



Congregation Children of Israel

A Reform Congregation Serving the CSRA

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Dear Congregants,

We want to express our heartfelt gratitude for your ongoing support of Congregation Children of Israel, and we are looking forward to a vibrant future. Your dedication to our synagogue has created a community we can all be proud of.

Over the years, our Temple has been fortunate to receive generous contributions. However, most of these funds are restricted for specific purposes or limited in terms of withdrawal. Additionally, we have experienced a significant decrease in our membership, currently standing at approximately 86 units/families. While some factors leading to this decline, such as deaths and relocations, are beyond our control, there are aspects within our control that we can address. It is crucial for us to nurture your ongoing commitment to the temple beyond life cycle events like Bar & Bat Mitzvahs, weddings, and funerals. We understand that in the past couple of years, our in-person experiences have been limited, with Friday Shabbat Services being the main offering. However, with Rabbi Liverman coming on board in July, we are anticipating that her energy and new perspective will result in improved programming and experiences for all sectors of our congregation. As a result, we encourage you to consider increasing your financial contribution as your membership commitment, along with our fundraising efforts, represent our major income streams.

Enclosed with this letter, you will find the annual financial commitment worksheet. We would greatly appreciate it if you could complete and return this worksheet by July 1, 2023, marking the beginning of our new fiscal year. Gathering this information from you enables us to maintain accurate financial records and provide you with up-to-date statements. If you prefer, you can also call or email your financial commitment to the office at **office@cciaugusta.org**. Please include your commitment level and expected payment schedule.

As stated clearly in the financial commitment worksheet, Congregation Children of Israel never denies anyone membership due to financial hardship. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to the Temple office at **706-736-3140** or contact our Temple Treasurer, Morris Cohen, at **706-832-2477**. Your continued support is sincerely appreciated, as it allows us to uphold our commitment to Reform Judaism.

Sincerely,

Elana

Elana Hoodenpyle
President