steve@gmail.com](mailto:tapper.steve@gmail.com) or Co-captains (recreational) Jacob Gill at [jacob.e.gill@gmail.com](mailto:jacob.e.gill@gmail.com) or Eric Kraar at [ekraar@gmail.com](mailto:ekraar@gmail.com).



# SUPPORT THE TEMPLE

## We Are Always Looking to the Future

Securing the future of The Temple is our collective responsibility. Your gift to the Lynne and Howard Halpern Endowment Fund will see to it that we are at the forefront of influence and change in our community. Together, we can ensure that The Temple lives on for generations to come.



DREAM FOR *Tomorrow*

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Make a pledge or planned gift today by contacting our Executive Director, Jeremy Perlin, at [jperlin@the-temple.org](mailto:jperlin@the-temple.org) or 404-873-1731.

## Support The Temple when you shop!

### Kroger Community Rewards



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

### iGive.com Rewards Program

Enroll at [www.iGive.com/the-temple](http://www.iGive.com/the-temple), then shop online as you normally would—no added steps. Over 1,900 Online Stores—including all your favorites!



# TEMPLE CONNECT

For a complete listing of Temple Connect groups, visit [www.the-temple.org/findyourtribe](http://www.the-temple.org/findyourtribe).

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! Questions? Please contact Kelli Harran at [kharran@the-temple.org](mailto:kharran@the-temple.org).

## Current Temple Connect Groups... but the list continues to grow!

### Arts & Culture

Books Worth Studying  
Classical Music in Atlanta  
Kabbalah & Jewish Mysticism  
The Librarians  
The Templers  
Theatre Group

### Ben Franklin Circles

Buckhead/Sandy Springs  
Northlake/Oak Grove Men's Group  
Women & Empty Nesters

### Demographics

Dads, Delis & Doughnuts  
Dads & Grads  
Gen-Xers  
South Side Schmoozers

### Food, Drink & More

Eating Explorers  
Walk & Dine  
What Are We Making for Dinner?...Reservations!  
Vegan Group

### Games

Bridge  
Canasta  
Mah Jongg

### Ongoing Groups

Bereavement Group  
Counting the Omer  
Men's Club

### Professional

Small Business Group

### Rothschild Social Justice Institute

Anti-Slavery & Trafficking  
Disability Justice  
Education  
Environmental Sustainability  
Gun Violence Prevention  
Homelessness  
Immigration Outreach  
LGBTQIA+  
Muslim-Jewish Relations  
Racial Justice  
Voting & Democracy  
Women's Rights

### Schools

Cliff Valley  
Mary Lin



# TEMPLE MOSAIC

Temple Mosaic is our name for our efforts to celebrate, welcome, and include the diversity of our Temple community and the Jewish people. We are excited to be learning and growing as a diverse community where everyone's gifts and story are celebrated. For more information, go to [www.the-temple.org/mosaic](http://www.the-temple.org/mosaic).

## **Unity Sukkah: Communal Art Project for Unity during the High Holy Days** **Beginning Friday, September 29, 2023 before Shabbat services and continuing throughout Sukkot**

The Unity Sukkah will be a larger-than-life structure that helps us celebrate our uniqueness and strengthens our ties to each other. The project consists of 32 posts, each with identifiers such as, "I'm a parent; I speak English as a second language; I identify as LGBTQ," etc. Members of The Temple will tie colorful yarn to posts that reflect their identities. As our yarn intertwines, we will be able to visualize our web of interconnectedness. In the end, we see that we are all connected by something, and it's our diversity that builds a strong and vibrant community. The best part? We will wrap the Unity Sukkah to create our communal sukkah, celebrating in a space built by all of us, about all of us, for all of us. Join us to create this communal symbol of Unity for the High Holy Days.



## **VIRTUAL & VIDEOS** Livestream, Video Archives & Podcast

### **Livestream**

Most of our services and many of our programs are available online. Check out The Temple's website to learn more and watch live!

### **Archives**

Did you miss any of our virtual worship, learning, or engagement opportunities? Visit [www.the-temple.org/archives](http://www.the-temple.org/archives).

### **The Temple Podcast**

Hosted by Rabbis Peter Berg and Loren Filson Lapidus. Delve into Jewish topics and get to know our historic congregation and the Atlanta Jewish community through meaningful and fun conversations and interviews.

Available at [anchor.fm/thetempleatl](https://anchor.fm/thetempleatl), on Apple, Spotify, and wherever you download podcasts! To submit questions or ideas for future episodes, please email [podcast@the-temple.org](mailto:podcast@the-temple.org).





# VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

## Backpack Buddies

The RSJI Public Education group works to support financially disadvantaged children at local elementary schools. Our Backpack Buddies program helps ensure that these children have nutritious meals on the weekends when they are not receiving free lunch or breakfast at school. You can help with packing bags, picking up food from our supplier, or delivering to our schools. If you are interested or for more information, visit [www.the-temple.org/publiceducation](http://www.the-temple.org/publiceducation).

## Caring at the Temple: Soup Making & Delivery

Our Caring at The Temple program provides homemade chicken soup and challah to members who are bereaved, ill, recently discharged from the hospital, or celebrating the arrival of a new child. Volunteers who would like to help make the soup, and fulfill the mitzvah of *bikkur cholim* (visiting the sick), please contact Kelli Harran at [kharran@the-temple.org](mailto:kharran@the-temple.org).



## Horizons School

Horizons Atlanta aims to improve the life trajectory of underserved students and their families by instilling in them the joy of learning, the skills for success, and the inspiration to realize their dreams. We believe that every child in metro Atlanta, regardless of background, should have the same chance at making a positive impact on their community. We accomplish this through a transformational, tuition-free, summer learning program that helps eliminate critical barriers to success that many of our children face. The Temple is proud to host this program in our building each summer. If you would like more information, please visit [www.the-temple.org/horizons](http://www.the-temple.org/horizons).



## MAC

The Temple is a founding sponsor of the Midtown Assistance Center (MAC). 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.



## VOLUNTEER EVENTS:



### High Holy Day Food Drive & Help Unload the Truck

**Sunday, October 1, 2023**  
**12:30pm**

The Temple's Motor Lobby

**Monday, October 2, 2023**  
**10:30am**

Midtown Assistance Center  
613 Spring Street NW  
Atlanta, GA 30308

### SAVE THE DATE: Blue Jeans, Bow Ties, & Bling

**Thursday, April 11, 2024**  
**6:00 PM**

Zaban Paradies Center's  
Annual Fundraiser

## Respite Care Atlanta

A collaboration of multiple faith congregations in Buckhead has formed Respite Care Atlanta, Inc., to offer a safe place for adults with mild cognitive impairment to engage in stimulating activities. This program, providing their dedicated caregivers with some much needed respite time, is staffed exclusively by volunteers and will operate four days a week from 10:00am to 3:00pm. Volunteers are needed to make this endeavor happen! There are many options and time frames to become involved. If you have a special talent, interest, or knowledge that could help entertain our participants, please contact Rabbi Lydia Medwin at [lmedwin@the-temple.org](mailto:lmedwin@the-temple.org).



## Zaban Paradies Center

The Zaban Paradies Center for Homeless Couples (originally called the Temple Night Shelter for the Homeless) was founded in 1984, as the first and only shelter for homeless couples in Atlanta. Today it is open year round to serve the Atlanta community. Each year hundreds of volunteers who prepare and serve over 1,000 dinners and 1,000 bagged lunches each residential season, share their expertise by participating in programming for residents, and collect essential items to help our residents transition from living at the Center to their permanent housing. If you would like more information, please visit [www.zabanparadiescenter.org/volunteer](http://www.zabanparadiescenter.org/volunteer).



# WOMEN'S RETREAT

March 8-10, 2024  
at Callaway Gardens  
[www.the-temple.org/women](http://www.the-temple.org/women)

*Calling All Temple Ladies!*

W  MEN'S  
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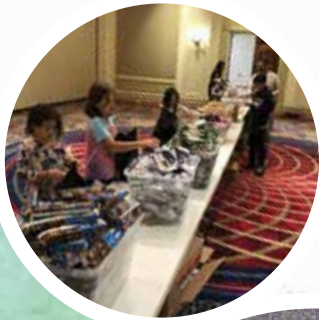


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