Karin and Brad Miehl

For Brad and Karin Miehl, Temple Kol Emeth is “an extension of our lives,” so much so that their grown children Sami and Matt – and now also Karin’s mother Irene, who moved here when Karin’s father passed away several years ago – are equally entwined with TKE. A true family affair.

It’s always been that way, ever since Brad and Karin joined the congregation 27 years ago, just after Sami was born. Brad had initially come to Atlanta for his telecom business; the two met at a Mike & Paul’s singles party (“back in the day”) shortly after Karin moved here from Columbia, SC. They found their way to TKE through Brad’s sister, Helene Siegel; and they immediately followed the example of active synagogue involvement that Karin’s family had modeled at Tree of Life Congregation in Columbia.

Early on they became part of a chavurah that included Michael and Carolyn Shapiro, Randi Alhanti, Philip Ampel, and Byron and Pam Spanjer. Fast friendship bonds were forged that still exist today. In fact, once again Karin and Brad are participating in a Kehillah run by the Shapiros and Spanjers!

Karin has been very involved with Sisterhood when possible, always helping to bake for High Holidays and help however she can; now she works each time with Family Promise, helping to set up and clean. Both Karin and Brad have served on several major search committees, bringing new clergy to the Temple over the years.

Just as Karin’s family set the example for her, so did she and Brad set the example for their children. Both Sami and Matt immersed themselves in KEFTY while here; Sami also taught for a while in the Religious School.

Brad and Karin love to travel, especially as a family. They are excitedly anticipating a planned family trip to Costa Rica in 2023, especially after an Iceland trip was canceled. Additionally, they love to hike and walk; and Karin plays mah jongg with Sami and Matt and Lauren, Matt’s wife!

Karin and Brad remarked on what a “blessed life” they have been given, and how very grateful they are for the role Temple Kol Emeth has played in it. We feel equally blessed.