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ANNUAL FUND PLEDGE INFORMATION

The following categories represent the giving levels for the 2004 - 2005 Annual Fund of Temple Sholom of Chicago.

Annual Fund Categories:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Temple Guarantors \$25,000+ | <input type="checkbox"/> Nativ \$5,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> Mensch \$500 |
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Thank you for your gift. Please use the enclosed pledge card.

For additional information about the Annual Fund, or about other ways to give to Temple Sholom, please contact the Development Department at Temple Sholom of Chicago, at 773-525-4707, extension 322.


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TEMPLE SHOLOM OF CHICAGO
THE ANNUAL FUND
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We are pleased to support and chair the 2004-2005 Annual Fund Campaign for Temple Sholom. We agreed to commit our time and energy to this task because of the important role the Temple has played in our lives and our community. The Temple has been there for us throughout our lives, from happy occasions like weddings, the naming and *Bar/ Bat Mitzvah* ceremonies of our children, to times when we have sought the comfort and solace of our Jewish community.

The Annual Fund was adopted by the Temple Board three years ago. The Temple has a wide range of educational and community service programs. So many things the Temple does could not happen without our community supporting the Fund. As you think about giving to the Temple, please consider the following:

- **Access to the Temple regardless of financial circumstance.** Many members, including some of our elderly, would not be able to participate without financial support. The Fund helps provide that support.
- **Vibrant community programs.** Temple Sholom reaches out into the Chicago community, serving the disadvantaged through Social Action programs, an active Caring Committee, and a strong commitment to *tikkun olam* (healing the world). We are especially proud that our Temple recently launched the Monthly Monday Meal to feed the hungry in our community.
- **Lifelong access to Jewish Education.** The Temple provides educational opportunities from preschool to Adult Education Programs including a wide range of speakers and performances.

In this pamphlet, you will hear from two other members of the Temple, who agreed to share their stories and how the Temple has touched their lives. We know what an important role the Temple has played in so many of our lives. We are asking for your support of the Annual Fund. Without you, the Temple cannot continue to provide, nourish and grow its critical programs and services.

Thank you,



Lisa

Lisa Naparstek Green and Howard Green
Temple Sholom 2004 - 2005 Annual Fund Co-Chairs



Sheri Ron

Sheri and Ron Spielman
Temple Sholom 2004 - 2005 Annual Fund Co-Chairs

THE ANNUAL FUND

Charlotte Drucker



On March 19, 1944, the Germans occupied our country. When Hitler's forces marched into Budapest everybody expected the worst, and soon it happened. Two days later, German soldiers armed with rifles appeared in some apartment buildings and took away the men. In a couple of days they showed up in our house as well. We were sitting around the table with my husband, Lou and my daughter Martha. My spouse supervised Martha's French homework. Her teacher was also there with us. We didn't want Martha to notice our fright so we were trying hard to turn her attention away from Hitler, and the whole gruesome situation. Suddenly our doorbell rang and a group of German soldiers entered the apartment. They went straight to where my husband was sitting

and told him that he will be taken away, however (they) didn't say why and where. I was begging them in tears to tell me where would they take him but received no answer no matter how bitterly I was crying. In the course of minutes they left with my husband in their custody. It was the last time I laid eyes on my spouse...in a short while we were forced to leave our home with my Martha."

So begins the story of Charlotte Drucker's remarkable odyssey from the ashes of Europe to the shores of the United States. Charlotte, a devoted member of Temple Sholom, sat down and wrote out her story so that her family might learn from her incredible journey. Like so many stories from this dark chapter in our people's history, there were "angels" who helped to shelter Charlotte and her daughter, and eventually they found their way to freedom (and to each other, having been separated for eight years).

Charlotte Drucker is painting a picture in her apartment on Lake Shore Drive, just steps away from her Temple and her Rabbi. The picture is a beautiful rendition of a *shtetl* scene from old Europe, her Europe. The picture features a violinist, a town musician, with a sparkle in his eyes, and other elements of Jewish life from an age now long ago. The picture is alive, full of color and movement, full of joy and life. How can a person who has lived through so much trial and suffering paint with such vibrancy and verve? The answer may be wrapped up in her faith and devotion to Judaism, her love of Temple, and her long friendship with Rabbi Petuchowski. Charlotte is delighted to be able to express her love for Temple Sholom through her steadfast support of its Annual Fund, of which she is always an early and generous supporter. Charlotte treasures Temple Sholom, and the Temple is proud to count Charlotte as a charter supporter of its Annual Fund campaign.



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Tracey & Jonathan Block

I have been involved with Temple Sholom for my entire life. I began in Sunday School as a young child, and became a *Bar Mitzvah* under the guidance of Rabbi Rossof. I studied through High School Confirmation with Rabbi Schwartz, Cantor Katzman, and so many others, and by graduation I had become Vice President of Orr Shalom. Since returning from college, I helped lead the Young Adults, got involved in the Worship and House Committees, and eventually joined the Board of Directors.

My association with Temple Sholom, however, goes much deeper than this highlights list. Our congregation means family to me. I represent the fourth generation of my family to be involved in the congregation, and I am proud that my great-grandfather and great-uncle both served as President of the Board. The warm and wonderful clergy, staff, lay leaders, and "regulars" at Temple form an extended family, including some of my best friends and longest acquaintances. And just this summer, Rabbi Petuchowski performed a beautiful ceremony marrying me and my beloved wife, Tracey. I would like to extend special thanks to everyone at Temple Sholom who has reached out to welcome Tracey into our extended family.

I am proud of my years participating in the life of Temple Sholom, and excited about the future we have ahead of us. Our congregation is an important part of all of our lives. The challenges are many, and the resources limited, but the value of the synagogue on the lake is immeasurably grand and unquestionably personal. I am pleased to contribute to the Annual Fund, in support of Temple Sholom, its wonderful programming, and its invaluable community."

-Jonathan Block



YOUR ANNUAL FUND GIFT HELPS SUPPORT:

- Membership for many older congregants, and for those experiencing financial difficulty
- Educational Programs
 - Gan Shalom Early Education Center, Crown Family High School Program, *B'nai Mitzvah* preparation, Adult Education & Visiting Scholars-in-Residence, & Saturday Morning Shabbat study and worship groups
- Life Cycle ceremonies performed by our Clergy
- Providing adequate security in our building
- Feed the Hungry
- Social Action High Holy Day & Chanukah Baskets delivered to members' homes
- Caring Committee cards, visits and acts of kindness
- Home and Hospital visits by Clergy and Caring Committee
- Temple Sholom's commitment to the Lakeview and Chicago communities

Our membership dues cover only 45% of our operating budget.
Please support our many programs through an additional gift.