

## The John and Shirley Hart General Endowment Fund

John and Shirley Hart were founding members of Temple Sinai. But more importantly they dedicated their lives to Temple Sinai by their continued engagement in all aspects of Temple life until their recent deaths. For years John came to services and always acted as a greeter whether he was formally assigned to that role or not. Many of us remember coming to Temple Sinai for the very first time and being greeted by John.

The Temple building was one of John's biggest joys and no one cared for the building more than he did. He led Mitzvah day projects year after year to make needed building repairs. Every time he came into the building, he would walk through it and identify areas that needed to be cleaned or repaired. He cared as much about our building as he did his own home.

The most important contribution of John and Shirley Hart was their commitment to the vision of the founding families and being role models to carry out that vision. They always reminded us of that vision whenever we lost course. We owe much to both for the Temple culture we all cherish. A culture of inclusiveness and family meant so much to them.

They were also pioneers in change and innovation. Through the years as the world around us changed, they led the way in ensuring Temple Sinai always changed and adapted to meet the needs of our congregants. They insisted we always be innovative in bringing our Temple community together. It was always about the vision and culture in the minds of John and Shirley Hart.

John and Shirley never wanted public recognition and in death never wanted any plaques or memorials to honor them. What they wanted was something that honored their memory by making a difference for Temple Sinai's future.

The Temple Board has chosen to honor John and Shirley by naming our general endowment fund after them. There could be no greater way to remember them than to invest in the Temple's future through the endowment. Their legacy now allows each of us to leave our legacy through this fund.

Please join us in remembering John and Shirley Hart by donating to the Endowment Fund now in their name. There are two ways of donating to the endowment. The first is a direct contribution by check or credit card. The 2nd is by naming Temple Sinai in your estate and will.

Please join us in securing Temple Sinai's future and cementing the bond from one generation to another. Please give generously to the John and Shirley Hart General Endowment Fund.

For any questions or assistance on planning giving to Temple Sinai please contact Jerry Elman in the Temple Office.