Almost 2000 years ago in the Midrash, Rabbi Judah questioned the words of Deuteronomy 13:5 stating, “You shall follow after the Lord your God.” Knowing that God has no visual form, he asked how a human could do such a thing. In his answer, Rabbi Judah taught that in order to learn how to behave in this world, we must look at God’s attributes and actions. He explained that from the very beginning of creation, God began planting, as it is written, “And the Lord God planted in the Garden of Eden...” Following God’s actions, he taught that we, too, have an obligation of planting in Israel, as it is written, “When you come into the [Promised] Land...” (Leviticus 19:23)

As the State of Israel turns 70 later this May and as The Temple celebrates its 150th this year, we can also celebrate our congregation’s strong dedication to planting in Israel. 50 years ago Rabbi Rothschild and his wife Janice led the first Temple trip to Israel in January 1968, celebrating the reunification of Jerusalem. This was the first opportunity for our congregants to follow after God by planting in Israel. Since then, our clergy and staff have led dozens of trips to Israel, each with its own constituency, including interfaith communities, women, teens, families, adults, political groups, and social action. Beginning in 2011, our congregation launched a biennial tradition of a congregational mega-trip comprised of a teen group, a family group, and an adult group all converging in Jerusalem in June to spend one Shabbat together with our Temple clergy and staff on odd numbered years. Last summer, we were overwhelmed at the interest in these trips and we boasted almost 250 travelers between the three groups, who celebrated with 24 of our youngest Temple members at their b’nei mitzvah ceremony overlooking the Old City in Jerusalem.

When was the last time you entered into the Land? Or, have you ever had the chance to plant in Israel yourself? A trip to Israel is nourishment for the soul—the sight of the golden city of Jerusalem appearing as you ascend the mountain, the peace of Shabbat as cars disappear from the roads and the smell of fresh baked Challah fills the air, floating on the cool and calm waters of the Dead Sea, hiking and exploring the terrain where our ancestors once walked, waking up to endless buffets of the freshest fruits, vegetables, and baked goods from the Middle East, placing a note between the massive, cold stones of the Western Wall—these are just some of the memories we will be planting next summer as we continue our congregation's tradition.

On March 18, we invite you to join our clergy and staff to learn about our summer 2019 Israel trips. Because of the popularity of these trips, they sell out quickly; so we encourage you to secure your space quickly with a deposit (fully refundable through September 1, 2018) on one of these three amazing Israel experiences. If you have any questions, I would be delighted to speak with you.

As we conclude our seders at the end of this month with the words, “Next Year in Jerusalem,” let us make that promise of planting the Land once again come true together.

RABBI RAU CAN BE REACHED AT: SRAU@THE-TEMPLE.ORG
**Lifecycles & Occasions**

**B’nei Mitzvah**

**MAR. 03 2018**

MARLEY VENTURI  
*Daughter of Jennifer Metzger & Robert Venturi*

**MAR. 10 2018**

GABRIEL “GABE” J. SLUTZKY  
*Son of Courtney & Todd Slutzky*

**MAR. 17 2018**

NOAH WALSEY  
*Son of Jenny & Dustin Walsey*

**MAR. 17 2018**

AIDEN JEFFREY LEVY  
*Son of Ami & Jeff Levy*

**MAR. 24 2018**

CARL AYER RYDEN  
*Son of Ayer & Hans Ryden*

**MAR. 24 2018**

JACOB S. LLOYD  
*Son of Joe’ & Josh Lloyd*

**MAR. 24 2018**

MARCELLE S. NAHAI  
*Daughter of Farzad & Dana Nahai*

**Mazal Tov!**

- Richard Pease on the birth of his grandson, Henry, born to Erica & Brent Pease.
- Kimberly and Aaron Ross on the birth of their daughter, Amelia Louise.
- Amanda and Michael Chanin on the birth of their daughter, Maya Louise and to her grandparents, Harriet & Paul Weinberg, Carol & Robert Chanin and great grandparents, Barbara Riff & Milton and Valerie Kassel.
- Jenna Swartzberg for being honored as The Temple’s JFGA Power of One recipient for her work with students with learning needs.
- Jill and Joe Ferst on their 43rd wedding anniversary.

**May Their Memory Be For A Blessing**

Our Heartfelt Sympathy to the Families of:  
- Robert Minter (nephew Clara Bridges)  
- James Bridges (cousin of Clara Bridges)  
- Melvin Ross (father of Donna Kallman)  
- Debbie Beiner (sister-in-law of Rabbi Judi Beiner)  
- Arnold Goldberg  
- John Hirsch (husband of Nancy Hirsch)  
- Sheryl Brunswick (mother of Lindsey Kamin)

**Our Newest Members**

- Allyssa Barley
- Bobi Dimond
- John Estrada
- Sarah & Mark Richards
- Evan & Adam Richards
- Eliane & Stephen Rosenberg
- Talia & Lucas Rosenberg

**TORAH & HAFTarah**

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| March 10 | Vayakhel- Pekudei | Exodus 35:1-40:38  
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| March 17 | Vayikra        | Leviticus 1:1-5:26  
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| March 24 | Tzav           | Leviticus 6:1-8:36  
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**WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

**FRIDAY, MARCH 2**
- 6:00 PM Shabbat Worship Service
- 7:00 PM Meditation – Room 34

**SATURDAY, MARCH 3**
- 9:00 AM Torah Study
- 10:30 AM Chapel Worship Service
- 5:30 PM Mincha Bat Mitzvah of Marley B. Venturi w/ Jennifer Metzger

**FRIDAY, MARCH 9**
- 6:00 PM Shabbat Worship Service
- 7:00 PM Meditation – Room 34
- 8:00 PM The Well

**SATURDAY, MARCH 10**
- 9:00 AM Torah Study
- 9:30 AM Mini Shabbat Service
- 10:30 AM Chapel Worship Service
- 5:30 PM Mincha Bar Mitzvah of Gabriel J. “Gabe” Slutzky

**FRIDAY, MARCH 16**
- 6:00 PM Shabbat Worship Service with Guest Speaker Rabbi Evan Moffic
- 7:00 PM Meditation – Room 34

**SATURDAY, MARCH 17**
- 10:30 AM Bar Mitzvah of Noah Walsey
- 5:30 PM Mincha Bar Mitzvah of Aiden J. Levy

**FRIDAY, MARCH 23**
- 6:00 PM Shabbat Worship Service with Guest Speaker David Miron Wagner
  - Title: The Ecology of Passover
- 7:00 PM Meditation – Room 34

**SATURDAY, MARCH 24**
- 10:30 AM B’nei Mitzvah of Carl Ryden & Jacob S. Lloyd
- 5:30 PM Mincha Bar Mitzvah of Marcelle Nahai

**FRIDAY, MARCH 30**
- 5:00: PM* Erev Passover – 1st Seder

**SATURDAY, MARCH 31**
- 9:00 AM Torah Study
- 10:30 AM Shabbat Worship Service – First Day of Passover

* Note Service Time

For a full listing of services and other programs: [WWW.THE-TEMPLE.ORG](http://www.the-temple.org)

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**SUPPORT THE TEMPLE WHEN YOU SHOP!**

**Kroger Community Rewards**
Enroll your Kroger Plus card in the Kroger Community Rewards Program. Enrollment is easy and does not impact your savings. Visit www.kroger.com to sign in to your account and enroll using our NPO number: 75313

You must go through the online enrollment process. Have your Kroger Plus card handy. Once you have created an account, scroll down to the bottom of the page to the Community Rewards section. Put your information in and the search for the NPO number. The name you will see will be listed as “The Temple: THE HEBREW BENEVOLENT CONGREGATION”.

Every time you shop for groceries and swipe your card, The Temple automatically starts earning a rebate. You must swipe your registered Kroger Plus card or use the phone number that is related to the registered Kroger Plus card when shopping for each purchase to count.

To verify you are enrolled correctly, you will see The Temple’s name on the right side of your information page when applying the NPO number. Enrollment takes up to 7 days to start earning money towards The Temple community rewards.

**AmazonSmile**
Start shopping on AmazonSmile to make contributions to The Temple with every purchase. Visit smile.amazon.com/ch/58-0835812 and change the way you shop!
**What’s Happening at WELC?**

**Feel the LOVE at WELC**
Spend just a moment in the halls and classrooms of the WELC and you can feel the LOVE! WELC kids are so lucky to have the most loving and caring teachers and staff. It’s not an exaggeration to consider the WELC team as extensions of our own families!

**Pajama Havdalah featuring Puppeteer Marilyn Price!**
Young families with toddlers from The Temple and WELC enjoyed an amazing puppet show, Havdalah service, and super kid-friendly dinner … all the while in their PJ’s! It was a Temple Toddler Trifecta—puppets, food, and PAJAMAS! Special thanks to all those who contribute to the WELC Fund for making this event possible!

**WELC TPA Parent’s Night Out**
The WELC TPA Social Committee pulled off another successful Annual Parent’s Night Out! This year it was hosted at Sufi’s—YUM! A great group of WELC parents came out to strengthen friendships, make new ones, and simply let loose without the kids around!

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**See more on the website:**
- [www.the-temple.org/projectconnect](http://www.the-temple.org/projectconnect)
**Engage @ The Temple**

**The Well**

*Friday, March 9 • 8:00 PM*

We will see you on Friday, March 9 at 8pm for The Well, our monthly, late Shabbat service Young Professionals. Inspired by the power of the well in the Jewish tradition as a nexus for community and for physical, spiritual, and emotional nourishment, Shabbat services at The Well at The Temple aspire to be the same. We are in our fifth year and love bringing you what one participant called “Southern preaching meets great music meets Judaism,” in services that feel inclusive for people of all levels of familiarity and comfort with the Jewish tradition. Join Rabbi David Spinrad, singer/songwriter Sammy Rosenbaum, and other musicians for an evening of soulful spirituality, fun socializing, and services that feel inclusive for people of all levels of familiarity and comfort with Judaism. First time? Email Summer Jacobs: sjacobs@the-temple.org. Questions? Rabbi Spinrad: dspinrad@the-temple.org.

**Mini Shabbat – Passover**

*Saturday, March 10 • 9:30 AM Worship Service 10:00 AM Bagels and Coffee • 10:30 AM Playground Time*

Join us on Saturday, March 10th at 9:30 AM as our puppets help us sing our way through the Passover story! 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.

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

Songs, stories, bagels, coffee & friends? An unbeatable Shabbat combination. We can’t wait to see you there!

**AJC Unity Seder at The Temple**

*Followed by a concert by Lior Ben-Hur in partnership with AJMF*

*Tuesday, March 13 • Registration at 6:00 PM • Seder begins at 6:30 PM*

Following the tremendous success of our previous Black-Jewish Seder, American Jewish Committee-Atlanta invites you to join us for a unique experience in celebrating the Jewish holiday of Passover, which tells the story from the book of Exodus of the Israelites’ journey out of Egypt, from slavery into freedom. This year, the Seder will be led by Rabbi Loren Filson Lapidus with participants representing Atlanta’s diverse religious, ethnic and international communities. The evening is designed to introduce the powerful story of Passover that is shared every year in Jewish homes around the world, and to enable us to share diverse experiences with each other. In partnership with Atlanta Jewish Music Festival, we will be featuring music by Israeli artist Lior Ben-Hur during the seder and in a post-seder concert.

Tickets for the seder and concert are $36 per person and $18 for students and young professionals. Reserve your seat at: https://global.ajc.org/2018-unity-seder

**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 (mmmasliagrs@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.

**Daylight Dreams—*Fantasy And Reality At The Movies***

*Wednesdays, March 7, 14, 21 and 28 • 10:30 AM-12:00 PM*  
*Schwartz Goldstein-C • Cost: $39 for all 6 weeks*

We are so glad to be hosting another motion picture program series from Bob Bahr at The Temple. Bob’s brand new series will feature selections from some of the most distinguished films of Hollywood and world cinema history. Each film weaves highly imaginative elements with elements of real and everyday life. Taken together, we’ll discuss how these films place so much emphasis on fantasy and the unreal, helping to bring into focus the deeper meaning of our spiritual and everyday lives. Please RSVP to Joya Schmidt by February, 15 at 404-873-1731 or jschmidt@the-temple.org.

**Chick-Fil-A Home Office Backstage Tour**

*Tuesday, March 6 • 10:15 AM • Cost: $15.00 (plus additional money for lunch)*

Join us for a trip to the Chick-Fil-A Dwarf House in Hapeville, GA and whet your appetite with a tasting of this cultural tour. We’ll learn about the founder, Truett Cathy, as well as the company. We will visit the History Museum and learn how it all began, followed by ordering lunch from the Hapeville menu. Make sure to wear comfortable shoes and clothing since there will be a lot of walking. Tour averages 60 minutes.
Guest Speaker: Rabbi Evan Moffic

JUDAISM AND THE SCIENCE OF HAPPINESS: A NEW WAY TO BRING MEANING AND WISDOM TO OUR LIFE
Friday, March 16

Why do people who belong to a religious community live, on average, longer than those who do not? How does an ancient prayer reveal the findings of cutting edge research? Discover what Judaism has to say about the question to live a happier and more purpose-driven life.

Rabbi Evan Moffic is a guide to Jewish wisdom for people of all faiths. A graduate of Stanford University, he is the spiritual leader of Congregation Soliel on the North Shore of Chicago. The Chicago Tribune recently described him as “the rabbi we’d love to call our own — wise and kind, humble and good beyond words.” He has been profiled in the Washington Post, the Forward and Christianity Today, and appears regularly on Fox News and CNN. His latest book The Happiness Prayer: Ancient Jewish Wisdom for the Best Way to Live Today brings together Jewish wisdom and positive psychology to answer the question: What practices and experiences lead to a life of joy and satisfaction? He has been invited to speak at the 92nd Street Y, Willow Creek Church, and numerous synagogues, conferences and book festivals. You can learn more and see dozens of videos at www.rabbi.me.

Blood Drive at The Temple
Sunday, March 18 • 10:00 AM–12:00 PM • Schwartz-Goldstein B

Saving a life is the greatest mitzvah in Judaism. One very direct way to do so is by donating your blood. If you are able, please consider a blood donation on Sunday morning, March 18th during religious school. You’ll get a cookie and the satisfaction of knowing that YOU saved a life.

The Temple Goes to the Atlanta Community Food Bank With Our New Member Kahal
Sunday, March 18 • 1:00–4:00 pm
Product Rescue Center: 732 Joseph E. Lowery Blvd NW, Atlanta, GA 30318

Calling all new Temple members! Join the rest of our Temple family for this day of action as we help out in our very own community. Hunger and food insecurity plagues millions of people around the US and Atlanta is not immune. The Atlanta Community Food Bank is here to help them, and they need OUR HELP! Come be a part of The Temple’s historic legacy of service and compassion. Children welcome ages 8 and up. Wear comfortable clothes and get ready to restock the warehouse and meet some new friends along the way!

Shabbat Worship Services with guest speaker David Miron Wapner

THE ECOLOGY OF PASSOVER
Friday, March 23 • 6:00 PM

Join us for this special Shabbat and hear from our dynamic speak, David Miron Wapner, the chair of the Interfaith Center for Sustainable Development. The ICSD, based in Jerusalem, works with partners of all faiths to develop best practices for sustainability in Israel, the US, and around the world. For twelve years he managed the US-Israel Science and Technology Commission, a unique bi-national initiative to foster high-level collaboration by and between government, academia and industry. He was part of the founding team of BrightSource Energy, a world-leading solar energy company. He served as board chair of the Heschal Center for Sustainability, was president of Jerusalem’s leading Reform synagogue, Kehilat Kol Haneshama, and served on the board of the Jewish National Fund for eight years. You won’t want to miss this forward-thinking and innovative presentation on possible solutions to the problems faced by everyone on this planet.

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 serve. Space will be limited so make your reservation by March 16th 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!

Anti-trafficking Passover Seder
Monday, March 26 • 6:30 PM

In conjunction with our partner organization the Interfaith Children’s Movement (ICM), the Rothschild Social Justice Institute Anti-domestic Minor SexTraffickingsmallgroup@TheTempleinvitesyoutoufourthird Anti-trafficking Passover Seder. We expect attendees from all over Metro Atlanta—including elected officials, members of law enforcement, clergy and people of all faiths to join us for this special event connecting the Exodus from Egypt and the annual telling of our story through the Haggadah to a heightened awareness of modern-day slavery. If you have been looking to get more deeply involved in our Anti-DMST Initiative, this is a great opportunity to learn more and recommit ourselves to a world in which all are free. We need volunteers to help with set-up to make sure the tables and seder plates are prepared with loving care! To volunteer, email Caroline Clear Rudolph at Antitraffickingseder2018@gmail.com. To register for the Anti-trafficking Seder, contact Pamela Perkin Carn of the ICM: pperrkinscarn@interfaithchildrensmovement.org.

Counting the Omer: Making Each Day Count

A TURBO-CHARGED TEMPLE CONNECT EXPERIENCE*
March 26 @ 7:00 PM, April 24 @ 7:00 PM (at Rabbi Medwin’s house), and May 20 @ 10:00 AM

The Omer is the time between Passover and Shavuot, known as an auspicious time for turning inward, a time to bring our best selves out of the shadows, a spring cleaning for the soul. Jewish tradition has created a kabbalah-based framework, inspired by the biblical injunction to count each day during this time, through which we are able to delve deeply into our own inner lives. The hope is that, by the holiday of Shavuot, we have explored love, discipline, beauty, balance, and more. The goal is to move from unconsciously serving our baser selves into a revelation of what it means to serve our higher selves and even The Most High. Questions? Contact Rabbi Lydia Medwin at lmedwin@the-temple.org. RSVP by March 20th to Joya Schmidt (jschmidt@the-temple.org) or 404-873-1731 if you’d like to join turbo-charged Temple Connect small group experience.

Don’t take my word for it; here’s a testimonial from last year: “Perhaps the most spiritual moving experience I’ve had at the Temple. I had never observed the Omer before, and a year later, the lessons still reverberate. A resonant way to connect on so many levels.”

*Includes daily reflections and weekly phone conference check-ins
**StoryWell at The Porter**

**Wednesday, March 28 • 7:00 PM • 1156 Euclid Avenue • Cost: $10**

With Passover only days away, “Memory” is our theme for the sixth installment of StoryWell for young professionals and if you have a story of remembrance that is personal, candid, and worth telling, we want to hear from you! The three-part process is simple and works like this: 1) Participate in a storytelling boot camp with master storyteller Jay Golden from 7PM-9PM at The Temple on date TBD; 2) Meet once with either Rabbi Spinrad or Rabbi Medwin to polish your story 3) Bring your friends to The Porter at 7PM on Wednesday, March 28th 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.

**Welcoming Elijah—A Relational Passover Experience**

**Friday, March 30**

In lieu of a first night seder at The Temple this year, we are excited to present “Welcoming Elijah,” a chance to meet new friends and make new memories. If you have a couple extra seats at your table this year, please tell us more about your seder. If you need a place for Seder this year, please let us know. For more information or to RSVP, visit www.the-temple.org/event/welcomingelijah2018.

**Small Group “MahJ Madness”**

**Sunday April 8 • 10:30 AM–12:30 PM**

We’re celebrating the 5 amazing Mah Jongg Temple small groups with Mah J Madness! We’ll gather in Schwartz-Goldstein to share a nosh, play Mah Jongg in our regular small group foursomes and together celebrate how small groups at The Temple foster engaging relationships!

Not in any of these 5 groups? Well you can put together your own foursome, bring a Mah Jongg set and join us! You’ll have some fun while you play and you’ll get a taste of Temple small groups! For more information, please contact Elaine Clear at ebclear@bellsouth.net.

**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.

**Celebrating Our Leaders and Volunteers with the Launch of The Relational Judaism Handbook**

**Friday, April 20 • 5:00 PM Nosh • 6:00 PM Worship Service**

Join us to celebrate our leaders and volunteers—YOU, who have given your time and energy towards creating a deeper and more meaning-filled Temple community. You have contributed so much and in such extraordinary ways that…there’s a book about it! Get your first glimpse into The Relational Judaism Handbook, co-authored by Rabbi Lydia Medwin, which shares the ways in which you are teaching Jewish around the country about engaging meaningfully in synagogue life. We cannot wait to celebrate you!

**Hunt at the High**

**Sunday, April 22 • 12:00–3:00 PM**

Fun for all ages! Join us after religious school for a scavenger hunt through the High Museum. Box lunches will be served at noon in Schwartz-Goldstein Hall. After lunch, shuttle transportation to the High Museum from The Temple. The Hunt to begin at 1:00, refreshments following. Cost: $10 per person (Includes Hunt, lunch and refreshments). No charge for 150th Anniversary Patrons, everyone must RSVP by April 13th at the-temple.org/event/huntatthehigh. The Hunt is appropriate for all ages.

**Between The Stones and A Hard Place**

**with Anat Hoffman, Director of the Israel Religious Action Center**

**Monday, April 23 • Doors open at 6:45 PM • Program: 7-9 PM**

Presenting the struggle of women of the wall, a group of Israeli women, seeks the right for Jewish women to conduct prayer services, read from a Torah scroll while wearing prayer shawls, and sing out loud at the Western Wall—Judaism's most sacred holy site.

Anat Hoffman has served as the Executive Director of IRAC since April 2002. She previously served as a member of the Jerusalem City Council for 14 years, and she is one of the only women in Israel who served three terms on a city council. During those years, Anat built a reputation for being an effective and courageous fighter for social justice and equality as part of the opposition. Anat chose to devote her adult life to the Jewish value of Tikkun Olam, repairing the world. Parallel to these positions, she was active in important social organizations such as the Association for Civil Rights in Israel, the Israel Women’s Network, and Women in Black. Beginning in 1988, she served as Chairwoman of Women of the Wall, who fight for the rights of women to pray, read Torah, and wear talitot (prayer shawls) at the Western Wall.

**Atlanta Jewish Music Festival**

**March 8-25 • Around Atlanta**

The Atlanta Jewish Music Festival (AJMF), returns for its ninth year with a diverse musical lineup curated to please audiences of all ages, backgrounds and affiliations. The three weekend festival runs March 8-25 in various locations throughout metro Atlanta. This year’s highlights include contemporary Klezmer group Tseyve Brider, Grammy winner Marc Cohen, Yemenite funk group Yemen Blues, a residency with folk artist Chana Rothman and a special presentation of Billy Joel by ATL Collective. For tickets and more information visit: http://atlantajmf.org/ajmf9-line-up/.
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: Pamela Alexander, Susan Amslar, Arline Browder, Sandy & Duane Cox, Brooke Dickerson, Randi Hyman, Lynne Keating, Elaine Koenig, Amy & Louis Lettes, JoAnne Lipshtz, Judy Lipshtz, Barbara & Ron Lipp, Belinda Morris, Fran Putney, Ellen Rafshoon, Dianne Ratowsky, Cherie Restler, Debbie Shelton, Claudia Shorr, Don Thomas.

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.

Haggadah
Our Family Haggadah is a 30 minute family friendly Seder that will build memories and traditions for all ages. It is an interactive memory maker in the true spirit of Passover. Available in The Temple Coffee shop for $12.

Zaban Paradies Center News
We are proud to announce a new program offered at Zaban Paradies Center.

COOKING MATTERS CLASS WITH OPEN HAND ATLANTA
It is a six-week, hands-on course taught by an Open Hand Staff of dietitians and volunteers, who focus on cooking techniques, food safety, nutrition and food budgeting. It helps build skills confidence and knowledge needed to prepare healthy, tasty meals on a limited budget. Each week residents leave the class with recipes, materials, and a prepared meal.

There is a lot of great work happening at ZPC. Please let us know if you would like to take a tour or support our programming.

Library News
March starts off in a joyous mood as we read the story of Esther in our synagogue and shake our gragas to drown out the name of Haman. Once more, we were saved from destruction. If you want to read the story for yourself, come in to our library and take out:

- The Five Scrolls (224.4 BRO)
- Four Strange Books of the Bible (220.7 BIC)
- The Purim Anthology (244.3 GOO)
- Purim and the Persian Empire (244.3 LAN)
- To celebrate at home, check out: Celebration, The Book of Jewish Festivals (246 BLA)

A very yummy way to celebrate the holiday is to make Hamantashen, the Purim Danish. Our cookbooks have many different recipes for it. They can be found in the 641.5 section of our library. So, come in, find a book and enjoy.

Dream for Tomorrow
THE TEMPLE’S ENDOWMENT CAMPAIGN: Investing for 2017 and Beyond

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 on the endowment campaign, please visit the-temple.org/dream or contact Mark Jacobson, Executive Director at 404-873-1731.
Connection Corner
Testimony from current Temple member: The Temple offers so many ways to connect and I was looking for a way to jump back in. I had been through all the years of TBRS where I stayed active, made friends, and felt a part of that Sunday morning routine. I had dabbled in some other committees as well but never found quite the right fit for my schedule and interests. I truly missed my Temple though and that feeling of connection! So when I heard about Temple Connect and its small group initiative, it really intrigued me. I found there is something for everyone from groups with deep, spiritual discussion to Mah Jongg to supper club-like groups and just about everything in between. Some of them meet on weekdays and others in the evenings or weekends. The beauty of it all is in meeting others who have similar interests, want to find a connection to the Temple, and who want to bring Judaism into their lives in a different way. In leading one of the discussion groups, I have discovered a whole new set of people that I may never have come across if not for an initiative that encourages all of us to reach out, expand our friendship circle, and jump into a new way to connect with others through Judaism. I think that almost everyone can find something that interests them if they browse through the offerings on the Temple Connect website (www.temple-connect.com) and I encourage other congregants to give it a try. As a Temple member and small group member, I feel more engaged, more spiritual, and a lot more connected.

The Temple in Israel

What an incredible Brockey Rothschild Institute Weekend at The Temple—so many wise and warm-hearted rabbis returned to make this Shabbat unforgettable. Thank you to all of our returning Temple rabbis for all you’ve taught us and all the ways you’ve made a difference in our lives. Thank you to the Brockey and Rothschild families for making this all possible.
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