WORSHIP

SCHEDULE: DECEMBER 2018

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1
9:00 AM Torah Study
10:30 AM B’nei Mitzvah of Tyler Linsky & Elizabeth A. Jonas

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7
6:00 PM Shabbat Chanukah Worship Service w/House Band
7:00 PM Meditation – Room 34
8:00 PM The Well

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8
9:00 AM Torah Study
9:30 AM Mini Shabbat
10:30 AM Bat Mitzvah of Vivian E. Kohn
5:30 PM Mincha Bat Mitzvah of Natalie H Spear

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14
6:00 PM Shabbat Worship Service
7:00 PM Meditation – Room 32

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15
9:00 AM Torah Study
10:30 AM Bar Mitzvah of Ryan Z. Hirsh

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21
6:00 PM Shabbat Worship Service
7:00 PM Meditation – Room 34

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 22
9:00 AM Torah Study
10:30 AM Chapel Worship Service

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 28
6:00 PM Shabbat Worship Service
7:00 PM Meditation – Room 34

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 29
9:00 AM Torah Study
10:30 AM Chapel Worship Service

TORAH & HAFTARAH:

DECEMBER 1:
Genesis 37:1-40:23; Amos 2:6-3:8

DECEMBER 8:
Genesis 41:1-44:17; Zechariah 4:1-7

DECEMBER 15:
Genesis 44:18-47:27; Ezekiel 37:15-28

DECEMBER 22:
Genesis 47:28-50:26; I Kings 2:1-12

DECEMBER 29:
What Do We Really Believe About Miracles?

As we light candles during the festival of Chanukah, we will proudly proclaim the miracles that occurred at this season in ancient days. How, though, do we explain these miracles to ourselves and to our children?

Maimonides teaches in his Guide For the Perplexed that "A miracle cannot prove what is impossible, it only confirms what is possible." At first blush, it is surprising to us that Maimonides, the famed 12th century Jewish philosopher, would have something to say on the subject of miracles. Maimonides, after all, was a rationalist. He sought to square Jewish tradition and thought with Aristotle, so how could the father of Jewish rationalism have something to say about miracles?

This Chanukah, I would submit to you that Maimonides was completely faithful to the Jewish tradition in addressing miracles; however, in order to see his point, we will have to open ourselves up to the notion of miracles, which is often an obstacle to taking Jewish life seriously. We are not good at suspending our rational instincts. We want our Jewish experiences to augment our humanity, not to diminish it.

The best modern Hebrew word for miracle is "niflaot" which means wonders, a word that is far broader than the word miracle. It refers to the extraordinary signs and surprising events which God brought about in order to demonstrate God’s will or power. There are many instances in the Bible when God needed to demonstrate power. Recall the Egyptian staff turning into a serpent to show that Moses was, indeed, sent as a prophet of God or the ten plagues which coerced pharaoh to accept the divine command and let the Israelites go.

There are other miracles that go beyond the mere proof of divine power. Israel was saved and Egypt’s army destroyed by the parting of the Red Sea; the people were given water and food for forty years in the wilderness by means of miraculous acts. These are miracles or wonders that can be viewed as direct intervention at critical moments in human history.

The rabbis of the Talmud (200-400 CE) also celebrated miracles. For them, wonders were a testimony to the truth of religion. They also celebrated the miracles of everyday living—caring for the poor, clothing the naked, etc. Such miracles do not involve a disturbance in the order of creation. One striking passage in the Talmud talks of the miracles of the throat. God created our throats so that bread being swallowed does not scratch us up. For the rabbis, the well in the throat that enables food to descend safely is a miracle.

Chanukah, too, celebrates a miracle. The rabbis emphasize the wondrous aspect of the legend of pure oil which was sufficient for one day only yet lasted for eight days until new oil could be brought. The chanukiyah "publicizes the miracle," so the blessings we recite begin by thanking God for the miracles given to our fathers and mothers.

Miracles can be found all around us. Were it not for the daily marvels, we would all have perished long ago. The question of whether miracles are natural or supernatural is not a bother in either the Bible or the Talmud. Jewish belief about miracles, then, is twofold. First, miracles teach us that God can do anything, which has been demonstrated in history many times. For Jews, the sacred history of Israel has been shaped often enough by direct and quite evident divine intervention. Second, we are taught to be cautious about miracles: "The one who depends on a miracle will experience none." I think this is an important message for us all, for we should never stand in a dangerous place and believe a miracle will happen. At the same time, we should be open to the possibility of miracles in our lives.

May this season be filled with light, dedication, and miracles abound.

With love from home to home,

Rabbi Peter S. Berg

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About Rabbi Berg:
Peter Berg became the fifth senior rabbi of The Temple since 1895 in July 2008. He is thrilled to serve this diverse and multi-generational congregation as a spiritual leader. Rabbi Berg is passionate about Jewish learning and meaningful worship, and he is an advocate for social change. A native of Ocean Township, New Jersey, Rabbi Berg holds a degree in Education and Human Development, with a focus in human services, counseling and Judaic Studies from George Washington University in Washington, D.C. He earned his M.A. in Hebrew Literature and his rabbinic ordination from Hebrew Union College – Jewish Institute of Religion in New York and Jerusalem, where he was a Steinhardt Fellow. Rabbi Berg also holds a certificate in Chemical Dependency and Spiritual Counseling and is a trained Disaster, Fire and Police Chaplain.

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LIFECYCLES

B’NEI MITZVAH

DECEMBER 1
Tyler Ross Linsky
Son of Heath Linsky & Melissa Altman

DECEMBER 8
Elizabeth Anne Jonas
Daughter of Lisa Gleim-Jonas & William Jonas

DECEMBER 8
Vivian Kohn
Daughter of Jami & Lawrence Kohn

DECEMBER 8
Natalie Hope Spear
Daughter of Douglas & Andrea Spear

DECEMBER 15
Ryan Zer Hirsh
Son of Daniel & Marla Hirsh

MAY THEIR MEMORY BE FOR A BLESSING

Our Heartfelt Sympathy to the Families of:

Helen Palevsky (mother of Ruth Menter)
Jay Whitehead, Jr. (father of J. Paul Whitehead III)
Pamela Holtzman (mother of Cameron Carter)
Sydney Covall (father of Lisa Rovinsky)
Emily “Eme” Marie Ellis (cousin of Kana Kaplan)
Harvey Steven Taylor (father of Craig Taylor)
Larry Donald Spielberger
Betty Gewin (mother of Rebecca Ries)

MAZAL TOV!

Have good news to share? Please email Katie Bass at kbass@the-temple.org.

Pearlann Arnovitz Rosenzweig & Andrew Rosenzweig on the birth of their son, Benjamin Stanley & to big sister, Marley. Mazal tov to grandparents, Eliot Arnovitz & Phyllis Kozarsky.

Ashley Neese on the birth of her son, Solomon Lyon Weinstein and to grandparents, Lon & Debbie Neese.

Steven and Somers Zaychik on the birth of their son, Jacob Jagger Zaychik.

Abigail Greenbaum on the birth of her daughter, Naomi Rose.

Michael Bonner Crosby & Katherine Leigh Price on their wedding and to Katherine’s parents, Seth & Leslie Price.

Stephanie Lauren Nulman and Omri Eban on their wedding.

Mark Steven Moritz and Jessica Kate Gordon on their wedding.

Wendy Michelle Stein and Royi Hagigi on their wedding.

Lauren Grace Ferchau & Alexander Emil Levinger on their wedding.

NEW & RETURNING MEMBERS

Willi Rechler & Andrew Berger
Aliza Kaiman & Daniel Epstein
Pamela & Marty Steinik • Madeline, Jemma, & Farrah Steinik
Marcy Victor
**Project Merry Mitzvah**

Project Connect (our high school youth program) is gearing up for our annual social action initiative! Each December our teens host a Shabbat dinner and shopping evening for the residents of the Zaban Paradies Center for Couples. Teens will serve dinner, celebrate with the residents, and then give them an opportunity to go shopping in the “mall” for a gift for their spouse or partner. This can’t happen without help from you.

We need donations of the items listed below. Bring items to The Temple until December 10th. **Items should be brand new.**

- Robe
- Slippers (mens and womens)
- New picture frames
- Boxed/packagebed linen (queen)
- New neck ties
- New boxed costume jewelry
- Throw blankets
- Pillows and pillowcases
- Boxed alarm clocks, clock radios
- Boxed irons
- Full sets of bathroom towels
- Full sets of kitchen towels and pot holder
- Full sets of pots and pans (boxed)
- 4 place settings of dishes (boxed)
- Boxed set of water glasses (not wine or alcohol related)
- Kitchen serving utensils (boxed sets)
- Boxed blender
- Boxed table lamps or floor lamps
- Boxed tool sets
- Boxed/packaged bath accessories (bathmats, shower curtains and rings)
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For more information, please contact Rabbi Steven Rau (srau@the-temple.org) or Elizabeth Foster (efoster@the-temple.org).

**45 Club Event: The Ultimate Chanukah Party**

**Sunday, December 2 • 12:00-1:30pm**

Open to all 4th & 5th graders. $10 includes lunch and fun! RSVP to Bethany Smith at bsmith@the-Temple.org or on The Temple’s website.

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**The Breman Religious School & Youth Calendar**

**December 2**
- Religious School @ 9:30am
- Kindergarten Family Social @ 11:00am
- 45 Club Event @ Noon
- Teen Israel Trip Meeting @ 12:15pm

**December 7**
- NFTY 678 Donut Party @ 6:00pm

**December 10**
- Religious School @ 9:30 AM
- 4th Grade Family Education @ 9:30am

**December 14**
- Project Merry Mitzvah @ 5:00pm

**December 16**
- Religious School
- 1st-5th Grade Jewish Museum @ 9:30am
- Religious School Committee Meeting @ Noon

**December 23 – January 6**
- Winter Break
Jews Around the World
Instructors: Rabbi Ruth Abusch-Magder
Time: 7:00-7:55pm • Cost: Free
Join us for a trip through time and around the world as we learn about the historic and contemporary diversity that is our collective heritage. Join Rabbi Ruth Abusch-Magder PhD of Be’chol Lashon to learn about ancient Jewish communities like that of India and Ethiopia to emerging communities in Uganda and Guatemala to the ways in which adoption, intermarriage and conversion are changing the face of Jewish life.

Monday, December 3:
We may think of diversity as an modern phenomenon of Jewish life, but diversity has been part of Jewish life since ancient times. Join us to learn about the ancient roots of Jewish diversity including biblical and classic texts and the histories of the Jews of India and Ethiopia.

Monday, December 10:
Most of Jewish history is the history of voluntary or forced migration, with whole populations relocating over generations. In modern times we are seeing a new phenomenon, communities coming into existing where no Jews have lived before but without a history of migration. Come learn about what modern factors are enabling emerging communities to come into existence in Africa and South America.

Monday, December 17:
This session will unpack the common assumption that American Jews are white and look at the way contemporary trends of intermarriage, adoption and conversion are changing the literal face of the Jewish community. We will take a look at why it is often so hard to talk about race in American Jewish spaces and think together about the ways we can build a strong, inclusive Jewish future.

Thoughts and Prayers? We Must Do More
My final edits to this article have come just hours after Shabbat worshippers in Pittsburgh were gunned down while they prayed. Antisemitic, racially and ethnically motivated slaughter whether in a synagogue, church, mosque or any place where people of faith congregate calls for a more direct response than thoughts and prayers alone. They must be accompanied by policy change if we are to keep our families and communities safe.

Rabbi Berg and I have actively lobbied for commonsense gun laws at the Capitol for several years, and as co-chairs of the Rothschild Social Justice Institute’s Gun Violence Prevention group, our priorities in addition to opposing dangerous legislation have been banning assault weapons and bump stocks, requiring training for concealed carry permits and prohibiting firearms purchases from those convicted of domestic violence or with a restraining order against them. Many of these laws now exist in other states, and they are working. We want to be a voice for positive change in Georgia and believe there is broad citizen support for these measures.

We ask for your participation in our efforts. Please mark your calendars for Sunday, January 13 when Jeff Willard, executive director of Tzdek Georgia and 2nd vice chair of the ACLU of Georgia will lead a citizen advocacy workshop at the Temple. This will be an important session to learn about potential laws that may challenge our safety in Georgia.

And we hope to empower our legislature to pass proactive legislation that enjoys support from over 70% of Georgians.

If you would like to participate in positive changes that will protect Georgians from gun violence or are concerned about any of our other social justice issues including racial justice, women’s and LGBTQ rights, education, environment and climate change, join us on January 13.

I’ve taken Jeff’s training, and it is an extremely comprehensive presentation of Lobbying 101. The legislative session runs forty days from the second week in January through the end of March. At the Capitol we will work with other groups in speaking one on one with legislators, and if you are so inclined, testifying before house or senate committees for or against pending legislation related to gun safety and other social justice issues. You will always have others to nurture you and provide you with any information you need (and to grab a nosh).

Please keep in mind that we are not asking for an extreme time commitment. This is a terrific opportunity for individuals who like me, are retired and for parents who have time during the day while their children are in school. We understand that your passion for the issue combined with your commitment to work and family will dictate your availability.

And although frustration abounds regarding recent events and our progress on gun safety issues over the years, we guarantee that you will walk away with an excellent understanding of the process, a feeling of involvement and friends made in the process. I know it is early to ask, but if you are interested in attending our Advocacy Training workshop on January 13 or have any questions, please email your name and phone number to: elstahlman@gmail.com. You will receive reminders and relevant information.

In the spirit of Tikkun Olam,
Lissie Stahlman
Co-Chair/ RSJI Gun Violence Prevention Group
Diana Ratner’s thoughts about the Pittsburgh Synagogue Shooting

I typically do not share a lot about politics and news on social media, but this one really hit close to home for me. I’m currently sitting in my car in the Panera parking lot, after my youth group board meeting, and I am experiencing so many emotions. Being Jewish is a really important part of who I am, and I would not give it up for anything. I am so fortunate to have such amazing Jewish friends that I can talk about these issues with. My heart hurts after hearing about the devastating shooting at the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh this morning. These victims went to temple this morning to pray, not knowing that it would be their last time. It is so scary to think that this could have been my temple, and my family and friends could have been affected. I usually feel pretty safe at my temple and youth group, and to be honest it is hard to feel safe after what happened today. Temples should be a safe place of worship for everyone who walks through the doors, and crimes like these should be the last thing we have to worry about. Anti-Semitism should be a thing in the past, and not something we have to continue to fight against. What is it going to take for stuff like this to stop happening? How many more innocent lives have to be taken for something to change? What has our world come to? I hope that one day we will no longer have to think about horrific crimes like these.

Diana Ratner is a junior at the Atlanta Girls School. She was confirmed last year at The Temple and is a madricha for our religious school.
EVENTS & NEWS

Chanukah 2018

@ THE TEMPLE

Join your Temple family at these special events!

IT’S THE FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS, 8 CRAZY NIGHTS, SO LET’S DO IT RIGHT BY CELEBRATING TOGETHER.

For more information about celebrating with The Temple, Chanukah traditions, and seasonal mitzvah projects visit the-temple.org/chanukah.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2018
Chanukah with The Temple at Atlanta Botanical Garden

Co-sponsored by:

MJCCAINTOWN

Enjoy Garden Lights, Holiday Nights and join us in the Gardenhouse Gallery for candlelighting, singing, and refreshments.

6:00-6:45 P.M. — Puppet sized Chanukah!
Best suited for our families with children up to 6 years old.

7:15-8:00 P.M. — The Carpool Crew!
For those who can spin their own dreidel and spend their own gelt. A festive family experience.

8:15-9:00 P.M. — “It’s not past my bedtime”
A grown up version of the Chanukah experience.


RSVP by November 26:
Visit www.the-temple.org/chanukah or call (404) 873-1731. Space is limited, register today!

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2018
Shabbanukah!

Celebrate the warmth of community as Shabbat and Chanukah come together!

5:15 P.M. — New Member Reception
New Members and their families are invited to a reception in Schwartz-Goldstein as part of the New Member Kahal. For more information or to RSVP, please contact Joya Schmidt (jschmidt@the-temple.org).

5:15 P.M. — Shabbat Socializing
Everyone is invited to a reception outside of the Adult Media Center to unwind from the week and socialize. No need to RSVP.

6:00 P.M. — Shabbanukah Worship Services for all ages, featuring The Temple’s House Band
We are delighted to welcome congregants from First Presbyterian Church to worship with us as part of our “Trading (Holy) Spaces” program, and to have the opportunity to officially welcome and bless our new Temple members.

7:00 P.M. — Congregational Shabbat Dinner
We will gather as one community for a Chanukah-style Shabbat dinner. Vegetarian options available. RSVP required at www.the-temple.org/chanukah.

TICKETS: Temple Members: Adults: $15, Children (5-12): $10; Guests: $20. Complimentary for New Member Kahal and Trading (Holy) Spaces participants.

8:00 P.M. — The Well Socializing
8:30 P.M. — The Well Shabbat Service
Join Rabbis Sam Kaye and Micah Lapidus for a celebratory, unplugged, service designed for Young Professionals, celebrating Shabbat and the festival of lights! If you have one, please bring a Chanukiah and some Candles! We are delighted to welcome guests from Interfaith Family Atlanta’s “Shul-Shopping” program. To RSVP or if this is your first time at the Well please email Summer Jacobs: sjacobs@the-temple.org.

For more information, visit: the-temple.org/chanukah
Mini Shabbat
Saturday, December 8 • 9:30am: Services with Puppets
10:00am: Bagels, Coffee, and Play Time
Join us for Mini Shabbat this month when our puppets will teach us all about the dreidel. Be ready to do some spinning!
Following services, we’ll have a bagel snack and time on the WELC’s indoor playground! You can find us on the second Saturday of every month at 9:30 AM in the Covenant Chapel for music and a story with our puppets.

Calling all Bubbies!
Saturday, December 8 @ 4:30pm
Synchrocity Theater: 1545 Peachtree St.
Enjoy a magical afternoon with your Grandchildren. Once again, we will head back to Synchrocity Theater for a showing of A Year With Frog and Toad.
Synchrocity’s production of A Year with Frog and Toad brings Arnold Lobel’s beloved characters to life in a whimsical and irresistible retelling for audiences of all ages. The cheerful Frog and rather grumpy Toad may get hopping mad at each other sometimes, but their friendship sees them through a year of adventures, from growing seeds to sledding down a hill at breakneck speed. Nominated for three 2003 Tony Awards, including Best Musical, A Year With Frog and Toad is an ode to friendship that weathers the seasons.
The cost is $12/pp. To RSVP, please contact Joya Schmidt at jschmidt@the-temple.org by November 20. Space is limited. No refunds will be issued after November 30.

Sandwich Salon
Parallel Lives, Eve Parker Hoffman & Jacqueline Clay Chester
December 11, 2018 • 11:45am—1:15pm
Two writers—Eve, a white Jewish Southern poet, and Jacqueline, a Brooklyn-born African American playwright and “southerner once removed”—share unexpected parallels in their lives. They “challenge us to celebrate our commonality and to work toward healing our broken world.” They will share visual arts and poetry inspired by their experiences with racism and anti-Semitism.
Please RSVP to Joya Schmidt at jschmidt@the-temple.org.

Temple Sages
An Unforgettable Tour of the Fox Theatre followed by Lunch at Baraonda
Friday, December 14, 2018 • Bus departs at 9:45am
Cost: $20/pp. Lunch not included.
Take a guided tour back to 1929 and the golden era of the movie palace at the Fox Theatre. Experience a magic carpet ride through ancient Egypt and the Middle East, all while learning about the largest movie palace in the Southeast. Be swept away into a world of Elvis Presley and the Rolling Stones, a world of Atlanta citizens rising up and saving a landmark from the wrecking ball, all from under the twinkling stars and fluffy clouds. Come make your memory at Atlanta’s memory-maker!
To RSVP, please contact Joya Schmidt at jschmidt@the-temple.org or 404-873-1731 by Monday, December 3.

Together—A Special Day of Service
Community Tree Planting
Tu B’Shvat and MLK Day are on the same day—Monday January 21, 2019. Please join your Temple Green Team, Ahavath Achim Green Team, Trees Atlanta and the interfaith community to plant trees on this special day. Amazing opportunity to honor the life and memory of Dr. Martin Luther King, and to celebrate the Jewish New Year of the trees—Tu B’Shvat.
Where: Grove Park, meet at the corner of Grove Park Place and Francis Place NW, 30318. Close to Proctor Creek and a new section of The Path, with almost no street traffic.
When: Monday, January 21, 2019, 9:00am to noon, end with a Tu B’Shvat celebration. Special programming for young children.
Please HOLD THE DATE! We’ll have lots of refreshments, including Tu B’Shvat fruit and nuts and hot coffee. To whet your appetite, go to Atlanta Interfaith Broadcasting’s YouTube video—they featured the 2017 planting on their program GROW. See https://youtu.be/AvVsgdVNfs (start at roughly 7.18).
Leven Jewish Identity Institute
Upcoming Programs
For more information or to register, see www.the-temple.org/interfaith or contact Rabbi Lapidus (llapidus@the-temple.org) or Brian Weiss (brianweissmedia@gmail.com).

Looking Ahead: What does it mean to raise Jewish kids?
Sunday, December 16 • 9:30am-12:00pm at The Temple
We often talk about "raising Jewish children," but what does that mean for an interfaith couple or those who weren’t raised as Jews? And, how do we think about this in light of recent events in the Jewish community? Join Rabbis Lapidus, Medwin, and Rau to discuss milestones of Jewish education, life cycle events, and questions of how to create space for both parents and sides of the family to be involved in passing along family traditions and important values.
If you have kids, are thinking about having kids, or might have kids one day, this is for you!

Beineinu (The Two of Us): The Temple’s Marriage Retreat
March 1-2, 2019 at Chateau Elan
Facilitated by Rabbis Loren and Micah Lapidus and Rabbis Lydia and Dan Medwin, this marriage retreat gives an opportunity to relax and reconnect as a couple, and also to meet other couples from The Temple. Every year, participants leave with new friends and ways to participate in the community. This retreat is primarily designed for those in their first 7 years of marriage. Through the generosity of the Leven Family Jewish Identity Institute, there is a significant discount for the retreat and an additional subsidy for interfaith couples.

Annual College Outreach
Sign up your student again!
Do you have a college-age student, a child at college, 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, wherever that may be! Please send us your student’s new mailing address for this year so we can continue to be a part of their life.

Temple Connect
For a complete listing of Temple Connect groups, visit www.temple-connect.com.
Joining a Temple Connect group is the best way to get to know a small group of people well. Formed around interests, needs, geography, demographic or profession, group meetings take place in the home, in an office, or anywhere in the city. Groups meet regularly (usually monthly), are led by your fellow Temple members, and consist of anywhere between 3-18 people. Temple Connect is designed to inspire us and transform our lives and the world around us. We want to help you get connected!

Zaban Paradies Center
On October 18, the Zaban Paradies Center kicked off the season with its first Game Night FUNdraiser held at the home of Jody and Gary Goldstein. For a minimum donation of $36 to reserve a spot, attendees gathered to share an evening of games, snacks, and FUN. The event was a smashing success, raising over $1900.
If you would like more information about hosting your own Game Night FUNdraiser to raise money for the Zaban Paradies Center for Homeless Couples, please contact Valerie Weitzner at vweitzner@icloud.com for some suggestions and guidance.

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: Nancy Apatov, Scott Chalk, Sandy & Duane Cox, Susan Gordon, Jessica Landisman, Barbara & Ron Lipp, Judy Maziar, Sharyn Mulequeen, Cheryl Orlansky, Cheri Ressler, Debbie Shelton, Claudia Shorr, Mia Spolan, Shayna Steinfeld, Lisa & Eric Vayle.

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.

We’re Collecting Things!
Don’t know what to do with those empty plastic medicine bottles? We do! MedShare, a Mitzvah Day Agency, collects surplus medical supplies and used equipment from U.S. hospitals and manufacturers and sends them to hospitals and clinics in third world countries. Peel or soak off the label and bring the bottles to The Temple. A collection box will be in the motor lobby.
RABBIS’ DISCRETIONARY FUNDS

In Memory of:
- Judy Abroms
- Joan & Donald Brown
- Carole Babush
- David M. Brenner
- Samuel Cohen
- Mickie & Burton Cohen
- Hyman Cott
- Sharon & Stuart Cott
- Sidney Covall
- Penina & Bruce Richards
- Aaron Lincoln Davis
  - Jo Ann Rau
- Murray Director
  - Stephen & Lori Director
- Marilyn Fishlin
  - Vicki & Allen Fishlin
- Dr. Harold A. Flom
  - JoAnne Finestone
- Burton Gold
  - Family of Burton Gold
- Ed Greenblatt
  - Debbie & Lon Neese
- Shirley Holzer
  - Jackie & Richard Newfield
- Beryl Kramer
  - Joan & Donald Brown
- Selma Leavitt
  - Marilyn & Bob Crow
- Joshua Alan Lipman
  - Dr. & Mrs. Bradford Lipman
- Lucile L. Mack
  - Mr. & Mrs. J.L. Mack III
- Nettie Berman Miller
  - Shel & Irene Miller
- Helen Palevsky
  - Joan & Donald Brown
    - Steve & Lori Director
    - Laura & Steve Kaufman
  - JoAnn Rau
- Meyer Pike
  - Loretta & Hyman Shapiro
- Myer Shapiro
  - Loretta & Hyman Shapiro
- Beloved brother,
  - Jeffrey Silon
    - Elaine Clear
- Beloved father Melvin Small
  - Ivan & Jenny Lapidus
In Honor of:
- Rabbi Berg
  - Albert & Jeanie Marx
- Recovery of Marvin Botnick
  - Jackie & Richard Newfield
  - Barbara & Alan Smith
- Bat Mitzvah of our daughter, Abby
  - Stacy & Ed Hyken
- Bat Mitzvah of our son, Ben
  - Nicole & Paul Kaplan
- Bat Mitzvah of our daughter, Stella
  - Hilary & Stuart Nelson
- Rabbi Sam Kaye’s Installation
  - Sharon & Howard Silvermintz
  - Cynthia R. Zeldin
  - Sara & Benjamin Zober
My 80th Birthday
  - Steven (Ellen) Kappel
- Our son, Matthew Kramer’s Bar Mitzvah
  - Jennifer & Michael Kramer
- Wedding of our daughter, Katherine Price to Michael Crosby
  - Seth & Leslie Price
- Our grandson, Benjamin Stanley
  - Rosenzweig’s naming
  - Phyllis Kozarsky & Eliot Arnowitz
Speedy Recovery to Glenn & Thea Silverboard
  - Shirley Wender
- Our son, Daniel’s Bar Mitzvah
  - Elizabeth & Lawrence Sommerveld
In honor of 5779
  - Marya & Andrew Levine
  - Cheryl B. Willis

CANTOR’S DISCRETIONARY FUND

In Memory of:
- Bruce Cohen
  - Herbert Cohen
- Don Wender
  - Shirley Wender
- Dr. Sydney Spector
  - Faye & Brian Maloney
- Miriam Berman
  - Marc Weinberg
- Morris Potlock
  - Barry & Elaine Potlock
- Dr. Seymour Weinberg
  - Marc Weinberg
- Morris Coffino
  - Judge & Mrs. Rick Waitsman
- Sue Jacob
  - Leslie & Seth Price
- Jim Johnston
  - Cynthia & Howard Steinberg
In Honor of:
- Josh Shubin’s Birthday
  - Shirley Wender
- Bar Mitzvah of our son, Daniel Sommerfeld
  - Elizabeth & Lawrence Sommerveld
- Bat Mitzvah of our daughter, Stella Nelson
  - Hilary & Stuart Nelson
- Bat Mitzvah of our daughter, Abigail Hyken
  - Stacy & Ed Hyken
- Cantor Deborah Hartman
  - Albert & Jeanie Marx

COMMUNITY SERVICES FUND

In Honor of:
- Barbara Sugarman’s Birthday
  - Jackie & Tony Montag
- Speedy recovery of Joan Rosenbluth
  - Bunny Mitchell
Donations:
- J. Ben Shapiro & Nancy Shapiro
- James & Barbara Goldberg

DEBBIE FINESTONE GARDEN BEAUTIFICATION FUND

In Memory of:
- Deborah Finestone
  - Stuart, Jason & Marcy Finestone
- Rose F. Finestone
  - Stuart, Jason & Marcy Finestone

ESTHER BLEICH SCHOLARSHIP FUND

In Memory of:
- Helen Palevsky, Ruth Menter’s mother
  - Janet & Dennis Rice
- Ronnie van Gelder

ARTHUR LIGHT MEMORIAL FUND

In Memory of:
- Alexander Lichtenheim
  - Estelle Light

BARBARA W. & BERTRAM L. LEVY FAMILY GARDEN FUND

In Memory of:
- James “Jimmy” Goldberg
  - Barbara & Bertram Levy
- Larry Donald Spielberger
  - Barbara & Bertram Levy
- Aaron Lincoln Davis
  - Barbara & Bertram Levy
- Sydney Covall
  - Barbara & Bertram Levy
In Honor of:
- Speedy recovery of Marvin Botnick
  - Barbara & Bertram Levy
- Speedy recovery of Joyce Block
  - Barbara & Bertram Levy
- Helen Regenstein’s Birthday
  - Barbara & Bertram Levy

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- Sidney Marcus
- Sandra & Gary Silver
- Live Streaming Jennifer & Ivan Lapidus

**In Honor of:**
- Baby Naming of Aria Mendel Rami Zahara Yehudai
- Lynne & Howard Halpern Endowment Fund
- In Memory of:
  - James Jenkins
  - Ariel Ehrens
  - Belle Deitch
  - Barbara & Hank Kimmel
  - Helen Palevsky
  - The Temple Board of Trustees

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**In Honor of:**
- The Selig Family
- Janet Lavine & Rick Williams
- Barbara Sugarman’s Birthday
- Billie Guthman
- Nancy Hirsch’s Birthday
- Billie Guthman
- Gary Zola
- Raymond & Patricia Schneider
- Steven & Danielle Senzer

**Donations:**
- Sharon & Irvin Caplan
- Melissa Hall & Russell Gottschalk
- Karen & Mark Holzberg
| MAZON FUND | **In Honor of:**
- Continued Good Health to Ruth Rauzin
  - Marilynn & Josh Shubin
- Continued Good Health to Perry Brickman
  - Marilynn & Josh Shubin
- Larry & Lois Frank
  - Marilynn & Josh Shubin

| PRAYERBOOK (NEW HIGH HOLY DAY PRAYER BOOK) & WORSHIP ENRICHMENT FUND | **In Memory of:**
- Francesca Kerpel Wenger
  - Susan Carney & Bob Wenger

**In Honor of:**
- Janet Lavine
  - Elaine Lavine
  - Barbara & Don Thomas

| SENIOR TRANSPORTATION FUND | **In Memory of:**
- Meyer Lichtenstein
  - Terry Ney
- Stella Zuckerman
  - SeeNA Goldberg
- Joseph H. Engel
  - Ileen Engel
- Saul Codner
  - Bette Codner

**Donations:**
- Elaine & Barry Potlock

| SONIA’S PLAYGROUND FUND | **In Memory of:**
- Aaron Lincoln Davis
  - Joyce & Sonny Shlesinger
  - Terri Vollrath
- Lila & Doug Hertz
- David Sonenshine
- Nancy & Gerald Sonenshine
- Juli & Billy Bauman
- Aimee & Cort Haber
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- Sally & Sam Coolik
- Susan Lourie
- Joyce & Jay Schwartz
- Shelley & Rob Kriegshaber

| Temple Breman Religious School Fund | **In Memory of:**
- Natalie Gutter
  - Suzanne Gilboa

**In Honor of:**
- Bat Mitzvah of Abigail Hyken
  - Ilene Engel
- Bat Mitzvah of Rosie Aronson
  - Amy Sue Mann & Noah Aronson

| Temple Singers Fund | **In Memory of:**
- Elliot Lief
  - Jill & Joe Feist

| Weinberg Early Learning Center Fund | **In Memory of:**
- Aaron Lincoln Davis
  - Jo Ann Rau
  - Nancy Hirsch

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In Memory of:
William A. Frankel
Brooke & Jeff Dickerson
James “Jimmy” Goldberg
Brooke & Jeff Dickerson

In Honor of:
Lauren Grien’s service as President
Brooke & Jeff Dickerson

ZABAN PARADIES CENTER

In Memory of:
Stephen Newfield
Nathan & Carole Metzger
Joe League
Michael Rice
Helen Palevsky
Jeff & Amy Asher
Harrison Lobel
The Stahlman Family
James Goldberg
Bud & Bea Feiman
Jo Ann Rau
Yahrzeit of Esther Byer
Shel & Irene Miller

Yahrzeit of Janet Knox Maslia
Martin & Diane Maslia
Yahrzeit of Dr. Harold Levin
Mark & Jan Kelmachter
Yahrzeit of Jack Byer
Shel & Irene Miller
Yahrzeit of Doris Zaban
Marshall & Laura Dinerman
Yahrzeit of David Kalker Gerson
Robert & Micheline Gerson
Yahrzeit of Laura Claxton
Becky Weinman
Yahrzeit of Nathan Neuman
Morris, Robin, & Natalie Neuman

In Honor of:
Recovery of Andrew Ghertner
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Blaine Family Foundation
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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.
Temple Financial Condition

For the past fiscal year ending June 30, 2018 total revenues were $5,111,834 and total expenses were $5,076,326 resulting in a slight surplus for the year of $35,508. 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. This year’s budget plan includes some 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 ninth straight year.

The Finance Committee chaired by Treasurer Jeff Belkin 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. 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 $200. Young Couples and Young Professionals pay an adjusted security fee of $125 and $95, respectively. We hope everyone continues to understand the necessity of funding this very necessary expense.

Basic dues for 2019 will be $2,500, a slight 3% increase over 2018. 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 Double Chai Circle at $3,600. 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 represent projected revenues and expenses for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019 If there is any communication desired regarding Temple finances, please contact any Temple officer, Jeff Belkin, 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 and IRA Charitable Rollover Provision

Temple members will be receiving their Temple dues statements for the 2019 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, if appropriate, for the current 2018 year.

Many members may wish to donate securities to fulfill their commitments. The donation of appreciated stock may be of considerable benefit. Consult your tax advisor. If you wish to transfer stock, your broker will require the following information:

Charles Schwab & Co., DTC #164, Temple Account #8769-5467.

For members who have reached age 70 1/2, the IRA Charitable Rollover provision allows individuals to donate up to $100,000 directly from their IRA without treating the distribution as taxable income.

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.
2018-2019 Financial Information

Projected Revenues

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<td>Religious School and Weinberg Early Learning Center, Religious School and Midweek Hebrew Fees, Breman Religious School Fund Grant, WELC Tuition and Registration Fees, Camp Tuition and Registration Fees, Enrichment Fees</td>
<td>1,416,521</td>
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<td>Facility Rental &amp; Miscellaneous, Facility Rental, Misc Income, Member Security Fee</td>
<td>312,800</td>
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<td>Other, Memorial Book, Grants from Specific Purpose Funds, Adult Education Fees Fundraiser</td>
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<td>TOTAL REVENUE</td>
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Projected Expenses

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<td>Administration, Support Personnel, Insurance, Postage, Supplies</td>
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<td>URJ Dues</td>
<td>147,500</td>
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<td>House of Worship, Rabbinic, Music, High Holy Days</td>
<td>1,087,016</td>
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<td>Facility Maintenance, Supplies, Staff, Utilities, Security, Repairs and Maintenance</td>
<td>663,790</td>
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<td>House of Study and Weinberg Early Learning Center, Religious School, Mid-Week Hebrew, Adult Education Programs, WELC Teachers, Camp Teachers, Supplies, Administration, Programs</td>
<td>1,726,025</td>
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<td>House of Assembly, Activities, Youth Group, Seniors, Communications, etc.</td>
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<td>TOTAL REVENUE</td>
<td>4,985,219</td>
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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+); and Double Chai Circle ($3,600+). 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.

We hope we can either add or move your name to a higher Leadership Dues group level. Our Temple family would be most appreciative. If you would like information on these groups, call Janet Lavine, Temple President, Jeff Belkin, Treasurer, or Mark Jacobson, Executive Director.
Weinberg Early Learning Center
2019–2020 SCHOOL YEAR
REGISTRATION

Application Period Information:
December 10, 2018: Priority Re-enrollment begins
January 14 – February 4, 2019: Priority enrollment for Temple members
February 4-22, 2019: Final priority enrollment*
February 25, 2019: Open Enrollment begins

* Final Priority Applicants include: Associate Members of The Temple; Families who are part of The Temple’s Provisional Membership Initiative; Siblings of returning WELC students who are not Temple Members; Siblings of previous WELC students who are not Temple Members; and Grandchildren of Temple Members.

For more information:
Visit the-temple.org, or contact Annetta Kornblum, WELC Director, at 404-872-8668 or akornblum@the-temple.org
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