ON July 4th, I will be running the Peachtree Road Race with Rabbis Berg and Rau (Rabbi Spinrad is representing us at camp and Cantor Hartman is recovering from her foot surgery). I pray that, as you read this, we are diligently training and preparing to run the entire ten kilometers!

I will admit that I don’t really like to run, but I like the feeling after running. This 10K became my post-baby fitness goal because I wanted a target. Now that I am running with two of my colleagues, I am accountable in a different way. I have positive peer pressure knowing that I have made a commitment with them to do this (and by publicly writing about it here, I’m increasing the stakes).

Community has this power. We often speak about the power of community in terms of our actions as a group. When we gather in numbers to repair the world, we have a greater impact than if we acted as individuals. Through community, we experience Jewish life in profound ways—study, worship, travel to Israel, pursuit of social justice, and more.

Yet there is another piece to community: the influence we exert on one another. Next time you’re at services, notice the peer pressure. As more people sing and participate, the group follows. When the majority is quiet or unengaged, the group often follows. When we are accountable to a community, when we are asked to do something or we voluntarily commit to do something, we follow through more because we know that people depend upon us.

I invite each of us to consider the power our Temple community has in this way. How can we positively influence one another? And how can we take that influence to the next level? How can we use the accountability community provides to grow as Jews and human beings?

We are increasingly speaking about the ways that relationships drive our Temple family, something you’ll hear about more in the coming months. I hope that as we grow in these relationships with one another, we support one another in our goals, whether they are overtly connected to the Jewish community, such as learning or celebrating Shabbat, or are more subtly connected to our Jewish identity, such as exercise and wellness.

I hope that you and your families have a happy and safe summer!

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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4
Shavuot Service.............................. 10:30 AM

FRIDAY, JUNE 6TH
Shabbat Chapel Worship ..................... 6:00 PM

SATURDAY, JUNE 7
Mini Shabbat Morning....................... 9:30 AM
Shabbat Chapel Worship Service..... 10:30 AM
B’nai Mitzvah of Leah K. Salomon
and Zachary A. Lloyd ...................... 10:30 AM

FRIDAY, JUNE 13
Shabbat Worship Service............... 6:00 PM

SATURDAY, JUNE 14
Shabbat Chapel Worship Service..... 10:30 AM

FRIDAY, JUNE 20
Shabbat Worship Service............... 6:00 PM

SATURDAY, JUNE 21
Shabbat Chapel Worship Service..... 10:30 AM

FRIDAY, JUNE 27
Shabbat Worship Service............... 6:00 PM

For a full listing of services & other programs:
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HOLD THE DATE!
FRIDAY, JULY 4 @ 6PM
Worship & Fun Activities
Watch for further information.

THE 5774/2014 TEMPLE ADULT B’NEI MITZVAH CLASS
L to R: Rabbi Steven Rau, Lois Cohen, Jan Rice, Christine Kaufman, Joe’ Lloyd, Arlene Lester, and Jackie Kanfer.
B’nei Mitzvah

ZACHARY LLOYD
Sohn zu Jan & John Lloyd

JUNE 7

LEAH SALOMON
Daughter of Carol Solomon & Andy Solomon

JUNE 7

May Their Memory Be For A Blessing

Our Heartfelt sympathy to the Families of:

Jeanette Solomon
Albert “Hank” Greenstone (husband of Judy Greenstone)
Beryl Weiner (husband of Eleanor Weiner)
James St. Lifer (uncle of Stephanie Fields)
Cindy Natserman (wife of George Natserman)
Ruth Kirsch (grandmother of Meredith Mitchen)
Susana Shapiro (aunt of Hyman Shapiro)
Jerome Chafiz (nephew of Emily Sanders & Im Mospe)
Charlotte Heiboul (mother of Marc Heiboul)
Caryn Sanders (mother of Rad Koessler)
Dr. Donald Fry (father of Don Fry)
Karen Zanz Miltmack (aunt of Stuart Nelson and first cousin of Ben Espoli)
Marvin Nelson (nephew of Danny Marcus and first cousin of Hank & Marjane Sherky)
Nordia Kay (sister-in-law of Ivy Kay)

Mazal Tov to...

Wedding of Joshua Mathew Bomer and Stefanie Rachel Solomon and to Stefanie’s parents Marcy & Jim Solomon and Stefanie’s grandmother, Jane Zevig.

Wedding of Derrick Michael Farnham and Allison Joyce Schwartz and to Allison’s parents, Joyce & Jay Schwartz and Allison’s grandmother, Sonia Schwartz.

Hank Ezid for being honored as a Volunteer by Atlanta Habitat for Humanity.

Birth of Jane Leslie Schwartz to Hank & Micki Schwartz and to big sister, Elissa, and grandfather, Robert Schwartz.

Birth of Ellie (Elek) Sea Heimermann to Emily & Matt Heimermann and to grandparents, Bubbe & Bert Levy.

Dr. Gary Brotstein on being presented with the 11 Alive Community Service Award.

Caring at the Temple

Thanks to our Caring at the Temple volunteers who delivered soup this month:

Betsy Fleisig
Jessica Landisman Williams
Robbie Levin
Denny Marcus

For more information or to volunteer, please contact Rabbi David Spradul at dspadul@the-temple.org or 404-873-1731.

Programs & News

Library/Media Center Suggestions for your Summer Reading Pleasure

[F GRO] To the End of the Land
David Grossman is a famous Israeli author who writes about love and loss in modern Israel.

[F KRA] The History of Love
Nicole Kraus’ story connects the past with the present.

[F HOF] The Museum of Extraordinary Things
Alice Hoffman’s newest book.

[F SEG] The Innocents
Francesca Segal’s novel is About The Innocents retold about a Jewish community in London.

[F B} Once on Wine Brother
Brother or Traitor? The Temple Book Club’s June reading. More information below.

Explore other parts of our library:

• Books about our history, religion, and philosophy can be found in the 200s.
• Jewish character, anti-semitism, culture, family, conversion, etc. are in the 300 section.
• The 600s have cookbooks and the applied sciences.
• The 700s have books about Jews in Europe, Israel, Africa, the Far and Middle East.
• 973 and up—finds you back in the United States.
• Look up the history of famous and not so famous Jews in the biography section.

We are now accepting applications for the 2014-15 school year. Children who are 12 months through 5 years of age on September 1, 2014 are able to apply. We offer both Half Day and Extended Day programs from 7:30am-6:00pm. For information about our limited openings or to schedule a tour of our beautiful facility, please contact our Director, Edye Summerfield at 404-872-8688 or esummerfield@the-temple.org.

We'll miss you next year when you attend school at:

E. Rivers Elementary
Laurel Ridge Elementary
Mary Lin Elementary
Morningside Elementary
Morris Brandon Elementary
Pace Academy
Sagamore Hills Elementary
Sope Creek Elementary
Springside Park Elementary
The Allred & Adele Davis Academy
The Children’s School
The Galloway School
The Padúa School
Trinity School
Warren T. Jackson Elementary

We'd love to see you on the first day of school on August 24th!
The Temple family came out in full to celebrate Ronnie van Gelder’s 25 years of professional service to our congregation. Clad in black and white to fit the keys of the talented Dueling Pianos from Philadelphia, 330 guests paid tribute to Ronnie’s love and devotion to our Temple family. A musical tribute led by Cantor Hartman, with a special appearance by Pamela Alexander set the tone of the joyful evening. A dazzling décor by Event Savvy, a scrumptious dinner by Sandra Bank, Added Touch Catering, and most of all, the heartfelt sentiments filling the room, made it a night to remember! Extra special thanks go to Event Co-chairs Debbie Stone and Linda Selig and their committee for making this event a wonderful highlight of this year.

Dear Temple Family,

What a fabulous event! Thank you so much for the amazing tribute dinner. I cannot say enough about the creativity and organization skills of Debbie Stone and Linda Selig, co-chairs of the event. They are the best. In twenty-five years of events here at The Temple, I have never seen our event space look more beautiful. I know that committee members Pamela Alexander, Juli Bauman, Linda Davis, Janet Dortch, Lily Herr, Libby Johnson, Ray Kumansky, Janet Levine, Kelly Miller, Belinda Morris, Valerie Needle, Carol Nemo, Scott Rabino, Janet Selig, Chuck Taylor, Erin Vylet, Marc Weinberg & Rebecca Zimmerman, worked hard as a team to make this happen. No detail was left undone. A special thanks to all of you. Our superb chorus of singers, wrote and performed three songs in my honor.

Ronnie van Gelder, Program Director
June 2014 bulletin

Blessing Bag Project

June 15th, 2014

Dear Friends,

The success of our Interfaith Anti-trafficking Passover Seder was a key component in our multifaceted campaign to end slavery in our city and in our world, and we are asking for your support in our congregation’s next direct action.

In addition to the Seder’s successful outcomes of raising awareness among the people of Atlanta and building a stronger network of key stakeholders committed to the issue (including institutions of faith, human service providers, elected officials and law enforcement), The Temple is also taking aim at root causes such as poverty and hunger that directly and indirectly contribute to women and girls (and occasionally boys) being trafficked into lives of sexual servitude. A hungry child or teen is more vulnerable to being fooled by a predator’s seemingly innocent act of buying them a meal, potentially leading to nightmarish outcomes.

To reduce this vulnerability and in partnership with StreetGRACE, the Fulton County School system and other local faith organizations, The Temple is proud to host the Blessing Bag Project on Sunday, June 15th at 1pm.

Blessing Bags provide non-perishable food during Spring and Summer Break for at-risk children in the geographic vicinity of our congregation at a time when children often go hungry. We are committed to filling 2,000 of these bags and we are seeking your help to do so.

Please consider making a difference for an at-risk child or teen by underwriting the cost of the food items with your generous contributions. Checks may be payable to The Temple. Please write “For Blessing Bags” in the memo line. Credit cards are also accepted.

Mark your calendar for Sunday, June 15th at 1pm and help to underwrite the cost of the food items with or on one of more of the following ways:

• Help us to underwrite the cost of the food items with your generous contributions.
• Mark your calendar for Sunday, June 15th at 1pm and help load in the food items on the evening of June 14th.
• Share details of this event with friends and urge them to participate.

If you are unable to attend on June 15th, please consider shipping bags to us. Your generosity will be deeply appreciated.

To make a donation, email or call our Anti-trafficking Core Team Leader Mary Anne Fry: Frymaryanne@gmail.com or (404) 401-0509. To volunteer or donate, email or call The Temple’s Clergy Assistant Cherie Winsett: cwinsett@the-temple.org or (404) 873-1731.

Rabbi David Spinrad

The Blessing Bag Project