Worship Schedule

Friday, January 6
- Shabbat Worship Service 6:00 PM
- Meditation – Room 34 7:00 PM
- The Well 8:00 PM

Saturday, January 7
- Torah Study 9:00 AM
- B’not Mitzvah of Isabel Warshaw & Sydney Leahy 10:30 AM

Friday, January 13
- MLK, Jr. Shabbat Worship Service 8:00 PM
- Meditation – Room 34 7:00 PM

Saturday, January 14
- Torah Study 9:00 AM
- Mini Shabbat Morning 9:30 AM
- Bat Mitzvah of Dahlia Spinrad 10:30 AM

Friday, January 20
- Shabbat Worship Service 6:00 PM
- YoFi Service 6:00 PM
- Meditation – Room 34 7:00 PM

Saturday, January 21
- Torah Study 9:00 AM
- Bat Mitzvah of Allison “Ally” Carter 10:30 AM
- Mincha Bar Mitzvah of Cole Kaplan 5:30 PM

Friday, January 27
- UPB Shabbat Worship Service 6:00 PM
- Meditation – Room 34 7:00 PM

Saturday, January 28
- Torah Study 9:00 AM
- Bat Mitzvah of Rileigh Goldstrom 10:30 AM

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

I have often wondered about the origins of some of our tradition’s rituals. In fact, there are a few that seem archaic and superstitious… perhaps even a little strange. Three times each day, Jews traditionally add a line into the Tefilah or Amidah prayer petitioning God for rain in the wintertime and acknowledging the blessing of dew in the summer. We make the transition from acknowledging the dew to asking for rain as we begin the holiday of Sukkot. Though that may seem not so out of the ordinary, when we add in the ritual of shaking the lulav in our sukkah, it is as if we have a full-blown rain dance. However, as I write this article, I’m looking out the window in awe at the first rainstorm we’ve had in months. It’s in the midst of a drought, with forests around us and cities in Tennessee being engulfed in flames, that I find meaning and an even stronger connection with our tradition’s sometimes strange-sounding rituals.

In the north of Israel, we are also hearing of the worst forest fires in our nation’s history. To date*, over 75,000 Israelis have been displaced from their homes, and Russia, Turkey, Italy, Cyprus, France, and Ukraine have all joined in the efforts to contain and put out the fires raging all around the north. Now more than ever, we can understand the reason our ancestors added a prayer for rain into our daily prayer. In addition to simply adding the words to the Amidah prayer, we can help rebuild Israel’s forests through special campaigns going on now with the Jewish National Fund (www.jnf.org) and the Association of Reform Zionists of America (http://arza.org/donate/crisis).

Water and rain both have such strong meanings and significance in Judaism. Story after story in the Torah we learn of the power of rain and water (the flood, Moses being drawn out of the water, the crossing of the Red Sea, etc.). Our sages constantly compared the Torah with water, sharing that water and Torah are both the essence of life… without them, nothing can survive.

As we approach Martin Luther King, Jr. weekend this month, we see our own congregation’s connections...
Please join as

**Dahlia Spinrad**
*Daughter of Rabbi David & Gal Spinrad*

is called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah

Saturday, January 14, 2017
10:30 a.m.

The Temple
1589 Peachtree Street NE
Atlanta, Georgia

Kiddush luncheon following the service

RSVP by January 5th to nfinley@the-temple.org

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**OUR NEWEST MEMBERS**

- Mary Nelson Barnett & Matt Barnett
- Benita Kornberg
- Leigh & Matt Long
  *Sylvie Long*
- Belinda & Andrew Richardson
  *Natalie Richardson*

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**MAZAL TOV!**

- Chip and Leah Taylor on the birth of their son, Jake and to big sister, Edie and grandparents, Betsy & Howard Fleisig
- Tanya and Lance Stein on the birth of their daughter, Emilia Raquel and to big sisters, Camilo and Victoria
- Elaine Alexander for being honored by Planned Parenthood Southeast as first lifetime director to the Board of Directors

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**MAY THEIR MEMORY BE FOR A BLESSING**

Our Heartfelt Sympathy to the Families of:

- Dave Wolf, Jr. (husband of Jackie Wolf)
- Arthur Kanfer (husband of Jackie Kanfer)
- Abraham Moses Lourie (father of Adam Lourie)
- Louis David (LD) Coddon (husband of Susan)
- Bramy Resnik (father of Colette Steel)
- Sonia W. Schwartz (mother of William, Robert, and Jay)
YoFI Shabbat
Friday, January 20
YoFI Shabbat is a worship experience for young readers. Services are led by a rabbi and song leader and are followed by a dinner catered by Willy’s. January’s YoFI is hosted by the TBRS 1st Graders.

To register for dinner, please visit www.the-temple.org by January 19:
- Members: Ages 10 years and up $12, 2-9 years $10, under 2 are free
- Guests: Ages 10 years and up $15, 2-9 years $12, under 2 are free

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

PROJECT MERRY MITZVAH
Our 6th annual Project Merry Mitzvah was a huge success! Residents of the Zaban-Paradies Center came over to The Temple for a special seated meal, games, and a time to shop in our “Mitzvah Mall,” where they pick out gifts for their spouses to be used as they transition into permanent housing. A special thank you to everyone who sent in gifts for our “Mitzvah Mall,” our adult volunteers who helped in the kitchen or gift wrapping, Buttermilk Sky Pie for donating our delicious dessert, and especially to our 50 teen volunteers, who made the night a huge success!

YoFI Shabbat

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**THE WELL TURNS THREE!**

*Friday, January 6 @ 8 PM*

Join Rabbi David Spinrad, Sammy Rosenbaum, and our musicians for a special Shabbat evening service as we celebrate The Well and 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.

**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.

**Infant-Toddler Programs at The Temple**

**MINI SHABBAT MORNING**

*Saturday, January 14 @ 9:30 AM*

Join us on Saturday, January 14 at 9:30 AM for Shabbat fun as we talk about Tu B’Shvat, the holiday celebrating trees! If the weather cooperates, we’ll take a hike through our garden and notice all of the amazing details about nature! Following services, we’ll have a bagel snack and time on the WELC’s amazing outdoor or indoor playground.

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 music and a story with our puppets.

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. We look forward to seeing you this Shabbat!

**Kulanu (Empty Nesters): Film Festival Preview with Bob Bahr and Matthew Bernstein**

*Sunday, January 15 @ 6:00 PM*

Dr. Matthew Bernstein, the chair of Emory University’s Film and Media Department and I discuss our Best Bets among the many documentaries and feature films at the upcoming Atlanta Jewish Film Festival.

The program will feature film excerpts from each of our top choices in order to get a real sense of what each film is about. The AJFF begins the following week, on January 24th and runs for over three weeks at a number of theaters, including a couple near The Temple.

Dr. Bernstein is a Temple member and one of the nation’s foremost film scholars. He is the Goodrich C. White professor and chair of the Emory Department of Film and Media Studies.

In late January, the Kulanu group will pick a Jewish Film Festival movie to see together from these choices.

**Interfaith Programs**

**SHABBAT DINNER FOR INTERFAITH COUPLES AND FAMILIES**

*Friday, January 27 after services*

Welcome Shabbat, meet other interfaith couples and families, and learn about some of the Shabbat dinner rituals (including how to make them your own) over a delicious Shabbat dinner catered by The General Muir. The dinner will follow our congregational Shabbat service at 6:00 PM using the Union Prayer Book.

The dinner is $18/per Temple member, $20/guest. Babysitting is available upon request. Please RSVP by January 22 to Nalo Finley at nfinley@the-temple.org.
TEMPEL STRATEGIC PLAN ANNOUNCEMENT
from Rabbi Berg and Lauren Grien

As The Temple celebrates our 150th anniversary over the coming year, we will not only celebrate our spectacular past but also begin planning for our very bright future. We have always been, and we must continue to be, a forward-thinking congregation. That is why we embarked on a ten-year strategic plan in 2007, and that is why we are now embarking on our next ten-year strategic plan—the 2017 Temple Strategic Plan—under the leadership of past president Belinda Morris and longtime Board member Louis Lettes.

We are fortunate to begin this effort with a very strong foundation. From our worship offerings to lifelong education to social justice programs to our engagement initiative to our healthy endowment and so many other strengths, The Temple has never been a more vibrant congregation. The 2017 Temple Strategic Plan will build on that foundation so that we continue to serve as a beacon for hope—both in the Reform Jewish movement and in the greater community, both here in Atlanta and across the nation. The Strategic Plan will help us identify the kind of congregation we want to be ten years from now—and the necessary steps it will take to get us there. We will seek to identify emerging societal trends that may impact congregational life and best practices for fully engaging our membership. Fulfilling the six tenets of The Temple’s Mission & Vision will be at the core of these efforts. This is a time for us to be bold and think big as we move into the next 150 years of The Temple’s storied history.

In the first quarter of 2017, the Strategic Planning Committee will reach out to the congregation through an online survey and town hall meetings, and we will assess the feedback so many of you provided during the focus groups sponsored by our engagement team in 2015 (or 2016?). If you would like to join the Strategic Planning Committee, please contact Belinda (404-580-9023, belinda@morrisatlanta.com) or Louis (404-593-5357, lettes@mail.com). We thank Belinda, Louis and all of you in advance for your commitment to crafting a roadmap for our sacred community.

LifeSouth Community Blood Drive
Sunday, January 22 • 9:00 AM–1:00 PM
Why not give the gift of life this New Year? Join us at The Temple on January 22, 2017 from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM for a blood drive organized by LifeSouth Community Blood Centers, which works almost exclusively to serve the city of Atlanta. Juice and lollipops included! Somewhere in our city, someone might need your blood to save their life—please join us! To sign up, please visit https://goo.gl/6JSIdl. Walk-ins are welcome.

92Y Broadcast:
Celebration of Yehuda Amichai
Wednesday, January 11 @ 10:00 AM
A celebration of the Israeli poet of love and landscape upon publication of The Poetry of Yehuda Amichai, a collection from Robert Alter that assembles the best of existing translations and his own new versions. "Amichai is one of the biggest, most essential, most durable poetic voices of this past century—one of the most intimate, alive and human, wise, humorous, true, loving, inwardly free and resourceful, at home in every human situation," wrote Ted Hughes.

THE TEMPLE invites you to an
Exclusive behind-the-scenes look at The Alliance Theatre's
WORLD PREMIERE Production of
THE TEMPLE BOMBING
January 31, 2017 at 7:30pm at
The Temple, 1589 Peachtree Street, NE, Atlanta, GA 30309
with Melissa Fay Greene, the Author of THE TEMPLE BOMBING
And Jimmy Maize, Adapter and Director.
PLUS… A sneak peek performance from the production.

THE TEMPLE'S ENDOWMENT CAMPAIGN:
Investing for 2017 and Beyond

For more information, please visit the-temple.org/dream or contact Mark Jacobson, Executive Director at 404-873-1731.
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, Duane & Sandy Cox, Brooke Dickerson, Leigh Long, Denny Marcus, Judy Maziar, Valerie Needle, Robyn Rips, Stanley Romanstein, Ellen Schwartz, Jill Spasser, Ronnie van Gelder.

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.

Library News

January is a good time to sit down with and relax with a good book. Our library has just the book for you!

- We have mysteries by Silva, Chabon, OZ, Kemmelman, the husband and wife team named Kellerman, and others.
- Look in Fiction and Anthologies (808) for short stories that will make you laugh or cry.
- Stories about real people can be found in Biography.
- If you’re in a philosophical mood, look at the books in the 100 to 950 of Non-Fiction.
- Books about our history can be found throughout Non-Fiction. If you are looking for specific books about Jews in Europe, look in the 900’s. Books on Israel start in the 950’s. If you want to know about our American experience, check out the books from 973 – 978.
- If you’re interested in art, browse through the paintings and photographs by Jewish artists and photographers in the 700’s. I have to warn you, most of the books in that area are big and heavy. The pictures and photos are just wonderful!

As you can see, our Library covers a wide range of topics. Just come in, look around, take out a book, sign out the card, and enjoy reading it.

Zaban Paradies Center

With the New Year comes a new opportunity to make a difference in the lives of Zaban Paradies Center residents.

Bar and bat mitzvah age students may want to consider including ZPC as part of their mitzvah projects. At one recent bar mitzvah, the centerpieces included baskets of toiletries decorated with balloons and ribbon which were donated to the ZPC after the party. Others have raised money for the ZPC to purchase clothing and accessories for residents. Another idea is to raise money for a specific initiative, such as providing a week’s worth of lunches for residents.

And, on the topic of lunches, there are still numerous days available between now and the end of the residential season in April for Temple members to sign up to provide lunches. If interested in signing up to provide lunches, please email Valerie Weitzner at vweitzner@icloud.com.

Visit www.zabanparadiescenter.org to learn more about volunteer opportunities.

Each shelter season, the Zaban Paradies Center transforms lives, providing a broad range of services to help homeless couples transition to independent living. Dinners at the ZPC are provided and served by volunteers. At present there are several open dates in January and February for which dinner providers are urgently needed. If you can help, please contact Esther Zells, ZPC Meal Coordinator at ezells001@aol.com.
We appreciate all donations and suggest a minimum of $100 per acknowledgement. Donations can be earmarked to one of our various donations funds. For more information on the various funds and their purpose in funding The Temple's legacy and operations, please contact Rita Zadoff at rita.zadoff@temple.org.

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with water. Eight years ago, our Temple teens began a tradition each January of celebrating Martin Luther King weekend through social action work. A year and a half after Hurricane Katrina flooded the Gulf Coast, our teens took their first trip to begin rebuilding New Orleans. And year after year in January, our eighth and ninth graders and their Gesher Peer Leaders (eleventh and twelfth graders) have continued sanding and painting houses and schools, replanting gardens, and refurbishing parks. With the famous words of Abraham Joshua Heschel when he marched with Dr. King in the Civil Rights era, our teens set out each year on their social action trip to New Orleans (and on alternating years to Florida) to “pray with their feet” by rebuilding communities.

On Friday, January 13, our congregation will honor our long-standing tradition of leading in social justice. In our home, we will host hundreds of our brothers and sisters from Ebenezer Baptist Church for dinner and to share in worship at our annual Martin Luther King Shabbat. Additionally, 70 Temple teens will board busses early that morning to continue their eight year old tradition of social action work on Martin Luther King weekend. So as we honor Dr. King’s legacy here in Atlanta, our teens will be rolling up their sleeves to honor his legacy of making the world a better place in New Orleans.

As we entered the secular New Year and continue to look out the window and pray for our much needed rain here in Atlanta and in our homeland abroad, may we find renewed spiritual connections through our traditions and, like our teens, in our social action work.

From my family to yours,
I wish you a year of health and blessing.

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