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# Chanukah

at The Temple

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## SCHEDULE: DECEMBER 2022

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2

6:00 PM Shabbat Worship Service and Installation of Cantor Tracey Scher

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3

9:00 AM Torah Study (in person) with Rabbi Jeffrey Sirkman of Larchmont Temple

10:30 AM Bar Mitzvah of Samuel V. Drucker

5:30 PM Bat Mitzvah of Sage D. Gassman

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9

6:00 PM Shabbat Worship Service with Guest Speaker Rev. Tony Sundermeir, First Presbyterian Church

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10

9:00 AM Torah Study

9:30 AM Mini Shabbat

10:30 AM Shabbat Worship Service

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16

6:00 PM Shabbat Worship Service

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17

9:00 AM Torah Study

10:30 AM Shabbat Worship Service (Virtual Only)

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23

6:00 PM Shabbat Worship Service

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24

9:00 AM Torah Study

10:30 AM Shabbat Worship Service (Virtual Only)

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 30

6:00 PM Shabbat HaNefesh Worship Service

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31

9:00 AM Torah Study

10:30 AM Shabbat Worship Service (Virtual Only)

## TORAH & HAFTARAH:

### DECEMBER 3: VAYEITZEI

Genesis 28:10–32:3; Haftarah: Hosea 12:13–14:10

### DECEMBER 10: VAYISHLACH

Genesis 32:4–36:43; Haftarah: Hosea 11:7–12:12

### DECEMBER 17: VAYEISHEV

Genesis 37:1–40:23; Haftarah: Amos 2:6–3:8

### DECEMBER 24: MIKEITZ

Genesis 41:1–44:17; Haftarah: Zechariah 4:1–7 [Rosh Chodesh Chanukah]

### DECEMBER 31: VAYIGASH

Genesis 44:18–47:27; Haftarah: Ezekiel 37:15–28



# A Small Chanukah Miracle

**I**n the past, I wrote to share with you information about the Jewish Future Pledge ([Jewishfuturepledge.org](http://Jewishfuturepledge.org)). This is a brilliant opportunity for all of us to guarantee our Jewish *future*. If you haven't signed the pledge yet, please do! This Chanukah, I write to share with you another pledge. This one will help us guarantee our Jewish *present*.

Generations of young people have been taught the meaning of the Hebrew value, "Tikkun Olam," literally, to repair the world. They have given tzedakah (donations of coins and dollar bills), collected food and clothing for underserved populations, and participated in various social action and bar/bat mitzvah projects. Then this generation of youths grew up and observed that the world they were helping wasn't closer to being repaired. In some ways, the world became more desperate. They weren't disillusioned by their lack of success, and they weren't fooled by their mentors or clergy, but they were made wiser by what they learned about the world around them and how real change can happen.

We often begin by speaking about giving charity, but "charity" is a word that doesn't exist in Hebrew. It isn't a Jewish value. At its root, charity comes from the Latin, to give from love. To give from love is to emulate God. Judaism doesn't disqualify a gift that's given from love, but it doesn't wait for God-like love. Judaism's word is the Hebrew word, "tzedakah," and it means justice. In places where there is hunger, homelessness, and poverty, there is no justice. Our acts of tzedakah make people whole by repairing the injustices in their lives. Tzedakah might be given with love or even in anonymity, as Maimonides taught in the 12th century, but the people who need relief can't wait. They needed it yesterday, not tomorrow.

A recent study suggests that the one value that most binds the Baby Boomer and Millennial generations is the desire for both to fix and repair because doing so is just. And that both generations care deeply about the plight of humanity and want to make a difference with limited time and resources.

This Chanukah, let's begin again to accomplish the goals that have long been at the heart of our Jewish effort to transform the world from what it is into the world that it ought to be. The Jewish Effective Giving Initiative, a project of the World Union for Progressive Judaism, was created "to inspire rabbis and Jewish leaders [new and familiar], to save lives by introducing their communities to effective giving." The initiative relies on rigorous research and the best available data to ensure that donations and support go to organizations that are "extremely efficient at saving and substantially improving lives around the world." The project points out that while there are hundreds of thousands of excellent charitable organizations in the world, there are a select few that can, with a large degree of certainty, save a life and prevent many cases of severe illness, mostly among children, for around \$3,000-5,000.

The Jewish Effective Giving initiative ([jewisheffectivegiving.org](http://jewisheffectivegiving.org)) is an opportunity to spark this generation's interest by scaling their efforts

## 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. In 2013 Rabbi Berg was named by Newsweek and the Daily Beast as one of the most influential rabbis in the United States. In 2016, he was named by Georgia Trend as one of the 100 most influential Georgians and in 2019 and 2020 as one of Atlanta's most powerful leaders.

## Connect with Rabbi Berg:

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# 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. 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.

Two ways you can help:

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 5th.
2. Teens (8th-12th graders) can volunteer for the event on December 9. Visit the website to sign-up to volunteer.

Check out [www.the-temple.org/merrymitzvah](http://www.the-temple.org/merrymitzvah) for more details.

## WELC PRESCHOOL

### 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](http://www.the-temple.org/donate) and choose WELC TPA Chanukah Fundraiser. 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.

### WELC Annual Book Fair

Friday, December 9 – Saturday, December 17

Times: pending • Motor Court at The Temple

Chanukah’s Coming & the TPA of WELC is here with our annual book fair to help find just the right gifts for the littles in your life!

With a variety of books, educational products & even a few toys (GASP!), there will be quite the variety for you to choose from, all while helping fundraise for our wonderful pre-school.

The book fair will be set-up for shopping at select times in the motor court from Friday, December 9th through Saturday, December 17th, with specific shopping times coming out in the coming weeks.



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### DECEMBER 2022 PROGRAMMING




- 4** Sunday Program @ 9:30am  
Kindergarten Family Social  
@ 11:00am  
BEC Committee Meeting @  
12:15pm
- 9** Project Merry Mitzvah @ 5:00pm
- 11** Sunday Program @ 9:30am  
1st Grade Family Education  
@ 9:30am
- 15-31** No Sunday or Midweek  
Hebrew Program



**Weinberg Early  
Learning Center**  
at The Temple



## TAMID— THE TEMPLE'S ADULT EDUCATION

 Virtual  In-person  
 Multi-access (virtual & in-person)

### NEW ELECTIVE ADDED!

### Behind the Scenes: Reform Judaism and the Woman Rabbinate in Israel

**Tuesday, December 6 at 7:00pm**  
**No Charge and Open to All!**  
**Registration is required at**  
**[www.the-temple.org/tamid-classes](http://www.the-temple.org/tamid-classes)**  
Join Rabbi Lapidus as she interviews Rabbi Michal Ken-Tor about the Reform movement in Israel and what it is like being a female Rabbi in Israel. She will share the joys and challenges of her position in Israel as well as all the great work she is a part of in our partner region, Meggido.

We are excited to welcome Michal Ken-Tor from Megid Ha'Ruach and the reform Rabbi of the Megidido Regional Council.



# LIFECYCLES



## B'NEI MITZVAH



DECEMBER 3:

**Samuel V. Drucker**

Son of Merryl & Steven Drucker



DECEMBER 3:

**Sage D. Gassman**

Daughter of Jennifer & Joshua Gassman

## MAY THEIR MEMORY BE FOR A BLESSING

**Our Heartfelt Sympathy to the Families of:**

Glenda Welch Brennan (mother of Daniel Brennan)  
Gabriel Pressman (son of Sandi & Richard Pressman)  
Jeanette Bridges (sister of Clara bridges)  
Marsha Wallof Frauenthal (mother of Ellen Frauenthal)  
Stephanie Cooper Schulman (mother of Rachel Barnhard)  
Jeffrey Shoap  
Michael Shlesinger (son of John & Sara Shlesinger, grandson of Ellis Haverty, Joyce Shlesinger)  
Yvonne Teichman (mother of Monique Joyce)  
Eleanor Evens Levy (cousin of Barbara Scheer Eason)

## NEW & RETURNING MEMBERS

Luisa & Mark Kaplan  
Sophie & Michael Kaufman  
*George Kaufman*  
Cathy Klaus  
Surya & Jeff Schwartz  
Thea Delage & Aaron Schwartz  
*Martin & Benen Schwartz*  
Sarah & Sam Wiskind  
Mona Sheth & Stephen Douglass  
Julie & Eric Liberman  
Dana Wollin & Dan Brown  
*Luna Brown*

## MAZAL TOV!

**Have good news to share?**

**Please email Dianne Ratowsky at [dratowsky@the-temple.org](mailto:dratowsky@the-temple.org).**

David McCree O'Kelley and Seth Joseph Persily on their marriage  
Jake Paul Morris & Samantha Lauren Skolnick on their marriage  
Mazal to Katie and Mark Littman on the birth of her daughter, Isabelle Juliet Littman, to big brother Henry and to grandparents, Lauren and Jim Grien.  
Brian and Yang Yang Weiss on the birth of their son, Aaron Yank Weiss and to big sisters, Elliott and Sophie  
Stuart Miller & Jessica Strella on the birth of Grayson Carter Miller and to big sister, Abby.  
Shelli and Josh Funt on the birth of Jones Wren Funt  
Samantha and Preston Gelman on the birth of Sloane Livi Gelman  
Dana and Matt Rotenstreich on the birth of Hallie Rotenstreich

# CHANUKAH 2022

## Chanukah Events

### Mini Shabbat – Chanukah Edition!

**Saturday, December 3 \*NEW DATE!\***  
**9:30am Service**  
**10:00am Bagels, Coffee, and Donuts**  
**10:30am Playground**

Join your favorite puppet friends, along with their clergy, to learn all about Chanukah! Be a part of the Macabbees as they search for oil to light the menorah...and find that a miracle has occurred back in Jerusalem! We will start together with our Mini friends for a fun service, and then enjoy some treats special for Chanukah and run off the energy on our playground. We'll meet in The Temple's Circular Drive—make sure to pay attention to the weather and dress accordingly, because we'll be outside! Questions? Email Rabbi Lydia Medwin at [lmedwin@the-temple.org](mailto:lmedwin@the-temple.org).

### Shabbanukah!

**Friday, December 16,**  
**following the 6:00pm Service**  
**Schwartz-Goldstein Hall**

Following a festive and musical service with Shir Chadash and our youth, teen and adult choirs, join us for a celebration with delicious Chanukah fare—latkes, a toppings bar and jelly doughnuts—for the whole family. Don't forget to wear your ugliest Chanukah sweater to compete in the contest!

We'll also be kicking off a recycling initiative with the Rothschild Social Justice Institute's Environmental Protection & Sustainability group, so take note of the bins. RSVP on The Temple website.

### First Night of Chanukah

**Sunday, December 18**  
**6:00pm • Virtual**

Bring your menorah to light candles as a Temple family from the comfort of your own home as we celebrate the first night all together! Join us on Zoom. Meeting ID : 868 5350 2904; Passcode: 635917.

### Brookhaven Gathering

**Monday, December 19 • 6:30pm**

Bundle up, bring your friends and come out to light the community menorah at Town Brookhaven and then enjoy dinner at one of a dozen local eateries! RSVP on The Temple website.

### Chattahoochee Food Works

**Tuesday, December 20 \*NEW DATE!\***  
**6:00-8:00pm**

Join us in the heart of Atlanta's Upper Westside at Chattahoochee Food Works! Grab a bite in the food hall featuring a variety of restaurant stalls to meet the preferences of the whole family and gather to eat with The Temple community. RSVP on the Temple website, and we'll share our meet-up spot. For menu options, visit <https://chattahoocheefoodworks.com>.

### Sandy Springs & Dunwoody Gathering

**Wednesday, December 21**  
**6:00-8:00pm**

Light candles with the Lapidus family and enjoy a few tasty Chanukah treats! Rabbi Loren Filson Lapidus invites you to celebrate the fourth night at their home. Directions provided to registrants.

### Neighborhood Gatherings

**Thursday, December 22**  
**6:00-8:00pm**

Interested in hosting a small casual gathering for Temple members in your neighborhood on your back patio or living room for the fifth night? Contact Kelli Harran at [kharran@thetemple.org](mailto:kharran@thetemple.org). Stay tuned to your weekly emails for more information!

### Shabbat HaNefesh

**Friday, December 23 \*NEW DATE!\***  
**6:00pm**

Refresh and renew your soul in a beautiful Chanukah service by candlelight!

## 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 במצותיו  
וצונו להדליק נר של חנוכה.

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.  
שעשה נסים לאבותינו  
במים הרים בזמן הזה.

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.  
שהחיינו וקיימנו והגיענו  
לזמן הזה.

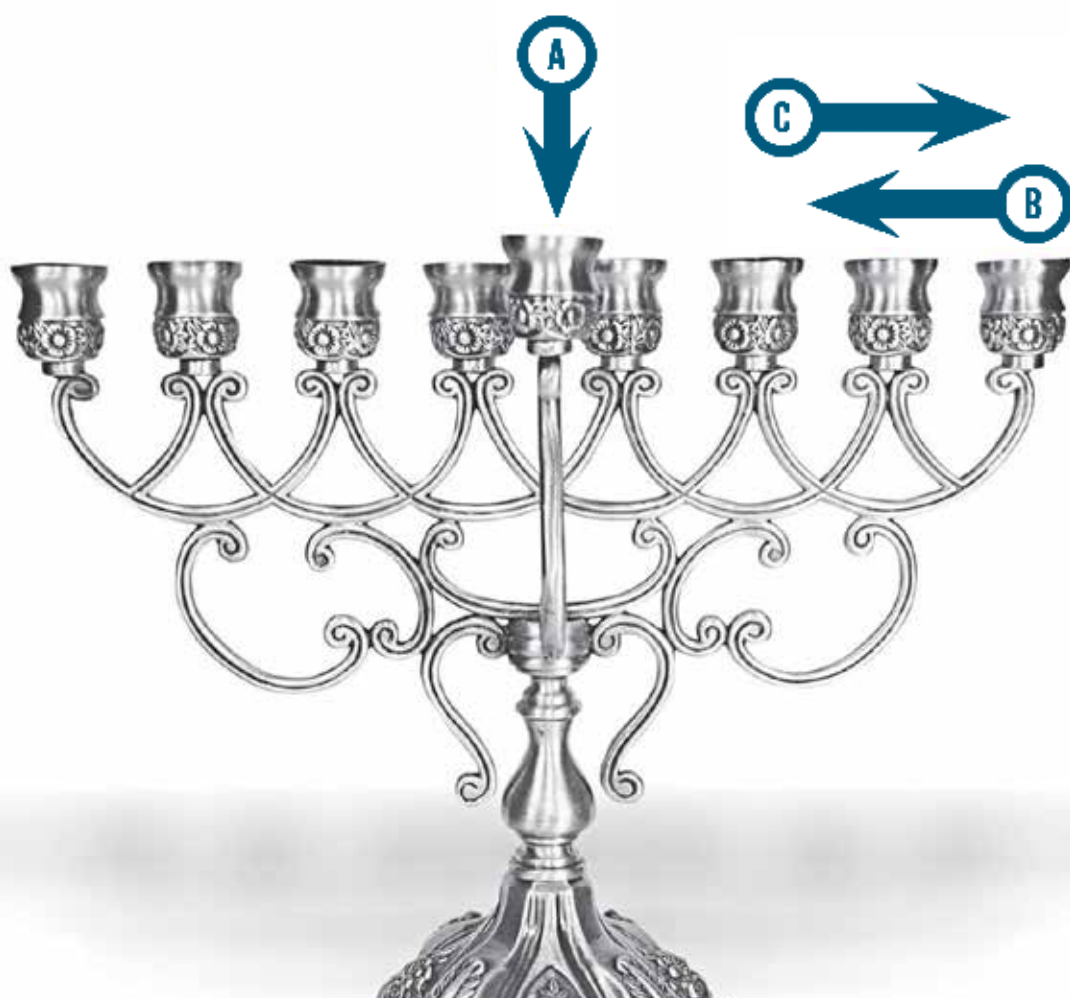
We praise You, Eternal God, Sovereign of the universe, for giving us life, for sustaining us, and for enabling us to reach this season.





# 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, December 18.**

Visit [www.the-temple.org/chanukah](http://www.the-temple.org/chanukah) and check weekly emails for the most up-to-date info!

# EVENTS&NEWS

You are cordially invited to join us for the Installation of

## Cantor Tracey Scher

**Friday, December 2, 2022 • 6:00pm**

Guest Speaker Rabbi Jeffrey Sirkman, Larchmont Temple, followed by dinner and a show. See details below.



Followed by...

## SHOWSTOPPERS! Best of Broadway and More Cantorial Concert & Dinner

Join us for a concert featuring BIG songs from the BIG Broadway shows, sung by cantors from around the country, and our own Cantor Tracey Scher. This event includes dinner – theater style.



Left to right: Cantor Tracey Scher, Cantor Jennifer Frost, Cantor Kerith Spencer-Shapiro, Cantor David Rosen, Cantor Jill Abramson, and Lenora Eve.

### Torah Study with Rabbi Jeffrey Sirkman

**Saturday, December 3 • 9:00am**

Join us in person to study with Rabbi Sirkman, visiting from Larchmont Temple and speaking at Cantor Tracey Scher's installation service the evening prior.

### Age & Stage: 3-5—Defy Atlanta

**Sunday, December 4 • 12:00pm**

Bring your 3rd-5th graders to Defy Atlanta after Sunday program. We'll meet in the Motor Lobby for pizza and connection, then regroup at the trampoline park for more fun. An RSVP is required so we can get an exact headcount. Please let us know if you'd like to have siblings outside of this demographic placed on a waitlist in case space opens up. Cost is \$25, which includes lunch and admission to Defy. Questions? Contact Summer Jacobs at [sjacobs@the-temple.org](mailto:sjacobs@the-temple.org).

### Shabbat with Guest Speaker Rev. Dr. Tony Sundermeier

**Friday, December 9 • 6:00pm**

Rev. Sundermeier of First Presbyterian Church will join us for our Friday Shabbat Worship Service.

### Age & Stage: K-2— Ninja Warrior Course

**Sunday, December 11 • 1:30-3:00pm • Atlanta Kick Crossfit Gym**

Calling all Ninja Warriors and their parents in K-2nd grade! Just us for an afternoon of obstacle courses at Atlanta Kick Crossfit Gym. Kids will jump, sprint, climb and karate chop their way to victory. Obstacle courses are made with mats and other well-padded materials. No siblings please—we'll start a list to determine if we have room. Cupcakes will also be served! Questions? Contact Summer Jacobs at [sjacobs@the-temple.org](mailto:sjacobs@the-temple.org). Cost: \$20 per child.

### Age & Stage: Sages— Rodin at the High

**Tuesday, December 13 • 11:30 am**

Meet us at The Temple for a catered lunch in Schwartz-Goldstein Hall before we load the bus to The High Museum of Art to see "Rodin in the United States: Confronting the Modern." Our very own Barbara Seligman will be one of our docents for a 1 pm tour time. Questions? Contact Kelli Harran at [kharran@the-temple.org](mailto:kharran@the-temple.org). Cost: \$30.



SAVE THESE DATES!



## Honors & Accolades

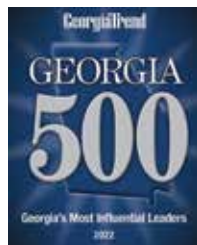
### Mazal Tov to Executive Director Mark Jacobson!

At the annual conference of the National Association of Temple Administration, Executive Director Mark Jacobson was honored with a standing ovation for his 45-year NATA pin and the Service to NATA Award, in recognition of his 45+ years of outstanding leadership, service and mentorship to fellow NATA members. The award was then renamed in his honor.



### Rabbi Berg Honored in 2022 Georgia 500

Rabbi Peter Berg was named in *Georgia Trend* magazine as one of the state's Most Influential Leaders for his role in officiating the placing of a mezuzah on the official residence of Vice President Kamala Harris and Second Gentleman Douglas Emhoff.



### Rothschild Social Justice Institute in the Headlines

Rabbi Lydia Medwin accepted a Fulton County Environmental Award along with Ruth Menter, chair of RSJI's Environmental Protection & Sustainability group. Commissioner Lee Morris chose The Temple to reflect the extensive, effective work clergy and members have engaged in focused on the environment and sustainability.

RSJI's Public Education group, led by Stacey Berg, just received the Jackson Cluster Partner of the Year award from Atlanta Public Schools for the Backpack Buddies project that is delivering food to Toomer Elementary students. The program is growing as needs increase, and volunteers are needed!

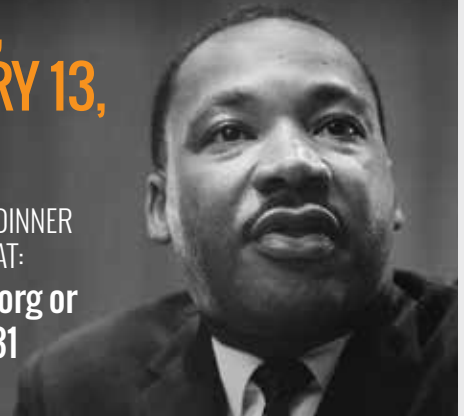


## MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. SHABBAT

Celebrating MLK Shabbat with the Pastors from Ebenezer Baptist Church and The Temple

FRIDAY,  
JANUARY 13,  
2023

RESISTER FOR DINNER  
BY JANUARY 2 AT:  
[the-temple.org](http://the-temple.org) or  
404-873-1731



## Multifaith Initiative to End Mass Incarceration Conference – Sign Up and Volunteer

January 11-13, 2023 • Ebenezer Baptist Church and The Temple

For the past few years, The Temple has joined with Ebenezer Baptist Church and Odyssey Impact to chair the Multifaith Initiative to End Mass Incarceration (Multifaith EMI). The Multifaith EMI has worked with faith leaders from across the religious world to catalyze the power of the faith voice to address this humanitarian crisis. We invite you to join our Temple's RSJI Racial Justice team to attend the Multifaith EMI conference by registering today (registration is at [www.multifaithemi.com](http://www.multifaithemi.com)) and by letting our Racial Justice leaders, Lauren Linder and Jonathan Grunberg (emails upon request), know that you'll be there.

Also, The Temple is hosting Day 2 of this three day event! We will be asking Temple members to sign up to volunteer here at Temple to welcome people and host the conference. Please keep your eyes open for sign ups. For more information, please email Rabbi Lydia Medwin at [lmedwin@the-temple.org](mailto:lmedwin@the-temple.org).



# EVENTS & NEWS

## U.S. Attorney's Award Honors Mark Jacobson

Mark Jacobson, The Temple's Executive Director, has received a U.S. Attorney's Award from the U.S. Attorney for Northern District of Georgia. Mark along with Neil Rabinovitz, community security director for the Jewish Federation of Greater Atlanta, and other law enforcement and faith community representatives were honored for their significant contributions at U.S. Attorney's Office sponsored Security Briefings.

"These individuals have shared their expertise with hundreds of people in the pursuit of prevention, intervention, and suppression of targeted and mass violence," U.S. Attorney Ryan Buchanan said during the ceremony. "Each has demonstrated an eagerness and willingness to assist in the development and execution of training events and to provide resources when possible. And most significantly, each of these awardees embodies the spirit of 'public service' in a way that inspires us all. We thank each of you for your example."

Jacobson recently served as a panelist at the U.S. Attorney's Office and Anti-Defamation League Houses of Worship Security Briefing 2022 on June 23 at the Carter Center.

## New Temple Connect Small Groups

Calling all Gen-Xers, new parents, and suburban dwellers south of the city! We have several new small groups that have formed and are seeking new members.

- Are you too young to be a Baby Boomer but too old to be a Millennial? The Oregon Trail Temple Gen-Xers wants you!
- The South Side Schmoozers want to bring together individuals and families in Atlanta's southern suburbs around Jewish traditions and celebrations!
- New Parents is just what it sounds like—a group for new parents and their little ones to connect and socialize!

Curious about other small group opportunities and want to join one? Read more at [www.the-temple.org/findyourtribe](http://www.the-temple.org/findyourtribe) and sign up at [tinyurl.com/TempleConnectGroups](http://tinyurl.com/TempleConnectGroups). Questions or new group ideas? Contact Director of Engagement Kelli Harran at [kharran@the-temple.org](mailto:kharran@the-temple.org).



## Changing temperatures, Changing Programs

As you may remember, Zaban Paradies Center officially changed to become a year-round homeless service agency in September. This pivot included emergency residential services, day resources, aftercare services, homelessness diversion, and community outreach. Last year we served over 348 total households. We have grown so much.

### Services Spotlight: Diversion

One of the services we now provide to the community experiencing financial instability is homelessness diversion. Our Diversion Service program provides limited year-round support to couples and families experiencing economic instability. Diversion seeks to assist couples experiencing homelessness by offering financial assistance to divert them from experiencing homelessness in the shelter system or in places not meant for human habitation.

The goal of Diversion Services is to link families with resources, community networks, and, when possible, emergency assistance. These services help homeless families and couples to access long-term housing solutions outside of emergency shelter. Services include support groups, computer lab access, and budget/credit counseling, limited financial assistance, as well as community referrals.

### Ways to Give

We are grateful for the continued support and partnership of The Temple. Here are ways you can help us:

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- The Holidays will be upon us soon. Check out ways you and your family can be involved. [www.zabanparadiescenter.org](http://www.zabanparadiescenter.org)



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## A Small Chanukah Miracle

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to reach larger goals without failing to get the work done. We shouldn't stop making a difference locally, but there's an opportunity to demonstrate to young and old, alike, that joining congregational and organizational efforts can reach new levels of effectiveness. Imagine what we can do together with the forty synagogues that have already joined this effort and pledged to save a life this year.

When we join our Jewish values with modern opportunities, we reveal Judaism's enduring purpose and relevance. Jewish Effective Giving provides the ways and the means to lift up our obligation to respond to the Mitzvah and to make a difference in the part of world we can touch.

This Chanukah, let's help save the life of children who are critically ill from Malaria. **If you would like to participate, please send a check to The Temple and note in the memo "Jewish Effective Giving for Malaria Relief."** In collaboration with 40 other congregations, we will work with the most effective charitable organizations in the developing world. Thank you for joining me in this small Chanukah miracle.

*l'shalom,*

Rabbi Peter Berg

# FINANCIAL REPORT



## Temple Financial Condition

For the past fiscal year ending June 30, 2022, total revenues were \$6,681,873 and total expenses were \$6,600,055 resulting in a slight surplus for the year of \$81,818. 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. The Temple has also been affected by rising labor costs for teachers and security personnel. Thanks to the continued generosity of our members in supporting The Temple by paying membership and other fees, we are operating at break even for the eleventh straight year.

The Finance Committee chaired by Treasurer Sara Loft continues to set a path for The Temple to meet its day to day operating requirements. The Executive Committee and staff leadership continue to review in detail all expenses to ensure proper controls and efficiencies. Our congregation is grateful

for our members' annual support payments, 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. The security fee for regular members is \$250. Young Couples and Young Professionals over 32 pay an adjusted security fee of \$150 and \$100, respectively. We hope everyone continues to understand the necessity of funding this very necessary expense.

Annual support for 2023 will be \$2,600, a slight 2% increase over the previous support level, which has been in place since 2019 and throughout peak Covid times. 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 have already committed to increase beyond your current level of dues support. This generosity will go a long way to help us break even again this year.

The pie charts shown represent projected revenues and expenses for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023. If there is any communication desired regarding Temple finances, please contact any Temple officer, Sara Loft, Treasurer, or Mark Jacobson, Executive Director.

Your timely payments and increasing your annual support, if possible, are 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.

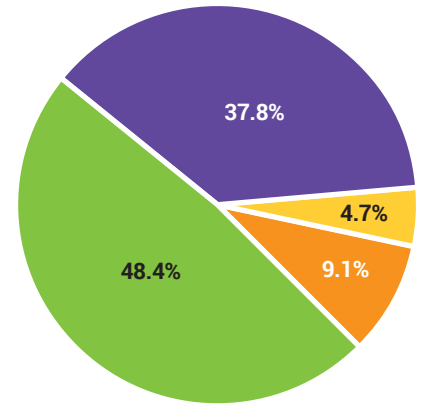


# FINANCIAL REPORT

## 2022-2023 Financial Information

### Projected Revenues

	\$	%
<b>Dues</b> Regular Membership, Young Professionals, Young Couples	3,366,975	48.4
<b>Breman Education Center and Weinberg Early Learning Center</b> BEC and Midweek Hebrew Fees, Breman Religious School Fund Grant, WELC Tuition and Registration Fees, Camp Tuition and Registration Fees, Enrichment Fees	2,629,196	37.8
<b>Facility Rental &amp; Miscellaneous</b> Facility Rental, Misc Income, Member Security Fee	326,325	4.7
<b>Other</b> Memorial Book, Grants from Specific Purpose Funds, Adult Education Fees	633,350	9.1
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$6,955,846</b>	

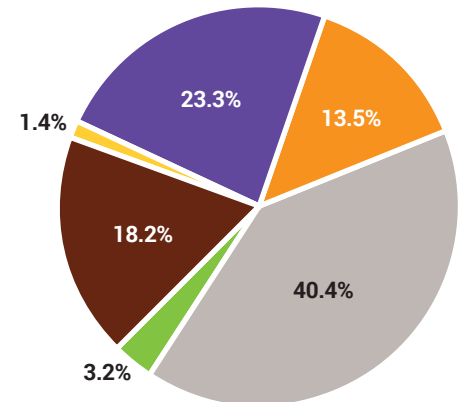


### Projected Revenues

- Dues
- Breman Education Center and Weinberg Early Learning Center
- Facility Rental & Miscellaneous
- Other

### Projected Expenses

	\$	%
<b>Administration</b> Support Personnel, Insurance, Postage, Supplies	1,265,438	18.2
<b>URJ Dues</b>	100,000	1.4
<b>House of Worship</b> Rabbinic, Music, High Holy Days	1,617,256	23.3
<b>Facility Maintenance</b> Supplies, Staff, Utilities, Security, Repairs and Maintenance	939,404	13.5
<b>House of Study and Weinberg Early Learning Center</b> Breman Education Center, Mid-Week Hebrew, Adult Education Programs, WELC Teachers, Camp Teachers, Supplies, Administration, Programs	2,813,076	40.4
<b>House of Assembly</b> Activities, Congregational Programs, Seniors, Communications, etc.	220,063	3.2
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$6,955,237</b>	



### Projected Expenses

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

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## 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+)

Many Temple members participate in leadership level groups. 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 membership. In addition, names of the members in the Leadership Groups are displayed in the lobby outside the Covenant Chapel.

We hope we can either add or move your name to a higher Leadership Group level. Our Temple family would be most appreciative. If you would like information on these groups, call **Louis Lettes**, Temple President, **Sara Loft**, Treasurer, or **Mark Jacobson**, Executive Director.

### Donation of Appreciated Stock and IRA Charitable Rollover Provision

Temple members will be receiving their Temple statements for the 2023 year during the month of December. The Temple membership year is the calendar year, January – December. Statements are mailed in advance of the calendar year to allow members to take advantage of a tax deduction, if appropriate, for the current 2022 year.

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.

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 any transactions involving appreciated stock 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](mailto:mjacobson@the-temple.org).

### Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) of Individual Retirement Account (IRA) assets:

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 2022 another outstanding year and our future bright!!**

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# Chanukah

## Eight Opportunities for Lighting our World

May this holiday season of light remind us to pause, to give thanks for the lights that shine in our lives, and to inspire us to extend that light to all the world.

**1st night:** What is something that I can do to act with more kindness?

**2nd night:** How can I shine my unique lights to help others?

**3rd night:** What can I do to help bring justice to the world?

**4th night:** What do I want to give thanks to, and what challenges do I want to give voice to?

**5th night:** Give tzedakah to an organization that brings light to others/well-being of the world. Talk about your choice.

**6th night:** What gifts do I bring to the world that I would like to acknowledge?

**7th night:** What is a non-material gift that someone gave you this year that has helped guide you? What have you given to someone else?

**8th night:** What is your favorite Chanukah memory?