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SCHEDULE: DECEMBER 2021

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 3

6:00 PM Shabbat on the Lawn: Chanukah

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4

9:00 AM Torah Study

10:30 AM Bat Mitzvah of Dylan B. Gnatt

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10

6:00 PM Shabbat Worship Service

8:00 PM The Well

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11

9:00 AM Torah Study

9:30 AM Mini Shabbat – Chanukah

10:30 AM Shabbat Worship Service – Zoom only

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17

6:00 PM Shabbat Worship Service

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18

9:00 AM Torah Study

10:30 AM Bat Mitzvah of Talia Kraynak

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24

6:00 PM Shabbat Worship Service – Zoom only

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25

9:00 AM Torah Study

10:30 AM Shabbat Worship Service – Zoom only

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31

6:30 PM Shabbat Worship Services

SATURDAY, JANUARY 1

9:00 AM Torah Study

10:30 AM Shabbat Worship Service – Zoom only

TORAH & HAFTARAH:

DECEMBER 4: Miketz

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

DECEMBER 11: Vayigash

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

DECEMBER 18: Vayechi

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

DECEMBER 25: Shemot

Exodus 1:1-6:1; Isaiah 27:6-28:13; 29:22-23



Jerusalem in Snow

Nes Gadol Hiya **Sham**, 'a great miracle happened **there**' is what the Nun, Gimmel, Hey, and Shin on a dreidel stand for. The miracle on the dreidel is of course the miracle of Hanukkah, when a small amount of kosher oil lasted long enough to finish the ritual of dedicating the Temple. Unless of course you are already in the land of Israel, in which case your dreidel says something different entirely. *Nes Gadol Yiya Po*, 'a great miracle happened **here**.'

This year I get to part of Hanukkah in my favorite place in the world; Jerusalem. For many of us here in America, Israel is a place of eternal summers. We visit during the warm months of June and July, our postcards depicting Israel are always sunny and filled with blue skies. But it does snow in Jerusalem, and years ago I had the honor of witnessing a very different Hanukkah miracle!

Snow had blanketed the city and everything was shut down. Most people had shuttered up against the cold, but my brave friends and I had decided it was time for a winter pilgrimage to the Kotel. The Western Wall, in snow! We began the hike across the city and soon found ourselves slipping and sliding through the slick stone of the old city. Suddenly we heard chatter in Hebrew and Arabic, joyous screams and something wet and heavy hitting the ground.

We turned the corner and there were Israeli and Palestinian youths, united, joyously standing on the roofs of their respective homes, dumping snow onto their friends below. The initial screams of shock turned to happy taunting and soon strangers began to join in, whipping snowballs up at the roofs and dodging through the slippery streets. Within moments a three story snowball fight, in the middle of the old city, had broken out. A moment of carefree innocence amongst the old and the young, the wise and the foolish, Jews and Muslims.

Sometimes it takes snow in Jerusalem to remind you of the simplest truth. A truth that even a little dreidel knows; *a great miracle can happen here*.

May you all be blessed with a joyous, happy, light filled Hanukkah.

Rabbi Sam Kaye



About Rabbi Kaye:

Rabbi Samuel Kaye is the Assistant Rabbi at Temple, and joined the clergy team in July 2018. He was ordained in June of 2018 at Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in Cincinnati Ohio where he also earned a Masters of Arts in Hebrew Letters. During his time as a student he served congregations and organizations in Cincinnati, New York, Toronto, West Virginia, Kentucky and South Dakota.

Rabbi Kaye was born and raised in Denver, Colorado. During his education at Allegheny College he developed an interest in history, philosophy and religion. Rabbi Kaye completed the Pardes Institute for Jewish Studies year program before attending Rabbinical School and has served as a fellow at the iCenter.

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B'NEI MITZVAH



DECEMBER 4

Dylan Gnatt

Daughter of Kimberly
& Josh Gnatt



DECEMBER 18

Talia Kraynak

Daughter of Michelle
& Greg Kraynak

MAY THEIR MEMORY BE FOR A BLESSING

Our Heartfelt Sympathy to the Families of:

Daniel Silver (cousin of Bobby Kaufman)
Edwin Feiler (father of Andrew Feiler)
Johnny Fitzgerald, Jr. (father of Lonnie Fitzgerald)
Ceile Blumen (mother of Rick Blumen)
Elinor "Ellie" Wilkov (mother of Jane Wilkov)
Peter Jacobson (brother of Elizabeth Levine)
Frederick Rouge (father of Jennifer Lowenstein)
Florence Faye Simon (mother of Michael Landau)
Andrew "Andy" Louis Alterman (brother of Michael Alterman)

MAZAL TOV!

Have good news to share?

Please email Dianne Ratowsky at dratowsky@the-temple.org.

Roth & Lori Fralick on the birth of their daughter, Fiona.
Fredrick Wellborn and Rebecca Schneider on the birth of Benjamin Clyde Wellborn.
Matthew and Abby Levy on the birth of Emma and to grandparents, Randi and Sidney Levy.
Susan Muntzing on the birth of her granddaughter, Layla Early Lancaster.
Matthew and Molly Kroll on the birth of their daughter, Viviana.
Brian Teitell and Alana Ivey Schube on their marriage.
Our own Communications Coordinator, Katie Bass' marriage to Adam Daniel Schick.
Marriage of David Jeffrey Wasserman and Brenda Arlene Deleon.
Marriage of Jonathan David Flig & Kali Brinton Gatlin.
Marriage of Andrew Edward Poorman and Arielle Helena Hackel and to Arielle's mom, Sylvia Poretsky.
Cindy Zeldin's children book, "Lily Tova The Therapy Dog" is newly published and receiving great reviews..
Miles Alexander for receiving the Randolph Thrower Lifetime Achievement Award.

NEW&RETURNING MEMBERS

Hanna & Brian Akselrad
Stephanie & Charles Gage
Brandi & Saul Levy • *Anne, Matthew, & Cullin Levy*
Alex Passe
Madison Smith & Jacob Haiman
Tori & Jake Van Yush

Meet Our Staff!

*Get to know some of the
friendly faces at The Temple.*

Heather McKerley *Accounting Assistant & Facilities Maintenance Coordinator*

Heather was born and raised in a military family. She attended college majoring in psychology and sociology. After many moves across the country and internationally she settled in Atlanta, GA. She has worked mostly in sales and in alternative medicine in a management capacity before beginning her work here at The Temple 7 years ago.

Likes:

raveling, chocolate, coffee, walking with her boyfriend on the weekends & trying new restaurants.

Dislikes:

Cucumber, ginger, wasabi, being cold, and bugs.

Fun Fact:

She has lived in Japan!



EDUCATION



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 seated 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.

Three ways you can help!

Check out www.the-temple.org/merrymitzvah for more details.

1. Donation items from our Amazon wish list. Items should be brand new. All items should be delivered or dropped off at The Temple by December 8th.
2. Teens (8th-12th graders) can volunteer for the event on December 10. We need donations of the items listed below.
3. Make a monetary donation to help offset the cost of dinner. Please visit www.the-temple.org/donate and select 2021 Project Merry Mitzvah from the drop-down menu.

WELC PRESCHOOL



Breman
EDUCATION CENTER
at  **THE TEMPLE**

DECEMBER 2021 PROGRAMMING

5 Sunday Program @ 9:10/9:30 AM

12 Sunday Program @ 9:10/9:30 AM

19-31 No Sunday or Midweek
Hebrew Program

Please Support Our Miracles of Light!

Help Brighten Our Education

The candle you choose to light will help provide our students with cultural arts activities and educational experiences that enhance our program’s curriculum.



Our Chanukah Wishes

- \$50 – For Laughter...
- \$75 – For Happiness...
- \$100 – For Friendship...
- \$150 – For Family...
- \$200 – For Traditions...
- \$250 – For Faith...
- \$500 – For Peace...
- \$1,000 – For Hope...
- Other – Please specify amount.
... and above all, love.

Thank you for your generous support!

To make a donation, visit www.the-temple.org/donate and choose **WELC TPA Chanukah Fundraiser**, or scan the QR code below to download and complete the paper form. Please make checks payable to WELC TPA Chanukah Fundraiser. Donations are tax deductible. If paying by credit card, please consider adding 3% to cover the bank processing fee.



**Weinberg Early
Learning Center**
at The Temple



— HANUKAH 2021 —

Chanukah Events

Daily Dash—Chanukah Edition

November 28–December 6 (except Shabbat) • 6pm • Virtual

Join a member of our Temple clergy at 6pm every night as they light the Chanukah menorah (except for Friday, December 3, when it will be a part of services). We will do this as a Zoom meeting so everyone has the option to turn on their cameras and add to the festive lights, or you can join us on Facebook Live. The link will be the same each night and sent by email to Temple members.

Chanukah Cooking Class

Tuesday, November 30 • 6:15pm

After joining the candlelighting at 6:00 PM, join us online to cook a yummy Chanukah-inspired dinner and dessert—latke waffles and apple fritters. Bring the whole family into the kitchen, grab the ingredients and items needed for the recipes below, and cook along with our clergy and Chef Howard.

Shine a Light: A Night of Solidarity Against Antisemitism

Wednesday, December 1 • 6:00–7:30pm

Light a candle, switch on a flashlight, illuminate a lantern...and stand in solidarity with the Jewish community as we dispel darkness and #shinealight on antisemitism. Join city dignitaries, interfaith clergy, and many more as we celebrate the joy of this season of light and ignite our commitment to all people who face discrimination. Temple rabbis will be a part of this incredible night of meditations, musical presentations, and testimonies as we #shintalight!

Shabbat on the Lawn: Chanukah

Friday, December 3 • Multi Access

5:30pm Hot Cocoa and sufganiyot (donuts)

6:00pm Musical Shabbat and Chanukah Service for all ages (including a blessing honoring our new members!)

We will be taking Shabbat on the Lawn into Chanukah. Bundle up, bring a flashlight (some will be provided as well), and enjoy some cocoa while we sing and celebrate this festive Shabbat together. The service will be streamed so all can enjoy their menorah.

Shabbanukah—New Member Shabbat

Friday, December 3 • 6:00pm

It's Shabbat! It's Chanukah! It's our New Member Shabbat! Please be our guests and join us for our special New Member Shabbat. Feel free to bring your favorite food and drink, we'll provide the hot chocolate with the fixings! We cannot wait to offer you a welcome blessing special for you...and a gift bag to take home.

Chanukah means dedication—we are excited to rededicate our community to one another and celebrate YOU!!!

Mini Shabbat: Donut Decoration Edition

New Date Saturday, December 4 • 9:30 AM

Join us as we celebrate Chanukah and Shabbat with our puppet friends! We will take pride in our Judaism and learn about the Maccabees through songs, prayer, and the Chanukah story. We will start together with our Mini friends outside in the circle, and then enjoy some donut decorating and the playground! We'll meet in The Temple's Circular Drive near the outdoor playground—make sure to bundle up in your snuggly, warm hats and gloves! Questions? Email Rabbi Lydia Medwin at lmedwin@the-temple.org.

Chanukah Blessings

Each night, two blessings are recited:

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

ברוך אתה יי
אלהינו מלך העולם.
אשר קדשנו במצוותיו,
וְצִוָּנוּ לְהַדְלִיק נֵר שֶׁל חֲנֻכָּה.

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.*

ברוך אתה יי
אלהינו מלך העולם.
שְׁעָשָׂה נִסִּים לְאֲבוֹתֵינוּ
בַּיָּמִים הָהֵם בְּזֶמַן הַזֶּה.

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.

Recited on the first night only:

*Ba-ruch a-ta Adonai, Eh-lo-hei-nu
meh-lech ha-o-lam, she-hecheyanu,
v'ki-y'manu, v'higi-anu
la-z'man ha-zeh.*

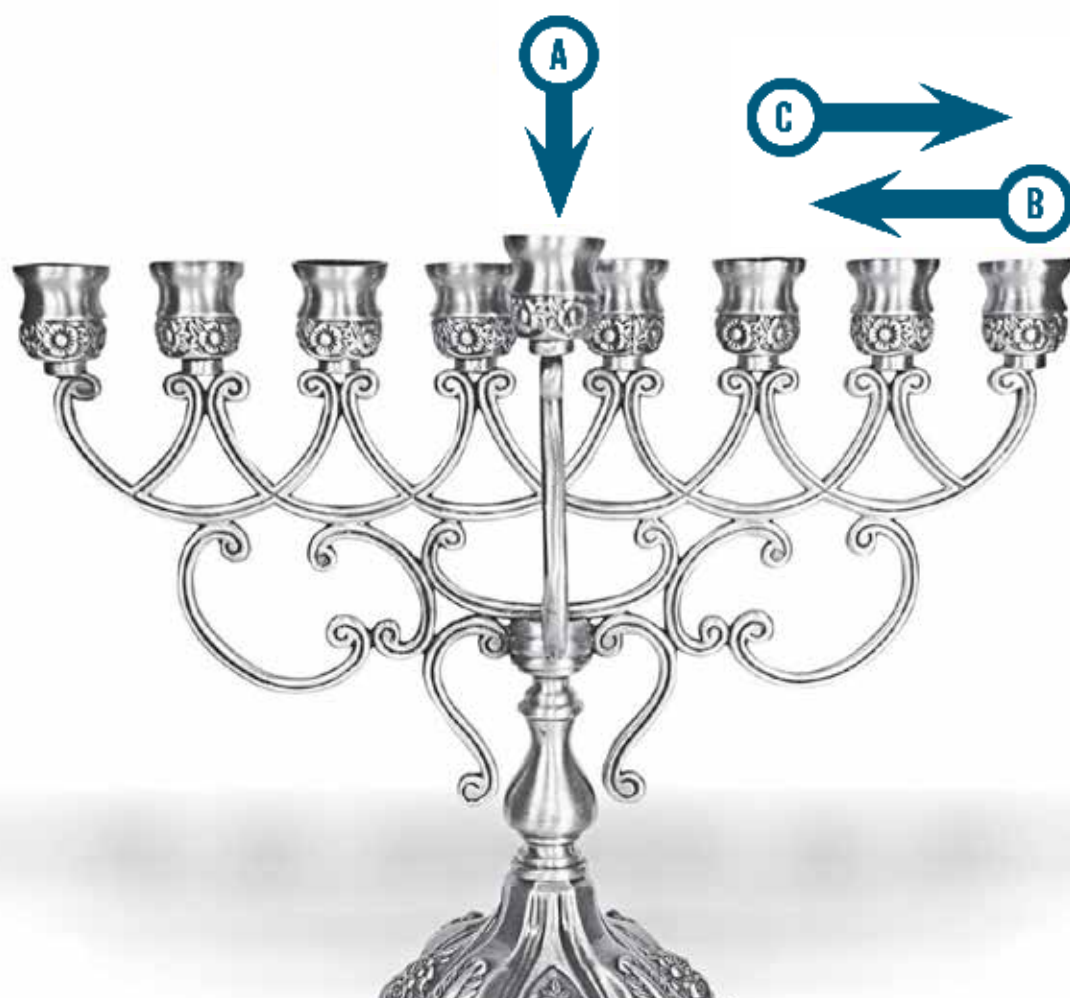
ברוך אתה יי
אלהינו מלך העולם.
שְׁחַיֵּינוּ וְקִיְּמָנוּ וְהִגִּיעָנוּ
לְזֶמַן הַזֶּה.

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



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.

Chanukah begins on Sunday night, November 28, 2021.

Visit www.the-temple.org/chanukah and check weekly emails for the most up-to-date info!

EVENTS & NEWS

Listening Party

At a backyard or Zoom link near you

This winter, The Temple community is going to take the time to reflect on all the changes we've experienced in our lives, and how they relate to our Temple and Jewish community. We want to listen, to hear what you think must be included in our next chapter. And we want to party, to celebrate with you as precious friends and community members. That's why we are rolling out our Listening Parties, small gatherings of 10 or so friends, hosted by your peers, who will lead us in an intentional conversation that relates to new ways to engage with this historical and dynamic community. We urge you to visit The Gathering (www.thegathering.the-temple.com) to find a group meeting near you. Or, be in touch with us here (jschmidt@the-temple.org) with your interest in joining a conversation, and we'll find one for you. We can't wait to hear what you have to say!

Sandwich Salon

2020 Hindsight—The Temple

Wednesday, December 8 | 11:45AM-1:15PM

Worship, religious school, life cycle events. All have been impacted by COVID. How have the clergy, staff and lay leadership of The Temple adapted to the times? We see the physical accommodations that have been made to ensure our safety; what are the 'behind the scenes' changes that have occurred over the last 18-20 months? There are certain to be things that surprise you. No doubt you will come away even more appreciative of the hard work that goes into making The Temple our home!

Rabbi Berg, Rabbi Medwin, Mark Jacobson and Kent Alexander will share some of the challenges and triumphs during these difficult times. Offered virtually or in person on a date-by-date basis. Please RSVP to Joya Schmidt at jschmidt@the-temple.org, then check your Temple email for the Zoom information if needed.



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: **Elizabeth Austen, Zavi Bailey, Arlette Berlin, Scott Chalk, Sandy & Duane Cox, Ariela Ehrens, Adam Ganz, Lindsey Kamin, Ellen Kaplan, Ron Koenig, Debbie Levinson, Carol Nemo, Rudy & Mia Spolan, Ronnie van Gelder, Brian Weiss, Tania Yegelow.**

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.



Temple Connect

Lead a Group Today!

Do you have a hobby that you'd like to share like hiking, theatre, or golf? Do you want to join with friends for a great conversation? Do you hope to meet some new people who live in your neighborhood for Shabbat Happy Hours? You could be a Temple Connect group leader! Especially with all the uncertainty of the year ahead, connecting with your own small group could be a vital step for a healthy and happy Jewish New Year. All you need to start is an idea and then email Rabbi Lydia Medwin at lmedwin@the-temple.org. We will help you organize the rest. Create community for yourself and your Temple with a Temple Connect group this year!

Join a Group!

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. For a complete listing of Temple Connect groups, visit www.temple-connect.com.



Bereavement Groups

We all know that we are living through unprecedented times. But we are also experiencing unprecedented grief. If you are dealing with loss in your life, these groups can help. Please don't hesitate to be in touch with any of our clergy for guidance towards what might be right for you.

Temple Connect Bereavement Group with the Drs. Greene

"Death ends a life not a relationship." We are so blessed that Temple members Dr. Robert Greene MD, a retired surgical oncologist and hospice director, and Dr. Barbara Greene PhD, a psychologist who specializes in grief groups, are offering a free, bimonthly bereavement group to help deal with the loss of a loved one and to honor the experiences of the bereaved. Whether you have recently experienced a loss or there's more distance in time from your loved ones passing; whether you need just one session or many; whether you want to schedule ahead of time or wake up that day discovering a need to talk about your experience – coming to this group will be an act of love for yourself and others, and way to honor of your loved ones. Available on Zoom. Email them directly at rjgbbg@yahoo.com.

JF&CS Synagogue Support

Through a generous grant, JF&CS is partnering with The Temple and other synagogues to provide direct support to our members. By calling 770-677-9480, you can get in touch with dedicated JF&CS staff members to access counseling and clinical services, geriatric care managers, and emergency financial support. While your Temple clergy continue to be a resource in making these connections, this special synagogue support phone number allows you to access JF&CS on your own as well.



The Gathering at THE TEMPLE

To find Temple programming as well as new gatherings offered by Temple members, visit <https://thegathering.the-temple.org>

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EVENTS&NEWS



RSJI: Gun Violence Prevention Group—Past And Future Endeavors

A Busy October

A warm thank you to our friends at St. Luke's Episcopal who invited the Temple and Ebenezer Baptist to join them for two informative and inspirational events in October.

On Oct. 21, a forum was held beginning with a keynote speech by Dr. Mark Rosenberg, president emeritus of the Taskforce on Global Health and the former director of CDC's National Center for Injury Prevention and Control and introduced by Rabbi Berg. Dr. Rosenberg's address highlighted a scientific approach to studying gun violence, and a 2018 interview with him can be found at: <https://tinyurl.com/MarkRosenberg>.

In addition, the forum included a spirited discussion on gun violence and public safety by a panel including the five top Atlanta Mayoral candidates as well as moderators Kevin Riley, managing editor of the AJC and Rose Scott, host of Closer Look on WABE. Several proposals for curbing gun violence including hiring mental health co-respondents to help diffuse some situations and making city housing more affordable for law enforcement to enhance community policing were mentioned some of which are already being instituted successfully in other metro Atlanta cities.

On Oct. 27, the third anniversary of the Tree of Life massacre, we were invited back to St. Luke's to participate in an inspirational and emotional memorial to its victims as well as to all Georgians who have died of gun violence since the beginning of 2020.

Music from the ASO's string quartet and Calvin Griffin, soloist with the Metropolitan Opera set the tone, and participation from Ebenezer as well as members from Hindu, Ba'Hai, Muslim, and Lutheran Houses of Worship made our religious world a much more intimate environment.

Rabbis Peter Berg and Lydia Medwin participated with Rabbi Medwin introducing Temple member Farah Nelson whose uncle Richard Gottfried died in the Pittsburgh synagogue shooting. Farah's impassioned tribute to Uncle Rich left everyone touched deeply, and after an introduction to the significance of the prayer, Rabbi Medwin recited Kaddish for all gun violence victims. Temple president Kent Alexander also led us in a responsive reading.

At the end of the service, all in attendance lit candles gathered on the front lawn and listened to the chimes of 150 bells, one for each of ten victims who died in Georgia since January 2020. With masks still on, the eyes of each participant told the whole story.

The entire service may be accessed at: <https://tinyurl.com/StLukesVigil>. The music begins about 4 minutes in. The program begins at 34 minutes.

Plans for January

The pandemic has only increased gun violence, and our voices need to be heard in rousing chorus.

January marks the beginning of the 2022 session of the Georgia Legislature, and again we will be offering lobby training. With the beneficial partnerships we have shared with St. Luke's and Ebenezer, we plan on inviting their social justice members to join us in what will probably be held once again in a virtual session.

Since there are several carry-over bills from the 2021 session, some good and some bad, we will be limiting the topic to gun legislation and hope to have a couple of our esteemed state legislators join our session.

At the time of the deadline for this issue (late October), we have no specific date and are not certain as to how accessible the Georgia Capitol will be, but we plan for the lobby training in early January and will update you in the weekly newsletters and through emails to our GVP group.

If you are not yet a member of the RSJI Gun Violence Prevention group, please email: elstahlman@gmail.com, and we'll be sure to add you to our list. We look forward to working together to make our world, our communities, and our families safer.

In the profound spirit of Tikkun Olam,
Lissie Stahlman

RSJI: LGBTQIA+ Inclusivity & Equality Group

World AIDS Day

Just because we couldn't celebrate Atlanta Pride this year, doesn't mean the RSJI's LGBTQIA+ group doesn't have valuable and exciting programming coming up! We look forward to commemorating World AIDS Day with the Temple community this December. Programming is still being finalized and more communications will be forthcoming.

If you're interested in contributing to the RSJI's LGBTQIA+ Inclusivity and Equality mission, please contact Laurence Brennan at 470-475-5455 or LBrennan0107@yahoo.com.





RSJI: Immigration Outreach Group

Rothschild Social Justice Institutes Immigration Outreach group is working to help displaced persons around the world find a safe refuge. Since many of us are traveling less during the pandemic, we anticipate that you may have unused airline miles. The Temple is partnering with Miles4Migrants, a non-profit that accepts donations of airline miles, to help displaced persons of all backgrounds find safety and community. Please visit www.miles4migrants.org/thetempleatlanta for information on how to donate saved miles and how those miles can change lives. This campaign will run through December 31, 2021.

Additionally, we are partnering with New American Pathways to help newly arrived refugees in Atlanta. If you'd like to send a cash donation to New American Pathways, please visit www.care.org/welcomerefugees. If you'd like to donate specific items directly to New American Pathways instead, please visit https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/3HBQ274P73R6W?ref_=wl_share.

For more information on how you can help with the refugee situation, please contact Cindy Zeldin (cindy@zeldin.com).

RSJI: Period Pack Party

Sunday, December 12 • 1:00-3:00pm

Join us at The Temple for our RSJI Women's Group and their Period Pack Party. A Period Pack Party is when a big group of people get together and make bags of feminine hygiene products to send to under resourced schools. Many girls are falling behind in their education due to lack of these essential supplies and the need, therefore, to miss one week of school a month. These supplies are not covered on SNAP and have extra taxes associated with their purchase. Having these supplies not only mean that girls can attend school, but it also gives girls and women confidence and strength. Please RSVP to Joya at jschmidt@the-temple.org to let us know if you can make it; people of any age and gender are welcome to join us!

Zaban Paradies Center—A Celebration of Home

As we look to the holidays and the beginning of a new year, we celebrate the expanded impact we are having on the homeless community of Atlanta. Many of our program participants will be celebrating the holidays in their own homes as a result of our efforts to assist them in obtaining and maintaining permanent housing.

It's been a full two years since we introduced you to Adrienne Hamilton-Butler, the Executive Director for Zaban Paradies Center and in that short period of time, in the midst of a global pandemic, she has helped us to significantly grow our services. She worked tirelessly with the Board of Directors to update the ZPC Strategic Plan and is working with ZPC staff to achieve those goals. We remain true to our mission to empower couples experiencing homelessness or financial vulnerability to achieve lasting self-sufficiency for themselves and their families. Our vision is a community in which all couples, and their families, are supported in their efforts to thrive.

In reaching toward that vision we have expanded our services to include:

- **Residential Services Program:** On-site short-term emergency shelter for couples experiencing homelessness (September – May). We assist the couples with identifying and addressing the barriers to stability (mental health challenges, substance abuse, unresolved trauma, poor credit history), relationship strengthening, obtaining employment/benefits, and obtaining permanent housing for themselves and their dependents if applicable. We have been open for less than two months and are already assisting three couples with obtaining housing.
- **Rapid Re-Housing Support and Case Management:** Affordable subsidized apartments for homeless couples and families (year-round). Couples and families are placed into their own apartments and receive intensive one-on-one support to address barriers to stability and to assist with obtaining employment/benefits if needed. 39 households have been served since November 2020!
- **Day Resource Program:** Essential emergency services provided to couples, families, and women experiencing homelessness or economic instability (year-round). We provide emergency basic needs support such as food, showers, and laundry. We also provide support groups to help participants to address barriers to stability. Just last summer, we served over 100 individuals!
- **Family and Couples Stability Program (FCUS):** Homeless prevention services provided to couples and families experiencing economic instability (year-round). We provide financial assistance to ensure low wage earners and their families, especially those impacted by COVID, remain permanently housed and have access to mental health services, educational resources, job training, skills building, and employment opportunities to remain self-sufficient. FCUS has prevented 40 families from becoming homeless in less than six months! We project an additional 20 families will be served by the end of December.

So you can see why we are so excited and want you to come celebrate with us! We are grateful for your ongoing support. Together, we really are making a difference!

Visit our website www.zabanparadiescenter.org to:

- Volunteer to make lunches, provide dinner, or facilitate a workshop.
- Donate gently used coats and clothing.
- Check out what's happening at ZPC by following us on social media: Facebook@zabanparadiescenter or Instagram@zabanparadiescenter.
- Or, make a financial donation to help us make a difference in our community.

For more information, please contact Mary Wesley at 404.872.2915 or info@zabanparadiescenter.org.

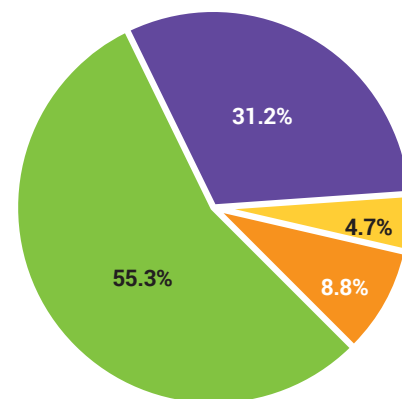


FINANCIAL REPORT

2021-2022 Financial Information

Projected Revenues

	\$	%
Dues	3,210,700	55.3
Regular Membership, Young Professionals, Young Couples		
Religious School and Weinberg Early Learning Center	1,809,010	31.2
Bremman Education Center and Weinberg Early Center—BEC and Midweek Hebrew Fees, Bremman Religious School Fund Grant, WELC Tuition and Registration Fees, Camp Tuition and Registration Fees, Enrichment Fees		
Facility Rental & Miscellaneous	271,875	4.7
Facility Rental, Misc Income, Member Security Fee		
Other	514,800	8.8
Memorial Book, Grants from Specific Purpose Funds, Adult Education Fees		
TOTAL REVENUE	\$5,806,385	

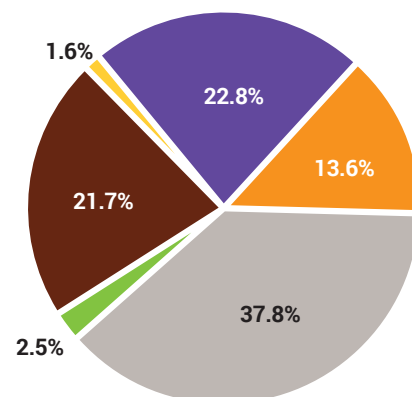


Projected Revenues

- Dues
- Religious School and Weinberg Early Learning Center
- Facility Rental & Miscellaneous
- Other

Projected Expenses

	\$	%
Administration	1,260,464	21.7
Support Personnel, Insurance, Postage, Supplies		
URJ Dues	90,000	1.6
House of Worship	1,322,065	22.8
Rabbinic, Music, High Holy Days		
Facility Maintenance	786,557	13.6
Supplies, Staff, Utilities, Security, Repairs and Maintenance		
House of Study and Weinberg Early Learning Center	2,195,744	37.8
Bremman Education Center, Mid-Week Hebrew, Adult Education Programs, WELC Teachers, Camp Teachers, Supplies, Administration, Programs		
House of Assembly	147,850	2.5
Activities, Congregational Programs, Seniors, Communications, etc.		
TOTAL REVENUE	\$5,802,680	



Projected Expenses

- Administration
- URJ Dues
- House of Worship
- Facility Maintenance
- House of Study and Weinberg Early Learning Center
- House of Assembly

If there is any communication desired regarding Temple finances, please contact any Temple officer, Eric Vayle, Treasurer, or Mark Jacobson, Executive Director.



Leadership Dues Groups

Many Temple members participate in leadership dues level groups, such as:



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+)

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 and in the February 2022 Bulletin.

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 **Kent Alexander**, Temple President, **Eric Vayle**, Treasurer, or **Mark Jacobson**, Executive Director at mjacobson@the-temple.org or 404-873-1731.

Donation of Appreciated Stock

Temple members are now receiving their Temple dues statements for the 2022 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 2021 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 #8769-3467.**

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.

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Whether itemizing deductions or claiming the standard deduction, individuals age 70½ and older can direct up to \$100,000 per year tax-free from their IRAs to charities through QCDs.* By reducing the IRA balance, a QCD may also reduce the donor's taxable income in future years, lower the donor's taxable estate, and limit IRA beneficiaries' tax liability.

*Please note: The Temple does not provide tax advice. Please consult with your professional advisor before taking any action.

Your generosity...

Your generosity allows The Temple to continue to meet our mission of inspiring lives and transforming our world.

We all continue to navigate the challenges of this global pandemic. And despite these difficult times, we have experienced continued and even increased generosity from our members to support our beloved synagogue community. Thank you so much!

The Temple is exempt from federal income taxes under Section 501(C)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Therefore your gifts are tax-deductible to the full extent provided by law. You should consult your financial planner or tax adviser to determine the exact tax advantages of any gift you are considering. We provide an annual donation statement for all tax deductible donations.

Thank you to all our Temple members for making 2021 another outstanding year and our future bright!!

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