

## Legacy and Endowment Overview

Temple Beth-El is our community's spiritual home, a warm welcoming place where we are connected, inspired and supported. We have survived for more than 140 years due to the commitment and generosity of our membership. Today it is our turn to give back and sustain the Temple. To that end, we are embarking on an effort to build a \$3 million endowment fund that will guarantee a stream of income and help maintain Temple Beth-El's financial stability. We hope you will consider making a gift to the Temple Beth-El Endowment Fund and help ensure the future of our Temple for generations to come.

Endowment giving is an important investment in the future of Temple Beth-El and can be considered by members throughout their adulthood. Gifts of cash and stock to the endowment fund can be made at any time and are tax deductible. Many people choose to make a planned/legacy gift through their estate plans that will be realized beyond their lifetime. There are a variety of options including designating Temple Beth-El as a beneficiary of a life insurance policy and naming Temple Beth-El in your will. Temple Beth-El staff are available to help you create a giving opportunity that is meaningful and personal.

Individuals who make a cash gift to the Endowment Fund or sign a Letter of Intent Pledge are welcomed into the Legacy Circle and recognized for their meaningful commitment. Recognition may include name listing on our website, High Holy Day program booklet, and monthly Bulletin, as well as invitations for members and their families to attend special events and programming.

Temple member Cindy Schoenstadt is chairing the Legacy and Endowment Committee, with support from Rabbi Helbraun and Executive Director Laurie Orenstein. All are available to speak with you about our endowment program. Please contact Laurie at [lorenstein@templebeth-el.org](mailto:lorenstein@templebeth-el.org) or 847.205.9982, ext. 211 to arrange a time to speak with a member of our endowment team.