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Rabbi Dr. Bradley Shavit Artson Visits Temple Israel of Boston
Maxwell and Roberta Burstein Scholar-In-Residence Weekend

Boston, MA: We are delighted to welcome Rabbi Dr. Bradley Shavit Artson, one of the finest teachers, writers, and thinkers in the American Jewish community to Temple Israel of Boston as our 2015 Burstein Scholar-In-Residence. Rabbi Artson holds the Abner and Roslyn Goldstine Dean's Chair of the Ziegler School of Rabbinic Studies and is Vice President of American Jewish University in Los Angeles. He also serves as the Dean of the Zacharias Frankel College in Potsdam, Germany, which ordains Conservative Rabbis in Europe.

A prolific author of ten books and more than 250 articles, Rabbi Artson's 2013 Book, *God of Becoming and Relationship: The Dynamic Nature of Process Theology*, distinguishes him as a worthy 21st century heir to the great Jewish theologians of the last century, notably Martin Buber, Mordecai Kaplan, and Abraham Joshua Heschel. His keen interest in exploring theology, ethics, and the integration of science and religion is complemented by both an exquisite mastery of Jewish text and a highly engaging teaching style.

Rabbi Artson's teaching reflects his passionate commitment to social justice, human dignity, diversity, and inclusion. In the 1980's he authored a work on Jewish teachings on war, peace, and nuclear annihilation, served as a leading advocate for GLBT marriage and ordination in the 1990's, and has published and spoken widely on environmental ethics, special needs inclusion, racial and economic justice, interfaith dialogue and cooperation, and the quest for a secure peace for Israel and the Middle East.

Rabbi Artson will offer four inspiring and provocative lectures at Temple Israel:

- Friday, December 4 at our Qabbalat Shabbat service at 6:00 p.m., **"Almighty? No Way! Embracing the God You Actually Love."** This opening lecture will be followed by an expanded Oneg Shabbat and a Question and Answer Session.
- Saturday, December 5 at our 9:00 a.m. Torah Study, he will offer a text-based study, **"Why Bad Things Happen."**
- Saturday, December 5 at 4:00 p.m., Rabbi Artson will address **"Israel and the Diaspora in Contemporary Jewish Life."**
- On Sunday, December 6, beginning with coffee and refreshments at 10:00 a.m., he will challenge us with the question, **"What's the Future of American Judaism?"**

About the Burstein Scholar-in-Residence Weekend: The Burstein Scholar-In-Residence Weekend has been made possible by a generous bequest from two late beloved members of Temple Israel, Maxwell (Mac) and Roberta (Bobbie) Burstein. Their memory continues to illumine our way, and this lecture series brings outstanding Jewish scholarship to Temple Israel and the Greater Boston Community.

About Temple Israel of Boston: Temple Israel is a diverse, urban, Reform Jewish congregation where all are welcome to live Judaism together through discovery, dynamic spirituality, and righteous impact. We welcome the opportunity to comment further on this story.

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