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Cantor Benjie Ellen Schiller, now entering her twelfth year in the HUC-JIR community, considers herself “very lucky” to have found a position that draws upon her wide range of talents. As Associate Professor of Cantorial Arts at the New York School, Cantor Schiller teaches rabbinc and cantorial classes, advises seniors, composes her own music, and sings in recitals.

After graduating from the School of Sacred Music in 1987, Cantor Schiller was invited to join the faculty. Since then she’s become prominent in the Reform world as a cantor and composer. Her “Life Song Cycle”—soon to be published by UAHC’s Transcontinental Music—offers ceremonial music for significant “turning points” in Jewish life, such as the bar mitzvah, marriage, conversion, and death.

Cantor Schiller said her maturation as a professor “hasn’t always been easy, but now it is a joy. I realize that what I can give my students is my passion for living a Jewish life, my talent for music, and my musical sensibilities and sensitivities.”

She describes cantorial art as a “sacred key” that has been passed down from master to disciple in the Ashkenazic tradition. She tries to teach her own students the “nuances that you bring out musically and textually to make [a song] a real spiritual interpretation, rather than something that is just practiced and technically proficient.”

A second-year cantorial student who has just returned from Israel usually begins with Cantor Schiller’s core course on Shabbat congregational music. She also teaches a third year course on life cycle music.

For aspiring rabbis, Cantor Schiller teaches classes on basic music for rabbis and cantillation of the Torah and Haftarah. “I serve as a role model to students who are taking on the identity of a future Jewish professional.”

Cantor Schiller’s own professional activities are wide-ranging. In addition to her yearly HUC-JIR recitals, she sings part-time at Beth Am Shalom, where her husband, Lester Bronstein (class of 1987), is the rabbi. She is also the Cantor-in-Residence at the Zimmern Institute, HUC-JIR’s annual summer spiritual retreat. Cantor Schiller and her husband participate in a philanthropic singing ensemble called Beged Kefet. The group’s proceeds fund work and study programs for elderly and handicapped people.

Cantor Schiller remembers the day she decided to become a cantor. She had just returned from a year in Israel with her husband, then a rabbinic student, where she had been singing in an Israeli choir and exploring a more Jewish life. When she came back to New York, she found that the world of classical vocal music had become “alien” to her.

One day, she found herself sitting in the office of HUC-JIR’s Professor Lawrence Hoffman, whose class she was auditing. “Larry asked me: ‘For whom do I sing? Do I sing for a concert stage? For an audience? Or do I sing for a sense of God, for a sense of holiness? Do I sing to bring people together?’”

Schiller smiles as she recalls this fateful “turning point” in her own life. “He was trying to tell me that what a cantor can do was all the things I was interested in: the communal, the inspirational, the sacred music. And it didn’t take long to convince me. I really wanted to touch people’s lives and I knew I could do it through music.”
R. ELIYAHU SCHLEIFER began singing at the age of 5. Fifty-two years later, the native Israeli is still singing, but he is also teaching, writing, researching, and serving as Professor of Sacred Music and Director of Cantorial Studies at HUC-JIR’s Jerusalem School.

Although raised in the Orthodox tradition, Dr. Schleifer is very committed to the Reform movement. “I see my mission as introducing traditional chants and traditional knowledge of music and liturgy into the Reform movement—that’s of great value!” he remarked. He’s been the Jerusalem School’s cantor since 1980 and the Director of Cantorial Studies since 1987.

Dr. Schleifer introduces the first-year cantorial students to the “three most important ingredients” of cantorial studies: Hebrew, Judaic studies, and music theory. “The better their knowledge at the beginning, the better they’re going to be during their studies, and their lives during school will be much easier,” Dr. Schleifer says. “And of course beginning students should listen as much as possible to the voices of great cantors of the past, such as Rosenblatt and Sirota, and contemporary cantors as well.”

Dr. Schleifer’s regular courses on the Jerusalem campus include “History of Jewish Music,” “Cantillation of the Bible,” and “Modal Structure of Cantorial Music.” Every other Shabbat, he sings and leads services at the College’s Murstein Synagogue. Because Reform Judaism is still searching for its niche in Israeli culture, Dr. Schleifer—a well-known scholar and spokesman for the cantorial heritage of all Jews—is a valuable role model for the first-year cantorial students.

Dr. Schleifer spent the last half of 1995 on sabbatical in the United States, researching the music of the Priestly Blessing. He also appeared as guest cantor in various synagogues and at HUC-JIR’s Cincinnati and New York campuses.

Dr. Schleifer’s most recent article, “Current Trends of Liturgical Music in the Ashkenazi Synagogue,” appeared in the musicological journal The World of Music. In his survey, Dr. Schleifer found that there is a general decrease in the amount of traditional music as many congregations veer away from “cantorial art music” and explore popular music.

“People do not have the education in classical music that would help them enjoy classical cantorial music. They have no patience for long-winded cantorial presentations,” Dr. Schleifer explained. “There is also a great demand for audience participation.”

Dr. Schleifer believes that not enough is done with the education of very young children. Dr. Schleifer, who began studying Judaica at age 3 and singing soon after, is convinced that children can benefit from participating responsibly in adult services. “Whenever kids can sing, let them sing in the choir, even from the age of zero on.”

Dr. Schleifer came to the United States in the 1970’s to study musicology at the University of Chicago. He received his Ph.D. in 1979, after writing his dissertation on the Catholic music of colonial Mexico. “It’s very important to have a firm general musicological background before you deal with Jewish music,” he explained.

In the world of Jewish musicology, Dr. Schleifer has become well known to scholars of Hasidic music for his scholarly edition of Chemjo Vinaver’s Anthology of Hassidic Music (Jerusalem: The Hebrew University, 1985) and to other students of the history of Jewish music for his detailed survey of the scholarly works of Abraham Zvi Idelsohn, the father of modern Jewish musicology.
The Twelfth Annual Gary Metzel Memorial Spirituality Conference

Looking for God in All the Right Places: How to Find Spirituality in Your Work

The Gary Metzel Memorial Spirituality Conference

"In May of 1983 I attended a UAHC/CCAR Commission on Worship in New York City. The major presentation was made by Rabbi Eugene Borowitz on the subject of Spirituality. It is Rabbi Borowitz's opinion that the aspect of spirituality in Judaism has been neglected so much in recent decades that it now needs to be given special emphasis. This presentation made such a strong impression on me that I started to think about how to structure an action program based upon these principles, with which I fully agree."

The above are excerpts from comments made by Gary Metzel, who developed the first Spirituality Conference, held in October, 1984. It has been recreated by many other organizations throughout the country.

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Sunday, February 18, 1996, 8:30 AM - 2:00 PM
The Temple, 1589 Peachtree Road, Atlanta, GA 30309

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PROGRAM

8:30 - 9:00 AM
REGISTRATION, COFFEE
ENTRANCE HALL

9:00-9:30 AM
SHACHARIT SERVICE
Sanctuary
Rabbi Alvin Sugarman
Shir L'Noar Choir

9:30-10:30 AM
OPENING SESSION
Sanctuary
Welcome
Stephen E. Lewis, Chairperson
Harold E. Kirtz, President,
Atlanta Reform Synagogue Council
Keynote Speaker
Rabbi Jeffrey K. Salkin

10:45-11:35 AM
WORKSHOP I
"Looking for God in All the Right Places: How to Find God in Your Work"
CONCURRENT SESSION: TEACHERS' WORKSHOP – SANCTUARY

WORKSHOP II
11:45 AM-12:35 PM
SPEAKER TOPIC ROOM
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Breast cancer has meant surrendering her independence, but it has given Carol Cooper new insight into the misfortune of others/12

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Russian Programs Face Cutbacks
Atlanta's Jewish agencies are forced to re-evaluate some efforts as money tightens.

Russsian emigre Michael Kamenetskiy sees his English as a Second Language classes as a lifeline. Without the semi-weekly lessons funded by the Jewish community, he cannot master his new country's language, a prerequisite for full adjustment.

His path to complete integration was on hold for several weeks when his ESL class, run by the Atlanta Jewish Community Center, was temporarily suspended while the agency decided how to preserve its acculturation services in light of expected budget cuts for resettlement efforts.

"It is very bad," the 50-year-old Mr. Kamenetskiy said during a recent telephone interview, his son acting as the translator. He made the remarks before he knew that the ESL classes would resume, which they did last week. During the interim, Mr. Kamenetskiy, one of nine students in the class, learned English at home by reading children's books.

He, his classmates and other immigrants Paying thei way: Russians may have to arrange for their own transportation because of cuts in resettlement funds.

Workaholics Awake
Atlantans learn how to infuse Jewish spirituality into the most common of addictions.

How many of you are workaholics?" Rabbi Jeffrey Salkin said to a gathering in the sanctuary of The Temple. Almost all 200 people raised their hands. Some did so eagerly.

"Now, how many of you are alcoholics, or drug addicts?" No hands. The audience sat silently.

"Workaholism is the only socially acceptable addiction in American life," Rabbi Salkin said after viewing his listeners' reluctance to confess any substance abuse. "And it's implicitly or explicitly one of the job requirements of most positions today."

But sacrificing one's family and health for material success is antithetical to Judaism, Rabbi Salkin said Sunday at the Gary Metzel Memorial Spirituality Conference, the Atlanta Reform community's annual seminar on Jewish issues. The Long Island-based rabbi urged his listeners to include Jewish values in their professional and personal lives.

"Judaism connects the concepts of work and prayer so closely that it calls them by the same Hebrew word: avodah. Jews, no matter their occupation, can feel they are performing God's work, even if it's not Jewish work," he said.

Here are the human faces touched by the Atlanta Jewish community's painful and sometimes bumpy decisions regarding Russian resettlement. With fewer immigrants coming to Atlanta and the dollars raised...
"She had a deep and abiding love of God," said Rabbi Stephen Weiss. "It was an infectious love of people."

Of the many stories told on Sunday, one by her granddaughter, Rebecca, "Blair" Kaplan, stood out. "On Passover, Mrs. Cavalier helped her grandchildren hunt for the afikoman dessert and then talked to them about their parents as to the appropriate reason for eating it. Then, when the real afikoman would pay the sum herself? "She couldn't decide whose side she was on," Ms. Kaplan said.

She also recalled how Mrs. Cavalier once thanked a police officer for giving her a ticket because "she was so excited" and how she would express her gratitude to doctors for their work with spirituality, Rabbi Miller said.

"It's the spiritual ache of our times — many of us really don't know who we are or what we do. We work very hard, but often we put work at the spiritual center of our lives," Rabbi Miller said.

"Take three paths to infuse your work with spirituality, Rabbi Salgan said.

- Imitate God. How can a garment manufacturer, or a physician, or a banker, make his or her job more spiritual? Instead of getting caught in detailed tasks, look at the result of one's work, Rabbi Salgan suggested. A garment manufacturer is a creator of people, a doctor is a healer, a banker provides loans that help provide shelter, he said.

- Stand in the presence of God. Judaism is so concerned with the marketplace that there are three times as many laws in the Bible concerning business ethics as there are legislating a kosher diet, Rabbi Salgan noted.

Profit should not be only the motive in business. In achieving success, Jews can infuse their work with Jewish values by keeping prices reasonable, offering extra aid to charities and treating employees and customers with dignity.

-Jews have a specific job at the advertising industry for presenting thinness as the ideal form of feminine beauty. This industry contributes to anorexia and bulimia. Targeting people's vulnerabilities is a violation of the biblical admonition against planting a stumbling block before the blind, he said.
Atlanta Reform Synagogue Council

ARSC Meeting on Spirituality Conference

AGENDA - August 31, 1995
7:30 P.M. - 9:30 P.M.

I. Goals
   - what are they?

II. Enhancing Attendance
    - how to do it?

III. Keynote Speakers
     - who and how to obtain?

IV. Catalyst for Additional Education
    - should we take advantage of the opportunity/how?

V. Funding/Costs
   - $12.50 fee
   - 5% profit fund

Kosher meal

Profit for sale of books

Barbara Rogers, ARSC - 70.
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**Spirtuality Conference**

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CUBA FAMILY ARCHIVES
PROPOSED BUDGET,

1996 GARY METZEL SPIRITUALITY CONFERENCE

REVENUES:
ATTENDANCE (300 X $12.50) $3750.00
SOUTHEAST COUNCIL UAHC 275.00
ATLANTA REFORM SYNAGOGUE COUNCIL 1825.00
GARY METZEL FUND 441.00
BOOK SALES 125.00
TOTAL REVENUES: $6416.00

EXPENSES:

KEYNOTE SPEAKER:
HONORARIUM $1500.00
TRAVEL 700.00
HOTEL, MEALS, MISC. EXPENSES 250.00
SUBTOTAL: $2450.00

CONFERENCE:
PROGRAM PRINTING $100.00
FOOD AND BEVERAGE 1700.00
ADVERTISING 400.00
RECEPTION 200.00
SECURITY 220.00
POSTAGE, COPYING, PHONE 150.00
MISC. SUPPLIES 150.00
SUBTOTAL: $2920.00

TOTAL EXPENSES: $5370.00
LEHRMAN SCHOLAR-IN-RESIDENCE PROPOSED BUDGET

FEB. 23–25, 1996

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We have confirmed Blu Greenberg's participation for the above dates.

Myrna & Robert Shuster
Oct. 23, 1995

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Menu Designed For:
Myrna Shuster for Temple Sinai Based on 80 People
February 24 & 25

Buffet Luncheon:
Spinach Noodle and Broccoli Noodle Kugel

Whitefish Salad Platters
Whitefish Salad Garnished with LaVosh Crackers and Fresh Vegetables

Tuna Salad Platters
In Traditional Manor

Cucumber Salad with Dill Sauce

Deluxe Presentation of Cruditées
Served with a Two Dips
Decorated and Presented on Platters

Fresh Fruit Platter
Cut Cantaloupe, Honeydew, Pineapple, Berries
and other Seasonally Fresh Fruit

Assorted Hard Cheese and Crackers
Array of Fancy Cheese Artfully Displayed on Platter

Assorted Cake Platter

Sunday Brunch:
Cream Cheese and Lox Spread
Fresh Nova Lox Mixed with Cream Cheese
or
Sliced Cream Cheese Platter

Lettuce, Tomato, Cucumber, Onion and Green Pepper, Olives Platters

Fresh Baked Bagels, and Rolls

Fresh Fruit Display
Cut Fresh Cantaloupe, Honeydew, Pineapple

Fresh Baked Assorted Sweet Platters
Assorted Rugala, Brownie, Assorted Large Cookies ...

$15.00 per person Delivered
Price does not include 6% sales tax
SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR SCHOLAR-IN-RESIDENCE WEEKEND FEB. 23-24, 1996

Feb. 23/Friday Scholar (Blu Greenberg) arrives. She will be met at the Atlanta Airport and taken to the home of Maxine and Steve Cooper, who will be her hosts for the weekend.

At 6:00pm, Rabbi and Mrs. Kranz, Robert and Myrna Shuster along with the Coopers and Blu Greenberg will partake of a kosher Shabbat dinner at the Coopers home. Dinner to be prepared and delivered by Preferred Caterer, Inc. The Kranzs will provide the paper goods, wine and challah.

At 7:45pm, the Kranzs, the Coopers and the Shusters will walk with Blu Greenberg to Temple Sinai. There will be a traditional Shabbat service with Blu Greenberg addressing the congregation. Subject: ____________.

After the service there will be an Oneg Shabbat of Kosher baked goods and fresh fruit. Blu Greenberg will be walk-back to the Cooper's home for the overnight.

Feb. 24/Saturday Blu Greenberg will attend the morning study group with the Coopers and the Shusters walking her to synagogue. There will be a traditional Shabbat morning service with an address by Blu Greenberg: Subject: ____________.

Following the morning service, there will be a kosher catered luncheon in the social hall. Blu Greenberg will be available to answer questions regarding her Shabbat morning talk.

The luncheon should end by 2:00pm, and Blu Greenberg will be walked back to the Cooper's home to rest and relax. In the evening a brief Havdallah service will be held at the Cooper's home. Any committee member is welcome.

After Havdallah, the guest and all committee members along with the Rabbi and his wife are invited to the Shusters for food and fellowship. Blu Greenberg will be driven home by and to the Coopers.

Feb. 25/Sunday At 10:00am we will enjoy a kosher catered brunch and an enlightening talk with Blu Greenberg.

In the mid afternoon, Blu Greenberg will be escorted to the Atlanta Airport by the Shusters.
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March 7, 1996

Jackie Metzel
2979 Sequoyah Drive
Atlanta, GA 30327

Dear Jackie:

It’s hard to believe, but more than two weeks have passed since our Conference, which by all accounts was a tremendous success. I want to take this opportunity to personally thank you for all you have done to contribute to that success.

I was blessed this year with a truly wonderful Steering Committee -- a group of caring, committed individuals who just never stopped coming up with great ideas! It really made my job as Chairman a delight.

I’ve just finished reviewing the evaluation sheets, and they were extremely positive. In fact, the only criticism that came up consistently was that “The workshops were not long enough.” I’ll take that kind of criticism any day!

As is our custom, we will be having a “wrap-up” meeting to further review this year’s Conference, and to discuss issues that are still unresolved concerning next year. I’ve scheduled the meeting for Tuesday night, March 19, at The Temple at 7:30 P.M. I hope you can make it.

Again, my heartfelt thanks. You can be tremendously proud of what you accomplished this year, it was a true Mitzvah -- for the Reform community and for Gary’s memory.

B’Shalom,

Stephen E. Lewis
1996 Conference Chairperson

[Handwritten note by Stephen E. Lewis]

Thanks to you for all your support, your dedication, and your inspiration. Working with you is a joy and a blessing. You truly are the heart and soul of the Gary Metzel Memorial Spirituality Conference.
RABBI JEFFREY K. SALKIN

Rabbi Jeffrey K. Salkin is the rabbi of Central Synagogue of Nassau County in Rockville Centre, New York. He is best known as the author of *Putting God on the Guest List: How to Reclaim The Spiritual Meaning of Your Child’s Bar or Bat Mitzvah*, published by Jewish Lights Publishing. Now in its fifth printing, *Putting God on the Guest List* won the 1993 Benjamin Franklin Award for best religion book of the year, and has succeeded in transforming the way that many Jews view Bar and Bat Mitzvah.

His most recent book is *Being God’s Partner: How to Find the Hidden Link Between Spirituality and Your Work*, with an introduction written by Norman Lear (Jewish Lights). It is the first Jewish theology of the workplace, helping Jews and others view work and career as a spiritual path.

Rabbi Salkin is the co-chair of the UAHC Commission of Reform Jewish Outreach, and teaches in the doctoral program at Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in New York. He also serves as the chair of the Long Island Rabbinic Advisory Council for UJA-Federation. He is an erudite teacher and writer, and his articles have appeared in *Moment, Reform Judaism, The Journal of Reform Judaism, Judaism, Sh'ma, Newsday*, and *The Congressional Record*.

Rabbi Salkin is married to Nina Rubin Salkin, a free-lance writer, and is the father of two sons: Samuel, eight, and Gabriel, two. He escapes from more serious matters through books, movies, music, computers and vacationing in the Berkshire Mountains.
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SPIRITUALITY CONFERENCE COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA, 11/13/95

I. D’var Torah - Jackie Metzel

II. Activities Update

III. Long-Range Planning

A. Issues

1.) Topic, or Speaker?
   a.) Pre-plan several themes?

2.) Alternate Local Rabbis as Keynoters?

3.) Move Conference Back to Fall?

4.) “Spirituality M.”

5.) Other

Survey question - what topics like to hear?
GARY METZEL SPIRITUALITY CONFERENCE

STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA, 10/17/95

1. INTRODUCTIONS, "KEYNOTE"
2. SELECTION OF PARLIAMENTARIAN
3. COMMITTEE RESPONSIBILITIES
4. MATERIALS -- BUDGET, TEMPLE LAYOUT, COMMITTEE ROSTER
5. CONFERENCE THEME AND SUB-THEMES -- NEW IDEAS?
6. LONG-RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE
7. ISSUES FOR RESOLUTION:
   A) ART DISPLAY/SALE
   B) PRE-REGISTRATION
   C) YOUTH DISCOUNT
   D) NEW CONFERENCE PRICE?

Put on announcement list
Notify rabbi & van Sinai —
SPIRITUALITY CONFERENCE THEME AND SUB-THemes

RECOMMENDED CONFERENCE THEME: “LOOKING FOR GOD IN ALL THE RIGHT PLACES: HOW TO FIND SPIRITUALITY IN YOUR WORK.”

SUGGESTED SUB-THemes:

1) JEWISH ETHICS IN BUSINESS
2) THE SPIRITUALITY OF JEWISH PARENTING
3) THE SPIRITUALITY OF VOLUNTEERING
4) MAKING ROOM FOR SHABBAT AND WORK
5) SPIRITUALITY AND THE PROFESSIONS – TEXTS AND TEACHINGS ABOUT THE LAW, MEDICINE, MENTAL HEALTH, AND CREATIVITY
6) HOW TO BRING JEWISH VALUES TO WORK WITH YOU
7) DOES GOD LOVE A WORKAHOLIC?
8) SPIRITUALITY AND YOUR CAREER CHOICES
9) IS GREED REALLY GOOD?
10) Which comes first – food, clothing, housing or spirituality
11) Retirement: spirituality, how do you find it when you finally do the time?
STEERING COMMITTEE RESPONSIBILITIES

PROGRAM

Determine format/schedule/content for day, including such items as:
• Number and types of sessions
• Topics of sessions/workshops
• Actual times
• Allocation of space

Design of program
Communicate with workshop leaders/Rabbis on topics
Arrange for evaluation forms

ARRANGEMENTS

Coffee -- During A.M. registration and breaks
Lunch -- Caterer, negotiate menu and price
        set-up and serving -- recruit volunteer help
Guides/Ushers
Mark meeting areas
Arrange custodial/maintenance help
Baby-sitting

PUBLICITY/P.R. **

Press releases to newspapers and synagogues
Flyer-registration form for congregations to reprint in bulletin and reproduce to mail as a separate stuffer
Photo person for conference day coverage
Post-conference press releases
Paid ad in Atlanta Jewish Times -- format, size, price
Make and distribute posters
Contact ritual and adult ed committees
Contact Torah study groups and chavurot
Contact Rabbis about bemah announcements

**Every member of the Steering Committee is considered a member of this committee

MODERATORS

Enlist
Train
Schedule
Post-conference thank yous
And build Jerusalem, O God, speedily in our day. We praise You, O God, whose compassion builds Jerusalem.

May God who causes peace to reign in the high heavens, bring peace for us and all Israel.

May God give strength to our people. May God bless all peoples with peace.
Lea4er.

Friends, let us praise God.

Group:
Let the name of God be praised from now to eternity.

Leader:
Let us praise God of whose bounty we have partaken.

Group:
Let us praise our God of whose bounty we have partaken and by whose goodness we live.

Leader:

Through God's kindness, mercy and compassion all existence is eternally sustained. God is forever faithful. God's surpassing goodness fills all time and space. Sustenance there is for all. None need ever lack, no being ever want for food. We praise You, O God, the One sustaining all.

Leader:

As it is written in the Torah: "You shall eat, be satisfied and bless Adonai your God for the good land given to you." We praise You, O God, for the earth and for sustenance.
Getting Spiritual

Atlanta's Reform Jewish community gathers for inspiration and learning at the 12th annual Gary Metzel Spirituality Conference, 8:30 a.m. Feb. 18 at The Temple. Rabbi Jeffrey Salkin will speak on "Looking For God In All The Right Places: How To Find Spirituality In Your Work." There will be workshops, prayer, discussion, and, yes, food. There is a fee. Dietary laws will be observed. Babysitting is provided.

For reservations and information, call The Temple, (404) 873-1731.

Camp Could Be Cool

Would you like your child to be a blob this summer, or to slide off the Blob into a shimmering mountain lake with hundreds of other Jewish kids? Tough choice. Parents can learn about Camp Barney Medintz, the Atlanta Jewish Community Center's summer residence camp in north Georgia, at 7 p.m. Jan 22 at Zaban Park, and 7 p.m. Jan. 23 at Shirley Blumenthal Park. Director Jim Mittenthal will present a musical slide show and answer questions. For information, call the camp office, (770) 396-3250.

Making Jewish Music

The American Jewish Committee Atlanta chapter explores "What Makes Jewish Music Jewish" at 7:30 p.m. Jan. 11 at the home of Barbara Babbitt. Cantors Barbara Gay Margulis of Temple Kehillat Chaim and Nancy Kassel, a former Atlantan, will elucidate, and hopefully, sing. Dessert and coffee will be served. Reservations are necessary. For information, call the AJ Committee, (404) 233-5501.

Calendar

January 5 through March 30

Wednesday, January 8
Aha V'u luncheon with Martha Elies speaking, noon. (404) 355-5222.

Vida Goldgarn speaks to Mefulls Hadassah, 10 a.m. Joanna Brown, (770) 988-0859.

AJCC Mah Jong tournament begins, 7:30 p.m. at Shirley Blumenthal Park. Meira Davis, (770) 971-9601.

Thursday, January 11
American Jewish Committee explores Jewish music, 7:30 p.m. (404) 233-5501.

Sunday, January 14
Atlanta Community for Humanistic Judaism King Day program, 10 a.m. Elise Kaminsohn, (404) 612-0125.
The Twelfth Annual Gary Metzel Memorial Spirituality Conference

Looking for God in All the Right Places: How to Find Spirituality in Your Work

Sunday, February 18, 1996, 8:30 AM - 2:00 PM
The Temple, 1589 Peachtree Road, Atlanta, GA 30309

PRESENTED BY
Atlanta Reform Synagogue Council, Temple Beth David, Congregation B’nai Israel, Congregation Children of Israel, Mizpah Congregation, Temple Kehillat Chaim, Temple Emmanu-El, Temple Beth Israel, Temple Kol Emeth, Temple Shir Shalom, Temple Sinai, The Temple, UAHC Southeast Council
8:30 - 9:00 AM  
REGISTRATION, COFFEE  
ENTRANCE HALL

9:00-9:30 AM  
SHACHARIT SERVICE  
Rabbi Alvin Sugarman  
Shiron L'Noar Choir  
SANCTUARY

9:30-10:30 AM  
OPENING SESSION  
Welcome  
Stephen E. Lewis, Chairperson  
Introduction to Speaker  
Harold E. Korz, President,  
Atlanta Reform Synagogue Council  
Keynote Speaker  
Rabbi Jeffrey K. Salkin  
SANCTUARY

10:45-11:35 AM  
WORKSHOP I  
"Looking for God in All the Right Places: How to Find God in Your Work"  
CONCURRENT SESSION: TEACHERS' WORKSHOP -- SANCTUARY

**WORKSHOP I**

**SPEAKER**  
Rabbi Stanley M. Davids, D.D.  
Temple Emanu-El  
Atlanta, GA.

**TOPIC**  
The Voice of God: Who is Changing My Life?

**ROOM**  
315

**SPEAKER**  
Student Rabbi Andrea Fisher  
Congregation B'nai Israel  
Riverdale, GA

**TOPIC**  
Looking for God in All the Small Moments at Work

**ROOM**  
309

**SPEAKER**  
Rabbi Uri Goren  
Temple Beth Israel  
Macon, GA

**TOPIC**  
Shabbat and Work: Finding a Balance

**ROOM**  
Youth Lounge

**SPEAKER**  
Rabbi Brett Isserow  
The Temple  
Atlanta, GA

**TOPIC**  
How to Bring Jewish Values to Work with You

**ROOM**  
308

**SPEAKER**  
Rabbi Philip N. Kranz  
Temple Sinai  
Atlanta, GA

**TOPIC**  
Spirituality and the Professions: Jewish Texts and the Health Professional

**ROOM**  
307

**SPEAKER**  
Rabbi Steven Lebow  
Temple Kol Emeth  
Marietta, GA

**TOPIC**  
Stay Awake: Finding Spirituality in Everyday Life

**ROOM**  
316

**SPEAKER**  
Rabbi Scott B. Saulson, PhD.  
Rodeph Shalom  
Rome, GA

**TOPIC**  
Transforming Your Congregation into an H.M.O. (Holiness Maintenance Organization)

**ROOM**  
312

**SPEAKER**  
Student Rabbi Aaron Sherman  
The Temple  
Atlanta, GA

**TOPIC**  
"You Are Holy for I, the Lord, God, Am Holy," What Can the Holiness Code Teach Us About Spirituality in the Workplace?

**ROOM**  
311

11:45 AM-12:35 PM  
WORKSHOP II

**SPEAKER**  
Joanne Barrington-Lipshutz, R.J.E.  
The Temple  
Atlanta, GA

**TOPIC**  
Spirituality in High School

**ROOM**  
304

**SPEAKER**  
Cantor Scott E. Colbert, R.J.E.  
Temple Emanu-El  
Atlanta, GA

**TOPIC**  
Does What You Do Determine Who You Are?

**ROOM**  
306

**SPEAKER**  
Rabbi Stanley M. Davids, D.D.  
Temple Emanu-El  
Atlanta, GA

**TOPIC**  
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**ROOM**  
Chapel

**SPEAKER**  
Student Rabbi Andrea Fisher  
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**TOPIC**  
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**ROOM**  
Library

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**ROOM**  
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**SPEAKER**  
Susan Grossman, R.J.E.  
Temple Kol Emeth  
Marietta, GA

**TOPIC**  
Spirituality in the Classroom

**ROOM**  
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Temple Sinai  
Atlanta, GA

**TOPIC**  
The Spirituality of Jewish Parenting: Does God speak to Different Generations

**ROOM**  
344-346

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**TOPIC**  
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**ROOM**  
316
The Great Holiness Conspiracy

Holy times
Holy places
Holy people
Holy ways of eating
Holy ways of having
Holy ways of speaking
Holy relationships
Holy ways of experiencing yourself
you are reporter for

you heard Ochik incorrectly “Omen Walkmen”

I heard the greatest recording today. The music was very beautiful and familiar. What a surprise! To hear my favorite groups doing Jewish music, I really enjoyed the recording and urge you to get the record.

Rabbi Uri Green

- Physical vs. Mental activity
  - Work
  - Earning
  - Creating

Construction of The Temple
- Synaehutz
- cannot carry key
- So Family
- Reflect
- Shabbat
  - Seriously meaningful