**SCHEDULE:** DECEMBER 2023

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

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1**
- 6:00pm  Shabbat Worship Service Featuring Dr. Lisa Miller

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2**
- 9:00am  Torah Study
- 10:30am  Shabbat Worship Service & Bar Mitzvah of Micah Linefsky
- 5:30pm  B’nei Mitzvah of Martha Davis & Ella Perkins

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8**
- 6:00pm  Shabbat – Shabbat & Chanukah Worship Service

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9**
- 9:00am  Torah Study
- 9:30am  Mini Shabbat Morning
- 10:30am  Shabbat Worship Service & Bar Mitzvah of Joshua Rubensohn

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15**
- 6:00pm  Shabbat Worship Service with Shir Chadash

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16**
- 9:00am  Torah Study
- 10:30am  Shabbat Worship Service & Bat Mitzvah of Caroline Lichtstein

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22**
- 6:00pm  Shabbat Worship Service

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23**
- 9:00am  Torah Study & Kaddish

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 29**
- 6:00pm  Shabbat HaNefesh

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30**
- 9:00am  Torah Study & Kaddish

**TORAH & HAFTARAH:**

**DECEMBER 2: VAYISHLACH**
Gen 32:4–36:45; Hosea 11:7–12:12

**DECEMBER 9: VAYEISHEV**
Gen 37:1–40:23; Zechariah 4:1-7

**DECEMBER 16: MIKEITZ**
Gen 41:1–44:17; I Kings 3:15–4:1

**DECEMBER 23: VAYIGASH**
Gen 44:18–47:27; Ezekiel 37:15–28

**DECEMBER 30: VAYECHI**
Gen 47:28–50:26; I Kings 2:1–12
Standing with Israel and Our College Students

As I am writing this article in late October, I look at the calendar to make sure it is really 2023. eerily I feel connected to my rabbinic colleagues in the 1930s and imagine what they were thinking as they were writing articles for their synagogue newsletters. About an hour ago, I spoke to my youngest daughter. Though she just returned this past spring from serving for a year as a Shinshinit (emissary to high school students) in Israel and is now heavily involved in the Jewish community at the University of Texas, she told me that she recently stopped wearing Magen David (Jewish star) and chamsa necklaces on campus. Hearing that tore my heart in two. She shared with me that there is antisemitic vandalism and graffiti everywhere and constant protests on campus with students shouting “from the river to the sea” and holding signs like “Israel is a terrorist state” and “Israel is a child killer.” I know that her experience is common to most of our young adults at colleges and universities today.

As we are all searching for the light in the darkness of this past month, it is our high school and college students who are taking the brunt of antisemitism. In a new report, the ADL has tracked a nearly 400 percent increase in antisemitic incidents since the same time last year. I constantly hear from college students that Jewish students are feeling scared. With this surge of hatred that began well before October 7, now more than ever we must be here for our youngest adults as they navigate their lives away from home.

First, to our college students: We want you to know that we never forget you, even when you go off to college. We are proud of you... We love you... We are here for you... and we want to hear from you if you feel you need help or just an ear to listen to you. Though you may be far away from your Temple community, your clergy, educators and Temple community are always only a text, email, or phone call away. In addition to the emails we are sending you, we will also be hosting Zoom meetings to stay connected with you. Please remember that at school your local Hillels are working side-by-side with the ADL and other Jewish organizations to provide you resources and comfort on over 850 college and university campuses. Take the time to visit your Hillel or log onto their website to seek out their support. (And if you are a parent or grandparent of a college student reading this, please pass this message on to them.)

Since the atrocities of October 7, your clergy have all received hundreds of emails and phone calls of support and empathy from community leaders, clergy, and teachers. Alongside their expressions of love, most have asked us what they can do for us. Our standard response is one of gratitude and for them to continue to pray for Jews worldwide and in Israel. For over 20 years, I have been teaching a session each year to two of St. Pius X’s senior intensive seminar classes on Antisemitism and the Holocaust. The teacher of that class has written me several times each week since the atrocities of October 7 just to check in on me. Yesterday when he wrote me that his students have been asking what they could do for our students, it hit me. When I met with them last month, Continued on page 7.

About Rabbi Rau:
Rabbi Steven H. Rau joined The Temple staff as Director of Lifelong Learning in 2002. He oversees The Temple’s Breman Education Center (formerly Religious School), Project Connect (youth engagement department), Tamid: A Lifetime of Jewish Learning (adult education), and the Weinberg Early Learning Center. Rau has revitalized The Temple’s educational and youth engagement programs, leading the school in receiving its first accreditation from the Association for Reform Jewish Educators (ARJE) in 2009.

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Chanukah Events

2nd NIGHT
Shabbanukah
Friday, December 8 at 6:00pm
Musical service with the help of Shir Chadash (our volunteer band), our youth and adult choirs and teen band, to get in the Chanukah spirit. Join us after services for dinner catered by Wood’s Chapel BBQ, including latkes.

3rd NIGHT
Vodka & Latkes
Saturday, December 9
7:00-10:00pm
The Temple Cultural Arts presents a night of music, dancing, delicious food, adult drinks, and more!

6th NIGHT
Young Professional Chanukah Party
at Urban Tree Cidery
Tuesday, December 12 from 6:00-8:30pm
Sponsored by the Leven Institute for Interfaith Couples & Families. Dinner & drinks included.

For information about Chanukah at The Temple and to RSVP for these events, visit www.the-temple.org/chanukah.

Chanukah Blessings

Each night, two blessings are recited:

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

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

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

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

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’mam ha-zeh.

We praise You, Eternal God, Sovereign of the universe, for giving us life, for sustaining us, and for enabling us to reach this season.
The 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.
Project Merry Mitzvah sponsored by Project Connect

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 15th.
2. Teens (8th-12th graders) can volunteer for the event on December 15th. 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

WELC Annual Book Fair

Tuesday, November 28 through Sunday, December 9
Times to be announced • 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 & more for the whole family, 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 lobby from Tuesday, November 28th through Sunday, December 9th, with specific shopping times coming out in the coming weeks.

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.

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.

**Thank you for your generous support!**

BEC PROGRAMMING

**DECEMBER 3**
9:30am  Sunday Program
10:30am  Pre-K & Kindergarten Family Social

**DECEMBER 10**
9:30am  Sunday Program
9:30am  4th Grade Family Education

**DECEMBER 15**
5:00pm  Project Merry Mitzvah

**DECEMBER 17-31**
No Sunday or Midweek Hebrew Program
A look back at November!
We had some wonderful trips. Our sixth and seventh graders went to Birmingham, Alabama and had a blast learning about a new community and got to bond with each other more! We also took our confirmation class to the Big Apple! From Broadway to the Central Synagogue, to touring Brooklyn and much more, it was such a special trip like no other! Can’t wait to see what December holds!

they shared their excitement and fears about applying to college. Thinking about the reports coming from our campuses over the past few weeks, I realized that the greatest gift these non-Jewish students could give our children is to write letters to college and university leaders demanding stricter stances against antisemitism and racism on their campuses.

But we cannot only rely on others to act for our young adults. As Jews, we have an obligation to act as well by speaking out to colleges, universities and government leaders to protect our students. Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 protects students from discrimination on the basis of race, color, or national origin. Sadly, our college students are being discriminated against, and we cannot be fooled: Anti-Zionism on campuses is antisemitism. Please log onto www.adl.org/stand-with-israel to urge the U.S. Department of Education to make colleges safer from racism and antisemitism. Additionally, email the leadership of your alma mater to make sure they are calling out antisemitism, protecting our young adults from acts of hate, and acknowledging the atrocities of October 7 as pure terrorism.

And finally, let us be here for each other. The war and antisemitism are taking their tolls on all of us. In addition to the financial and moral support we are providing to Israel and Jewish organizations, we need to reach out to each other, share our fears and our pride, and reconnect with our Jewish community. And when we feel the time is right, we must return to Israel and support her and our people with our presence. At this time, The Temple’s teen, family and adult trips are still committed to traveling this June. Perhaps you will join us and show your support as well.

Now, more than ever, Israel and our young adults need us to stand up!

May the one who makes peace in the high heavens make peace for us, all Israel and all who inhabit the earth. And as we kindle the lights of the Chanukiah this year, may we renew our dedication to our people and our land.

Rabbi Steven Rau
B’NEI MITZVAH

DECEMBER 2:
Micah Linefsky
Parents: Brooke & Jason Linefsky

DECEMBER 2 (MINCHA):
Martha Davis
Parents: Michelle Merrick & Gale Davis

DECEMBER 2 (MINCHA):
Ella Perkins
Parents: Paige & Jeffrey Perkins

DECEMBER 9:
Joshua Rubensohn
Parents: Marcia & Joel Rubensohn

MAY THEIR MEMORY BE FOR A BLESSING

Our Heartfelt Sympathy to the Families of:

Sheryl Lynne Boxer (mother of Joshua Boxer)
Sherry Brody (mother of Brennan Friedman-Andrews)
Sally Travis Felt (first cousins of Judith and Mark Taylor)
Nancy Gallant (wife of Dr. Steven Gallant; mother of Maggie Isenberg)
Sharilin "Sherry" Agoos Greenblatt (mother of Susan Lunt)
Marvin Hirsch (brother of Paul Hirsch; uncle of Deva Hirsch (Stuart Peskin) and Mira Hirsch (Keith Yager))
Bryan Matthew Hunt (son of Margo & Jerry Hunt; brother of Lauren Wattenmaker)
Kathryn "Kathy" Jean Kennedy (wife of Robert Lewinson; mother of Carlin Lewinson)
Jarvin Levison (father of Mike Levison)
Elisheva Rose Ida Lubin (granddaughter of Tom and Lynn Keating)
Melissa Miller (cousin of Louisa Liss Zufi)
Marsha Jo Orloff (mother of Julie Orloff)
Ira Loyd Rachelson (father of Benjamin Rachelson)
Mary Lynn Rosenberg (mother of Carol Wien)
Harriet Rubinstein (friend of Jo Ann Rau)
Ruth Katz Shacter (mother of Sherlyn Lippman)
Heschel Shapiro (friend of Eileen Reuben and Ronald Netzorg)
Dr. Gerry E. Siegel (father of Amanda Walker)
Augie Spector (cousin of Josh Schoenberg)

MAZAL TOV!

Have good news to share? Please email Lisa Madrigal at lmadrigal@the-temple.org.

Ann and Hugh Rawn on the birth of their first grandchildren, identical twin boys, Charlie and Ethan Clark; and to the parents, Chris Clark and Amanda Gilbert.

Rabbi Peter Berg on being a part of Georgia 500 and being selected as one of Georgia’s most influential leaders by Georgia Trend.

Meredith Trubitt and Phil Handler on the birth of their son, Max Handler.

Rebecca Ann Smedlund and Jeff Gordon on the birth of their son, Robert Joel Gordon.

Jon Golden on receiving a Lifetime Achievement Award from The Atlanta Business Chronicle.

Wedding of Natalie Rose Neuman and Michael Adam Purser; and to parents, Robin & Morris Neuman.

Wedding of Spencer Isaac Schenker and Catalina Ines Nieves Coronado.

Wedding of Sarah Brantley Kirschbaum and Nicholas Carlton Robertson; and to parents, Janet and Paul Kirschbaum.

Wedding of Jennifer Carly Williams and Joshua Levi Krasney.

Wedding of Michael Andrew Shenk and Leslie Jaye Weber; and to parents, Linda and S. Steven Selig, III.

Wedding of Danielle Leigh Paz and Harvey Grant Shwartz, and to parents, Roy Cranman and Karen Paz, and to brother Jonathan Paz.
WE STAND WITH ISRAEL

The Temple has created a repository of resources, events, explainers, mental health support, ways to speak with youth, college student resources, and organizations to support that we will continue to update.

To learn more, visit [www.the-temple.org/israelresponse](http://www.the-temple.org/israelresponse).

Montag Speaker Series presents
Dr. Lisa Miller: Spirituality and Mental Health

**December 1-3, 2023**

Join us for an entire weekend of learning with our Montag Speaker Series guest, Dr. Lisa Miller, author of *The Awakened Brain* and *The Spiritual Child*. She will explore with us dimensions of spiritual development throughout life, from the youngest child to the most senior among us.

For more information and to RSVP, please visit [www.the-temple.org/spirituality](http://www.the-temple.org/spirituality).

**Friday, December 1, 2023**

- 4:00pm: WELC Parent Session
- 6:00pm: Shabbat Services
- 7:15pm: Dine and Discover

Major Spiritual Milestones for Thriving through Middle Age and Older

**Sunday, December 3, 2023**

- 9:45-10:30am: Why Being Jewish Matters for my Mental Health
  For BEC Teens
- 10:45-11:45am: Fostering Resilience through Spiritual Awareness
  For Parents and Grandparents of Children and Teens

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**DECEMBER 16:**

*Caroline Lichtstein*
Parents: Susan & Jason Lichtstein
Town Hall & Empowerment Event
Tuesday, December 5 at 7:00 pm
Reps. John Carson and Esther Panitch are calling for the passage of their bipartisan state bill, B30, to expand state protections against antisemitism. Rep. Carson, R-Northeast Cobb, is a Christian, and Rep. Panitch, D-Sandy Springs, is the only Jewish member of the Georgia House of Representatives. The proposed legislation would bring antisemitism under the umbrella of Georgia’s existing hate crimes laws. Join them for a panel, co-sponsored by End Jew Hatred and Hadassah Greater Atlanta, moderated by Rabbi Peter Berg.

Mini Shabbat
Saturday, December 9
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 and coffee and run off the energy on our playground. We’ll meet in The Temple’s Motor Lobby—make sure to pay attention to the weather and dress accordingly, so you can enjoy the playground! Questions? Email Rabbi Lydia Medwin at lmedwin@the-temple.org.

RSJI: Gun Violence Prevention Group
Wonderful Holiday Volunteer Opportunity
December 18-20
Our RSJI Gun Violence Prevention Group has begun a relationship with Chris 180, which is providing opportunities to heal trauma, strengthen families and build communities.

If you are available to help on December 18, 19 or 20 for a 3-hour shift running between 9:00am to 5:30pm, please contact Lissie Stahlman at elstahlman@gmail.com. We will help parents shop for, and then label and wrap gifts in their facility as well as serve meals while families are awaiting their packages.

Support The Temple when you shop!
Kroger Community Rewards
It’s easy and it doesn’t impact your savings! Visit kroger.com with your Kroger Plus card handy, create or sign in to your account, and enroll by searching our NPO number: ST889.

iGive.com Rewards Program
Enroll at www.iGive.com/the-temple, then shop online as you normally would—no added steps. Over 1,900 Online Stores—including all your favorites!

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Supporting Mental Health
Powered by The Temple

Mission
Our mission is to create a supportive culture at The Temple and within our community with intentional programming focused on mental health. We seek to increase awareness, eliminate stigma, provide education, and advocate for expanded support around mental health within our community and in coordination with the broader Jewish community and its stakeholders.

Contact:
If you are ill or in need, please reach out to our clergy at 404-874-1731. If The Temple is closed, one of clergy can be contacted on the emergency page by selecting option #3.

Web
www.the-temple.org/shalomcare

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. SHABBAT
Celebrating MLK Shabbat with the Pastors from Ebenezer Baptist Church and The Temple
FRIDAY, JANUARY 12, 2024
Registration for dinner is open and is first-come, first-served AT:
www.the-temple.org/MLK or 404-873-1731

If you are experiencing a mental health crisis and need immediate help, call or text 988 to get help now.
Reflections from our Trip to Eastern Europe
From the desk of Cantor Tracey Scher

I just returned from an American Conference of Cantors mission with 75 travelers from North America—sixteen of them from The Temple. It was the experience of a lifetime. Our trip was a healthy combination of music, exploration, enrichment, and connection to Jewish History and to the Jewish communities still active today. It was especially poignant as we collectively felt the pain, hurt and fear over the events unfolding in Israel. New friendships were forged as we shared many tears and much laughter. A particular highlight of my time was finding and standing on the home site of where my grandmother grew up in the Warsaw ghetto (she too was a red-headed curly haired singer). Having the opportunity to share her story and honor her memory with a group of people who I care deeply about was a moment that I will never forget.

Here are just a few reflections from Temple travelers:

“"There were times when the weight of antisemitism nearly suffocated me— the ghettos, camps, statistics were mind-numbing. The rapid rate of intimacy our group achieved, so early in the trip, was exhilarating. This allowed us to openly lean on each other as we encountered such unimaginable horrors.” –BL

"We have always had a particular interest in WWII and the Holocaust. It is one thing to read about the tragedies that took place, but profoundly different to see the sites where all the devastation took place. The memorial to the children of the Warsaw Ghetto had a profound effect on us. The poem written by the little boy touches your heart in a way that is hard to describe but will be forever in our memories. Several highlights included the Cantors’ concerts and a personal Chopin concert that we had the privilege of attending.” –L&BL

"I can describe my trip experience in one word: BITTERSWEET. When you are confronted in person with the ugliness and brutality of the camps like we did at Birkenau and you try and comprehend the horrible reality of what human beings can do to each other, your soul sinks….However, when the experience is shared with a group of music lovers and talented leaders, the sentiment ameliorates and elevates to a different level. It was definitely an experience of a lifetime!” –LS

"What made the ACC trip so special were the times we were singing at places where the Jewish people had been silenced—at former synagogues and Auschwitz. Together we made the statement through song that we still have a voice.” –DK

"I described my journey as ‘death camps and empty synagogues mixed with communal singing, laughter, good food and drink to restore hope and cheer.’ The most meaningful experiences for me involved singing. Joining together in Oseh Shalom in ancient, abandoned synagogues was powerful. The walls needed to hear our voices. When we circled together to process and heal outside the crematorium at Auschwitz, I shared that I wondered how many times the Sh’ma was said in that hellhole. My heart was filled with compassion as we sang the Sh’ma for all the victims who couldn’t say it for themselves.” –DK

"Six concerts, two religious services, miles and miles of walking daily with informative guides, learning about and experiencing history and getting to really know fellow congregants from The Temple, bonding with people in magnificent cities, trying new foods and many versions of Polish vodka, making connections with local people, have enriched my life in ways I will be exploring for months to come.” –JC
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Temple Financial Condition

For the past fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, total revenues were $7,427,419 and total expenses were $7,275,540, resulting in a surplus for the year of $151,879. This year’s budget plan includes some increases in security, human resources, insurance, technology, and other unavoidable increases in costs for facility support and other products and services.

The Temple recently completed the replacement of the entire roof over the original part of our building complex and has begun other capital projects necessary for the maintenance of our beautiful and historic congregation. The funds for these projects come from a combination of our endowment and operating budget.

While expenses in some areas have increased since the Board of Trustees approved the budget last spring, we expect these increases to be absorbed by revenues in various areas and savings from a budgeted contingency and other reserves and expenses. 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, regularly and in detail, all expenses to ensure proper controls and efficiencies.

Our congregation is grateful for our members’ annual dues and security payments, which enable The Temple to offer its vast array of worship, educational, service and community-oriented programs; they are the lifeblood of meeting our operating expenses. We are proud to say we are operating at break even for the twelfth straight year.

The safety and security of Temple members is of the highest priority. The Temple has been affected by the rising cost of security personnel and the need for additional security given the worldwide surge in antisemitism. For the first time in four years, the security fee for regular members is increasing from $250 to $300. Young Couples and Young Professionals over 32 years old pay an adjusted security fee of $150 and $100, respectively. We consider moving to a higher level of generosity. This generosity support our synagogue at leadership levels will be asked to support our synagogue at leadership levels will be asked to consider raising their dues level to a Leadership Dues Circle, such as the Double Chai Circle at $5,600 if they are able. Members who currently support their dues level to a Leadership Dues Circle, such as the Double Chai Circle at $5,600 if they are able. Members who currently support our synagogue at leadership levels will be asked to consider moving to a higher level of generosity. This generosity will go a long way to help us break even again this year.

The pie charts included in this report represent projected revenues and expenses for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024. If there is any communication desired regarding Temple finances, please contact any Temple officer, Sara Loft, our Treasurer, or Jeremy Perlin, our 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 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 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 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 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 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 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 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 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 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 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 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 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 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 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 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 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 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 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 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 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 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 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 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 if possible, are critical to The Temple’s meeting its operating needs. Our Temple family has always risen to the challenges it faces.
2023-2024 Financial Information

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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+)

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 **Jeremy Perlin**, Executive Director.

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

Temple members will be receiving their Temple statements for the 2024 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 2023 year.

For members who have reached age 70½, 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. If you wish to donate stock to The Temple, contact **Jeremy Perlin**, Executive Director, at 404-873-1731 or jperlin@the-temple.org with any questions.

**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.

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Thank you to all our Temple members for making 2023 another outstanding year and our future bright!!
Chanukah @ THE TEMPLE

Shabbanukah
Friday, December 8 @ 6pm

Vodka & Latkes
Saturday, December 9 @ 7pm

Young Professional Chanukah Party
Tuesday, December 12 @ 7pm

See page 4 for details!