I don’t blog and I rarely post, but with your indulgence I’d like to tell you about my recent overseas travel with my husband, Sandy. South Africa was on the top of Sandy’s bucket list, not mine. Nevertheless, we booked it and embarked on our adventure in mid-November (springtime in South Africa). Before I get too far into the travel log, let me tell you that Sandy is shomer Shabbat which, in short, means he eats only Kosher food and is Shabbat observant (doesn’t drive, ride, or use electricity on Shabbat). You may already be wondering how a marriage of a modern Orthodox man and a true blue Reform woman works so well—but that’s a story for another time!

Our first stop was Cape Town. After spending two days walking much of the city, seeing the sights, and enjoying the multitude of Kosher restaurants, Shabbat arrived. Our hotel was located within walking distance to three different synagogues. As we walked towards one in the evening and another the following morning, I realized how similar it was to accompanying Sandy to synagogue in our home neighborhood. Parents with children in tow...enjoying family time together. The music, style, and energy of worship was vibrant on Shabbat morning at Ohr Sameyach synagogue and we were treated like family at the Kiddush luncheon afterwards. In so many ways, it felt like being at The Temple too—we were graciously welcomed and made to feel at home!

From Cape Town, we were off to our safari! We now have gorgeous photographs of elephants, giraffes, impalas, lions, rhinos, and more, but mostly, I find myself talking about the way our “camp” bent over backwards to accommodate our (Sandy’s) Kosher needs. Imagine being served gourmet Kosher food in the bush country of Africa!

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B’nei Mitzvah

JAN. 06 2018
AVA LILLIAN GELLER
Daughter of Jennifer & Scott Geller

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Son of Stephanie & Peter Ross

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Son of Civia & Benjamin Gerber

Mazal Tov!

- Kathryn Elizabeth Lazzara and Yotam Auz on their marriage
- Ellen & Michael Lewis on the birth of their grandson, Woods Luca and to parents, Ashley & Alexander Maiola
- Jackie & Tony Montag on the birth of their great grandson, Noah Sidney Shwom and to parents, Valerie & Aaron
- Arline and Larry Browder on the birth of their granddaughter, Sylvie Mae Browder and to parents, Justin & Rachel

May Their Memory Be For a Blessing

Our Heartfelt Sympathy to the Families of:
- Harry Smith (companion of Sandra Carling)
- Mildred Oberson Maratek (mother of Geoff Drake)
- Tommy Williams (husband of Jessica and father of Hannah & Elliott)
- Christopher Alan Teras (father of Brian Teras)
- Greta Rosenzwing Abelow (cousin of Larry Pike)
- Michael Mescon (husband of Enid)
- Vi Weinstein
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- Jeffrey Alexander Greenberg (nephew of Scott Geller)
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- Jacob Nahirny (father of James Nahirny, Liz Levine's son-in-law)
- Dina Cox (mother of Caroline Heilweil)
- Leonard Rabb (brother of Shirley Blaine)

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  Aaron Baldwin
- Christy & David Brache
- Mira Emmett & Mike Rothman
  Ella Katz
- Sue & Roger Frankel
  Caroline, Sophia, & Eliza Frankel
- Allen Greenfield
- Matthew Levy
- Ashley & Alex Maiola
  Woods Maiola
- Virginia Parks

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Our safari experience ended with a "lodge hop" (very small) plane ride to our next destination, Victoria Falls in Zambia. Believe me, I might have imagined myself in South Africa one day, but I never thought I’d be in Zambia! It turns out that Livingstone, Zambia (close to where we stayed) once had a fairly good-sized Jewish community. These citizens emigrated from eastern Europe beginning in the early 1900's and rose to become prominent members of the community, participating in government and commerce. Presently, there is only a remnant of the once-thriving Jewish community. We viewed a church building that was previously their synagogue, and could still see the outline of the now painted-over Jewish star above the main entrance. We were also shown the carefully maintained Jewish cemetery where members of the community were laid to rest.

Our day at Victoria Falls (which we viewed from both the Zambia and Zimbabwe side) was spectacular. We were in Zimbabwe just days after the military coup which “dethroned” President Mugabe and I was more than a little worried about our safety and security; but the mood in the country was triumphant and jovial. There was hope in the air and a sense that finally the country may, once again, be on its way to prosperity and freedom. As we walked through the parks, I snapped a photo of a monument to the Falls, which read: May the stupendous grandeur and wonder of nature forever inundate each and every human heart with a fruitful and fulfilling sea of oneness—peace. Do not stop dreaming. One day your world-peace-dream will inundate the entire world. These are the words of Sri Chinmoy. Let us hope that his dream will be prophetic and will soon lead us all to a better world.

Our final stop took us to Johannesburg for our second Shabbat in Africa, where we were the guests of the parents of Atlanta neighbors. Prior to dinner, we walked to one of many synagogues in their neighborhood. There I heard (from the women's balcony) a fantastic male choir singing along with their amazing cantor! I was enthralled with the tunes, many of which were familiar, all of which were sung in four part harmony! It was a wonderful way to welcome Shabbat! Once back with our host family, we sat down to a sumptuous dinner, followed the next day by a Shabbat lunch for the entire family...over 25 people!

Sandy and I feel such gratitude for all those who went out of their way to ensure that we brought you all that and more! May your 2018 want to live in a world where we can be close to our families, work for a good and fulfilling life, learn from one another, and enjoy all the goodness our world can offer! May your 2018 bring you all that and more!

Cantor Deborah L. Hartman can be reached at: dhartman@the-temple.org

Thanks to you, this Endowment Campaign will help establish financial stability for future generations. Creating a strong endowment is the most important thing we can be doing for the future of our beloved Temple.

– Rabbi Peter S. Berg

For more information, please visit the-temple.org/dream or contact Mark Jacobson, Executive Director at 404-873-1731.

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The Breman Religious School & Youth Calendar

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| 15-17| No Midweek Hebrew |
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|      | Project 678 Event | 5:00 PM |
| 21   | Religious School | 9:30 AM  
|      | 2020 B’nei Mitzvah  
|      | Parent Meeting | 10:00 AM  
|      | Religious School Committee Meeting | 12:15 PM |
| 26   | YoFI Service and Dinner | 6:00 PM |
| 27   | Project Connect goes to the Hawks |
| 28   | Religious School | 9:30 AM  
|      | PreK Family Social | 10:00 AM |

What’s Happening at WELC?

Kabbalat Shabbat at the WELC
The WELC Kabbalat Shabbat is the best way to end the week! Our kids sing, laugh, and learn! We are so thankful for our clergy who lead our kids in Shabbat song and prayer every week.

YoFI Shabbat
FRIDAY, JANUARY 26
YoFI Shabbat is a worship experience for young readers. Services are led by a rabbi and song leader and are followed by dinner. January’s YoFI is hosted by the TBRS 2nd Graders.

To register for dinner, please visit www.the-temple.org by January 23:

MEMBERS:
Ages 10 and up: $12, 2-9 years: $10, under 2: free

GUESTS:
Ages 10 and up: $15, 2-9 years: $12, under 2: free

If you have questions, please contact Zach Bernath at zbernath@the-temple.org.

WELC Thanksgiving Performance and Feast
We have so much to be thankful for at WELC! Our students and teachers gave us an adorable performance—The WELC has the cutest little turkeys you ever did see! Parents, grandparents, special friends, even Temple staff and clergy, came to watch! Special thanks to the WELC TPA for hosting the beautiful lunch. Fox Brothers Catering was delicious!
Interfaith Couples
The Temple strives to be a warm and welcoming home for all who seek an inclusive Jewish community. Our Interfaith Committee seeks to create opportunities for connection and education for interfaith couples and families, those in the conversion process, and parents of children who are in interfaith relationships. For more information or to be added to our email list, please contact Rabbi Loren Filson Lapidus (llapidus@the-temple.org) or our co-chairs Martin Maslia (mmasliaqrr@gmail.com) and Amy Lettes (amylettes@yahoo.com). Please join us for the following events (more information on The Temple’s website):

- How-To Holiday Classes (see the TAMID: Adult Education brochure for more information)

We are also starting Temple Connect small groups for those who are part of interfaith couples or families. We have groups forming for young interfaith couples (no kids yet), interfaith couples with young children, interfaith couples who are empty nesters/no children, and “supportive spouses/moms” (women who are in interfaith relationships but did not grow up Jewish). If you are interested, please let Rabbi Medwin (lmedwin@the-temple.org) know.

BEINEINU: THE TWO OF US
The Temple’s Marriage Retreat
Friday, April 13 at 5:00 PM to Saturday, April 14 at 5:00 PM • Chateau Elan
Join us for the 3rd year of The Temple’s marriage retreat. Primarily designed for interfaith couples and couples within their first 5-7 years of marriage, this is an opportunity to take a pause from the usual routine, reflect as a couple, and connect with others in The Temple community. Rabbis Lapidus and Medwin, along with their husbands (also rabbis) will facilitate the retreat. The price is $400/couple for Temple members (with a $50 additional subsidy for interfaith couples), and $450/couple for nonmembers, which includes the room, resort fee, and all meals. Space is limited so to register, please email Rabbi Lapidus at llapidus@the-temple.org.

KULANU: PREVIEWING THE ATLANTA JEWISH FILM FESTIVAL
Sunday, January 7 • 6:00 PM - 8:30 PM • Schwartz-Goldstein Hall
If you are an Empty Nester, get some popcorn and expert help just before you buy your tickets to the 2018 Atlanta Jewish Film Festival. Dr. Matthew Bernstein and Bob Bahr unveil their top film choices. The program will feature film previews from their Best Bets at the Festival as well as critical commentary. In cooperation with the Atlanta Jewish Film Festival. To RSVP please contact Susan Gordon at sgrgordon60@gmail.com.

Infant-Toddler Programs at The Temple

MINI SHABBAT
Saturday, January 13
9:30 AM: Service
10:00 AM: Bagels & Coffee
Join us on Saturday, January 13th at 9:30 AM as our puppets teach us the best lessons left to us by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Following services, we’ll have a bagel snack and time on the WELC’s amazing outdoor playground (or the indoor playgrounds if the weather is too cold). 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. Songs, stories, bagels, coffee & friends? An unbeatable Shabbat combination. We can’t wait to see you there!

There is no fee or RSVP required. Questions? As always, please contact Rabbi Lydia Medwin (lmedwin@the-temple.org).

Sages
EVERY DAY IS TUESDAY
(MUSICAL COMEDY)
Tuesday, January 16 • 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Schwartz-Goldstein Hall C
“Everyday is Tuesday” is a musical, set in a retirement community and has the audience guessing who Tom will select for his bride among three women vying for his affection. A wedding at the end provides the answer. The location is set in the South. A catered lunch will be served after the performance with the cast-$35 Please RSVP to Joya Schmidt at jschmidt@the-temple.org

“Justice, justice you shall pursue.”
What actions will the Georgia State Legislature consider this year that will specifically impact the lives and rights of our LGBTQ community? Join members of The Temple’s Rothschild Institute LGBTQ small group for a conversation with Jeff Graham, Executive Director of GA Equality and Christopher Bruce of the ACLU. Learn how you can make your voice heard as our lawmakers deliberate.
Connection Corner

We are so thrilled that over 60 different groups are meeting monthly through Temple Connect. In this corner, you’ll get an insider scoop on what life in a Temple Connect group is like. If it inspires you like it inspires us, please consider joining a current group or start your own! Check the website for group availability at www.temple-connect.com or contact Rabbi Lydia Medwin for more information!

My name is Stacey Lewinstein and I am a member of the Temple Connect Chai Sandy Springs/Dunwoody group. We are a five member group that meets once a month for discussions that cover Jewish topics received from Rabbi Medwin as well as topics we decide to explore on our own. Together we have made this small group into something that each of us finds value and friendship in as well as giving us a connection to The Temple. We are all from different backgrounds but we have common ground in seeking to explore our own Judaism and how we can enrich our lives through each others’ experiences and perspectives. Discussions are just one part of our Chai experience though as we try to integrate different activities into our meetings at various times throughout the year. Together we select “field trips” that shed light on different aspects of Judaism that serve to inform and inspire us. One such trip was to MACom, the Metro Atlanta Community Mikvah. Through a discussion with Rabbi Ruth, the rabbi at MACom, as well as a tour, we all came away with a better understanding of what the ritual of mikvah is all about. It also inspired us to explore how each of us might envision experiencing it in our own lives. It was an incredibly spiritual and thoughtful day that made us all a little more aware of our own Jewish women. Just as if we had actually immersed ourselves in the mikvah waters, we came away feeling renewed and more connected as a group. The experience with these four women, my Chai group friends, made me realize just how special the Temple Connect relationship is for me. I look forward to another year of inspiring discussions with this incredible Chai group friends, made me realize just how special the Temple Connect relationship is for me. I look forward to another year of inspiring discussions with this incredible Chai group!

If you are still looking for a group to join, some groups are not yet at capacity. Check the website, www.temple-connect.com, to see a full list of groups and availability. Here are a few you might consider (descriptions found online):


Zaban Paradies Center News

We hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving. In the spirit of the holiday, we like to share a story of recent support. Bethani Oppenheimer is an Associate at the law firm Greenberg Traurig. She grew up in Metro Atlanta and had volunteered at ZPC as a teen. Now in the professional world, she was talking about Thanksgiving with some friends and colleagues. She decided to put together a quick fundraiser at Greenberg Traurig to raise money to support dinners around Thanksgiving. She knew she couldn’t cook for that many people, but she could speak with others about the great work of Zaban Paradies Center. Her efforts were very successful. We are glad to have Bethani reconnect with ZPC.

Zaban Paradies Center is off to a great season. If you are doing any cleaning out of winter garb or thinking about what the residents could use, Dale Shields, who chairs our Clothes Closet has a list. Men’s and women’s sweaters, men’s and women’s winter coats, men's and women’s belts, men’s shoes, scarves, handbags and jewelry. Thank you for your donations.

There are still some open slots for lunches and dinners. You can contact our fabulous volunteers. For dinners, Bea Feiman, Sue Lubin and Bobbi Wilson, ensure that there are dinners provided and served each evening. Robyn Kipps has taken on the lunch program and making sure there are lunches for residents. You can also go online to www.ZabanParadiesCenter.org for more information.

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: Barbara Abend, Susan Banner, Ariela Ehrens, Ellen Frauenthal, Amy Lettes, Barbara & Ron Lipp, Judy Maziar, Rabbi Lydia Medwin, Dianne Ratowsky, Debbie Shelton, Harold Shumacher, & Jill Slavin.

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.

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Do you have a college-age student, a child at college or on a gap year or pursuing other paths? The Temple would like to reach out, send holiday greetings and gifts, and remind them that they are still part of our Temple family. We would like to send them something Jewish to remind them of home and help them celebrate Jewish holidays in their new homes, wherever that may be! Please send us your student’s mailing address so we can continue to be a part of their life. Visit http://the-temple.org/GetConnected/CollegeOutreach.aspx to fill out the simple form and we will do the rest! Contact Jacqueline Morris at jmorris@the-temple.org for questions and more information.

Library News
Our Temple library is a functioning library that is open any time the Temple is open. Anyone can enter, browse through our extensive collection, sign the card, and take home a book or DVD. There are only two volunteers who select, process, and place books on the shelves. We could use some help. We would teach you what we do. If you are interested in volunteering, call the Temple office or come in on a Sunday morning when school is in secession, Hope to see you soon.

Aseh L’cha Ray – Find Yourself a Teacher: Temple Rabbis Return Home
BROCKEY-ROTHSCHILD INSTITUTE SCHOLAR-IN-RESIDENCE WEEKEND
Friday, February 2 – Saturday, February 3, 2018
Join us as we welcome over a dozen of The Temple’s Rabbis from the past 40 years! As a part of our 150th anniversary, we will be honoring past Rabbis that have served our community and upon whose shoulders we stand. They will teach, schmooze, and celebrate with us for a weekend of remembering the past and looking towards the future!

Passover in the Wilderness
Friday, March 23 – Sunday, March 25
Cloudland Canyon State Park
We Jews began our journey in the wilderness during this season thousands of years ago—we return this year to the wilderness to reconnect with ourselves and our past! Join The Temple at Cloudland Canyon State Park for Passover in the Wilderness! It will be car camping at its best. We are excited to celebrate the themes of Passover on our camping trip—wandering in the wilderness, experiencing Shabbat in nature, spending time with family and friends, and eating matza smores over a camp fire! It will be a great way to prepare for this wonderful time of year!

For those of you who want to join us but not camp, there are cabins available at the park as well. To learn more about the park and reserve your cabin, check out: www.gastateparks.org/CloudlandCanyon.

First come, first served. Space will be limited so make your reservation now with Joya Schmidt at jschmidt@the-temple.org. Reserve your spot at $10 per person, which includes the site fee, meals, and fire wood. We can help arrange equipment rentals if needed.

Once you sign up, you’ll get information about our packing list, meal plan, and orientation meeting, where we will share information and even basic tips on camping (like how to set up a tent). If you’ve never been camping before, this could be a great first trip. Camping starts at any age! Join us for this amazing experience!
FRIDAY, JANUARY 12, 2018

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