

Movement and Worship

with

Visiting Rabbi Danny Zemel and Renowned Choreographer Liz Lerman



Friday, October 24
7:00 pm Shabbat Service
In person and via Zoom

Saturday, October 25
10:00 am Experiential Workshop
11:30 am Lunch and Learn
(Discussion begins at noon)
In person only



On Friday evening, Rabbi Danny Zemel and Liz Lerman will lead Shabbat service with musical accompaniment by David Halvorson (bass) and David Simonds (clarinet).

On Saturday, explore movement and prayer as art forms that support one another through an experiential workshop followed by a light lunch and discussion with our distinguished guests, moderated by Stuart Kestenbaum. Aaron Emery (percussion) will join our two Davids in providing musical accompaniment for the workshop, and no experience is required to participate. Individuals across all faith backgrounds are welcome to join for all or any part of the day's events.

Rabbi Danny Zemel led the congregation at Temple Micah in Washington, D.C. for over 40 years before retiring in June 2025. His 20-year involvement with Synagogue 2000 (a project focused on the transformation of American synagogues) was instrumental in shaping his vision of synagogue life and the role of rabbi. He feels his primary role as rabbi is grappling with the challenge of “translating” the inherited Jewish past into a theology and practice that speak to today.

Liz Lerman is a choreographer, writer, educator, and recipient of a Guggenheim Fellowship and a MacArthur “Genius Grant.” She has been a long-time member of Temple Micah in Washington, D.C., where she has collaborated with the congregation and its rabbis; and she was a part of Synagogue 2000, where she introduced dance for congregational life to many in the United States. Over several years, she ran a program called *Moving Jewish Communities*, and she has also led communities of diverse faiths in suspending their differences to praise humanity's shared creative beauty.

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