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**In a Time of Increasing Antisemitism, Temple Israel of Boston
Confronts Implicit Bias and Builds Towards Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion**

WHAT: In a time of particular uneasiness for Jews across the country, Temple Israel of Boston – the largest Reform congregation in New England – takes this opportunity to reflect on how the Jewish community can make an important cultural shift on how we treat other historically marginalized populations. We welcome Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) expert Yavilah McCoy, a Jewish woman and a Person of Color, who has spent the past 20 years working extensively in multi-faith communities and partnering specifically with the Jewish community to confront implicit bias. McCoy was recently selected as one of the [Forward 50: Meet The Machers And Shakers Who Influenced, Intrigued And Inspired Us This Year.](#)

WHEN:

- **Friday, January 17 at 6:00 p.m.** Shabbat service, open to all faiths, with guest speaker Yavilah McCoy
- **Saturday, January 18, 9:00 a.m.** Torah Study and full community training with DEI expert Yavilah McCoy

WHO: We expect high attendance from among the Temple Israel community, as well as our interfaith community throughout Greater Boston. Various elected officials, civic leaders, and faith leaders are expected to attend.

WHERE: Temple Israel of Boston (477 Longwood Avenue, Boston, MA). We are located two blocks from the Longwood Station along the Green Line's Riverside (D) route. We are two blocks from several bus routes that stop near Beth Israel/Deaconess Hospital and less than a mile from Coolidge Corner. Reduced rate parking is available at the 375 Longwood parking garage. Please arrive early to allow for additional time for security. We request that all bags be left at home.

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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