In the spring, because of Yom HaZikaron (Israel’s Memorial Day) and Yom HaAtzmaut (Israel’s Independence Day), our themes for Jewish education often center around Israel. My daughter has come home from her Weinberg Early Learning Center (WELC) class having made a passport to go to Israel, tried falafel, waved an Israeli flag, and worn blue and white. Our PJ Library books for both children have been Israel-centered, so we have a collection of books such as “Good Night, Israel” and “Dino Goes to Israel.” From the beginning of their Jewish education, my children, and our children, are all being taught about Israel.

A few weeks ago, all of the participants on The Temple’s 2015 Family Israel Experience met to discuss our upcoming trip. We asked adults to walk around and answer questions such as what they are looking forward to in the trip and what they think it will feel like to bring their families there. Their answers were full of anticipation, hope, and excitement. They are looking forward to seeing Jerusalem, to eating falafel, to showing their kids where they visited as teens, or seeing Israel for the first time with their children by their side.

As a Jewish community, we root ourselves in Ahavat Yisrael, love of Israel. From falafel snacks at WELC, to the 2nd and 5th grade Israel programs at The Temple Breman Religious School, to traveling to Israel at any age...Israel is set up as a piece of our Jewish identity, an experience we should try to have because nothing can replace its impact on us.

To travel to Israel is to go to a place where Judaism is the majority, where everything is open on Sunday and closed on Saturday. It is our homeland, full of our history and future. It is to travel to another land yet to feel an amazing sense of connection. The minute we land in Israel, somehow we belong there. And, to go to Israel is to see it with our own eyes, not the eyes of the media or those who continue to hold Israel to a double-standard. It is to ask our own questions, to learn more, and to continue to wrestle with the complicated issues that we cannot ignore.

If you think these are empty promises, I encourage you to look into some of the studies about Jewish identity and connection. Traveling to Israel ranks with Jewish day school and Jewish overnight summer camp as a formative experience for Jewish (continued on page 3)
B’nei Mitzvah

LIVE B’nei Mitzvah in Israel
The following celebrations, highlighted in beige, will take place on June 20 in Israel.

MAXWELL MANDELL LOURIE
Son of Cindy & Adam Lourie

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Mazal Tov to...

- Rebecca Schapiro for being named Atlanta Journal Cup Outstanding Senior at Pieda.
- Carol Z. Cooper, Laura Z. Dinsman and Sara Z. Zaban (Three Sisters) for being awarded the 11 Alive Community Service Award for their service and philanthropy throughout the Atlanta Community.
- Leora and Laurie Schwartz on the birth of their son, Benjamin and to big brother, Jacob.
- Rabbi Rachael Bregman and Dan Guttmann on the birth of their daughter Lilith Nitzan ( Lili Bud).
- Diana and Bill Lerner on the birth of their first grandchild, Selah Rayut.
- Annie and Ben Rosenberg on the birth of Lily Rosenberg and to big brother, Jack and grandparents, Sandy & Ozzie Berman.
- Julie and Cory Kessler on the birth of Owen Mason and to big brother Evan.
- Matthew Scott Hagen and Sara Elizabeth Freedman on their marriage.
- Harris Arthur Abrams and Lauren Rachel Labowitz on their marriage, and to parents, Pamela and Barry Abrams and great grandparents, Shirley and Harold Gussak.
- Alexander Ethan Lewis & Meriden Elizabeth Hett on their marriage, and to parents, Michael and Ellen Lewis and grandmother, Frances Lewis.
- Alexander Michael Brekke and Lauren Michelle Miller on their marriage, and to parents, Marcia and Mark Miller and grandparents, Esther & Stanley Rawn.
- Melissa and Michal Alterman on the birth of their son, Jacob Paul Alterman.

MAY THEIR MEMORY BE FOR A BLESSING

Our Heartfelt Sympathy to the Families of:
- Lawrence Elkind (father of Andy Elkind)
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- Jennie Isenberg Leff (mother of Brenda Raymon)
- Marcia Rothschild (daughter of Rabbi Jacob M. Rothschild z”l and Janice Rothschild Blumberg & sister of Bill Rothschild and aunt of Jacob Rothschild)
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- Fred Burel (father of Steve Burel)
- Mary Epstein (aunt of Judy Berg)

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, JUNE 5
Summer Shabbat Socializing Begins... 5:00 PM
Shabbat Worship Service: Temple On the Road Comes Home...6:00 PM
Jewish Meditation.................................7:00 PM
First Friday.........................................8:00 PM

SATURDAY, JUNE 6
Torah Study.................................9:00 AM
Bar Mitzvah of
Maxwell (Max) Lourie.........................10:30 AM

FRIDAY, JUNE 12
Summer Shabbat Socializing........ 5:00 PM
Shabbat Worship Service.................6:00 PM
Jewish Meditation.................................7:00 PM

SATURDAY, JUNE 13
Torah Study.........................................9:00 AM
Mini Shabbat Morning.........................9:30 AM
Chapel Shabbat Worship Service........10:30 AM

FRIDAY, JUNE 19
Summer Shabbat Socializing........ 5:00 PM
Shabbat Worship Service............... 6:00 PM
Jewish Meditation.................................7:00 PM

SATURDAY, JUNE 20
Torah Study.................................9:00 AM
Chapel Shabbat Worship Service........10:30 AM

FRIDAY, JUNE 26
Summer Shabbat Socializing........ 5:00 PM
Shabbat Worship Service............... 6:00 PM
Jewish Meditation.................................7:00 PM

SATURDAY, JUNE 27
Torah Study.................................9:00 AM
Chapel Shabbat Worship Service........10:30 AM

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From the desk of Rabbi Loren Filson Lapidus

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youth. For adults, it can have profound impacts on our spirituality, our advocacy for Israel, and our feeling of connectedness to the Jewish people.

To those of you who are going on the trip to Israel this June (family, adult, and teen), we cannot wait to travel with you. And to those of you who are thinking about going one day, why not join us in 2017? Travel with your fellow Temple members, your clergy, and experience your homeland! If you want to get a little taste of what these trips are like, follow our trip blogs and watch our b’nei mitzvah service from Jerusalem on June 20th at 10:30 AM EST.
Mazal Tov to Our 11th Year Graduates!
We’ll miss you next year when you attend school at:
- Ashford Park Elementary
- Atlanta Classical Academy
- Clairemont Elementary
- E. Rivers Elementary
- Fernbank Elementary
- Mary Lin Elementary
- Morningside Elementary
- Morris Brandon Elementary
- Pace Academy
- Sarah Smith Elementary
- Springdale Park Elementary
- The Children’s School
- The Epstein School
- Trinity School
- Warren T. Jackson Elementary

We are now accepting applications for the 2015-16 school year. Children who are 18 months through 5 years of age on September 1, 2015 are able to apply. We offer both Half Day and Extended Day programs from 7:30am-6:00pm.

For information about our limited openings or to schedule a tour of our beautiful facility, please contact our office at 404-872-8668 or welc@the-temple.org

Camp Minimac is Offering 1-week Sessions this Summer
Join us from June 1 – August 7 as we enjoy:

STRETCHING STORIES
Stretching Stories starts with the introduction of a wonderful children’s book. We will stretch that story into the week’s activities including special in-house field trips, art, music, drama, cooking, character awareness and more!

Register for 8 weeks and get 2 FREE!
Children who will be 16 months – 5 years old on June 1, 2015 may register for one or more Camp Minimac Sessions.

Leadership Development Class is Evolving
The Temple’s Leadership Development Program is being recreated to ensure The Temple has the pipeline of future leaders we need to carry our vision forward. We are excited to be launching our next class this fall. To learn more, contact Jon Amsler at jonamsler@yahoo.com.

Mini Shabbat Morning with a SPLASH!
Saturday, June 13 • 9:30 AM
Looking for something to do with your little one on a Saturday 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 our beautiful outdoor Sonia’s playground and splash pad, or if it rains, on the WELC’s two indoor playgrounds.

Please come dressed casually and bring swimsuits and towels for children who plan to splash. There is no fee or RSVP required. Questions? Please contact either Rabbi Loren Filson Lapidus at llapidus@the-temple.org or Rabbi Lydia Medwin at lmedwin@the-temple.org.

Young Professionals’ First Friday Shabbat
Friday, June 5
8:00 PM Socializing
8:30 PM Musical Service
Come with spirit and leave with soul! Join Rabbi David Spinrad and First Friday musicians Sammy Rosenbaum and Eli Sperling at our ever-evolving, soulful, monthly Shabbat gathering for young professionals. Together we are creating an inspiring musical, prayerful, and social experience for Atlanta’s post-college/pre-family in-town community and we invite you to be a part of it. Feel free to invite a friend! TO RSVP, email Summer Jacobs: sjacobs@the-temple.org. Questions? Email Rabbi Spinrad: dspinrad@the-temple.org.

Follow us on Twitter: @FirstFridaysATL

Mazal tov to the 2015/5775 Adult B’nei Mitzvah Class

LEFT TO RIGHT: Rabbi Steven Rau, Elizabeth Gazansky Johnson, Karla Shore, Sharyn Mulqueen, Tom Keating, Mariel Tillett, Amy Dosik, Ann Rosenthal.
Midtown 5K Walk/Run for MAC  
**Saturday, June 13 • 8:30 AM**
Get your sneakers/tennis shoes /whatever-you-call-them ready for the Midtown Race for MAC! On June 13, hundreds of runners and walkers will gather in Piedmont Park for our 5k. Registration can be found on www.active.com, Phidippides in Ansley Mall, or in the office. Race participants also receive a great gift bag and a t-shirt! For more information—whether you’d like to run, walk, volunteer, or cheer runners on—contact themacatlanta@gmail.com or speak to your MAC congregational liaison, Mitchell Wirth. Hope to see you there!

**CLIENT STORY: EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE FOR AN EMERGENCY RESPONDER**
Hayley is a single mother of a 13 year old son, and has worked as a paramedic for 15 years. She had to take a few days off without pay to recover from the flu. When she returned to work, she was fired for missing her shift. As her bills accumulated, she called MAC for assistance. Midtown Assistance Center was able to keep her power on, as well as help her with her rent. ‘If it wasn’t for you,’ she said with tears in her eyes ‘my son and I would be on the street.’

Temple on the Road Comes Home and Gets Ready for Summer!  
**Friday, June 5**
5:00 PM Nosh • 6:00 PM Shabbat Service
Join us for this special Shabbat service as we bring our “Temple on the Road”-style service back home to the Temple and celebrate all the ways we engage with the Temple outside of the walls of our building! If you are traveling to Israel on one of The Temple trips or heading off to Jewish overnight summer camp, we will offer you a blessing. We will thank our Temple in the Neighborhood and Temple on the Road liaisons and volunteers for their work engaging our community across the city. And, we will have the opportunity to socialize with one another over a nosh before and after services sponsored by The Temple and the Jewish Federation of Greater Atlanta in support of Jewish overnight camping.

Men’s Slow-Pitch Softball League
The Temple has two teams that play in the Synagogue Softball League, a men’s slow-pitch league. The league has about 25 teams from over 20 synagogues and plays from early June through late August. If you or other Temple members who know are interested in playing, please contact Steve Tapper at tapper.steve@gmail.com or 404-444-0143. Both teams’ rosters are fairly full, but we have a few spots open every season; plus, we also need reserves for games where we are short on players, which is fairly common due to summer vacations and other conflicts.

**ADDITIONAL DETAILS ABOUT THE LEAGUE:**
- players generally must be at least 18 years old (players are from a wide range in ages)
- games are only on Sundays (times vary between 9:00 AM and 7:00 PM)
- one or two practices before the season starts (no practices once games start)
- regular season is 10 games, followed by double-elimination playoffs.

**Highlighting Temple Talent**
Four TBRS students and one adult Temple member were featured cast members for the production of Peter Pan that is playing April 23 through May 10 at Fabrefaction Theatre Conservatory in West Midtown. Photos feature: Pamela Gold Alexander as Mrs. Darling, Rachel Doman and Leah Cohen as Lost Boys. Not photographed: Amelia Kushner as Jane and the Brave Indian, and Abby Edlein as Ostrich. Photography credit goes to BreeAnne Clowdus.

“Both the professionals and the student actors thoroughly enjoyed performing for the enthusiastic audiences and it’s been a terrific experience all around. Peter Pan has been a big hit, especially with the sold-out weekend matinees! – Laura Doman, mother of Rachel Doman (Lost Boy).

**WE ARE VERY PROUD OF OUR TEMPLE MEMBERS!**
Tempel on the Road Comes Home and Gets Ready for Summer! See page 5 for more information.

Temple Book Club
Tuesday, June 9 • 7:30 PM • Temple Media Center
We will be reading The English Girl by Daniel Silva and our very own Jan Rice will be leading the book discussion. When a beautiful young British woman vanishes on the island of Corsica, a Prime Minister’s career is threatened with destruction when a ransom note reaches 10 Downing Street. The Prime Minister seeks help from Israeli spy, Gabriel Allon, who is thrust into a game of shadows where nothing is what it seems...and where the only thing more dangerous than his enemies might be the truth.

Library News
Summertime reading is here!
Consider our Fiction section, with its thrillers and romances, its classics and bestsellers—the ones you’ve been meaning to read. You’ll always find something there, from the Kellermans to the Segals and the Singers. Pick up a Wouk, try a Chabon, give Dara Horn a try, check out Edith Pearlman, who is making a name for herself in short fiction. Or, your next read could be in the Biography section—for example, The Invisible Wall, Harry Bernstein’s 2007 memoir referring to the street separating the Jewish and Christian neighborhoods in a small English WWI-era town that becomes the scene of his sister’s forbidden love affair. Finally, always check the “New to our Library” display near the back windows. Coming attractions: The Lady in Gold: The Extraordinary Tale of Gustav Klimt’s Masterpiece, Portrait of Adele Bloch-Bauer by Anne-Marie O’Connor, and, from Maggie Anton’s new series, Rav Hisda’s Daughter, Book I: Apprentice: A Novel of Love, the Talmud, and Sorcery.

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 have delivered more than 500 soups, 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.

Thanks to our Caring at The Temple volunteer who delivered soup this month: Lara Geller Church, Suzanne Krause-Keil, and Judy Maziar.
To be a part of this program and to fulfill the mitzvah of bikur 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.

Daytime Discussion Group
Wednesday, June 17 • 10:30 AM in The Temple Library
Please note there is no Lunch and Learn following our meeting. The Daytime Discussion Group has decided to meet this summer. For our June meeting we will discuss the film Woman in Gold. We’ll look at what we liked and enjoyed about the movie; we’ll also see if we can analyze the objections of reviewers. Please come whether you’ve seen it or not. We’ll also take a look at the book The Lady in Gold: The Extraordinary Tale of Gustav Klimt’s Masterpiece, Portrait of Adele Bloch-Bauer, by Anne-Marie O’Connor.

Mazal Tov to our High School Seniors as they enter College
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– Rabbi Peter S. Berg

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A note to all of you who participated with your generosity in supporting the Temple and making a very special anniversary evening for Barbara and me. It was a night our family and I will remember the rest of our lives. To be able to share this significant anniversary with so many of you made this milestone all the more significant for us. Again, thank you so much for your generous support of us and our Temple family.

With love and blessings, Alvin and Barbara

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