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L' Shana Tova

The Legacy Circle committee wishes a happy and healthy new year to our Temple Sholom Legacy Circle members.



Legacy Circle and CYJL Update

We are pleased to announce that the Legacy Circle membership continues to grow despite the COVID-19 pandemic. We now have 61 legacy commitments designated to Temple Sholom, several of which were made following Temple Sholom's virtual annual meeting. Thank you to our five newest members of the Legacy Circle who are supporting Temple Sholom's future.

Temple Sholom has already qualified for a \$4,000 unrestricted incentives grant from Jewish Federation as part of the regional Create Your Jewish Legacy (CYJL) program, and we are well on our way to be eligible

for \$6,000 in unrestricted grants for this fiscal year.

CYJL has also been part of the national Life and Legacy Program, which is now active in 63 communities across the country. This program just surpassed a major milestone – hitting \$1 BILLION in expected future realizations for Jewish organizations. The Cincinnati region is a key leader in this program and was the first community in the nation to obtain 1000 legacy commitments.

Temple Sholom has also been a star performer in Cincinnati and was recently recognized by Josh Rosen, the Federation's regional CYJL program coordinator:



"Building your organization's endowment fund is absolutely vital to its long-term sustenance, and there is no better time than now. While this has been my message to each of the 23 participating CYJL organizations, Temple Sholom has taken this understanding to the next level, securing the most amount of legacy commitments since the onset of the pandemic. Thanks to Temple Sholom's dedicated Legacy Circle committee and congregants, I have full confidence that Temple Sholom will be able to persevere through any potential adversity and come out stronger than ever."

DONOR PROFILES

In this edition, Janice and Stuart Kirschner, relatively new chaverim, and Dr. Jerry & Judy Kirzner, who have been with Temple Sholom over 30 years, tell us their stories about why they joined the Temple Sholom community and made Legacy Commitments to support our Temple's future.

Janice and Stuart Kirschner



After raising our sons at Wise Temple, we no longer felt a connection and became unaffiliated for five years. A life changing trip to Israel in 2016 spurred the renewal and re-commitment of our Jewish heritage and pride.

Upon our return to Cincinnati, we began searching for a temple that would feel right for both of us.

It took a year of searching but within minutes of entering Temple Sholom's doors on a Friday evening, we were greeted more warmly and genuinely by their members and we both instantly felt that we had found our new spiritual home and extended family.

This was without having met Rabbi Terlinchamp, who we came to love and admire greatly. We immediately became active and involved members and our love of the temple, its members, diversity, vibrancy, and creativity prompted our desire to join the Legacy Circle. We want to ensure future generations have an opportunity to embrace Temple Sholom like we have been able to do.

family also belonged to an Orthodox shul, but she never attended Hebrew school. Wisely, her parents enrolled her in Temple Sholom's classes.

Jerry was a little hesitant at first about switching to a reform temple, but his brother was comfortable there. We met with Rabbi Walter who explained that although the temple was reform, it still maintained many traditional practices and tunes. We found that it was comfortable to wear a Kippah and Tallit at services and loved the total congregational participation throughout the service.

After we joined, we were welcomed by Marian Rubin, the membership chairperson, who became involved as Ryan prepared for Confirmation and Brad joined a welcoming group and became a Bar Mitzvah in 1990 and confirmed in 1992.

As empty nesters, we started attending Friday services. Seeing familiar faces each week helped us to get to know other members better. We both realized that over years we had definitely found a home.

When Rabbi Terlinchamp was first hired, she would spend time with small groups.

Judy was in one of the groups and immediately fell in love with her. She was not only inspiring but was able to relate to each person on a personal level. Judy even warned her not to take it personally if Jerry fell asleep during her sermons! A few years later when the call came out to members who were interested in a Bnai Mitzvah, Judy nervously signed up. She found the sessions with Rabbis Terlinchamp and Dellal to be warm and non-threatening, while making the prayers much more meaningful. Not only did she feel a sense of accomplishment in reading the Torah and learning the prayers, but it created a group of friends that still enjoy getting together to celebrate their achievement.

When Bob Ziek came to our house to talk about the Legacy Circle, there was no doubt in our minds that we would participate. Temple Sholom has been our spiritual home for over 30 years. The idea of being able to give something back for what we have gained over those years is very rewarding. We know that our contribution will help ensure the future of Temple Sholom for years to come.



Dr. Jerry & Judy Kirzner



We joined Temple Sholom in 1988 after many years at a conservative congregation. Jerry had grown up at an Orthodox shul and had attended Hebrew Day through sixth grade. Judy's

Welcome Rabbi Stratford!



It has been three months since I arrived in Cincinnati. On the one hand, it seems like just yesterday that Nicki and I packed up our apartment and moved halfway across the country. On the other hand, the warm welcome that we've received

and all that I've learned about Temple Sholom already makes it feel like I've been here longer than a few months. We are thrilled to be back in the Midwest, closer to our families, and grateful to have found a new home at Temple Sholom.

Since joining the community at the beginning of June, I have been working closely with our professional staff to learn the ins-and-outs of Temple Sholom.

From leading services, officiating a few funerals, planning High Holy Day programming, teaching during

Happy Hours, and meeting as many people as I can, my days have been filled with doing what I love to do. I have been working closely with Bryna Bass, assistant director of the religious school, to help support our religious school staff and prepare our students for an exciting year ahead. Although Sunday school this year will be different than ever before, I am eager to welcome our students to our virtual classrooms and have a lot of exciting opportunities in store for them.

As I look ahead to after the High Holy Days, I am enthusiastic about the upcoming programs and events we have planned. Rabbi Terlinchamp and I will be facilitating an Introduction to Judaism class. I am working closely with our Brotherhood and Rosh Hodesh groups, and have plans to introduce more programming for our young families with children. I feel truly blessed to be at Temple Sholom.

There is no other place I would rather be, and I wouldn't be here without your support and generosity.

B'Shalom

Rabbi Simon Stratford



2020 CARES RELIEF ACT TAX BENEFITS

Editor's note: we asked committee member Alan Solomon, our tax expert, to summarize the CARES ACT and its potential tax benefits for our Legacy Circle Member. Thank you, Alan! Please let us know if you want to learn more.

The CARES Act is a \$2 trillion economic relief package that was signed into law on March 27, 2020. Below are a few areas that I felt might be of most interest to our Legacy Circle membership for the 2020 tax year:

- The Act allows an above the line deduction of up to \$300 per individual for charitable contributions for those who itemize and relaxes the limitations on deductible charitable contributions for taxpayers who do itemize.
- The Act also waives the required minimum distribution rules for 2020 for defined contribution plans, including an eligible deferred compensation plan, and individual retirement plans. For those who already taken retirement withdraws maybe able to recontribute these payments. Please consult your investment and tax advisors prior to

taking this action.

There are also other provisions, including exclusion of certain student loan debt from income after bill passage during 2020, waiving of the 10% early withdrawal penalty for coronavirus-related distributions. The Act also provides recovery rebate checks based on 2019 income, which start to phase out at \$75,000 income levels for individuals and \$150,000 for joint filers

Stay tuned since there may well be a CARES Act 2 passed prior to the year end. Please consult your own tax advisor to discuss your own individual situation before taking any of the above actions.

Stay Well - Alan



The Temple Sholom Legacy Circle as of August 24th, 2020

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 in blessed memory who have left an estate gift to Temple Sholom.

Barry & Susan Austern	John & Marcie Molander
Richard & Donna Barasch	David Ness
Marvin Barsman	Ann Newberg
Victor Max Bluestein (z'l)	Barbara Paris
John & Karen Bunyan	The Les & Molly Polasky Family
Ethel Cogen	Stephanie & Jeff Rhein
Ed Freeman & Maralynn Martin	Rachael Rosen
Melvin S. Gale, M.D.	Marian & Bob (z'l) Rubin
Harold (Pat) & Inge Goldberg (z'l)	Dr. Sanford Scheingold (z'l)
Gerri Goodwin	Peggy Segall
Ed Griff & Janet Raczynski	Jim Shapiro
The Guttman Wright Family	Carol L. Shore & John H. McCready
Valerie & Ray Habib	Marjorie & Art Shriberg
Stephena Harmony	Leo Shuller
David Heck & Margaret Archangel	Alan & Julie Solomon
Neal & Erin Hoffman	Charles & Carol Specter
Stuart & Janice Kirschner	Stephen Stein
Hyman & Gladys Kirtchik (z'l)	Sharon Stone
Dr. Jerrold & Judy Kirzner	Harris & Thelma Tash (z'l)
Mrs. Irvin (Doris) Lehrner	Rabbi Miriam Terlinchamp & Ryan Mulrone, Esq.
Herbert & Ellen Lenk Family	Clifford Van Duzen (z'l)
Bob & Rae Levin (z'l)	Stuart & Gladyl (z'l) Warshauer
Barbara & Steven Levinson	Marv (z'l) & Linda Whitman
Sandy Manheimer Lewin (z'l)	Mauri Willis
Sandra Mendel	Leo & Edith Yakutis
Dick & Rhoda Meyer	Walter & Joyce Yonka
Robin & Fred Miller	Larry & Gail Zakem
Harold & Sophie Mitnik (z'l)	Bob & Marcy Ziek
John R Moffatt & Deborah E. B. Moffatt	Anonymous (8)

Thank You for Saying Yes to Supporting Temple Sholom's Future.

If you want to learn more about the Temple Sholom Legacy Circle, or if we are missing a name that should be on this list, please contact Carol Shore at carolshore@hotmail.com

