I vividly remember, as a young religious school student, learning about the Congress Theodor Herzl convened in Basel Switzerland in 1897. The teacher handed me a top hat, and I played the part of Herzl. I tried, as best I could, to imagine what it was like to be a part of the leadership that enabled us to return to our homeland. Of course, I had no idea that I would one day, with your help, be elected to the 37th World Zionist Congress myself.

When Herzl stood before the Congress, he declared Im tirzu eyn zo agadah—"If you will it, it is no dream." Herzl dreamed of a democratic, safe, vibrant, and egalitarian state. We can be sure that he did not envision a society in which women are treated as second class citizens. And he did not envision a homeland where terrorism an Israel who fights daily for her survival. He certainly did not envision an Israel in which an ultra-Orthodox minority rules by condemning the Ashkenazi, Sefardi, Labor, Likkud, Greens, Merkaz, and the Zionist Organization of America, youth movements, and more—all trying to reach consensus on some of the most controversial issues of our day. And we did! Where else in the world could this happen?

Some of the resolutions I am most proud of are:
- Protecting freedoms for all of Israel’s citizens
- Protecting Israel’s precious water supplies and instituting a seven-year climate action plan
- Financial transparency in national institutions
- Dealing with the escalation of anti-Semitism
- Creating an easy path for French Jews to make Aliyah
- Absorption of Ethiopian Jews
- Recognition of gay and lesbian Jews
- Creation of an egalitarian prayer space at the Western Wall

Other proposed resolutions were from the far right and were subtly bigoted and unapologetically undemocratic. Because of your vote—and the size of our faction—we defeated most of these resolutions. At the end of the day, we won more than we lost. Also significant is that the results of the election help us determine our influence in Israel’s national institutions, the World Zionist Organization, the Jewish Agency for Israel, and the Jewish National Fund. We now have significant staff positions and influence in each of those organizations.

This campaign was an investment in Israel’s future. I am deeply grateful for your support. We met our goal, were able to maintain fiscal responsibility, and are happy to report that your efforts and investment truly paid off.

It was an honor to stand proudly with the people and leaders of the State of Israel and with Zionists from all over the world to say that terror and violence will not lessen our resilience. Israel must be protected, even as we work together to mend her soul and create a world of peace.

Leshalom,
Rabbi Peter S. Berg

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DECEMBER 5

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Ellie Serebrin

Kimberly Stringer & Aaron Ross

TORAH & HAFTARAH

December 5
Vayeshev

December 12
Miketz

December 19
Vayigash
Genesis 44:18-47:27, Ezekiel 37:15-28

December 26
Vayechi

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May Their Memory Be For A Blessing

Our Heartfelt Sympathy to the Families of:

Sonia Carol (Sunny) Lerner (sister of Joseph Lerner, Jr.)
Vicky Berman (mother of Susan Gordon)
Dr. Roslyn Seligman (sister of Melvin Seligman)
Julian I. Lenny (father of Leslie Stone)
Marjorie Friedman (Grandmother of Julie Levine)
Irving Jacob Rubin (cousin of Doug Slavin)
Carole Babush (wife of Richard Babush and mother of Jacquelyn Babush)
Saul Codner (husband of Bette Codner, father of Sheila Friedman and Mark Codner)

Mazal Tov!

Jake Elsas and Nina Caltabiano on their marriage, and Jacob's mother Nancy Elsas
Arlene Lester and Sheldon Martin Presser on their marriage
Elaine and Mark Fenton on the marriage of their son Daniel Myer Fenton to Aubrey Dennis-King
Elizabeth Gingold Greenman and Rob Clark on their marriage
Mark Joseph Littman & Katherine (Katie) Amanda Grien on their marriage, and to parents, Lauren & Jim Grien and to grandparents, Burt & Barbara Gold
Janike Maxim Reginis and Daniel Jeremy Gross on their marriage
Andrew and Jessica Rodbell on the birth of their son, Simon Abraham Rodbell and to big sister Penny and brother, Clyde and grandparents, Sidney and Phyllis
Cantor Deborah Hartman and Dr. Sanford Hartman on the birth of their grandson, Evan Levi Grossman born to Leah and Ethan Grossman
Janet & Rich Brody on the birth of their grandson, Sidney Louis Cohen born to Sarah and Bradley Cohen
Laurie Botstein, Gary Botstein and Stephanie Sansom on the birth of their granddaughter Maya Bella to Danielle and Jessie Tamez
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Mini Shabbat Morning: Chanukah Edition
FEATURING MUSICIAN SHIRA KLINE
Saturday, December 12 • 9:30 AM
We have a special Mini Shabbat Morning this month with guest musician Shira Kline. 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, followed by a bagel snack and then playground time. If it is nice weather, we’ll go outside to Sonia’s Playgrounds, otherwise we’ll play on the WELC’s two indoor playgrounds. Please come dressed casually. 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.

The Breman Religious School & Youth Calendar

DECEMBER 2015

4  MAFTY Merry Mitzvah | 7:00 PM
6  Religious School | 9:30 AM
  Kindergarten Family Social | 11:00 AM
  The 45 Club Event (4th/5th Youth Group) | 12:15 PM
11  Congregational Chanukah Celebration | 5:30 PM
12  Mini-MAFTY (6th & 7th Grade) Event | 3:00-6:00 PM
13  Religious School | 9:30 AM
  1st Grade Family Education | 9:30 AM
20  Winter Break (through January 3)

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.
**First Fridays**  
**Friday, December 4 • 8:00 PM**  
Join Rabbi David Spinrad and musicians Sammy Rosenbaum and Eli Sperling for an evening of soulful spirituality as we come together for an evening of prayer and music. First Fridays has become known for fun socializing and for services that feel inclusive for people of all levels of familiarity and comfort with the service and with Judaism and is a time to unwind from the week with conversation, inspiring music and meaningful words of prayer. To RSVP email our Engagement Associate Summer Jacobs: sjacobs@the-temple.org and for questions or more information email Rabbi Spinrad: dspinrad@the-temple.org.

Follow us on Twitter: @FirstFridaysATL

**Temple Book Club**  
**Tuesday, December 8 • 7:30 PM • The Temple Media Center**  
The Nightingale by Kristin Hannah is an epic novel, set in France in World War II, two sisters who live in a small village find themselves estranged when they disagree about the imminent threat of occupation. Separated by principles and temperament, each must find her own way forward as she faces moral questions and life or death choices. Haunting, action packed, and compelling this page turner will be led by Jackie Berkelhamer.

**Library News**  
Now you can look up a book in The Temple library/media center catalog from home. You can find our catalog listed under the Resources section of the Learn tab on The Temple website. Simply follow the magnifying glass icon to the catalog and search a book title, author, or keyword to get started! Come in, find your book on our shelves, and check it out. If you have questions, you can always ask the library volunteers on Thursday mornings. The library is always open for your reading pleasure!

**Daytime Discussion Group**  
**Wednesday, December 9 • 10:30 AM • Library/Media Center**  
What did your family do about the “December Dilemma” when you were growing up? How did the holiday hoopla in the wider community impact them? How was your family’s solution related to the times and to where they lived? What does your family do now?

These questions and more… come and talk about your experiences.

**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.

**Age & Stage Events**  
**KULANU: ATLANTA BELTLINE BUS TOUR**  
**Saturday, December 5**  
**8:30 AM-12:30PM • Cost: $3.00**  
**Proof Bakeshop (100 Hurt Street, Inman Park)**  
Join us for Kulanu’s next event on the Atlanta BeltLine Bus Tour for a unique glimpse of the 22-mile corridor of the Atlanta BeltLine. We will partake in a brief spiritual Shabbat experience beforehand lead by our very own Karen George at Proof Bakeshop in Inman Park. Grab a coffee and pastry, and warm your soul! Ride in comfort and learn about the events that brought the Atlanta BeltLine into being, the latest projects happening, and the incredible long-term plans for this revitalization effort. It’s the quickest, easiest, and most relaxing way to immerse yourself in the details surrounding the city’s most comprehensive urban renewal program in its history. Space is limited. Please RSVP today to Barbara LeNoble at lenoblebarbara@gmail.com

**SAGES: HABSBURG SPLENDOR AT THE HIGH MUSEUM WITH DOCENT LEAD LUNCH AT THE TEMPLE**  
**Wednesday, December 9 • 11:30 AM**  
**Cost: High Museum Members: $10, All Others: $20**

We will meet at The Temple for lunch, and enjoy a detailed insider’s slide show about the Habsburg exhibit at The High lead by one of their very own docents. After lunch, we will depart on the bus to see the exhibit at the museum for ourselves. Truly a day not to be missed!

To RSVP, or for questions, please contact Joya Schmidt at jschmidt@the-temple.org or 404-873-1731.

**Support The Temple When You Shop at Kroger**
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.

**Be a Pinch Hitter!**  
**Friday, December 25**
Volunteers needed! The Pinch Hitter Program, organized by B’nai Brith and chaired by Harry Lutz, provides volunteers to work in non-medical positions in area hospitals on Christmas Day to give employees the day off to spend with their families. We will work in four-hour shifts at eleven hospitals and assisted living facilities this year. You can sign up online at www.PinchHitters.org

Note: Activities will end at 5 PM in observance of Shabbat. Call Harry at 770.392.1175 for more information.
Interfaith Prayer Circle
Sunday, December 6 • 2:00 PM • Mercer University's McAfee School of Theology
Join Rabbi David Spinrad and members of the Jewish, Muslim, and Christian communities as we join hands with our Muslim and Christian brothers and sisters. We will take part in a nationwide statement on that day, proclaiming that "We Refuse to Be Enemies" and instead will work to build ties of communication and cooperation for the good of all of our communities.

ModernTribe @ The Temple
Java Nagila gets even better as we welcome ModernTribe@The Temple! The Temple is partnering with ModernTribe to offer unique and useful Judaica for the modern Jewish home. Check out the ModernTribe website (moderntribe.com) or visit the self-serve kiosk in Java Nagila.

Fred A. Toomer Elementary School Volunteer Readers and Tutors
Make a difference in a child's academic success in 5776 by volunteering as a tutor to help elementary school students. Our partner school Fred A. Toomer Elementary (FATE) is located at 65 Rogers Street in Atlanta and is currently seeking volunteers to assist students in grades 3-5 with reading, writing, and math during the school hours. To volunteer or for questions contact our FATE liaison Ms. Tishy Vincent at 404-802-3450 ext. 3460 and 336-383-8644.

Anti-Sex Trafficking Initiative Volunteer Opportunity
As a part of our ongoing anti-trafficking initiative, please consider volunteering on an ongoing basis to work with survivors of domestic minor sex trafficking as they obtain their GED through our partner organization Wellspring Living and the Empowered Living Academy at the Carver YMCA, Monday through Friday 10:00 AM-1:00 PM. For more information or to volunteer, please contact Ms. Bryncia Milam (bmilam@wellspringliving.org).

Zaban Couples Center
The residential season for the Zaban Couples Center is off to a great start. The couples truly appreciate all of the volunteer support, meals and clothing provided by the Temple family.

Last year, the ZCC launched a formal lunch program for residents. The goal is to provide healthy bagged lunches for the couples at least twice each week. The lunch program offers a great opportunity for families with younger children to contribute and do mitzvot. It is also a way for school groups, boy/girl scout troops and service organizations to fulfill their community service requirements.

To learn more about the lunch program and/or to schedule a time to provide lunches, please contact Sara Franco, rfrancobikes@aol.com.

To make a donation to the Zaban Couples Center, please visit the website at www.zabancouplescenter.org.

Sandwich Salon:
Women Connecting & Learning
SOCIETY, WORKPLACE, AND POLITICS
Tuesday, December 1, 2015 • 11:45 AM - 1:15 PM
The Temple's Sandwich Salon and The Jewish Women's Fund of Atlanta invite you to join us for a conversation with Consul General of Israel, Ambassador Judith Shorer and moderated by journalist and former CNN anchor, Daryn Kagan.. How has the position of Israel's women changed in your lifetime? And how can we, as American women, best support women and girls in Israel?

There is no cost to attend. Please bring your lunch; drinks will be provided. RSVP by November 23 to jschmidt@the-temple.org.

CELEBRATE Chanukah AT THE TEMPLE
It's the festival of lights, 8 crazy nights, so let's do it right by celebrating together! Join your Temple family at these special events:

Chanukah with The Temple at Atlanta Botanical Garden
Wednesday, December 9, 2015 | 5:30-9:30 PM
Enjoy the "Garden Lights, Holiday Nights" displays and then join together for candle lighting, singing, and refreshments at 6, 7, or 8 PM.
Tickets required and a limited number of complimentary admissions are available (one per household). RSVP to Laurie Simon at lsimon@the-temple.org.

Chanukah Party with Guest Musician Shira Kline
Friday, December 11, 2015
6:00 PM Family Shabbat Service
6:45 PM Chanukah Party for All Ages – Enjoy latkes and sufganiyot as we light the Chanukah menorah!
7:30 PM Adult Shabbat Service
RSVP online www.the-temple.org/chanukah

RSVPs required to attend these events. For more information about celebrating with The Temple, Chanukah traditions, and seasonal mitzvah projects visit www.the-temple.org/chanukah.

MLK Jr. Shabbat Service
Friday, January 15, 2016
Dinner: 6:30 PM • Service: 8:00 PM
Guest Speaker: Rev. Raphael Warnock, Senior Pastor, Historic Ebenezer Baptist Church.
RSVP REQUIRED by January 8, 2016. Space is limited.

Brockey-Rothschild Institute
February 5-6, 2016
Scholar and Rabbi In Residence Rabbi Daniel Freelander President of the World Union for Progressive Judaism
Lighting the Chanukiah

The lighting of the Chanukiah, or menorah, takes place soon after nightfall, or as soon as the household is together. On Friday night, the Chanukah candles are lit first, followed by the Shabbat candles, as traditionally fire is not created on the Sabbath itself. The lights should not be used for any practical purpose. They should last for at least half an hour, during which time no work should be done.

The menorah is placed on a windowsill or table facing the street to publicize the two miracles of Chanukah: the miracle of the cruse of oil and the miracle of Jewish survival.

A. The shamash, which on most menorahs is set apart from the other candles, is always lit first. It is then used to light all other candles.

B. As you face the menorah, place the candles from right to left, starting with the first night, then two on the second, and so on. By the eighth night, you’ll have a full menorah.

C. Still facing the menorah, use the shamash to light the candles from left to right. This allows the current night’s light to be lit first.

D. Don’t forget to follow the order of the service for each night, listed below:

Order of Service

1. Begin with an opening meditation, listed at the bottom of the opposite page.
2. Recite the Chanukah blessings, listed to the left.
3. Light the candles, using the instructions above.

Chanukah Blessings

Each Night the Following Two Blessings are Recited

Ba-ruch a-ta Adonai, Eh-lo-hei-nu
meh-lech ha-o-lam a-sher
ki-d’sha-nu b’mitz-vo-tav v’tzi-va-nu
l’had-lik ner shel Chanukah

We praise You, Eternal God, Sovereign of the universe: You hallow us with Your Mitzvot, and command us to kindle the Chanukah lights.

Ba-ruch a-ta Adonai, Eh-lo-hei-nu
meh-lech ha-o-lam, sheh-a-sa ni-sim
la-a-vo-tei-nu
ba-ya-mim ha-heim ba-z’man ha-zeh.

We praise You, Eternal God, Sovereign of the universe: You showed wonders to our fathers and mothers in the days of old, at this season.

On the First Night Only

Ba-ruch a-ta Adonai, Eh-lo-hei-nu
meh-lech ha-o-lam, she-he-che-ye-yanu,
v’ki-y’manu, v’hi-gi-anu
la-z’man ha-zeh.

We praise You, Eternal God, Sovereign of the universe, for giving us life, for sustaining us, and for enabling us to reach this season.
The History of the Festival of Lights

Chanukah celebrates the rededication of the Temple in Jerusalem after its defilement by the Syrian Greeks in 164 BCE. Although it is a late addition to the Jewish liturgical calendar, the eight-day festival of Chanukah has become a beloved and joyous holiday. It is also known as the Festival of Lights and takes place in December, at the time of year when the days are shortest in the northern hemisphere.

Chanukah is one of the few Jewish holidays not mentioned in the Bible. The story of how Chanukah came to be is contained in the books of 1 and 2 Maccabees, which are not part of the Jewish canon of the Hebrew Bible.

These books tell the story of the Maccabees, a small band of Jewish fighters who liberated the Land of Israel from the Syrian Greeks who occupied it. Under the reign of Antiochus IV Epiphanes, the Syrian Greeks sought to impose their Hellenistic culture, which many Jews found attractive. By 167 BCE, Antiochus intensified his campaign by defiling the Temple in Jerusalem and banning Jewish practice. The Maccabees — led by the five sons of the priest Mattathias, especially Judah — waged a three-year campaign that culminated in the cleaning and rededication of the Temple.

Since they were unable to celebrate the holiday of Sukkot at its proper time in early autumn, the victorious Maccabees decided that Sukkot should be celebrated once they rededicated the Temple, which they did on the 25th of the month of Kislev in the year 164 BCE. Since Sukkot lasts seven days, this became the timeframe adopted for Chanukah.

About 250 years after these events, the first-century Jewish historian Flavius Josephus wrote his account of the origins of the holiday. Josephus referred to the holiday as the Festival of Lights and not as Chanukah. Josephus seems to be connecting the newfound liberty that resulted from the events with the image of light, and the holiday still is often referred to by the title Josephus gave it.

Chanukah gained new meaning with the rise of Zionism. As the early pioneers in Israel found themselves fighting to defend against attacks, they began to connect with the ancient Jewish fighters who stood their ground in the same place. The holiday of Chanukah, with its positive portrayal of the Jewish fighter, spoke to the reality of the early Zionists who felt particularly connected to the message of freedom and liberty.

Chanukah began to find new expression in the years leading up to the founding of the modern state of Israel. In the post-Holocaust world, Jews are acutely aware of the issues raised by Chanukah: oppression, identity, religious freedom and expression, and the need to fight for national independence. Chanukah has developed into a holiday rich with historical significance, physical and supernatural miracle narratives, and a dialogue with Jewish history.

8 Nights of Meditations for Each Night of Chanukah

FREEDOM – First Night – CHAYRUT (Dec. 6)
We kindle these Chanukah Lights in memory of the dedication and courage of the Maccabees. They willingly sacrificed their lives for the freedom to worship God as their hearts and minds dictated. As we kindle these candles, we rededicate ourselves to work for the equal rights of all people, and for the realization of a society of democracy and freedom.

FAMILY – Second Night – MISHPACHA (Dec. 7)
Tonight, as we celebrate Chanukah together, we are conscious of our precious gift of family. So often we take one another for granted, forgetting to express our love and devotion. As we kindle these festive lights, let us rededicate ourselves to sharing our interest and time with one another. Like the Maccabees of old, let us share both tsuros and simchas, united by our family bonds.

STUDY – Third Night – TALMUD TORAH (Dec. 8)
As the Maccabees courageously fought to preserve our faith, we too are duty-bound to sustain our faith by deepening our understanding of it. Study opens our minds and fortifies us against tyranny. Learning secures our freedom. As we kindle these candles, we rededicate ourselves to the study of our tradition.

HOPE – Fourth Night – TIKVA (Dec. 9)
Ours are times when many people live in fear and great despair. Like the Maccabees, we need to build our lives on the hope that ultimately truth will triumph over superstition, trust over suspicion, concern over selfishness. As we kindle these Chanukah lights, may our hearts be lifted by our tradition’s sense of confidence, optimism and hope.

RIGHTeousness – Fifth Night – TZEDAKAH (Dec. 10)
Our tradition tells us that during the Maccabean war for freedom, all Jews – children and adults – contributed generously toward the cause of defeating the oppressor. There are still many people afflicted by sickness, hunger, ignorance, and prejudice. Tonight, like our ancestors, we put aside gifts of charity in order that we too, may help to bring an end to oppression. (Each member of the family sets aside his/her gift of Tzedakah.)

PEACE – Sixth Night – SHALOM (Dec. 11)
The candles of Chanukah remind us of our chosen mission as Jews. One of our foremost tasks is to secure peace in our troubled world. When we end disagreements through mutual understanding, when we seek to mend hurt and wounded feelings, we make shalom a living idea. As we kindle our Chanukah candles, we rededicate ourselves to the pursuit of peace.

HUMANITY – Seventh Night – ENOSHIYUT (Dec. 12)
Humanity is founded upon whole-hearted respect for the precious liberty and freedom of all people; it is an important teaching of our tradition. As we kindle these lights, we rededicate ourselves to caring for humanity and to respect for all people which alone can bring dignity to all God’s children.

FAITH – Eighth Night – EMUNAH (Dec. 13)
Throughout the centuries, the Menorah has been a symbol of our Jewish faith. Tonight, as we kindle all the candles of our Chanukah Menorah, we rededicate ourselves to the living of a more meaningful Jewish life. We pray that throughout this coming year we may fulfill the ideals of freedom, family, study, hope, tzedakah, shalom, humanity and faith. (Much of the material in this Chanukah supplement came from the Temple Anshe Emeth Bulletin of New Brunswick, New Jersey.)
TEMPLE FINANCIAL CONDITION

For the past fiscal year ending June 30, 2015 total revenues were $4,385,022 and total expenses were $4,285,377 resulting in a slight surplus for the year of $99,645. This amount was transferred to the Endowment Fund in repayment of the cumulative balance due to subsidizing Temple operations in past years. Our lay and professional leaders continue to identify cost containment opportunities in light of the economic times. This year’s budget plan includes some modest increases in education, human resources, and other unavoidable increases in costs for facility support and other products and services. Thanks to the continued generosity of our members in supporting The Temple by paying membership dues and other fees, we are operating at break even for the sixth straight year.

The Finance Committee chaired by Treasurer Louis Lettes continues to set a path for The Temple to meet its day to day operating requirements. The Finance Committee continues to review in detail all expenses to ensure proper controls and efficiencies. Cost containment is a constant theme in all budget and financial discussions. The Finance Committee appreciates our members’ payments for Temple dues and fees, which are the lifeblood of meeting our operating expenses.

Temple expenses in the security and insurance areas remain high and unavoidable. The safety and security for Temple members is a high priority. In order to meet this challenge, a security fee is assessed to all members. The fee for regular members is $175. Young Couples and Young Professionals pay an adjusted security fee of $110 and $85, respectively. We hope everyone continues to understand the necessity of funding this very necessary expense.

Basic dues for 2016 will be $2,310, a slight 2.7% increase over 2015. Members who currently support The Temple at the basic level will be asked to consider raising their dues level to a Leadership Dues Circle such as the Menorah Circle at $2,500. Members who currently support our synagogue at leadership levels will be asked to consider moving to a higher level of generosity. Other members will participate in the Dues Drive with increased support of either $36 (double Chai) or $54 (triple Chai) depending on their current level. We are pleased to report that many of you do “dig a little deeper” and increase beyond your current level of dues support. This generosity helped achieve the slight surplus of last year and will go a long way to help us break even this year.

The pie charts shown on the next page represent projected revenues and expenses for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016. If there is any communication desired regarding Temple finances, please contact any Temple officer, Louis Lettes, Treasurer, or Mark Jacobson, Executive Director.

Your timely payment of dues and increasing your annual support, if possible, is critical to The Temple’s meeting its operating needs. Our Temple family has always risen to the challenges it faces. The Temple Board is confident and most appreciative of The Temple family responding as it always does in meeting the needs of our membership and community.

DONATION OF APPRECIATED STOCK

Temple members will be receiving their Temple dues statements for the 2016 year during the month of December. The Temple dues year is the calendar year, January–December, and statements are mailed at this time should members wish to take advantage of a tax deduction for the current 2015 year.

Many members may wish to donate securities to fulfill their commitments. The donation of appreciated stock may be of considerable benefit considering tax consequences. Consult your tax advisor. If you wish to transfer stock, your broker will require the following information: Charles Schwab & Co., DTC #164, Temple Account #8769-3467.

Please let us know of the transaction so we can follow up properly. Call Mark Jacobson, Executive Director, with any questions if you wish to donate stock to The Temple at 404-873-1731 or email at mjacobson@the-temple.org.
LEADERSHIP DUES GROUPS

Many Temple members participate in leadership dues level groups such as the Covenant Circle ($50,000+); Torah Circle ($25,000+); Minyan Circle ($18,000+); Rabbi’s Circle ($10,000+); Mitzvah Circle ($7,500+); Temple Dome Circle ($5,000+); Double Chai Circle ($3,600+); and Menorah Circle ($2,500+).

Members in these categories help The Temple be a religious home to members of our community who are not in a position to pay full dues. In addition, names of Leadership Dues group participants are displayed in the lobby outside the Covenant Chapel.

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Projected Revenues

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Contributions of Support

Rabbis’ Discretionary Funds

In Memory of:
Miriam Berman
Barbara Riff

Vivian (Vicky) Berman
Cheryl & Myron Bloom
Lee & Gene Kout
Audrey & Michael Landy
Anita & Mark Rottner

Beloved wife, Linda Brenner
David Brenner

Marvin Brown
Robyn & Scott Ripps

Morris Coffino
Mindy Waitsman

Samuel Cohen
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Hyman Cott
Stuart Cott

Larry Craig
Sandra & Gary Silver
Barbara W. Riff

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Jack D. Levin

Beloved sister,
Susan Birnberg Dockman
Ralph M. Birnberg

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Vicki & Allen Filstein

Harold A. Flom
JoAnne Finestone

Jim Johnston
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Beloved sister,
Sonia Carol (Sunny) Lerner
Joseph S. Lerner, Jr.

Sunny Lerner
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Elaine Levin

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Libby Orlansky
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Beloved husband, Paul Raymon
Brenda Raymon

Louis “Sonny” Sherman, Jr.
Mary Jane Sherman & Fred Cohen

Beloved father & husband,
Lawrence M. Steinheimer, Jr.
Carole & Nick Brand

Nancy Taffel
Jack Taffel

Seymour P. Weinberg
Barbara Riff

In Honor of:
Bar Mitzvah of our grandson,
Aiden Abramowitz
Patti & Richard Abramowitz

Speedy Recovery of
Marvin Botnick
Betty Lipshutz

Birth of our grandson,
Sidney Louis Cohen
Janet & Richard Brody

Thank you–Jonathan & Laurie
Ann Goldman & family
Marsha Gilbert

Marriage of our daughter
Katie to Mark Littman
Lauren & Jim Grien

Our wedding
Jonathan & Ally Habif

High Holiday Thank you
Ray & Patti Schneider & family

Our daughter Casey’s
Bat Mitzvah
Mindy & David Shoulsberg

90th Birthday of
Dorothy Steinheimer
Her children & grandchildren,
Helen & George Steinheimer,
Benjamin Steinheimer &
Lauren Steinheimer
Her children, grandchildren &
great grandchildren, Carole & Nick
Brand, Jonathan, Elizabeth, David,
Ellen & Rose Harriet Brand

Our daughter Jordan’s
Bat Mitzvah
Rachel Spассer & Leo Tucker

Donations:
Chet & Deborah Koenig
The Lord’s Day Alliance of the US
Susanna & Ryan Sawyer

Cantor’s Discretionary Fund

In Memory of:
Bruce Cohen
Herbert Cohen

Dr. Sydney Spector
Faye Spector & Brian Maloney

Herbert Hillsberg
Vicki & Allen Filstein

Donald Wender
Shirley Wender

In Honor of:
Cantor Deborah Hartman,
for the beautiful holiday music
Billie Guthman

Cantor Deborah Hartman
on the birth of her grandson,
Evan Levi Grossman
Tracy & Rick Rosenthal

The Bat Mitzvah of our
daughter, Jordan
Rachel Spассer & Leo Tucker

Adult Education Fund

In Memory of:
George Wiener
Sandi & Julie Nessel

Rae Weisenfeld
Sandi & Julie Nessel

Leo Nessel
Sandi & Julie Nessel

Arthur Light Memorial Fund

In Memory of:
Arthur W. Light
Estelle Light

Kathrine Lichtenheim
Estelle Light

Alexander Lichtenheim
Estelle Light

Debbie Finestone Garden Beautification Fund

In Memory of:
Rose E. Finestone
Stuart, Jason & Marcy Finestone

Esther Bleich Scholarship Fund

In Memory of:
Arnold Holzer
Esther & Stanley Rawn

Sally Gerhardt Berger
Linda & Joshua Brener

Harry Peters
Natalie & George Greene

In Honor of:
Janet & Richard Brody on
the birth of their grandson,
Sidney Louis Cohen
Dianne Ratowsky

Birthday of Fayne Frankel
Bea & Bud Feiman
Helene Zussmann

Birthday of Emily Kisber
Helene Zussmann

Holland Youth Library Fund

In Memory of:
Vicky Berman
Ellen & Jack Holland

Lee Sheridan
Ellen & Jack Holland

Carolyn W. Holland
Ellen & Jack Holland
Beth R. Holland

Carole Babush
Ellen & Jack Holland
Sarah “Sally” Gold
Laura & Dick Lawrence

In Honor of:
Ellen & Jack Holland
Diane & Martin Maslia

Judith L. Kirschner Fund

In Memory of:
Vicky Berman
Anne Schwartz

Lenore E. Gold Memorial Fund

In Honor of:
Marriage of Katie Grien &
Mark Littmann
Judith & Mark Taylor

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In Honor of:
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