Religious Freedom In America

BY RABBI PETER S. BERG

I am a staunch supporter of religious freedom. My grandparents came to his country to escape religious persecution in Germany and Russia with the expectation that their faith, rights, and lives would be protected in America. Religious liberty has always been a cornerstone of our nation’s identity and values.

In 1993 I proudly worked on a federal bill (RFRA) the Religious Freedom Restoration Act – which I believe was needed then and provided important protections, particularly for Native American Indians.

However, I am disturbed about a polarizing bill in the Georgia Legislature called “Preventing Government Overreach on Religious Expression Act.” Similar legislation was introduced last year and died due to strenuous bipartisan objections from the religious and business communities. The U.S. Constitution and Georgia Constitution already provide strong religious protections that have stood the test of time. We do not need divisive measures that could potentially redefine this fundamental American value.

I believe we have an important responsibility as Jews to caution our elected leaders against tinkering with the timeless concept of religious freedom, especially when there is no evidence that our religious rights are currently being compromised. RFRA may have unintended consequences that tip the careful balance we have achieved between secular laws and religious practices. We must ensure that Americans are not harmed, intentionally or otherwise, in the rush to enact new protections for religious beliefs. Indeed, we are already seeing examples of RFRA laws used for dangerous and discriminatory purposes that were likely unforeseen by lawmakers.

Citing his religious beliefs, a police officer in Tulsa, Oklahoma refused to attend, or even assign another officer to attend, a police appreciation event held by the local Islamic Society. When disciplined, the officer cited the Oklahoma Religious Freedom Act to support his claim that participating in the event would violate his religious protection. This decision is likely unforeseen by lawmakers.

In a suit filed here in Georgia, an employee-assistance counselor sued her company after she refused to counsel a gay employee. She claimed a right to discriminate despite a company policy that prohibited counselors from discriminating against clients.

In Utah, a Department of Labor investigation into child labor violations was disrupted when a suspect claimed his religious beliefs forbade him from discussing such matters with the government. A federal judge recently found in his favor, stalling the investigation.

In Gilbert, Arizona, several individuals sued the town claiming that its sign ordinance violated RFRA, embroiling this small community in years of costly litigation.

In addition, giving for-profit corporations religious rights – which Georgia’s RFRA would likely do – oversteps the careful balance of religious protection that we have lived by for centuries. While businesses play a very important role in our society, they are not endowed by their Creator with inalienable rights as citizens, nor do they have souls. This expansion of religious protection to corporations has broad implications for laws providing equal protection against discrimination in public services and businesses that serve the public. We must be as vigilant against corporate threats to our faiths as we are against government threats.

I certainly understand that from time to time differences in religious beliefs and public policy arise that need to be reviewed in the courts, but those issues should be guided by the protections guaranteed by our Constitution. And in the few instances when it is necessary to clarify how those differences are resolved, we must err on the side of protecting the rights of all rather than accommodating the fears of the few.

At the Georgia Faith Forum organized by diverse religious leaders shortly before this year’s election, Governor Deal spoke eloquently of the role religion plays in public life and called on faith communities to work together to address issues like juvenile justice and education, both of which have involved successful bipartisan solutions under his leadership. Rather than attempting to legislate solutions to our conflicts and differences, we should focus our efforts on unifying causes such as these.

It is my hope that we at The Temple will unite across race, religion, gender, and politics to address the real challenges in Georgia.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

| FRIDAY, MARCH 6  |
| Shabbat Worship Service......................6:00 PM |
| First Friday........................................8:00 PM |

| SATURDAY, MARCH 7  |
| B’nei Mitzvah of Natalie Botstein and Elijah Z. Harrison .................10:30 AM |

| FRIDAY, MARCH 13  |
| Shabbat Worship Service......................6:00 PM |

| SATURDAY, MARCH 14  |
| Mini Shabbat Morning.........................9:30 AM |
| Bar Mitzvah of Sam Cohen ...................10:30 AM |

| FRIDAY, MARCH 20  |
| Shabbat Worship Service......................6:00 PM |
| Shabbat Shalom Temple: A Tot Experience ......................6:00 PM |

| SATURDAY, MARCH 21  |
| B’nei Mitzvah of Morgan A. Grego and Adam Kaye.........................10:30 AM |

| FRIDAY, MARCH 27  |
| Shabbat Worship Service......................6:00 PM |
| Temple on the Road: Candler Park........6:00 PM |

| SATURDAY, MARCH 28  |
| Shabbat Chapel Worship Service...........10:30 AM |

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

Our Temple Membership Committee wishes to apologize for any misunderstandings regarding the listing of membership anniversaries in last month’s issue. The lead in paragraph to the listing could have been written much better. The members who were listed were for those that hit a milestone in 2015 only (for example, 2015 marked a member’s 10, 20, 30, 40 and 50+ years of membership). So, if you joined in 2005, 1995, 1985, etc. your name would have been listed. The intent was to do this annually so next year in 2016, members who joined in 2006, 1996, 1986, etc. would be listed. We appreciate the passion of those who called exhibiting how proud our members are about their membership! The Membership Committee will be reviewing this matter for the future to avoid future misunderstandings.

B’nei Mitzvah

MARCH 7
ELIJAH “ELI” ZACHARY HARRISON
Son of Michelle Gozansky Harrison & Victor Joseph Harrison

MARCH 7
NATALIE CLAIR LOUISE SANSON BOTSTEIN
Daughter of Stephanie Sansom & Gary Botstein

MARCH 14
SAM ELIJAH COHEN
Son of Terri & Seth Cohen

MARCH 21
MORGAN ALYSSA GREGO
Daughter of Ailene & Steven Grego

MARCH 21
ADAM BENNETT OSTERMAN-KAYE
Son of Jamie Osterman-Kaye & David Kaye

Welcome to our New Engagement Associate: SUMMER JACOBS

As winter turns slowly into spring, we are so excited to welcome Summer into our midst. Our newest engagement associate, Summer Jacobs hails from Voorhees, New Jersey. She has a degree in Environmental Studies from Green Mountain College in Vermont and comes most recently from Congregation Rodeph Shalom, where she was the Assistant Director of Community Engagement. There, she worked to bring members closer to one another and to the synagogue, and helped them to find personal meaning in their membership. She has a deep passion for synagogue life and understands intuitively the power of listening, of welcoming, and of warmth. You will not want to miss the opportunity to join us in welcoming her yourself – she is a wonderful addition to our Engagement team. Welcome aboard, Summer!

Mazal Tov to...

- Walter Jospin in his new role as Regional Director of the Securities and Exchange Commission in Atlanta with jurisdiction over matters in Georgia, Alabama, Tennessee, North and South Carolina.
- Rabbi Alvin M. Sugarman on being presented the highest honor by the Buckhead Rotary of the 2014 Robert Ross Johnson Humanitarian of the Year.
- Susan and Ross Bergeethon on the birth of their daughter, Ridley Emeline Bergeethon.
- Molly and Andrew Light on the birth of their son Levi Dylan and to grandparents, Joanie and Lewis Shubin and great grandparents, Marilyn & Josh Shubin.

May Their Memory Be For A Blessing

Our Heartfelt Sympathy to the Families of:
- Malvin Engleander (grandfather of Marissa Rosenbloom)
- Molly Blank (mother of Arthur Blank, grandmother of Kenny Blank and Dena Kimball)
- Marion Silvers Friedman (grandmother of Andrea Scher)
- Malcolm Lindy (partner of Dale Shields)
- Clyde Rodbell (husband of Robin and uncle of Sidney Rodbell)
- Robert Kraft (step-father of Cathy Herman)
- Lnor Levine (wife of Joel Levine)
- Terence W. “Terry” Lerner (brother of Joseph Lerner, Jr.)
- Selma Sacks
- Patsy Weil Collat (mother of Caki Mendel and Susan Collat)
- Bonita Mulqueen (mother of Matthew Mulqueen)
- Michelle Taylor (sister of Mark Serra)
- Phillip B. Peskin (father of Scott Peskin)

Our Newest Members

- Susan & Dan Fishman
  Riley Fishman, Roman Fishman
- Barbara & Brad Leahy
  Sydney Leahy
- Diane Moskowitz
- Michelle & Joseph Silverberg
  Lyla Rose Silverberg
- Hilary & Dotan Zuckerman
  Miller Zuckerman, Lennon Zuckerman
Anti-trafficking Passover Seder

Tuesday, March 24 • 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 Haggadah 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 Patricia Schiffman at seder2015@gmail.com. To register for the Anti-trafficking Seder, contact Pamela Perkin Carn of the ICM at perkinspl@bellsouth.net.

The Temple and JF&CS Moas Chitim – Passover Food Drive

Moas Chitim (“wheat money”) is an ancient custom in which Jews provide funds to Jews in need for the purchase of Passover food. JF&CS supports a group of dedicated volunteers who have taken on the responsibility of Moas Chitim in Atlanta. JF&CS coordinates the distribution of food and financial assistance for these Jewish families.

Last year we gave out over 240 bags of food to Jewish Atlantans in need. You can help by collecting these specific Passover items (all marked Kosher for Passover) and place them in the barrel in the lobby.

- Passover Chocolates and/or Fruit Gels
- Macaroons (any flavor)
- Dried Fruits
- Gefilte Fish
- Matzo Ball and Soup Mix
- Passover Preserves
- Tuna

* Please note: We Are Not Collecting Matzo or any Matzo products. These items have already been ordered*

For more information, please contact Elizabeth Foster at efoster@the-temple.org. All food must be collected by Sunday, March 22nd in order to distribute by Passover. Thank you for your support!

Prepare for Passover with The Temple's Interfaith Committee

Those who identify as interfaith (in interfaith relationships, parents/grandparents of children in interfaith relationships, and recent converts who have extended family who do not identify as Jews) are invited to join us for these upcoming programs to prepare for Passover:

DINNER FOR INTERFAITH COUPLES

Tuesday, March 10 • 7:00 PM • Restaurant TBD

Get to know other interfaith couples over dinner at a local restaurant. $10/person will cover food, drinks on your own. Please RSVP to Cherie Winsett at cwinsett@the-temple.org, and contact Interfaith Committee co-chairs Martin Maslia (mmaslia@comcast.net) and Adam Ross (adamrossy@yahoo.com) for more information or with questions.

HOW-TO PASSOVER: WHAT TO EAT FOR EIGHT DAYS?

Join Rabbi Berg and members of the Interfaith Committee to learn the basics about the Passover seder. Taste samples of kosher-for-Passover food, learn recipes and tips to help feed yourself and your family for a week, and get all of your questions answered as you prepare for the holiday. RSVP to Cherie Winsett at cwinsett@the-temple.org.

For more information about our programs for interfaith couples and families, please contact Rabbi Loren Filson Lapidus at lapidus@the-temple.org or our Interfaith Committee co-chairs Martin Maslia (mmaslia@comcast.net) and Adam Ross (adamrossy@yahoo.com).

Passover Seder—First Night at The Temple

Friday, April 3 • 6:15 PM

We’ve saved you a place at the seder table! Join us for our annual community seder led by our clergy and including a traditional meal catered by The Brickery. Price for members is $50/adult and $25/children ages 4-13; non-members $60/adult and $35/child. To RSVP, please go to www.the-temple.org/passover or call Joya Schmidt at 404-873-1731 by March 24.

First Friday Presents: 8th Night Kabbalistic Passover Seder for Young Professionals

Friday, April 10 • 8 PM

For the Jewish Mystics, the 8th and final night of Passover offered a new take on an ancient tradition. They internalized our ancient story of moving from Egyptian slavery to liberation, and saw in it a five-stage process to move from personal bondage to freedom. In lieu of our more typical Friday service, join Rabbi Spinrad and the First Friday crew as we take this journey together. The cost of the Seder is $25 with proceeds donated to The Temple’s Blessing Box Project, the part of our ongoing, multi-faceted Anti-sex Trafficking Initiative that goes after hunger, one of the root causes of slavery. Space is limited to the first 50 registrants. To register visit http://the-temple.org/calendar/tabid/237/ctl/editreg/mid/616/itemid/6418/d/20150410/Register.aspx. To volunteer, email Summer Jacobs of our Engagement team: sjacobs@the-temple.org.
The WELC 3 year old classes went on a (pretend) Bear Hunt… They had to walk through pretend mud, crawl through a tunnel, and feel the cold snow to get away from the bear.

Weinberg Early Learning Center

The Malino family made lunches for the ZCC residents on MLK Jr day. Jill says, “My children learned about doing a mitzvah while attending the WELC. This mitzvah was a wonderful opportunity for our family to make the home-school-community connection.” Pictured are two of Jill and Daniel’s children (one is a graduate and one is a soon-to-be graduate of the WELC).

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!

Children who will be 16 months – 5 years old on June 1, 2015 may register for one or more Camp Minimac Sessions.

We are now accepting applications for the 2015-2016 school year for children who will be 16 months – 4 years old on September 1, 2015.

Applications and additional information for Camp Minimac and Weinberg Early Learning Center can be found on our website or by contacting the WELC/Camp Minimac office at 404-872-8668 or welc@the-temple.org
HISTORIC CAMPAIGN LAUNCHES AT THE TEMPLE:

Under the able leadership of Michael Coles and Jim Grien, The Temple has launched the Cholam Latik: Dream for Tomorrow Campaign. Our goal is to increase the endowment fund threefold by our 150th anniversary in 2017, and to expand significantly the resources available for Temple needs. This fund will give us the ability to be responsive to the needs of our members, to maintain dues at a reasonable level, to respond with immediacy to unplanned expenses and to be secure, even in challenging financial times. A strong endowment allows us to continue to be a visionary congregation, always looking to the future. Already, several Temple families have made remarkable commitments to this effort. Their generosity has set the pace for an historic campaign, and we now invite all our members to join the Board of Trustees and campaign leaders in securing a bright future for The Temple.

You have received or will soon be receiving in the mail a packet of information about the campaign. In coming weeks, we will also have more information available on our website. You may support this campaign with current gifts as well as planned gifts; your packet will provide greater detail about these options.

Our campaign theme was informed by Joel 2:28: Your elders shall dream dreams and your youth shall see visions. We invite you to help The Temple “dream for tomorrow” with your support of the endowment campaign.

For more information on the endowment campaign, please contact Michael Coles or Jim Grien, Campaign Co-Chairs, or Mark Jacobson, Executive Director at 404-873-1731.

TAMID: A Lifetime of Jewish Learning

TAMID dates for the month of March include 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30. Classes that continue into March include: Adult B’nai Mitzvah, Ayeka: Getting Unstuck with God, Hebrew 101, Judaism 101, Melton Year 2, Melton CE*: Beyond Borders, Melton CE*: A Survey of the Major Prophets.

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

New classes beginning in March include:

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.

The State of the (Reform Jewish) Union

As Jews we read the Bible differently; through a revealed tradition that begins with the TaNaKh. We are the inheritors of a rich textual tradition that builds on the biblical text with the Mishnah and Talmud, Midrash, classical, medieval and modern commentaries. In this class we will gain a better understanding of the corpus of Jewish religious literature and how it shapes Jewish living historically and today.

The Breman Religious School & Youth Calendar

MARCH 2015

1 Religious School | 9:30 AM
Sheer Kef Performances | 10:00 & 10:45 AM
PreK Early Dismissal | 11:00 AM
Early Dismissal for KG-10th Grade | 11:30 AM
8 Religious School | 9:30 AM
9-11 No Midweek Hebrew
15 Religious School | 9:30 AM
22 Religious School | 9:30 AM
Maccabiah for 1st-5th Grade | 9:30 AM
3rd Grade Mitzvah Project | 12:15 PM
27-28 5th/6th Grade Trip
29 Religious School | 9:30 AM
Confirmation 2016 Parent Meeting
3rd Grade Model Seder | 11:00 AM
4th Grade Mitzvah Project | 12:15 PM

5th & 6th Grade Trip

• Celebrate Shabbat together
• Spend the night at URJ Camp Coleman
• 5th Grade: Team building games and ropes course, free time with friends, and more
• 6th Grade: Mitzvah Project and off-camp fun

Contact Stephanie for more details at sfields@the-temple.org

OVERVIEW OF SACRED JEWISH TEXTS

Mondays, March 2, 9, and 16 • 7:00 – 7:55 PM • Rabbi David Spinrad

Free and open to the community

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THE STATE OF THE (REFORM JEWISH) UNION

Mondays, March 23 and 30 • 7:00 PM – 7:55 PM • Rabbi Lydia Medwin

Free and open to the community

Have you been wondering why we needed an Engagement Department? Join us for this discussion of the state of the Jewish world and why synagogues across America are trying to think differently about engagement and its implications for American Jewish life. We will also present some of the exciting programs and new ways of thinking that the Temple is working on to date.
Young Professionals’ First Friday Shabbat
Friday, March 6 • 8:00 PM Socializing • 8:30 PM Service followed by Rabbi’s Tisch
For March, we are excited to welcome into the First Friday circle Jewish blues musician Saul Kaye. Called by Melody Horowitz the “Robert Johnson of Jewish Blues,” Saul brings his soulful, heartfelt and powerful music to The Temple as both a participant in our Kabbalat Shabbat service and he will join with our own Sammy Rosenbaum to perform at our Rabbi’s Tisch following services. As has been our goal since the beginning, First Fridays continue to evolve as a soulful, monthly Shabbat gathering for young professionals, creating an inspiring musical, prayerful, and social experience for Atlanta’s post-college/pre-family in-town community. Feel free to invite a friend! To RSVP, email Rabbi Spinrad: dspinrad@the-temple.org.

Follow us on Twitter: @FirstFridaysATL.

2015 Hunger Walk
Sunday, March 15, 2015 • 2:00 PM from Turner Field
Help us raise our largest amount yet! The Temple is proud to join with the larger Atlanta community in Hunger Walk, raising money to combat the staggering rates of hunger and food insecurity in Georgia. You can participate by:

- Donating: Go to www.the-temple.org/hungerwalk or mail a check to The Temple, helping us to reach our goal of $10,000!
- Walking or Running: The 5K walk is stroller and family-friendly. Register to walk or run and bring some friends! After you sign up, email Jody Schmidt at jschmidt@the-temple.org to let her know what size Temple t-shirt you need.

For more information, please contact Cindy Lourie at clourie@me.com or Rabbi Loren Filson Lapidus at ilapidus@the-temple.org.

Listening Campaign
Our Listening Campaign is nearing its end and need all of your valuable input! Please join us for a final Listening Campaign Shabbat dinner (complete with wine) on Friday, March 13th at 7:15pm. Share your thoughts and reflections with old and new friends alike.

In addition, if you are a liaison and haven’t planned your Listening Campaign house party, now is the time! Interested in being a host or participant in the Listening Campaign? We will help you find the right time and place. Please contact Zachary Hoffman at zhoffman@the-temple.org for more information.

Temple on the Road—Bringing Shabbat to You!
Friday, March 27 • 6:00 PM • Candler Park
The Temple is coming to Candler Park Neighborhood! Join us for a music-filled Shabbat service at Candler Park where we’ll sing, dance, and celebrate Shabbat through nature. Drive to the south end of the park off of McLendon Avenue NE next to the playground. Please bring a snack or dessert to share for a potluck-style oneg (reception) immediately following the service. Contact Zachary Hoffman at zhoffman@the-temple.org for more info.

Mini Shabbat Mornings
Saturday, March 14, 2015 • 9:30 AM
Looking for something to do with your little one on a cold March 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 ilapidus@the-temple.org or Edye Summerfield at esummerfield@the-temple.org.

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 in 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 Counsellor 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.

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Fred Armon Toomer Elementary School (FATE)
65 Rogers Street, NE Atlanta, GA 30317 • 404-802-3450
92nd Street Y @ The Temple Program Broadcast
This program is made possible by Marc Weinberg in honor of Chuck and Lisa Taylor. Each broadcast will be followed by a discussion relevant to the topic. All technological issues have been properly addressed and enhanced. Upcoming programs include:

THE STATE OF WORLD JEWRY: ALAN DERSHOWITZ AND DEBORAH LIPSTADT WITH JEFF GREENFIELD
Sunday, March 8 @ 2PM–4PM
As conflicts in Israel and other areas of the world persist, new waves of anti-Semitism are being reported. What are the challenges and threats facing the Jewish people today? In the US, Europe, Israel, and elsewhere? Will anti-Semitism ever be eradicated? Join outspoken law professor Alan Dershowitz and renowned historian Deborah Lipstadt as they discuss and debate many facets of this timely and important issue.

THOMAS L. FRIEDMAN IN CONVERSATION WITH DOV SEIDMAN
Sunday, April 12 @ 2PM–4PM
Join us for the first in a series of conversations on how individuals, nations and business must urgently change how they behave, lead and operate in a world that is more interconnected and interdependent. This first evening will examine the challenges in the global arena at this pivotal time and the fundamental shifts needed to solve our most pressing problems.

DAVID BROOKS: ON CHARACTER
Sunday, May 3 @ 3PM-5PM **Please Note Time Change**
Join New York Times columnist David Brooks for an in-depth discussion about what constitutes character as explored in his new book. Some people seem to possess inner lives that are more substantive than the rest of ours. How do they do it? Depth, argues Brooks, is the core of our being and something we cultivate over time; it’s engraved by thought and action; it’s built through the commitments we make—to a nation, a faith, a calling or loved ones—and the sacrifices we endure because of those commitments.

Blessing Boxes
Sunday, April 12 • 10 AM – 1 PM
Action Ministries Feed the Hungry Warehouse
2160 Hills Ave, Suite F, Atlanta, GA 30318
As a part of our ongoing Anti-Sex Trafficking Initiative, join your Temple community as we make an impact on hunger, a root cause of modern day slavery and trafficking. This year’s program is an expansion of 2014’s Blessing Bag project and follows best practices as laid out by our partner organizations, who recommend boxes of non-perishable food rather than bags. This is an acknowledgement that those who are food recipients come from homes where all residents living there are food insecure.

Our goal in 2015 is to fill 1,000 boxes, meaning The Temple needs to raise $5,000 to cover the $5 per box fee to cover administrative and transportation costs. All are welcome, but volunteers ages 12 and under must have adult supervision.

You may donate by either sending your check to The Temple with “Blessing Boxes” in the memo line or by calling The Temple to donate by credit card. To register to volunteer, please email our Core Team Leader Mary Anne Fry: mac@bellsouth.net. Thank you for your generosity and for helping us to make Atlanta freedom’s home!

Temple in the Neighborhood
Photos from Temple in the Neighborhood in February 2015. To find out more about this program and who your community liaison is, please contact Rabbi Lydia Medwin at lmedwin@the-temple.org.

Library News
Passover is a time to tell a story about our history. You can see how our Haggadahs (262.5) illustrate the tale. Our history is a long one. We have wandered the earth for many years. Just check the bible and the commentaries that tell of our beginnings (200s). Our travels through Europe can be found in the 900s with special sections for the different countries. If you are interested in the Holocaust, look in the 940.4 area. By the time you get to the 950s, books about Israel appear. You can explore the history of the land, its politics and our people there. Then we get to America (973 and up) and explore all the areas of our great land. You can learn all about our participation in the Civil War in the 975s. As the numbers go up, you will find stories about Jews in Asia and other parts of the world.

As you can see, we Jews have wandered all over the world and have the recorded history to prove it. Come into our library and find out for yourself.

Temple Book Club
Tuesday, March 10 • 7:30 PM
Temple Media Center
We are reading Suddenly, a Knock on the Door by Etgar Kerat, an Israeli, who is in fact a bit of a renaissance man, having also won the Camera d’Or award at Cannes for the movie “Jellyfish” in 2007. This Book Club will be led by Rabbi Lydia Medwin who is newly returned from maternity leave and heads the Engagement Team at the Temple. The book is a collection of short stories and is an easy read at a little more than 200 pages! Jonathan Safran Foer said, “Keret’s greatest book yet - the most funny, dark and poignant. It’s tempting to say these stories are his most Keret-esque, but in fact they are his most Keret-esque.”
Music of Resistance and Survival: A Holocaust Remembrance Concert

Monday, March 23, 2015 • 7:00 PM Exhibits open • 8:00 PM Concert

Please join us for an evening of unparalleled music and remembrance. The Temple is partnering with Kennesaw State University, KSU Museum of History and Holocaust Education, the William Breman Jewish Heritage Museum, and the Georgia Commission on the Holocaust to present an evening of music honoring contributions by suppressed Jewish composers, songwriters, and poets. The program will feature partisan and ghetto songs as well as a new work for cello and piano based on songs of the camps, composed by KSU’s Dr. Laurence Sherr. Performers will include Helen Kim, violin; Charae Kruger, cello; and Robert Henry, piano; as well as Cantors Deborah Hartman, Nancy Kassel and pianist, Judy Cole.

Admission is free, but reservations are required. Please call 470-578-3214 or visit http://ksweb.kennesaw.edu/~lsherr/2015HolocaustConcert to reserve your place.

Zaban Couples Center

As spring arrives, so does a new chapter in the lives of the Zaban Couples Center residents. ’Tis the season when the residents get ready to live independently. The great programs that the staff at the Center organizes from October through April prepare the residents to face the challenges and the opportunities that come with moving on in their lives. One great testament to this is the fact that as of the beginning of February, over three quarters of the residents had found employment.

The amazing volunteers who prepare meals, supervise at the Center, help find jobs and provide clothing and good cheer have enabled the staff and residents to be singularly focused on a successful transition out of the Center.

A big thank you to all who contributed your time and financial support. As Maimonides said, "A single person performing a single mitzvah could be the deed that tips the scales and brings redemption to the entire world and all of creation.”

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.

The Temple has several new and ongoing ways for our congregation to become more deeply involved with our longtime partners, the Zaban Couples Center:

1. Contribute to the preparation and delivery of weekly lunches for 40 residents
2. Employment assistance for jobs in varies industries are needed
3. Employment assistance such as uniforms (white shirts black pants and work shoes), eye glasses, and job referrals are always welcome
4. Teach groups at ZCC from 8-9pm on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday
5. Temple members are encouraged to come and be a part of our program events throughout the year

For further information or to volunteer, contact Zaban Couples Center Directors of Operations Karyn Woods at 404-872-2915.

Bingo at the Jewish Home

Wednesday, April 15 • 7:30 – 8:30 PM

Please consider joining other Temple congregants for a one-time mitzvah project. We will be going to the William Breman Jewish Home to assist with their weekly Bingo Party. It is a mitzvah to share your time with the residents. We will help them play bingo and serve cookies and soft drinks. Please RSVP by emailing Barbara Abend at barbara.abend@gmail.com with the number of family members that will be joining you. Upon receiving your response, she will send you further details.

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 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.
Consulate General of Israel in Atlanta Invites
The Temple to Participate in Yom Hazikaron

April 21, 2015 • 7:30 PM at Congregation Ahavath Achim

The Consulate General of Israel of the Southeast and the Israeli House in Atlanta invite The Temple to participate in the annual Memorial Ceremony for Israel’s fallen soldiers and victims of terror. Yom Hazikaron is designated as Israel’s official Memorial Day to honor its fallen servicemen, servicewomen, and civilian casualties. Yom Hazikaron gives us the opportunity to honor and remember those who have paid the ultimate sacrifice in the name of Israel. This year’s Memorial Ceremony will take place at Congregation Ahavath Achim on April 21 at 7:30 PM.

We ask that congregants provide the Consulate General of Israel with the names of any immediate family members who have fallen while protecting Israel or as victims of terror. We want to honor those from our local community, and there will be memorial candles located at the entrance of AA. These candles will be lit during the ceremony.

If you plan to attend, please wear a white shirt and arrive to the synagogue no later than 7:15 PM. There will be a security screening prior to entering the synagogue, and guests are asked to leave large bags and unnecessary items in their vehicles.

Your presence at the Yom Hazikaron Memorial Ceremony is of the utmost importance. Please RSVP to consul.sec@atlanta.mfa.gov.il. For more information, visit the website at http://atlanta.mfa.gov.il.

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.

SYMPOSIUM, OPERA, THEATER...
THE HIGH! WHAT CAN WE LEARN FROM THE ARTS?

Tuesday, April 28, 2015 • 11:45 AM - 1:15 PM
Let’s get the skinny on how and what to sample in our community!

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

Temple Confirmand in Israel

Walker Goldstein, son of Andrew Goldstein and Gail Scogin, is currently in Israel as part of a student exchange program with his school, Academe of the Oaks. Since mid-January, he has been living with Ma’ayan Hochberg who was on exchange and staying with the Goldsteins last fall. Walker is living and attending school at Kibbutz Harduf. Kibbutz Harduf is a biodynamic farm community located on a hill in the Lower Galilee overlooking Mount Carmel, the Valley of Zevulun, and the city of Haifa. In addition to attending school and learning more Hebrew, he will be working with horses on the farm. He reports that he is making lots of friends and having a great time.
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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**March 6**
8:00 PM Young Professionals’ First Friday Shabbat

**March 8**
2:00 PM 92Y: The State of World Jewry

**March 10**
7:00 PM Dinner for Interfaith Couples*
7:30 PM Temple Book Club

**March 14**
9:30 AM Mini Shabbat Morning

**March 15**
2:00 PM 2015 Hunger Walk*

**March 20**
5:30 PM Shabbat Shalom Temple: A Tot Experience

**March 22**
10:00 AM How-To Passover: What to Eat for Eight Days?

**March 23**
7:00 PM Music of Resistance and Survival:
Exhibit open
8:00 PM Holocaust Remembrance Concert

**March 24**
6:30 PM Anti-trafficking Passover Seder

**March 27**
6:00 PM Temple on the Road—Candler Park*

**April 3**
6:15 PM Passover Seder—First Night at The Temple

**April 10**
8:00 PM First Friday Presents: 8th Night Kabbalistic Passover Seder for Young Professionals

**April 15**
7:30 PM Bingo at the Jewish Home*

**April 12**
10:00 AM Blessing Boxes*
2:00 PM 92Y: Thomas L. Friedman in Conversation with Dov Seidman

**April 21**
7:30 PM Consulate General of Israel in Atlanta Invites The Temple to Participate in Yom Hazikaron*

**April 28**
11:45 AM Sandwich Salon: Symphony, Opera, Theater… The High! What Can We Learn From The Arts?

**May 1**
6:00 PM Confirmation Consecration Shabbat

**May 3**
10:00 AM Confirmation Service
3:00 PM 92Y: David Brooks: On Character

* Program is away from The Temple

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