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The stained-glass in Marcus Chapel

The stained-glass windows along the Galbraith Road side wall of the Marcus Chapel marks off the holidays that are commanded in the Torah including Shabbat. They were designed by Rabbi Louis Feinberg. They lay out the idea of living life through Jewish time. The windows are in calendar order from right to left, beginning with Shabbat, followed by Rosh Hashannah, Yom Kippur, Pesach, Shavuot, Sukot, and lastly, Shemini Atzeret and Simchat Torah. Interestingly, Rosh Chodesh, also a biblical holiday is not included reflecting how by rabbinic times Rosh Chodesh was diminished in status. The order of the stained glass had to be re-arranged when the chapel was made to face east during the Vision Campaign renovation of 2004. These windows remind us how the Jewish calendar is to lead and guide us, infusing temporal and secular time with holiness.