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FIVE YEARS STRONG! Message from President Neal Hoffman



Five years ago, Temple Sholom joined the regional Create Your Jewish Legacy (CYJL) program and put out the rally call to Temple Sholom to help ensure the future of the congregation through legacy giving and you ANSWERED! Thank you!

In just that short span of time, we have had 74 Legacy Commitments! We have already received \$95,000 in donations to our endowments from our Legacy Circle members! Based on your commitment letters, we estimate that we will also receive \$1.4 Million from your commitments in the future. We are also a recognized leader in the regional CYJL program. And to think, our

temple only had 1-2 years of operating funds left seven years ago!

What does this mean in real terms?

We have received more than \$40,000 in unrestricted grants from the regional CYJL program due to your participation, helping to cover our operating expenses like our staff and Rabbis.

The annual return from the \$95,000 in endowment donations is already providing income to cover expenses for our religious school, scholarships, our staff and our programs each and every year!

The expected future commitments will more than quadruple our endowments. We project our endowments' return will provide a significant percentage of our operating income in the future, helping assure our long-term financial health.

Every one of you helped to make an impact on the Jewish community of Cincinnati and helped to ensure Temple Sholom will serve many more generations to come.

Thank you!
Neal

LEGACY CIRCLE DONOR PROFILES

Editor's Note: For each edition, we ask Legacy Circle Members to tell their Temple Sholom stories



Mauri Willis

Like many young couples, when our daughter was about to turn five years old, we began to look for a congregation to join so we could send her to Religious School. I grew up in a Reform congregation in Madison, Wisconsin and Temple Sholom felt very much like what I knew. We used the same prayer book, the tunes were the same, and the size was similar. It felt like home.

As a stay-at-home Mom, now with two children, it was natural for me to begin to look for places to volunteer my time. Most people won't know that at one time Sholom had a Nursery School and for a number of years I was the registrar. When the school moved to Rockdale Temple, I looked for something else to do with my time. For a while I helped with some of the Religious School activities, served on the Sisterhood Board and generally helped where needed. After a few years I was asked to go on the Temple Board as a Vice-President. In those days (the 1980s-1990s) we had a lengthy leadership ladder. After 6 years as various vice-presidents, I finally became President in 1995.

Throughout my almost 45 years of membership at Sholom I have always felt that it was a part of my family. When we were trying to decide whether to sell our building on Longmeadow Lane some people felt we shouldn't because "we won't be Sholom without the building". My answer always was Temple Sholom is the people, not a structure and I still believe it is the Chaverim that make Sholom a special place.

I made provisions in my estate plans long before Sholom became part of the Create Your Jewish Legacy program at the Cincinnati Jewish Federation because I believe it is important to insure the continuation of this special place. Obviously, I won't be around to see the fruits of my gift, and likely my children won't benefit either, but it's important to me that Temple Sholom has an on-going place in the Cincinnati community.



Adam and Marta Hyland

We joined Temple Sholom in early 2014 before the birth of our first son, Henry. We already knew we wanted to raise a Jewish family but as an interfaith couple, we weren't sure we would be able to find a synagogue that felt right for us and was in line with our way of thinking. After one meeting with Rabbi Miriam Terlinchamp, we knew we had found our spiritual home.

We were welcomed and encouraged to become involved as we felt comfortable. As a baby, Henry was invited to take part in the Roots of Empathy program run as part of the Religious School. It was a wonderful introduction to the community and helped all three of us to develop relationships with the children and adult congregants that we hold to this day. Since then, we have had two more children, Ada (2016) and Rome (2018), who now have many Honorary Bubbles and friends. And Henry and Ada are now students in the Religious School that began our journey of connection.

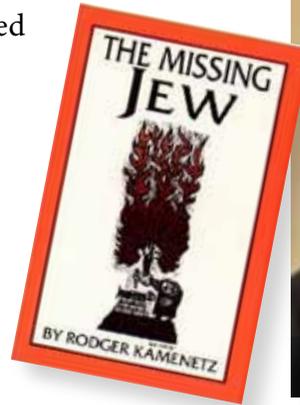
In 2015 Marta was invited to be a part of the "Life After Dues Committee". We had no idea that it would be the beginning of a brand-new relationship for us with the community and a life-giving vision for the synagogue. With the help of so many we were able to be a small part of the change that has encouraged so many more to become a part of our Sholom family. The philosophy of "Gifts of the Heart" also cemented our belief in the mission of Temple Sholom; that nothing, especially money, should ever get in the way of being part of the Jewish community and having a spiritual home.

In 2017, Marta joined the staff as the Director of Engagement and saw over and over how Sholom's philosophy of abundance and strong sense of community attracted those who had never believed they could or had even considered being part of a formal Jewish synagogue. Already welcoming to all individuals and families, this final barrier being taken down seemed to open the floodgates. We believe in the mission and vision of this synagogue and are happy to know that our small gift of support through the Legacy Circle will ensure that Temple Sholom is here to help others on their own unique spiritual journeys and connection with Judaism.

Author and Poet Roger Kamenetz

Temple Sholom presented a special and meaningful program and lecture with renowned Author and Poet Roger Kamenetz in honor of the Legacy Circle Members. Thanks to all who were able to attend.

Legacy Circle committee members were offered complimentary copies of his latest book, "The Missing Jew" to thank them for the Legacy Commitments to Temple Sholom.



Welcome to our New Members

Thank you to our new Legacy Circle members who have made legacy commitments since November 2021

Christine & Jason Fisher

Karlene & Tom Herman

Adam & Marta Hyland

Virginia Lipke

Kathleen P. Smith

Robin Miller Honored with Straus Award

Congratulations to Legacy Circle Member Robin Miller for being honored with the John Straus Award for her many years of service and leadership for our temple. The Straus Award is the highest recognition for volunteer service at Temple Sholom.

Robin served many years on our board, including as Temple Sholom President, and in countless other leadership activities, including a critical role in the design of our current facility. She has also served on our Legacy Circle Committee since its inception.

Well deserved Robin!





The Temple Sholom Legacy Circle as of May 15th, 2022

The Temple Sholom Legacy Circle includes those who have made Legacy Commitments through a formal Letter of Intent, Commitment Letter for an estate gift, or at least a \$1000 outright donation to our endowment funds.

The Legacy Circle also includes those who have established a named endowment fund and those of blessed memory who have left an estate gift to Temple Sholom.

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| Barry & Susan Austern | Robin & Fred Miller |
| Richard & Donna Barasch | Harold (z'l) & Sophie (z'l) Mitnik |
| Marvin Barsman (z'l) | John R. Moffatt & Deborah E. B. Moffatt |
| Stephanie Beck | John & Marcie Molander |
| Tina & Tom Bernheimer | David Ness |
| Bernice Bingman | Ann Newberg |
| Victor Max Bluestein (z'l) | Barbara Paris |
| Chuck & Eileen Brinn | The Les & Molly Polasky Family |
| John & Karen Bunyan | Jeff Rhein |
| Ethel Cogen | Rachael Rosen |
| Mark & Peggy Eckman | Marian & Bob (z'l) Rubin |
| Christine & Jason Fisher | Marcia & Walter I. Rubin |
| Ed Freeman & Maralynn Martin | Dr. Thomas & Lois Ruby |
| Melvin S. Gale, M.D. & Joan Todd | Dr. Sanford Scheingold (z'l) |
| Harold (Pat) (z'l) & Inge (z'l) Goldberg | Peggy Segall |
| Dr. Meryl S. Goldman (z'l) and Rabbi Mark N. Goldman | Jim Shapiro |
| Gerri Goodwin | Carol L. Shore & John H. McCready |
| Ed Griff & Janet Raczynski | Marjorie & Art Shriberg |
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| Stephena Harmony | Alan & Julie Solomon |
| David Heck & Margaret Archangel | Charles & Carol Specter |
| Karlene & Tom Herman | Stephen Stein |
| Neal & Erin Hoffman | Sharon Stone |
| Adam & Marta Hyland | Harris (z'l) & Thelma (z'l) Tash |
| Stuart & Janice Kirschner | Rabbi Miriam Terlinchamp |
| Hyman (z'l) & Gladys (z'l) Kirtchik | Clifford Van Duzen (z'l) |
| Dr. Jerrold & Judy Kirzner | Stuart & Gladys (z'l) Warshauer |
| Mrs. Irvin (Doris) Lehrner | Marv (z'l) & Linda Whitman |
| Herbert (z'l) & Ellen Lenk Family | Marv Wick (z'l) |
| Bob (z'l) & Rae (z'l) Levin | Mauri Willis |
| Barbara & Steven Levinson | Leo & Edith Yakutis |
| Sandy Manheimer Lewin (z'l) | Walter & Joyce Yonka |
| Virginia Lipke | Larry & Gail Zakem |
| Dr. Sandra Mendel | Bob & Marcy Ziek |
| Dick & Rhoda (z'l) Meyer | Anonymous (7) |



If you are interested in learning more about joining the Legacy Circle or there is a missing or misspelled name, please contact Carol Shore at carolshore@hotmail.com

