Temple Israel Welcomes Segun Idowu for Annual Sabbath of Justice

Co-organizer of the Boston Police Camera Action Team

Boston, MA: Every year, Temple Israel devotes the Sabbath that precedes Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day to celebrate the values and life of Dr. King. This special Shabbat evening, Shabbat Tzedek, a Sabbath of Justice, is an opportunity to remember, rejoice, and re-energize our spirits. We are delighted that our speaker will be Segun Idowu, co-organizer of the Boston Police Camera Action Team, who has been instrumental in the upcoming body camera pilot program in Boston, beginning in April 2016.

A native of the Dorchester neighborhood of Boston, Idowu is a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Morehouse College in Atlanta, Georgia, where he earned his Bachelor of Arts in History. Following graduation, he moved back to Boston to serve as intern-turned-legislative-aide for former City Councilor Charles C. Yancey. Idowu will speak about the work that he has done in building relationships with community organizations and leaders to explore the issues surrounding body cameras.

We will also be joined by Christian and Muslim clergy and leaders, and members of their church and mosque communities. Additionally, at this service, we are delighted to welcome the voices of the Boston Children’s Chorus and the Temple Israel Youth Choir, to raise our spirits high as we pray, sing, learn, and inspire one another to act for justice in our world. We will be blessed with the voices of students from Beacon Academy, who, along with our Temple Israel youth, will adorn our Sabbath service with the teachings of Dr. King.

This event is one of many programs and lectures in honor of Rabbi Ronne Friedman. This annual event celebrates diversity, a key element in the Temple Israel community, and one that Rabbi Friedman is proud to have fostered during his rabbinate.

About the Boston Police Camera Action Team (BPCAT): BPCAT has one mission and one goal – to further accountability and safety in the city of Boston through the mandatory use of police body cameras.

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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