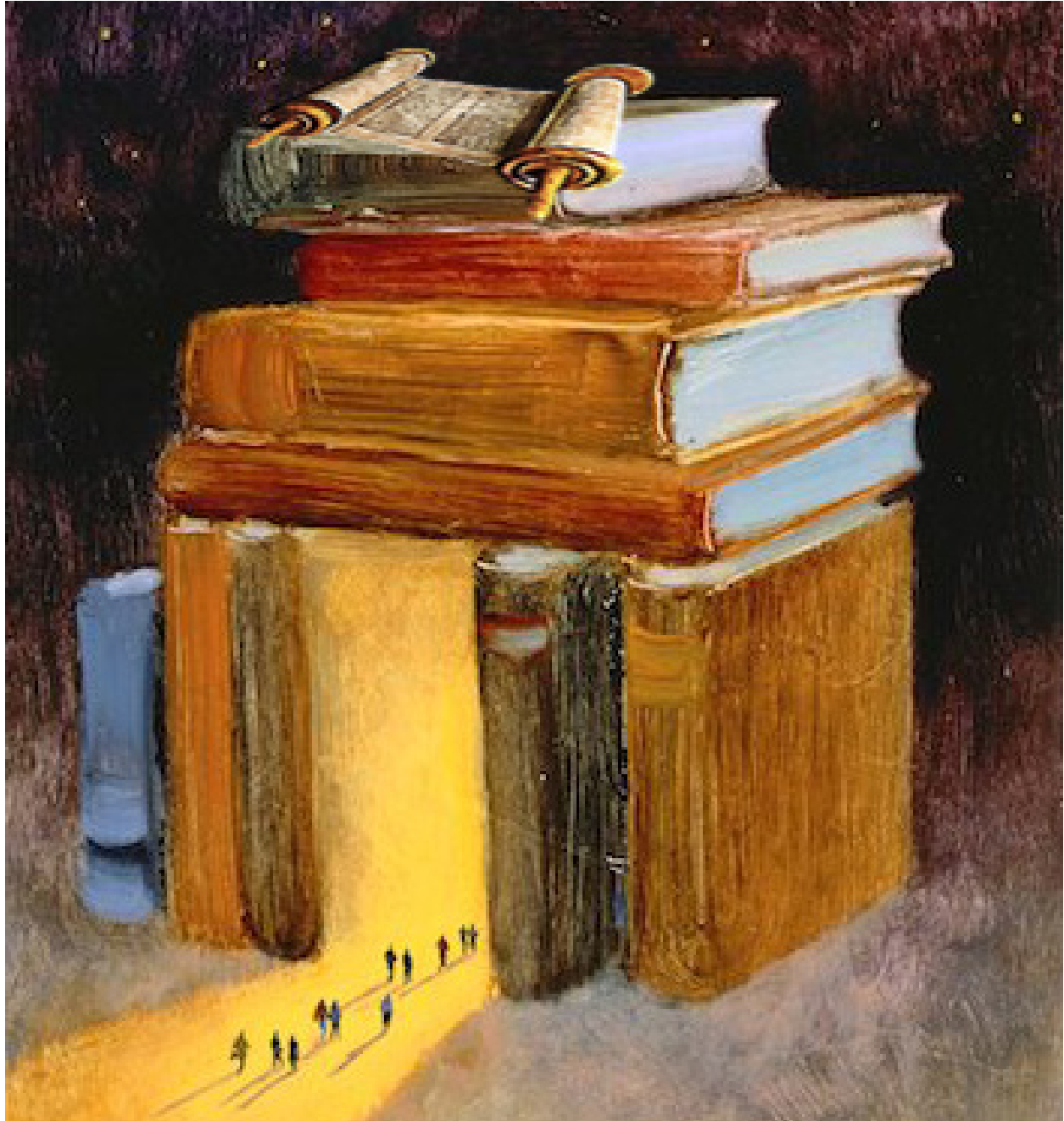


Tikkun Leil Shavuot *All Night Learning*

5 - 6 Sivan 5779 | June 8 - 9, 2019



Welcome to Tikkun Leil Shavuot!

The concept translates as “Improvement (through study) the entire night of Shavuot.” We hope tonight will offer something to everyone, regardless of background and level of Jewish knowledge. Come and go anytime, we’ll be here all night!

Some customs we observe in this space:

- On religious holidays (including the Sabbath) we do not write or use electronics in the synagogue, so we ask that you try to limit doing so during the event.
- Whether Jewish or not, and regardless of gender, you are welcome to wear a “kippah” (skullcap) if you feel comfortable. They are available outside Ellman Chapel.
- Finally, some Jewish people do not use musical instruments on the Sabbath or holidays. Sessions using musical instruments will be indicated in the program.

We will be using several spaces over the course of the evening. Here is where you can find them (we will have directional signs, but if you get confused, don’t hesitate to ask!):

PRIMARY SPACES:

Cohen Pavilion and Lobby: You will enter Cohen Pavilion immediately when entering the building. This will be the location of our Seudah Shlisheet (Third Meal) at 7 – 8 pm. The Lobby is attached to and located at the end of the Cohen Pavilion, right outside Ellman Chapel. We will use the Lobby for the Havdallah Service around 9:30 pm (unless weather permits us to use the courtyard).

Ellman Chapel: After walking through the front door, walk the length of Cohen Pavilion and into the Lobby. Ellman Chapel will be on your right. This is where we will hold prayer services and the Multi-Faith Panel Presentation. Later in the evening, the front half will be used for breakout learning sessions.

Library: After passing the Chapel, turn right, walk the length of the hallway, turn left, and continue straight into the Library. This space will be used for breakout learning sessions throughout the night.

Paradies Hall/“Chevruta Space”: Paradies Hall is located on the right after turning down the hallway past the Chapel. This will serve as our fellowship space, in which family programming is held during the early hours. Later in the evening, this area will be our “Chevruta Space,” in which people of all ages can do partner study or read PJ Library books. *THIS IS WHERE THE COFFEE (AND CHEESECAKE) IS!*

OTHER SPACES:

Cohn Room/Child Sleep Space: On your way to the Library, there will be a closed room on the right with white noise for children to sleep (bring your own blankets/pillows). This space will not be supervised.

Sanctuary Bimah/Adult Meditation Space: The Sanctuary can be found by turning left at the end of Cohen Pavilion. We will use the Sanctuary Bimah for adult meditation space, devoted to quiet meditation and reflection (potential use of acoustic instruments and chanting).

Outdoor Courtyard: The Courtyard is located outside Cohen Pavilion when you walk into the building. If weather permits, we will use this space for some of our services.

Glossary

Here is a list of Hebrew or Yiddish words you may hear over the course of the evening and what they mean:

- **Aliyah:** The honor of saying the blessings before a reading from the Torah scroll
- **Ammud:** The table on which the Torah scroll is read
- **Book of Ruth:** The story of Ruth, ancestor of King David, which is traditionally read as part of Shavuot. Within Judaism, this is part of the “Megillot” – five sacred books read on different festivals through the year. It is also part of the Old Testament in the Christian tradition.
- **Bimah:** The raised platform at the front of the synagogue
- **Chevutra:** Informal study, possible with a partner or partners
- **HaShem:** Literally, “The Name” – the colloquial term for “God” outside of a prayer context (in a prayer context, “Adonai” is the most common term for “God”).
- **Havdallah:** Literally, “Separation” – a service that marks the separation between a Sabbath or Festival day and the day that follows it, beginning at nightfall (marked by the appearance of three stars in the sky).
- **Humash:** A book containing the text of the Five Books of Moses, codifying the Torah scroll, and usually containing translation, cantillation marks, and commentary.
- **Kaddish:** A prayer praising the name of God, recited in various contexts including by those mourning the loss of a loved one.
- **Kippah:** Also called “yarmulke” in Yiddish – traditional Jewish head covering/skullcap
- **Kol Hakavod:** Literally, “All the respect/honor,” an expression of high praise
- **Ma’ariv:** Evening prayer service – the last service of the day, recited sometime in the late afternoon or evening (tonight, at 9 pm)
- **Mincha:** Afternoon prayer service that must take place sometime after mid-day and before nightfall
- **Minyan:** A quorum of ten Jewish adults, required to be present for reading Torah or reciting certain prayers
- **Niggun:** Wordless melody, sung on syllables like “yai dai”
- **Ruach:** “Spirit” or “wind” – used to signify spiritual energy, e.g. “One more time, with ruach!”
- **Shabbat:** The Jewish day of rest – from Friday before sundown to Saturday after nightfall
- **Shacharit:** Morning prayer service that must take place sometime before mid-day (in this case, Shacharit is at 6 am on Sunday morning)
- **Shavuot:** A harvest festival commemorating the Jewish people's receiving the Torah from Mount Sinai
- **Shul:** Yiddish for “School” – used as a synonym for “synagogue”
- **Seudah Shlisheet:** Literally, “Third meal” – refers to the light meal enjoyed on Saturday afternoons before sundown, so as to maximize the joy of Shabbat by having three meals
- **Tikkun Leil Shavuot:** Literally, “Improve the night of Shavuot” – the custom of all-night study as a means of self-improvement on the first night of Shavuot
- **Tallit:** A Jewish prayer shawl that may be worn by Jewish adults (over the age of bar/bat mitzvah)
- **Talmud:** Central Jewish text serving as the source of Jewish law (Halacha), a rabbinic codification of the “Oral Torah”
- **Torah:** The Jewish bible – the term “Torah” can refer to the Torah scroll itself (Sefer Torah) or the text of the Five Books of Moses
- **Yasher Ko'ach:** Literally, “May your strength be firm,” a congratulatory phrase for those who have received an honor or otherwise served the community (this is appropriate to say to those being called to the Torah; it functions in a somewhat analogous way to “Namaste” in yoga tradition).

InterfaithFamily/Atlanta has provided some informational materials available in Paradies Hall. An extensive source repository is also available on their website: interfaithfamily.com.

Sessions

5 PM

SHABBASHAVUOTASTIC SEUDAH SHLISHEET | Paradies Hall

Atlanta Jewish Theatre Company [Aurelie Weinstein (Director and Founder) and Mark Papier], Marni Goldman, and Erin Thaler

At this family-friendly event, you will learn about Shavuot and experience the time-honored tradition of eating ice cream/dairy products while enjoying performances by the Atlanta Jewish Theatre Company (*Josie and Jack Shavuot Puppetry Show* and *Fancy Nancy presenting Shavuot, A Fancy Holiday!*).

6:30 PM

MINCHA (AFTERNOON) SERVICE | Ellman Chapel

Join us for the first prayer services and Torah reading of the event. We will call families in groups to the Torah and children will march around the Synagogue with scrolls!

7 PM

SEUDAH SHLISHEET AND STUDY: ELEVATING FOOD | Cohen Pavilion

Brooke Rosenthal

As we eat the traditional third meal of Shabbat, we will explore elevating the mundane – from laws surrounding keeping kosher, to blessings before and after eating, to mindfulness in eating and show that we can transform mere sustenance to spirituality.

SONGS AND STORIES FOR ALL AGES | Paradies Hall

- **PJ LIBRARY 120-BOOK CHALLENGE**

Erin Thaler

“All-night” learning is for kids too! Teacher Erin Thaler helps kids of all ages challenge themselves to read up to 120 books during the Tikkun Leil Shavuot. Erin and others will read stories to kids in the Chevruta Space, and many books will be available for kids to read and look at on their own. Your child can mark his/her progress on a sticker chart.

- **A JOURNEY OF DISCOVERING YOUR INNER LIGHT**

Helene Kates

According to Jewish mysticism, Torah is God speaking to us and prayer is when we speak to God. The Torah and our prayers are both chanted to melodies. We are in conversation with God through song and the purpose of conversation is to connect. The Hebrew word for song, “shira” shares the same numerical value as the Hebrew word for prayer, “tefillah.” Both words have a numerical value of 515. Song and prayer are thus intrinsically connected. What is this essential connection telling us?

8 PM

WHAT LANGUAGE DOES GOD SPEAK? | Cohen Pavilion

Rabbi Neil Sandler

While Jewish prayer has many purposes, many people believe they speak very directly to God when they pray. What language does the Holy One speak? Does the language we share with God make a difference? What is the impact of our prayer language on us? Does it really matter if we pray in Hebrew or in English? Let’s learn about language in Jewish prayer and talk about it.

SONGS AND STORIES FOR ALL AGES CONTINUED | Cohen Pavilion

9 PM

MA'ARIV (EVENING) AND HAVDALLAH SERVICE | Ellman Chapel

This service marks the separation between Shabbat and the day that follows, which is the official beginning to the holiday of Shavuot. Join us for this special experience in song together followed by a plenary session.

MULTI-FAITH PANEL PRESENTATION:

OBLIGATIONS AND BLESSINGS ACROSS FAITH TRADITIONS | Ellman Chapel

Rev. Licia Affer (St. Anne's Episcopal Church), Dr. Nabile Safdar (Islamic Speakers' Bureau), Reche Tariq (14th Street Mashjid), and Dr. Manhar Valand (Vishwa Hindu Parishad)
Rabbi Rosenthal Moderating

Immediately after the conclusion of Havdallah, we will gather to listen to community faith leaders share the obligations and blessings in their traditions, touching on beliefs, rituals, and common misunderstandings. Ava Landrum Smith of the InterfaithFamily Leadership Council will introduce the panel.

11 PM

REVERING THE DEAD | Library

Dr. Dennis Gilbride

In this session, after reviewing basic mourning practices, we will focus on the Mourner's Kaddish. Texts and "midrashim" related to the kaddish will be studied. We will end by exploring the benefits that Jewish mourning practices have for the mourner.

DEMONSTRATIONS OF FAITH:

"WIFE SWAP" AND THE BOOK OF RUTH | Ellman Chapel

Bonnie and Michael Levine and Nathan Brodsky

Ruth's declaration of her commitment to being Jewish was so memorable and important that we study it as part of commemorating our receiving of the Torah on Shavuot – what does this tell us about demonstrating our faith today? Among other sources, Bonnie and Michael Levine will share their openly Jewish appearance on the reality show, "Wife Swap" in May 2019, awkwardness, anxiety, and all. (Bonnie on the show: "As long as nobody thinks I'm trying to convert anybody, uh, we're good.")

12 AM

SHABBAT BUBBLES: INCLUSIVE JEWISH OBSERVANCE | Library

"Shabbat Sam"/Sam Fistel

"Bubble of Shabbat" creates a space for Shabbat wherever you are, and builds a Habit of Shabbat as a result. Come hear Shabbat Sam discuss his experience creating Bubbles of Shabbat for the Atlanta community, and learn how to make your own bubble of Shabbat, no matter your level of observance.

SIDDUR (PRAYER BOOK) IN AN HOUR | Ellman Chapel

Gail Foorman

Gail Foorman will be our tour guide through the journey of the Shabbat morning service. She will reveal the structure of the service and teach us the characteristic melodies associated with each prayer. In this hour, she will give you a deeper understanding of the Shabbat morning service in particular and of the overall structure of all Jewish prayer services.

1 AM

OBLIGATIONS TO "OTHER:" THOSE NOT BORN JEWISH, STRANGERS, AND REFUGEES/IMMIGRANTS | Library

Robyn Faintich

Judaism's traditional sources provide us a guide on how we are supposed to treat people who are not born into our communities. These texts cover everything from housing, financial support, food access, and citizenship to interpersonal relationships. This session will be an investigation of over two dozen texts. Participants should be prepared to consider some "unexpected" viewpoints as we journey through the sources together.

ALL VOICE: A MYSTICAL LADDER OF PRAYER AND SONG | Ellman Chapel

Helene Kates

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2 AM

BE INCLUSIVE: DON'T PLACE A STUMBLING BLOCK (LIFNEI AVER) | Library

Marcia Lindner

Regardless of how a person learns or how different he/she/they may appear to be from others, the value to be inclusive – “lifnei aver” – challenges us to understand that we all are different. In this session, we will look to our sages to understand our obligation toward those with physical, emotional or cognitive difference and to recognize the blessings these individuals bring to our community.

THE MANDATE TO PRAY | Ellman Chapel

Marc Silberstein

When it comes to prayer, what are our mandates? Are we obligated to a specific formula of “Who, What, Where, When, and Why”, or are there nuances to be found? Can we classify one approach as being more powerful or appropriate? In this session, we will investigate our obligations to pray, including who these obligations are meant to benefit, the individual, the community, or God.

3 AM

THE FUTURE BELONGS TO CONSERVATIVE JUDAISM | Ellman Chapel

Rabbi Chaim Listfield

The President of the Rabbinical Assembly confidently asserted that the future belongs to our movement... but that assertion was made in 1960. Now, almost 60 years later, Conservative Judaism isn't claiming the future; it's wondering whether it has a future. Chaim Listfield will discuss with us how the American Jewish community has changed in these past six decades, and what this means for the future of Conservative Jews.

4 AM

STANDING BEFORE GOD | Ellman Chapel

Steve Grossman

We will be studying several prayers and seeking to understand how they are intended to transform our daily lives.

5 AM

ASK THE RABBIS | Library

What better way to close out a night of meaningful prayer and study experience than an interactive discussion with the rabbis? Also a highlight of Ahavath Achim's Yom Kippur afternoon programming, “Ask the Rabbis” presents an opportunity to listen to our rabbis' deepest wisdom. They devote this spiritual hour before sunrise to answering questions from your hearts and minds, beginning with an exploration of how the tradition of “all night study” on Shavuot came to be.

PRE-SUNRISE MEDITATION, CHANTING AND STRETCHING | Ellman Chapel

Phil McWilliams and Michael Levine

Michael and Phil will lead “kirtan” chanting, light stretching, breathing exercises, and meditation – whether you stayed through the night and are closing out your all-night learning, or awakening and starting your day, this hour offers centering and peace as the sun prepares to rise. Instruments will be used.

6 AM

SUNRISE SHACHARIT (MORNING) SERVICE | Ellman Chapel

Bios

With appreciation for our session leaders, Rabbi Elazar ben Shamua says:
Let the honor of your student be dear to you as your own, and the honor of your fellow like the reverence of your teacher, and the reverence of your teacher like the reverence of Heaven
(Pirkei Avot 4:12).



AL-HAJJ RECHE' TARIQ ABDUL-HAQQ

Tariq is a leadership consultant, mentor and coach who is actively engaged in interfaith and inter-cultural education. Tariq is originally from Tampa, FL and graduated with honors from Duke University with a bachelor of arts degree in history. Following college, Tariq enjoyed a successful decades-long corporate career with numerous roles in sales leadership, marketing and training. He is an active member of the Islamic Speakers Bureau of Atlanta (ISB), was ISB Speaker of the Year in 2017 and is the project co-lead for the ISB Leadership Institute. Tariq is a trustee board member of Masjid Al-Qur'an and chairs the outreach committee at Masjid Omar Bin Abdul-Aziz. He volunteers with the "feed the homeless and hungry" program of Sisters United in Human Service. "Brother Tariq", as he is affectionately known, made the

Islamic pilgrimage to Mecca in 2007, earning the honorific title "Al-Hajj". His interests include youth empowerment, leadership development, and civic engagement. A devoted husband and father, "Brother Tariq" values "excellence in all matters" and strives daily to emulate the saying of former world boxing champion Muhammad Ali: "Service to others is the rent you pay here for your room on earth."



REV. LICIA B. AFFER

The Very Rev. Licia B. Affer is the Rector of St. Anne's, and Dean of the North Atlanta Convocation. She was born in Milan, Italy and has lived and worked in a number of different places in Europe and the US, including rather exotic locations such as Bosnia-Herzegovina and Phoenix, AZ. She is a graduate of The General Theological Seminary of the Episcopal Church in New York, NY and before that, a language scholar with a specialization in Applied Linguistics from the University of Milan, Italy. Rev. Licia enjoys reading, dancing, traveling and cooking with husband Maurizio and teenage daughter Cecilia.



NATHAN BRODSKY

Nathan Brodsky works at Jewish Federation of Greater Atlanta as Family Impact Manager, supporting family programming such as PJ Library and PJ Our Way. He is also a regular presenter at Limmud and has served as LimmudFest Marketing Co-Chair and part of the Young Adult Development program for Limmud.



ROBYN FAINTICH

Robyn has over 24 years of Jewish education communal service in areas that include youth movements, day schools, community teen initiatives, congregational education, family education and adult education. In 2010, she founded JewishGPS, LLC in an effort to help guide Jewish organizations in a variety of aspects of Jewish education including staff training, curriculum development and strategic visioning. Robyn has completed coursework towards an EdD at Northeastern University and received a Doctoral Certificate in Jewish Education Leadership from Hebrew College.



SAM FISTEL

Sam is known in the Atlanta Jewish Community as “Shabbat Sam.” Starting in 1997, he gathered an email following of 1300 Atlanta area Jewish young adults who craved a reliable offering for meaningful connections, and a Friday night Shabbat experience was a great vehicle for it. For more than 10 years, Sam dispensed local Jewish event info 3 times a week, and provided a weekly meet-up for Shabbat services and Shabbat dinner – complete with Challah, wine, grape juice, and blessings.



GAIL FOORMAN

Gail has been leading services and taught in our religious school for over 10 years. She is in the process of becoming recognized as a Hazzan through The Cantors Assembly. She loves teaching about Jewish liturgy structure, Nusach (prayer melody), cantillation (the various melodies for chanting Biblical texts) and Jewish History. She also writes “Purimspiels” and parodies. She will be leading a session on the structure and melodies of the Shabbat morning service and the relationships between them.



DENNIS GILBRIDE

Dennis is a professor in the Counseling and Psychological Services department at GSU. He is an active member of the afternoon minyan group and is currently saying kaddish for his mother.



MARNI GOLDMAN

Marni Goldman, her husband Dan, and her daughter Amelia have been members of AA for almost six years. She has taken active roles as a member of the Board of Directors, as well as being chair of and a participating member on numerous committees. She brings her creative talents, love for children and education, and passion for Jewish identity to everything she does and is involved in at the synagogue. AA is the Goldmans’ home away from home, and they feel fortunate to be a part of such a warm and friendly community.



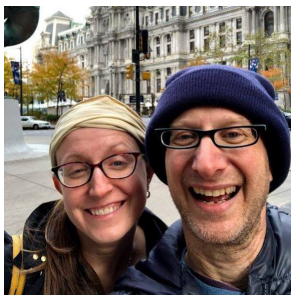
STEVE GROSSMAN

Steve has worked in Religious Schools, camps, Hillel and Jewish youth experiences for over 25 years, as both teacher and director. Steve has a B.A. in comparative literature from University of California Riverside, and an M.A in Rabbinic Literature from Baltimore Hebrew College.



HELENE KATES

Helene is the lead singer and songwriter with The Baal Shem Tones, tours internationally providing concerts and Jewish Educational Programs for all ages. Ordained as a Maggid-Oman, Kates works with individuals and their families to explore and strengthen their intrinsic bond to the Torah and Mitzvot through the transformational power of story.



BONNIE AND MICHAEL LEVINE

Bonnie and Michael form the Jewish music duo “Sunmoonpie,” specializing in Jewish liturgical music and creative musical prayer experiences. Their first CD, *Sunset Shabbat*, will be released in June. They have appeared in many Atlanta synagogues, at USCJ conventions, and, as of May 2019, on Paramount Network’s “Wife Swap.” Longtime “Limmudniks,” Michael and Bonnie regularly lead services and sessions at LimmudFest and Bonnie is currently on the LimmudFest 2019 programming committee. They have two children, Eden (5) and Emet (3).



MARCIA LINDNER

Marcia is a native of Atlanta. She was the Director of Education at Ahavath Achim Synagogue for eleven years and has owned her own business, Lindner Educational Consultants, LLC, for the past three years. The majority of the consultative work Marcia provides is as an advocate for families with special needs children. She is committed to helping parents and families navigate the special education system and best meet the learning needs of their children. Marcia has more than two decades of experience as a classroom educator, most recently as a teacher of Jewish Literature at The Weber School, a pluralistic Jewish high school. Marcia holds Masters’ Degrees in Jewish Studies and Social Work from the Jewish Theological Seminary of America and Columbia University. She is the mom to two active teens, Hope and Seth, and life-partner to Rick.



RABBI CHAIM LISTFIELD

Rabbi Chaim Listfield led several Conservative congregations during his 40-year career. He is now semi-retired; he works part time as rabbi of Etz Chayim in Huntsville, AL, and he filled in for Rabbi Sandler during the rabbi’s 4-month sabbatical in 2017. Chaim’s wife Leslie Parker is a paralegal. Leslie, daughter of the late Alex and Pauline Parker, grew up at the AA. Chaim is originally from New Jersey. He is a magna cum laude graduate of Rutgers University, and was inducted into phi beta kappa. He was ordained at JTS (class valedictorian) in 1974.



PHIL McWILLIAMS

Phil McWilliams is a musician, chiropractic and wellness practitioner, certified yoga instructor and frequent leader within the Atlanta spiritual chanting community, having co-founded the annual chanting festival, ChantLanta. Phil creates and facilitates Bhakti Kirtan chanting – he has released several CDs as a solo artist and with his previous group, Bhakti Messenger. You can learn more at philmcwilliamsmantra.com.



MARK PAPIER

Mark is an on-camera Meteorologist and Storm Specialist for The Weather Channel television network. Before jumping into the small screen, he was often found on the stage. Some of his favorite roles from more years ago than he’d care to admit: The Pirate King in *The Pirates of Penzance*, Pippin in *Pippin*, Demetrius in *A Mid Summer Nights Dream*, and The Dentist in *Little Shop of Horrors*. He also directed a production of *You’re A Good Man Charlie Brown*.



RABBI LAURENCE ROSENTHAL

Rabbi Laurence Rosenthal is, as of recently, senior rabbi at Ahavath Achim Synagogue and president of the Atlanta Rabbinical Association. He and his wife, Brooke, are raising four school-aged kids in the Atlanta Jewish community, and the oldest will become a bar mitzvah later this year. Rabbi Rosenthal also enjoys yoga, tennis, and guitar.



BROOKE ROSENTHAL

Brooke Rosenthal is an entrepreneur and avid nonprofit volunteer and community leader in Atlanta for the past decade. She holds a Master's Degree in Nonprofit Management from the American Jewish University. Brooke enjoys leading and engaging in Shabbat Morning Torah Study and past sessions of Shavuot learning here at AA. She enjoys learning from, with and engaging many kinds of people, especially her Rabbi husband and four wildly smart children.



NABILE SAFDAR

Nabile has been active in interfaith work since attending a Catholic High School next to a Jewish Community Center, bringing together teens from these faith traditions for dialogue. This work continued as Nabile served as one of the speakers and presidents of the Baltimore Interfaith Outreach Council, based at the Islamic Society of Baltimore. He joined ISB Atlanta in 2014 as a speaker, board member, and content author. With a special interest in the intersection of healthcare with his Master's thesis being an "Exploratory Assessment of the Beliefs of Maryland's Muslims Regarding their Health Needs and Barriers to Access." He is currently on the board of the Islamic Medical Association of North America, the oldest and largest organization of Muslim physicians in the United States.



RABBI NEIL SANDLER

Rabbi Neil Sandler is a longstanding member of Ahavath Achim Synagogue's spiritual leadership team, serving as a congregational rabbi at "the AA" for fifteen years and counting. In addition to his affinity for Minnesota sports, he is known for inspiring AAbsolute Shabbat's 2011 hit, "Rabbi Sandler's Rockin' Shabbos Band."



MARC SILBERSTEIN

Marc has spent 20 years working in some form of Jewish education. He feels blessed to have been part of a multitude of communities that were able to personalize and reinvigorate prayer for all members by returning to prayer's original roots and finding ways to redefine what it means to pray.



AVA LANDRUM SMITH

Ava is an Atlanta native and graduate of the University of Georgia. She currently serves as a member of the InterfaithFamily Leadership Council in Atlanta and as Chair of the Ahavath Achim Interfaith Inclusion Leadership Initiative. Ava works in client coordination in Sandy Springs, and lives in East Cobb with her husband, Ben, and their two terriers, Brisket and Murray.



ERIN THALER

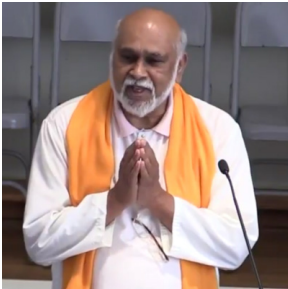
Erin is an educator, community builder, and social advocate in the Atlanta and Jewish communities. She was a founder and leader of the Atlanta Chevre Minyan, an independent minyan targeted at young professionals that held self-organized and self-led services, Shabbat dinners, and other events. She and her 3-year-old son Jacob are members of Ahavath Achim synagogue.



AURÉLIE WEINSTEIN

Director and Founder of Atlanta Jewish Theatre Company

Originally from France, trained at the Ecole Régionale d'Acteurs de Cannes et Marseille (ERACM), Aurélie has been acting since she was 10 years old. She has been performing leading roles in different plays such as Peer Gynt, Capitaine Fracasse, Anne Frank, the house of Bernarda Alba, the first love, and the Baker's wife. She has been a professional storyteller for years, both in France and here in Atlanta, where she volunteers regularly telling stories for children at Atlanta Accueil, the International Charter School of Atlanta, Da Vinci International School, and Theatre du Reve. Most recently, Aurélie has performed in French language hospitality videos used as training material for hotel staff throughout the Francophone world. She holds a Ph.D. in child psychology from Georgia State University, and she is currently a full time faculty in Psychology at Georgia Gwinnett College where she teaches typical and atypical child development for undergraduate and graduate students.



DR. MANHAR VALAND

Manhar Valand, born in South Africa, came to the U.S. via Israel to Atlanta in 1971 as a political refugee. After completing higher education degrees, he was a pharmaceutical industry Education Consultant. Now a Certified Hindu Chaplain, Manhar provides spiritual counseling at metro Atlanta hospitals, the Federal Penitentiary, and ICE detention centers. He is an adult religion teacher (28 years), been a leader for Hindu religious and charitable organizations, and a past Board Member of Faith Alliance of Metro Atlanta, an interfaith organization.



THE ATLANTA JEWISH THEATRE COMPANY

The Atlanta Jewish Theatre Company is a performing arts organization which offers the Jewish community a wide range of quality theatrical experiences that range from the classics to new works. We seek to captivate audiences with Jewish stories that inspire compassion, evoke emotions, and demand conversation. We are based out of Ahavath Achim (AA) Synagogue and welcome both AA members and not AA members.



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Community Meetup - June 23, 6 pm: Join us for an engaging evening of meaningful conversations, deep connection and a delicious dinner at Ponce City Market. Open to all couples in interfaith relationships who are looking for support and community. Rabbi Malka Packer-Monroe is here to create a space where couples can be honest and real with no judgment. This highly subsidized dinner is only \$10 a person!

PJ Library Sweet Summer Series - Wednesdays, June 12 - August 7, 5:30 p.m.: PJ Library and community partners for 9 weeks in different neighborhoods for fun nights of ice cream and activities! Small percentages of proceeds will be donated back to PJ Library Atlanta. Look on PJ Library Atlanta's Facebook for details for when we'll be in your neighborhood.

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