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The worst and most powerful idols we have today are not made of stone and wood. They are made of ideas. Is single-minded fanaticism a necessity for passion or can we have a multilingual view of God—the idea that God is not exhausted from a singular religious path? I’d like to believe that it is possible that Islam, Christianity, and Judaism could know of a God who speaks Arabic on Fridays, Hebrew on Saturdays, and Latin on Sundays.

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Worship Schedule:

**Friday, February 3**
- Shabbat Worship Service .................. 6:00 PM
- Meditation – Room 34 ....................... 7:00 PM
- The Well ......................................... 8:00 PM

**Saturday, February 4**
- Torah Study....................................... 9:00 AM
- Bar Mitzvah of Zachary Simonoff ...... 10:30 AM

**Friday, February 10**
- Shabbat Worship Service highlighting LGBTQ Advocacy (p. 4) ................. 6:00 PM
- Meditation – Room 34 ....................... 7:00 PM

**Saturday, February 11**
- Torah Study....................................... 9:00 AM
- Mini Shabbat Morning ....................... 9:30 AM
- Shabbat Worship Service............... 10:30 AM
- Mincha Bar Mitzvah of Maxwell Crow ...................................... 5:30 PM

**Friday, February 17**
- Shabbat Worship Service with guest speaker: Gavy Friedson................. 6:00 PM
- Meditation – Room 34 ....................... 7:00 PM

**Saturday, February 18**
- Torah Study....................................... 9:00 AM
- Bar Mitzvah of Jonah Wassersug ............................... 10:30 AM

**Friday, February 24**
- Shabbat Worship Service .................... 6:00 PM
- YoFi Service ....................................... 6:00 PM
- Meditation – Room 34 ....................... 7:00 PM

**Saturday, February 25**
- Torah Study....................................... 9:00 AM
- B’nei Mitzvah of Mattingly “Mattie” Kossak & Dylan DeSimone .......... 10:30 AM

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### B’nei Mitzvah

- **February 4**
  - Zacary Aaron Simonoff
    - Son of Casey Simonoff & Andy Simonoff
- **February 11**
  - Maxwell Ian Crow
    - Son of Jordan & Kevin Crow
- **February 18**
  - Jonah Matthew Wassersug
    - Son of Dara & Mark Wassersug
- **February 25**
  - Mattingly Isabelle Kossak
    - Daughter of Dan & Janie Kossak
  - Dylan Martin Desimone
    - Son of Elaine DeSimone & Jon P. DeSimone
  - Samantha “Sam” Siegel
    - Daughter of Kathy & David Siegel (At an Off-site Location)

### Mazal Tov!
- Daniel Glynn Brennan and Laurence Matthew Weinisch on their marriage
- Lewis & Joanie Shubin of the birth of their grandson, Charlie Benjamin Light born to Molly and Andrew Light and to great-grandparents, Marilyn and Josh Shubin
- Taylor and Samuel Shapero on the birth of their daughter, Madeline

### May Their Memory Be For a Blessing
Our Heartfelt Sympathy to the Families of:
- Margaret Jaffe Goldberg (Mother of Judy Pollock)
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- Sheila B. Rothman (mother of Janet Brody)
- Stephanie B. Manis (wife of Bob Manis and mother of Lisa Vayle)
- Michael Gale (father of Suzanne Rubini)
- Phillip Fishbein (grandfather of Daniel Fishbein)
- George Jones (husband of Ann Jones and father of Robin Phillips)
- George Thomas (uncle of Brad Baker)
- Gerry Scheer (wife of Fred Scheer, mother of Barbara Eason)
- Richard Griffin (husband of Susan)
- Sala Winter (mother of Mark Winter)

### Our Newest Members
- Madeline & Noah Bader | Alexander & Eleanor Bader
- Nichole Millikan & Alex Goralnik
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- Shelly & Matt Stone | Jack Stone
- Deborah Schwartz Griffin & Jim Griffin

### Torah & Haftarah

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Questions? Contact Kara Hoffman at khoffman@the-temple.org.

PURIM!
Sunday, March 5, 2017
10 and 10:45 AM
Spiel “Esther and the Beast” performed by Sheer Kef (TBRS Youth Performers)
11:00 AM
Entrance to Carnival for Tots
11:30 AM
Early Dismissal for RS, Carnival Open to All

FUN FOR EVERYONE!
Dunk the Rabbi, Food, Prizes, Games, Moon Bounce

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Young Professionals Programs

**THE WELL TURNS THREE!**

**Friday, February 3 @ 8:00 PM**

Join Rabbi David Spinrad, Sammy Rosenbaum, and our musicians for a special Shabbat evening service. It has gone by quickly, and we want to celebrate three with you three dynamic years as Atlanta’s premiere Jewish gathering place for music, prayer, socializing, and community. Raise a glass with us to celebrate what The Well has become: a continuing evolution and experiment in Jewish prayer that strives to be resonant and inclusive for people of all levels of familiarity and comfort with the service and with Judaism. Gather with us in the Covenant Chapel as we sing and pray and talk about what we aspire to be: A valued center of Jewish community where we have the opportunity to connect to something greater than ourselves and fulfill our potential as a community.

**STORYWELL AT THE PORTER**

**Wednesday, March 8th @ 7:00 PM**

Storyboard at The Porter (1156 Euclid Avenue). “Resilience” is our theme for the fourth installment of StoryWell for young professionals and if you have a story of resilience and grit that is personal, candid, and worth telling, we want to hear from you! The four-part process is simple and works like this: 1) Participate in a storytelling boot camp with master storyteller Jay Golden 7PM-9PM at The Temple on Monday, February 13; 2) partner with another storyteller from your cohort to practice your story 3) Meet once with either Rabbi Spinrad or Rabbi Medwin to polish your story 4) Bring your friends to The Porter at 7PM on Wednesday, March 8th and share your story of resilience! The Porter is a small venue and this event sells out every time, so if you are interested in attending, don’t wait. To sign up as a storyteller or to join the audience, email Summer: sjacobs@the-temple.org. Cost is $10.

Beineinu: The Two of Us

**A RETREAT FOR YOUNG MARRIED COUPLES**

**Friday, March 31 to Saturday, April 1, 2017 • Lanier Islands Resort**

This retreat, facilitated by Rabbis Lapidus and Medwin, is for couples who have been married within the last three years and do not have children. Subsidies are available for interfaith couples. For more information about the program and registration, please contact Rabbi Lapidus at llapidus@the-temple.org. We are also gauging interest in a parallel track for those married within the last seven years (attending without children)—if you would be interested, please email Rabbi Lapidus.

Sandwich Salon

**Tuesday, February 21, 2017 • 11:45AM-1:15PM**

We all love our stuff! Have you wondered if Grandma’s favorite teapot, which looks JUST LIKE the one that sold on Antiques Roadshow for LOTS of money, is the real deal?? Join us for Sandwich Salon and some inside info! Our guest will be Amanda Everard, President of Everard Auctions and Appraisals, which sells fine art, antiques and collectibles in quarterly online auctions. Go “Behind the scenes at The Antiques Roadshow and learn what to do with all your stuff!” For more info on Everard Auctions and Appraisals, follow the link: Everard Auctions. Please RSVP by February 14 to Joya Schmidt.

Engage @ The Temple

**ADULTS ONLY!**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 11**

It is awards season and we’re rolling out the hottest red carpet from Atlanta to Shushan! Join us for the Golden Domes as we celebrate the best of movies, TV, music, and of course, The Temple. This will be a glamorous night that’s not to be missed, so mark your calendars, grab your festive attire, and don’t miss the event of the season!
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.

Thank you to our Caring at The Temple volunteers who delivered soup this month: Susan Banner, Arlette Berlin, Sandy & Duane Cox, Scott Edlein, Ellen Fruenthal, Craig & Hope Kaufman, Lynne & Tom Keating, Hank Kimmel, Linda Levy, Wendy Lipshutz, Denny Marcus, Deborah Maslia, Judy Maziar, Rabbi Lydia Medwin, Sharyn Mulqueen, Valerie Needle, Arlene Presser, Stanley Romanstein, Ellen Schwartz, Debbie Shelton, Jenna Shulman, Marcy Solmon, Jill Spasser, Shanya Steinfeld, Ronnie van Gelder, Jessica Landisman Williams.

To be a part of this program and to fulfill the mitzvah of bikkur cholim (visiting the sick) or to let us know who needs soup, please contact Rabbi Lydia Medwin at lmedwin@the-temple.org or 404-873-1731.

Zaban Paradies Center

The Zaban Paradies Center has some great opportunities for Temple members who would like to volunteer this winter.

Every third Friday, we host the Happy Hearth social event from 5-6:30 PM. Light music, refreshments and networking with the residents.

The lunch program needs volunteers as our goal is to have a healthy bagged lunch for our residents everyday.

Also, we need volunteers to help with the job readiness program who can lend business skills and coaching to the residents in search of employment. The first class of graduates from the ZPC job readiness program resulted with 5 residents obtaining employment.

For more information about volunteer opportunities, please contact the center at 404-872-2915 and ask for Marc Green.

The Esther Bleich Scholarship

The Temple's Esther Bleich Scholarship Fund was established in 1978 by Dr. Jack K. Bleich in memory of his mother. Ever since, it has been awarding grants or loans to worthy and deserving members of the Atlanta Jewish Community who are pursuing a college education. Applications may be obtained by contacting The Temple office at 404.873.1731. The Deadline for submitting applications is March 31 of each year.
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Religion is still the logical grounding for our democracy, but we must learn to speak to one another in ways that we can each hear, in words that allow for learning and growth and even disagreement. This task is, in no small part, the last, greatest hope in our humanity.

In Jewish tradition, we have over seventy names and attributes for God. One of them is Adonai Tzilcha—“God is your shadow.” How can God be a shadow, a mere image cast on the ground, created by our own image? If you stand bent over, then the shadow of God will be contracted and shrunken, but if your stand straight, the shadow will expand and grow mightily. In our community, when we stand with outstretched arms, God will be elevated and enlarged in our lives. God is reflected in our actions. Don’t think that only we live in God’s shadow, act as if God lives in ours.

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