Everyone is Welcome

When our current Temple building was completed in 1931, a Hebrew inscription was carved into the marble just over the front door. The verse from Isaiah 56:7 translates, “God’s house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples.” Over the years, this prophetic call has led our congregation through many chapters of our history. From our leadership in the civil rights movement in the 50s, to the connections we established early on with our non-Jewish brothers and sisters in Atlanta, to our advocacy work in the Welcoming Synagogues project, The Temple has always stood out as a leader in opening our doors to everyone. Today, that verse is also upheld in our congregation’s work in welcoming one of our people’s most important constituencies—adults and children with disabilities and learning needs.

Our congregation and our clergy have always reached out to and worked to serve and advocate for these members and guests. Beginning in 2003, we took a huge leap to not only to welcome members with differences, but thanks to the leadership of Stacey Levy, a local speech and language pathologist and congregant, our religious school began creating an inclusive educational program designed to meet the needs of all learners. Over the past ten years, our school has served over 100 students each year with moderate to severe learning differences or disabilities by creating classroom modifications, individualized learning plans, a learning lab, and by providing specialized tutoring and volunteer classroom shadows. Our program is recognized nationally as the model for inclusive religious schools, and our congregation was named an Exemplar Congregation of the Disablities Inclusion Learning Center by the URJ in partnership with the Ruderman Family Foundation this past December. Additionally, we are proud to announce that our congregation’s work in this field is also being highlighted through a book being published by the URJ Press this month. Stacey and I hope that our book Everyone is Welcome: Creating a Culture of Inclusion in Congregational Schools will change the way that congregations all over the world advocate for and educate students with learning needs and disabilities.

In the Jewish world, February is Jewish Disability Awareness Month. The Temple will celebrate our children and adults with learning differences and disabilities on Friday, February 20. During our Weinberg Early Learning Center Kabbalat Shabbat at 12:30 PM, one of our Shabbat Shalom Temple puppets will be joining Cantor Hartman to speak about disabilities to our three and four year olds. Additionally, we invite the congregation to join us at either one of our two Shabbat services at 6:00 PM (our regular service or Shabbat Shalom Temple: A Tot Experience), both of which will be dedicated to disability advocacy and awareness. At the regular Shabbat service, we will be honoring some of our Temple members who volunteer in our school’s inclusion program. Additionally, captioning services will be provided for worshippers with hearing losses.

The Temple is dedicated to Isaiah’s call to our people to welcome everyone into our congregation and our community. If you would like to find out more about our congregation and our Jewish community’s offerings for children or adults with disabilities or learning needs, please feel free to contact me at any time. I also hope you will join us at services on Friday, February 20 as we honor our children and adults with disabilities and learning needs.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6  
Shabbat Worship Service: Can I be Jewish AND Spiritual (and Do I Have to Be)?  
Guest: Rabbi Rex Perlmeter …………… 6:00 PM  
First Friday ………………………………………. 8:30 PM

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7  
Shabbat Chapel Worship Service: Focus on Chant and Meditative Practice  
Guest: Rabbi Rex Perlmeter ……….. 10:30 AM  
Bar Mitzvah of Taylor N. Cohen …………. 10:30 AM

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13  
Both services will be highlighting Jewish Disabilities Awareness Month:  
Shabbat Worship Service……………… 6:00 PM  
Shabbat Shalom Temple: A Tot Experience ………………… 6:00 PM

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14  
Mini Shabbat Morning………………….. 9:30 AM  
Bat Mitzvah of Sophie Lettes…………. 10:30 AM

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20  
Both services will be highlighting Jewish Disabilities Awareness Month:  
Shabbat Worship Service……………… 6:00 PM  
Shabbat Shalom Temple: A Tot Experience ………………… 6:00 PM

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21  
Shabbat Chapel Worship Service….. 10:30 AM  
Mincha Bar Mitzvah of Zachary Slutsky …………………….. 5:30 PM

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27  
Everything You Want To Know About Shabbat Service  
(But Were Afraid To Ask) …………………… 6:00 PM  
(See page 6 for details)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28  
Bar Mitzvah of Blaine Harris………. 10:30 AM

For a full listing of services & other programs: WWW.THE-TEMPLE.ORG

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B’nei Mitzvah

TAYLOR NICHOLAS COHEN  
Son of Sonny & Kirstie Cohen  
FEBRUARY 7

SOPIE CLAIRE LETTES  
Daughter of Amy & Louis Lettes  
FEBRUARY 14

ZACHARY SLUTZKY
Son of Adam Slutsky & Jennifer Slutzky  
FEBRUARY 21

BLAINE REUBEN HARRIS
Son of Blaine & Suzanne Harris  
FEBRUARY 28

Learn at the Temple

TAMID: A Lifetime of Jewish Learning
The New Semester Begins February 9, 2015!

TAMID dates for the month of February include 2, 9, 16, and 23. Classes that continue into February 2 include: Adult B’nei Mitzvah, Judaism 101, Melton Year 2, Melton CE*: Introduction to Kabbalah, Melton CE*: A Survey of the Major Prophets.

Our new semester of TAMID begins on February 9th with a new semester of Hebrew 101 (minimum of 6 registrants) and Judaism 101. We also begin our semester long classes for Ayeka: Getting Unstuck with God and Melton Continuing Education: Beyond Borders (The Arab Israeli Conflict)

To register for classes please visit www.the-temple.org/tamid or contact Stephanie at sfields@the-temple.org.

New classes beginning in February include:

AYEKA: GETTING UNSTUCK WITH GOD
Mondays, February 9, 16, and 23 continuing through Monday, April 27 8:05 PM – 9:00 PM • Rabbi Loren Filson Lapidus • Fee: $50 for Temple Members

The goal of this module is to engage, struggle, and deepen our relationship with God. The Jewish people brought the idea of a personal monotheistic relationship with God to the world, yet it is presently rarely addressed in our educational world. This module of developing a relationship with the divine is modeled on the stages of all relationship building.

DOING DIFFICULT MITZVOT
Mondays, February 9, 16, and 23 • 7:00 PM – 7:55 PM • Rabbi Peter Berg  
Fee: Free and open to the community

Some commandments are inherently more difficult to do than others. Perhaps it is because of our stage in life, or perhaps simply because of our desire to avoid that which is painful or unpleasant. In this seminar, we will explore visiting the sick, understanding the needs of older people, and comforting mourners. Together we will study traditional and contemporary approaches to these difficult, but extremely important commandments.

JUDAISM 101
Mondays, February 9, 16, and 23 continuing through Monday, May 18 7:00 PM – 7:55 PM • Temple clergy and staff • Fee: $150 for non-members

A basic overview of the many facets of Judaism and Jewish practice: history, Torah and texts, holidays, life cycle events, and more.

JUDAISM 102
Selected Mondays beginning February 16 and continuing through Monday, April 27 • 8:05 PM – 9:00 PM Temple clergy • Fee: Free

Requirements: Judaism 101 or its equivalent and an entrance interview with Rabbi Lapidus. Course registration information will be given after that meeting.

This class is for those who are converting to Judaism, covering a variety of issues that arise as one makes the choice to become a Jew.

LUNCH AND LEARNS YEAR OF JUDAISM IN THE ARTS
HANDMADE MIDRASH: BIBLICAL ART FOR THE NON-ARTIST
Wednesdays, February 4 and 11 • Noon – 1:00 PM • Rabbi Peter Berg  
Fee: Free and open to the community. Bring your lunch and appetite for learning.

Using Jo Milgrom’s Handmade Midrash technique, we will explore this visual theology. It uses an original, interdisciplinary approach, relating biblical ideas to personal development. In each session, we will study a short biblical narrative and then explore a medium that uses art and midrash. No skill or training in Bible study or art is required. Anyone can access both using this simple technique. This process touches an integrative life principle that brings together the scattered and opposing parts of the self; a source creative analogy and a means of enhancing learning.
Mazal Tov to...

- Stacey Levy for being honored at the Power of One Event for Jewish Disability Awareness Month for her work with inclusive education at The Temple.
- Alison Shutzberg for becoming the highest scoring NSCHS student who participated in the 2014 Kennesaw State University Mathematics Competition.
- Anna and Mike Caplan on the birth of Eva Brooke and to big brothers Sam and Eliot.

Our Newest Members

- Tiffany & Michael Aronson (Dane Aronson)
- Judy Aspes
- Elizabeth Davis (Abbie, Miriam, & Benjamin Barkan)
- Daniel Goodman
- Jean Goodman
- Dan Gross & Janike Ruginis
- Julie & Cory Kessler (Evan Kessler)
- Dina & Adam Schwam (Rebecca, Marissa, & Jordan Schwam)
- Mariella Volio & David Rachelson (Daniel & Emma Rachelson)

May Their Memory Be For a Blessing

Our Heartfelt Sympathy to the Families of:
- Diane Guzy Gup (sister of Nancy Hirsch)
- Myrtle Mason (mother of John Mason)
- Emily Weiss Keisler (mother of Milton Dortch)
- Sonia Kuniansky (mother of Ray Kuniansky, Jr.)
- Philip Dietz (father of Andrew Dietz)
- Rabbi Joseph Goldman
- Beatrice Smith (sister of Bernie Marcus, mother of Deborah Smith & grandmother of Sara Loft)
- Matile Ginburg (mother of Sharon Paskoff)
- Milton Kuniansky (father of Harry, Richard & Judy)
- David Adelman (father of Mark)
- Lillian Carrol

THE TEMPLE'S NEW TORAH COVERS
Monday, February 2, 2015 • 7:00 PM-7:55 PM.
Guest Instructor: Flora Rosefsky • Free and open to the community.

This past spring, our congregation unveiled our newest klei kodesh (holy vessels); Torah covers designed by Flora Rosefsky. Come and learn the process behind how they came to be in concept and in reality. Flora Rosefsky will share the process and inspiration with participants.

**NEW OFFERING** MELTON CONTINUING EDUCATION - BEYOND BORDERS: THE ARAB ISRAELI CONFLICT
Mondays, beginning February 9, 2015, for 14 sessions • 8:05 PM – 9:00 PM
Instructor: Eli Sperling • Cost: $150 • Requirements: Completion of the Florence Melton Adult Mini-School • To register contact Laurie Finkelstein at 678.812.3723

Beyond Borders is a strong, historical overview from the late 19th century. In this updated curriculum, the course material is designed to encourage discussion and debate, and to challenge students to appreciate the basis of the conflicting historical claims made by all sides in the conflict.

Parents All Over Town Are Talking About How Amazing The WELC Is. Come See Why!

Join us for Open House and learn about our exceptional early childhood programs for children through 5 years of age. We offer both half-day and full-day program options.

Friday, February 13 @ 11:00 AM
All are invited to join us for Kabbalat Shabbat at 12:30 PM

Kindly RSVP to the WELC office at 404-872-8668 or contact us at welc@the-temple.org

The Priority Application Periods for the 2015-16 school year are:
- January 26 - February 4, 2015 for Temple Members (child’s parent or guardian is a Temple Member)
- February 6-13, 2014 for Addition Priority Applicants *
- February 18, 2015 the Open Application Period begins.

*Addition Priority Applicants include: Associate Members of The Temple, Families who are part of The Temple’s Provision Membership Initiative; Siblings of returning WELC students who are not Temple Members; Siblings or previous WELC students who are not Temple Members; and Grandchildren of Temple Members.

The Breman Religious School & Youth Calendar

FEBRUARY 2015

1  Religious School | 9:30 AM
2017’nei Mitzvah Parent Meeting | 10:00 AM

7  4th Grade Shul-in | 6:00 PM

8  Religious School | 9:30 AM
B’nei Mitzvah Parent Coffee | 9:45 AM
Pre-Kindergarten Family Social | 10:30 AM
Madrichim Meeting | 12:15 PM
Religious School Committee Meeting | 12:15 PM

15  No Religious School

16-18  No Midweek Hebrew

20  Shabbat Shalom Temple | 6:00 PM

22  Religious School 1st Grade Family Social | 11:00 AM
Religious School Committee Parent Discussion | 9:45 AM
Madrichim Meeting | 12:15 PM
The 45 Club (4th & 5th Grade Youth Group) | 12:15 PM

28  Adult-only Purim Spiel and Parent Post Party | 6:30 PM
Cub Scouts Visit The Temple
Cub Scouts from Pack 586 (Mary Lin Elementary) met with Rabbi Steven Rau to earn their Maccabee Religious Emblem. The boys were very proud of their hard work and accomplishments! Thank you Rabbi Steven Rau for spending time sharing and learning with these boys.

Young Professionals’ First Friday Shabbat
Friday, February 6, 2015
8:00 PM Socializing • 8:30 PM Services/Music
Join Rabbi David Spinrad and our First Friday musicians for our soulful, monthly Shabbat gathering for young professionals. First Fridays at The Temple are both intentionally planned and organically-evolving, creating an inspiring musical, prayerful, and social experience for Atlanta’s post-college/pre-family in-town community. Following services, we will have Listening Campaign conversations, paired with pizza from Mellow Mushroom, seasonal beer, wine and non-alcoholic options. Spread the word and feel free to invite friends! To RSVP, email Rabbi Spinrad: dspinrad@the-temple.org.

Follow us on Twitter: @FirstFridaysATL

Jewish Mindfulness: Finding Meaning In the Everyday
February 6-8, 2015
Join us for a Special Weekend of events with Rabbi-in-Residence, Rex Perlmeter. See back cover for more information about this program.

Atlanta Chapter American Guild of Organists in Celebration of our Centennial presents:
Dr. Andrew Henderson, Organist of Temple Emanu-El, NYC
Tuesday, February 10, 2015 • 7:30 PM in The Temple Sanctuary
The Temple is delighted to host Dr. Andrew Henderson, associate Organist of Temple Emanu-El, Organist/Director of Music at Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church, and Organ instructor at Teacher’s College of Columbia University. Dr. Henderson will play our celebrated Aeolian-Skinner organ in our historic sanctuary to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Atlanta chapter of the American Guild of Organists. Join us for this free and open to the community concert, followed by a reception in the lobby of Schwartz-Goldstein Hall.

 Vote Reform Jews 4 Israel
As Jews, lovers of Israel and unconditional supporters of Israel’s right to exist, we are well aware of the many serious challenges confronting Israel today as well as the threats faced by Jewish people everywhere. In addition to the existential questions confronting the state, as Reform Jews we are also faced with serious questions concerning societal and institutional values:

• Will Israeli society and institutions respect and fairly treat all denominations, regardless of level of observance?
• Will gender equality be the norm - where men and women can pray and live as equals?
• Will we see lasting peace with security and stability for the land and people of Israel?

These are serious questions that affect our relationship with Israel and will shape the soul of the country in the years to come.

The Temple is committed to not only supporting our brothers and sisters in Israel but also to helping shape its future. Together we have an opportunity to advocate for an Israeli society that represents our values and clearly puts forth our vision for Israel - a vision in which the ideals of pluralism, equality and peace are accepted.

TO BE SUCCESSFUL, WE NEED YOUR HELP AND PARTICIPATION!!
Rabbi Peter Berg is running to be a delegate to the World Zionist Congress (WZC). This year, in October, the World Zionist Congress will convene in Jerusalem. This “Parliament of the Jewish People” will debate and make decisions about critical issues that shape Israel and influence whether it will fulfill the dreams of its founders to be a pluralistic and democratic Jewish State.

You have a critical voice in that discussion. How? In the upcoming election, you have the opportunity to vote for the ARZA slate thereby assuring that ARZA’s delegates represent our values in the United States’ delegation to the WZC. The delegation from the United States is determined by an election conducted by the American Zionist Movement (AZM). The election will take place from January 13, 2015 until April 30, 2015.

Voting is easy and can be completed online or by paper ballot. All Jews over the age of 18 (as of June 30, 2015) can vote. One need not be a member of any other organization or Jewish institution in order to vote. These elections are the strongest way for American Reform Jews to promote and encourage the progressive ideals of social justice, equality and democracy in Israel and help build the kind of Jewish state all know is possible - a Jewish state that holds true to the ideals of religious pluralism, the growth of Reform Judaism in Israel, women’s equality in all areas of life, democracy, and a solution to the ongoing conflict.

The election is also important because the composition of the WZC has both financial and policy implications in Israel, as resources are allocated based on the number of seats a party holds and the policy positions of those parties. ARZA, representing Reform Judaism, is asking every American Jew who holds these values dear to stand with us.

HERE IS WHAT WE HOPE YOU WILL DO IN THE COMING WEEKS:

• Vote – Vote for ARZA Representing Reform Judaism between January 13th and April 30th, 2015 at www.reformjews4israel.org. Voting is easy and quick. Because the election itself is self-financing, the cost for voting is $10.00 for those over age 30 and $5.00 for those 30 and under.
• Spread the word – Please encourage others to vote. We will be posting content on The Temple Facebook page that you can share with your family and friends and fellow congregants.

The future of klad Yisrael is in our hands. Let us join our Reform and progressive brothers and sisters across the country, to make our voices heard.

I-R: Caleb Dick, Jed Roseman, Matan Avissar, Edan Avissar, and Daniel Batner.
Community Tu B’Shevat Tree Planting

Sunday, February 8, 2015 • 12:00 – 4:00 PM

The Temple is excited to join with Trees Atlanta and the Jewish community of Sunday, February 12 noon-4PM for the third annual Atlanta-wide Tu B’Shevat Tree Planting in Poncey Highlands. We will meet in the green space opposite 575 Linwood Avenue NE 30306, at the intersection with Ralph McGill Blvd NE (between North Ave and E Freedom Pkwy, East of the Carter Center). Parking is limited - so please carpool.

We’re inviting you to bring yourself, your fellow congregants, your friends and family! All ages are welcome (kids must be accompanied by an adult). At noon we’ll start with a community picnic (dairy/vegetarian) and brief introduction to Tu B’Shevat. The planting runs 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. The kids can stay busy with their own special activities: planting real trees, and meeting and playing with new friends. Hot coffee, juice and snacks will be available through the afternoon to keep bodies warm and spirits high! For more information, to register, or to RSVP, email Myrtle Lewin at aagreening@gmail.com.

Diversity in Disaster

February 12, 2015 • 8:30 AM – 1:00 PM

Join leaders from diverse faiths and civic groups in the Atlanta Metro area to learn how to:

• Better prepare your congregation for disasters.
• Understand the roles of emergency response agencies.
• Involve your faith community in disaster relief efforts.
• Enroll in FREE Red Cross preparedness and response training.

The Summit is free to attend but space is limited, and lunch is provided by Maggianos. The Summit’s highlights are:

• An Interfaith Disaster Panel composed of Jewish, Hindu, Muslim, Sikh, Christian & Buddhist Leaders led by Faith Alliance of Metro Atlanta (FAMA)
• Atlanta Metro Refugee and Immigrant Community Panel

Please Register at TheFirst72.org. This is a free event located at The Temple.

High Holy Days 2015

Mishkan HaNefesh

Yes, it’s just January but let the High Holiday 2015 season begin! Start with the mitzvah of donating a set of our new High Holiday prayer books, Mishkan HaNefesh, in honor or in memory of someone special or to highlight a special event in your life. The cost is $54.00 for the two-volume set and as a donor, you and your honoree will be recognized with a personalized nameplate in each of the two volumes. The Temple needs 1,300 sets of books for our High Holiday worship services – please help us achieve this goal! Ordering instructions are now on The Temple website, www.the-temple.org.

Mini Shabbat Mornings

Saturday, February 14 • 9:30 AM

Looking for something to do with your little one on a cold February morning? Infants through preschoolers and their families are invited to join us on the second Saturday of every month at 9:30 AM in the Covenant Chapel for singing and a story with our puppets, followed by a bagel snack and then playground time. We’ll play on the WELC’s two indoor playgrounds or, if the weather is nice, on our beautiful outdoor Sonia’s playground. Please come dressed casually.

There is no fee or RSVP required. Questions? Please contact either Rabbi Loren Filson Lapidus at llapidus@the-temple.org or Edye Summerfield at esummerfield@the-temple.org.

SAVE THESE DATES!

SUNDAY, MARCH 15, 2015 • 12:00–4:00 PM

2015 Hunger Walk

More than one in every four Georgia children – 28.8% of our children – now live in food insecure households. Help us have our largest number of walkers and runners yet! For more information, please contact Cindy Lourie at clourie@me.com or Rabbi Loren Filson Lapidus at llapidus@the-temple.org.

MONDAY, MARCH 23, 2015 • 8:00 PM

Music of Resistance and Survival: A Holocaust Remembrance Concert

Hosted by The Temple, Kennesaw State University and the Georgia Commission on the Holocaust.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25, 2015 • 6:30 PM

Anti-trafficking Passover Seder

See page 6 for more information.

FRIDAY, APRIL 3, 2015

1st Night Passover Seder

Congregational Seder. Further information to be announced.

SUNDAY, APRIL 12, 2015 • 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Blessing Boxes Project

at Action Ministries, Feed The Hungary Warehouse.
Temple Worshps at Ebenezer Baptist Church  
**Sunday, February 15, 2015 • 11:00 AM**  
Join us with our brothers and sisters at Ebenezer Baptist Church. Rabbi Peter Berg will be delivering the sermon. This year, 200 Reform Jewish teens from all over North America will be joining us at the service. A light reception with Reverend Warnock will follow the service at noon.

**The Temple @ DMST Lobby Day**  
**Thursday, February 12 • 8:00 AM**  
Join Rabbi David Spinrad and members of our congregation and the community at-large for Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking (DMST) Lobby Day. We will meet at The Historic Freight Depot at 65 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive SE. In the upcoming legislative session Senate Bill 8, a key piece of legislation regarding Safe Harbor for those rescued from slavery and trafficking, will be up for vote. Come exercise your democratic right as we address our elected officials and strive to make Atlanta freedom’s home. To register for Lobby Day, visit FeaturedOpportunities@streetgrace.org.

**Anita Diamant at The Temple**  
**“Reimagining Ritual for the Modern Age”**  
**Sunday, February 22, 2015 • 7:00 PM**  
Anita Diamant, author of The Red Tent and founder of Mayim Chayim, a community mikvah in Boston, will be speaking here at The Temple on modernizing ritual. This is also an opportunity to learn more about MACoM (Metro Atlanta Community Mikvah), a beautiful new mikvah center being constructed on the Congregation B’nai Torah campus. For more information, please contact Rabbi Loren Filson Lapidus at llapidus@the-temple.org.

**Everything You Want To Know About Shabbat Service (But Were Afraid To Ask)**  
**Friday, February 27, 2015 • Doors 6:30 PM • Show 7:00 PM**  
AIA Auditorium, 5200 Northland Drive, Atlanta GA 30342  
The Kehilla and Atlanta Jewish Music Festival are bringing acclaimed Israeli music group Moshav to Atlanta. Originally from Moshav Mevo Modi’in, Moshav plays an eclectic mix of rock, folk, worldbeat, and Middle Eastern music. They will be in Atlanta for one night only as part of “Kehilla Fest”, The Kehilla’s 5th anniversary celebration.  
For Tickets: www.thekehilla.org/kehillafest

**Moshav Band Comes to Atlanta**  
**Sunday, February 8, 2015 • Doors 6:30 PM • Show 7:00 PM**  
AIA Auditorium, 5200 Northland Drive, Atlanta GA 30342  
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For Tickets: www.thekehilla.org/kehillafest

**Anti-Trafficking Passover Seder**  
**Tuesday, March 25 • 6:30 PM**  
In conjunction with our partner organization the Interfaith Children’s Movement (ICM), join us at The Temple for our bi-annual Anti-trafficking Passover Seder. At our inaugural Anti-trafficking Seder in 2014, over 120 attendees from Metro Atlanta – including elected officials, members of law enforcement, clergy and people of all faiths gathered as we used the foundation of the Exodus from Egypt and the annual telling of our story through the Hagaddah as an opportunity to raise awareness of modern-day slavery and to commit ourselves to a world in which all are free.

If you have been looking to get more deeply involved in our Anti-sex Trafficking Initiative, this is a great opportunity to take a step into it. We need volunteers to help with set-up to make sure the tables and seder plates are prepared with your loving care! To volunteer, email Rabbi Spinrad: dspinrad@the-temple.org.

To volunteer, please email Patricia Schiffman at 2015seder@gmail.com. To sign up to attend the Anti-trafficking Seder, please contact Pamela Perkin Carn of the ICM at perkinspl@bellsouth.net.

**Temple on the Road—Bringing Shabbat to You!**  
**Friday, February 20, 2015 • 5:30 PM Nosh • 6:00 PM Service**  
Join our puppets with their clergy friends for a fun and musical Shabbat. We’ll have a kid friendly nosh before and after services. Gather for services at 6:00 PM. No need to RSVP. See you there!

**Reading Volunteers Needed at FATE**  
Give the gift of your time – help a child to read! Our partner school, Fred Armon Toomer Elementary School (FATE), needs adult volunteers to read with students on an ongoing basis. No RSVP is required. Simply choose a day/time/class from the chart below, sign in as a “volunteer reader” in the front office, and stay for 30-45 minutes. Classroom teachers will tell you what to do and with whom to read. Volunteer activities may include reading to a student, listening to a student read to you, and helping a student to read.

To get started, please contact FATE Guidance Counselor Joshua Lovell (jlovell@atlanta.k12.ga.us) to help with the process of coming to FATE for the first time, volunteer background checks, and to help you get connected to a teacher.
Caring at the Temple
Our Caring at The Temple program reaches out to fellow congregants during times of hardship or pastoral need, providing homemade chicken soup and challah to members who are bereaved, ill, recently discharged from the hospital, or are celebrating the arrival of a new child. We recently celebrated our 500th soup delivery, and nearly every step of the program—from soup preparation, to delivery (within your zip code), to letting us know about fellow congregants in need—is led by members of our congregation. To be a part of this program and to fulfill the mitzvah of bikkar cholim (visiting the sick) or to let us know who needs soup, please contact Rabbi David Spinrad at dspinrad@the-temple.org or 404-873-1731.

Sandwich Salon: Women Connecting & Learning
Come connect with other women at these informative events planned just for us! Bring your lunch, bring a friend, and enjoy conversation with women of all ages. So, mark your calendars with the dates below and join us for some exciting and provocative discussions.

Tuesday, February 3, 2015 • 11:45 AM - 1:15 PM
It’s Time To Get Organized: (Your Brain And Your Focus)
How much time do you spend checking email? Is that a productive use of your time? What better way to start 2015 than to learn how to focus your brain to save energy and be more productive? We'll learn valuable organizational and time management skills from Leslie Walden, a Certified Professional Organizer. Leslie’s company, It’s Time to Get Organized, works with businesses to increase their productivity, efficiency and effectiveness. Don’t miss this opportunity to refocus your energy, become more productive, feel less stressed and gain a new sense of empowerment! Bring your friends and your lunch, drinks will be provided.

Tuesday, April 28, 2015 • 11:45 AM - 1:15 PM
Symphony, Opera, Theater… The High! What Can We Learn From The Arts?
Let’s get the skinny on how and what to sample in our community! How did we get such a variety? Sometimes our rabbis recommend a book, sometimes congregants do, and sometimes we librarians find them. Also, Temple members donate books from their collections. We are a small library with limited amount of space. We, your volunteer librarians, keep an eye out for good books. We read book reviews, assess donated books, consult the clergy, and argue over which books belong in our library. It’s a work in progress. Come in and check us out!

Zaban Couples Center
Zaban Couples Center Residents Focus on Next Step in the Journey Towards Independent Living
A big thank you to all of the volunteers who helped the ZCC residents ring in the new year with good food, positive outlooks and new interview skills. The first few months of 2015 will bring a renewed focus on what comes next in their respective journeys.

As of January, 12 residents had full time employment and a number had promising leads. Much of the staff’s time and attention is now spent on obtaining housing and identifying and utilizing community resources for financial assistance. The Georgia Center for Law for the Homeless who will be presenting to the residents this month is just one of many speakers the staff brings in to provide guidance and support. This is a critical component of the Center’s objective to prepare the residents to successfully transition to independent living.

What can you do to help? Please visit the Zaban Couples Center’s Facebook page www.facebook.com/ZabanCouplesCenter for items and resources needed to help in this transition. For more information about opportunities to volunteer at the Center, email info@zabancouplescenter.org.

Temple Book Club
Tuesday, February 10 • 7:30 PM • Temple Media Center
We are looking forward to having Rabbi Spinrad lead the book club in February. He has chosen Motherless Brooklyn by Jonathan Letham. It has been described as a darkly comic tale, with a detective with a difference. It was a National Book Critics Circle Award Winning Novel.

Library News
Our Temple Library/Media Center has quite a selection of books. You can wander through and find books of short stories and books of long stories. We have books with poetry, photographs, recipes, and cartoons. There are books about holidays, weddings, divorce, conversion, and parenting. We have books that tweak your mind as they explore the thoughts of our great scholars of the past and present, books that let you trace the paths Jews took through the centuries.

How did we get such a variety? Sometimes our rabbis recommend a book, sometimes congregants do, and sometimes we librarians find them. Also, Temple members donate books from their collections. We are a small library with limited amount of space. We, your volunteer librarians, keep an eye out for good books. We read book reviews, assess donated books, consult the clergy, and argue over which books belong in our library. It's a work in progress. Come in and check us out!

Purim at The Temple
FEBRUARY 28-MARCH 1 • SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE!

Sheer Kef Purim Spiel
“Haman and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day”
Sunday, March 1 • 10:00 AM or 10:45 AM
Our 2nd-5th grade TBRS students take on the story of Purim. This family-friendly spiel is open to all.

Purim Carnival: Australian Outback
Sunday, March 1
11:00 AM Entrance for our tots (PreK and under)
11:30 AM Open to all!
Moon bounce, Dunk the Rabbi, Food, Games, Prizes and more! Tickets will be on sale at 9:00 AM or on our website.

www.the-temple.org/purim

Please RSVP to Joya: jschmidt@the-temple.org

Zaban Couples Center Residents Focus on Next Step in the Journey Towards Independent Living
A big thank you to all of the volunteers who helped the ZCC residents ring in the new year with good food, positive outlooks and new interview skills. The first few months of 2015 will bring a renewed focus on what comes next in their respective journeys.

As of January, 12 residents had full time employment and a number had promising leads. Much of the staff’s time and attention is now spent on obtaining housing and identifying and utilizing community resources for financial assistance. The Georgia Center for Law for the Homeless who will be presenting to the residents this month is just one of many speakers the staff brings in to provide guidance and support. This is a critical component of the Center’s objective to prepare the residents to successfully transition to independent living.

What can you do to help? Please visit the Zaban Couples Center’s Facebook page www.facebook.com/ZabanCouplesCenter for items and resources needed to help in this transition. For more information about opportunities to volunteer at the Center, email info@zabancouplescenter.org.
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Finding Meaning in the Everyday

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Workshop on Mindful Parenting
Sunday, February 8, 2015
10:30 AM
10:00 AM
Focus on Child and Meditative Practice
Chapel Service: I Know It’s Not the Right Message at Shabbat Study: Do You Hear What I Hear: How Do I Know If I Got the Right Message at Shabbat? 9:00 AM

Saturdays, February 7, 2015
Dinner and Conversation:
Shabbat Worship Service: Can I Be Jewish AND Spiritual (and do I have to be)?
6:00 PM
7:30 PM
5:50 for Temple members; 5:25 for guests.

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Psychological, intellectual, and spiritual.
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