"I am thrilled to accept the position of Interim Education Director and join the fabulous team at Temple Koth Emeth," said Hope. "I look forward to partnering with Rabbi Sernovitz, TKE's President, Rachel Barich, staff, lay leaders and this wonderful community to support and enhance education at TKE, which includes building on the already exceptional foundation in place. I look forward to meeting you all very soon."

Hope Chernak's background:

Hope Chernak will be coming on board as the Interim Education Director on Monday, July 27. Hope recently was part of the team at Great Prospects, Inc., a non-profit supporting adult with special needs where she managed their communications and marketing efforts. Previously, Hope was part of the Marcus Jewish Community's senior professional team, first serving as the founding Executive Director of JUMPSPARK: the Atlanta Jewish Teen Initiative (AJTI) and then as the Chief Programming Officer. Prior to moving to Atlanta, Hope spent 15 years in New York City, serving as the Managing Director of the North American Federation of Temple Youth (NFTY) and as the Director of Youth and Informal Education & Israel Programs at Temple Shaaray Tefila. Earlier in her career, Hope served as the NFTY-Southeast Regional Advisor based out of South Florida. Hope grew up in Orlando, FL, and spent eight summers on staff at Camp Coleman where she currently serves as a member of the camp committee.

Hope was a collegiate athlete, receiving scholarships for basketball, soccer and cross-country at Webber International University where she earned a B.S. in Business Administration with a concentration in Management and Marketing. She formalized her academic training earning an M.A. degree in Religious Education at Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, and the title Reform Jewish Educator (RJE). Hope was a 2016 recipient of the Grinspoon North American Award for Excellence in Jewish Education and received a certificate in Israel Education from the Center for Israel Education in 2016.