

# TEMPLE SHOLOM LEGACY CIRCLE NEWSLETTER



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## Legacy Circle Update

As we look back on 2022, the COVID-19 pandemic continues to wane, and it has been great getting back together as a community in person. We had significant in-person and online attendance during fantastic High Holy Day services at the Manor House this year.

The Temple Sholom community continues to be vibrant and growing. We now have 280 households and 80 children of religious school age. In fact, over 40% of our chaverim have joined Temple Sholom during the last 5 years. We are also getting younger as a community, and many of the new chaverim joining us appreciate Temple Sholom's inclusive approach to Judaism.

The momentum for our community is tangible and we should all be proud of what has been accomplished at Temple Sholom. Our future is bright, and your Legacy commitments are crucial to supporting that future.

Temple Sholom has been fortunate to recruit two great new staff – Mary Jo McClain, our new Executive Director, and Makiah Sebastian, our new administrative assistant. Both have already significantly contributed to our Legacy Circle work.



Please welcome Mary Jo and Makiah to our community!

The Temple Sholom Legacy Circle has continued to grow. We have received 79 legacy commitments since the beginning of the regional legacy program 5 years ago. Thanks to you, Temple Sholom received another \$8000 incentive grant from the Jewish Federation to support our synagogue.

As we look forward, we have an “ask” for you. We have the opportunity to receive another \$6000 incentive grant from Federation if we achieve our Legacy Circle goals by May 31. Here is how you can help:

If you know of someone who might be interested and able to make a commitment, please tell them why you joined the Legacy Circle. Then consider making a referral or introduction to the Legacy Circle committee. With all the new growth and pandemic, there are many chaverim the Legacy Circle Committee has yet to meet, and having a personal introduction really helps us get to know our newer chaverim.



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## LEGACY CIRCLE DONOR PROFILES

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



*Karen & John Bunyan*

After our daughter, Allie, was born, we decided it was time to join a temple. After sampling all the options in town, we knew Temple Sholom was the stand-out choice for us. The congregation was warm and welcoming with people we instantly felt connected to. We soon formed a chavurah with 5 other families who have been our friends/family for the past 30 years. We have shared in Temple activities, life cycle events of our own and our children, and many group social activities and programs.

Temple Sholom has offered us spiritual engagement, social events, and a community of wonderful people. Rabbi Terlinchamp is always inspiring and has become a valued friend as well. The rabbis and the congregation are dedicated to Jewish values, most importantly social justice and community service, allowing us to be a part of tikkun olam and contributing to a better world.

Temple Sholom was a pioneer in offering streaming services for people unable to attend in person for whatever reason and we have availed ourselves of the service often. We also love the Shabbatish services created by Rabbi Terlinchamp and Ric Hordinski.

We've always contributed what we can in our annual Gifts of the Heart, HHD donations and other opportunities, but all of us have limits to what we can afford out of current resources. Our CYJL legacy commitment allows us to designate part of our estate to the Temple after we are gone and aren't using it anymore.

We are pleased to be able to continue to support Temple Sholom in this way. We want to help assure that future generations will be able to enjoy all the gifts of Temple Sholom as we have.



Welcome to Jon and Kathy Sherman, our newest Legacy Circle Members

## Legacy Circle Special Events and Recognitions

Thank you to Tom and Lois Ruby for hosting and leading a successful event sponsored by the Legacy Circle about Ethical Wills. Given the success of the event, Tom & Lois will probably repeat this in 2023.

With the pandemic winding down, the Legacy Circle committee is also planning a special Legacy Circle Shabbat this year.

The Legacy Circle committee also sent honey for the High Holy Days to our members to thank you for your support of Temple Sholom.



## New Legacy Circle Committee Members

The Legacy Circle Committee has added four new members to help with our programming, stewardship of our current Legacy Circle members, and to help reach out to our Temple Sholom chaverim about making a Legacy commitment to our community.

Thank you to Laura Wright, Tom Ruby, Julie Solomon, and Mary Jo McClain for joining our committee! They each bring significant skills to the committee and are already contributing to improving Temple Sholom's Legacy Circle program.



### Julie Solomon representing Temple Sholom during the regional sustainers and CYJL event.



The Cincinnati Jewish community continues to be a top performer in the National Create Your Jewish Legacy (CYJL) Program.

There have been 2,083 legacy commitments to

Jewish organizations in Cincinnati, of which 82% have been formalized as confirmations of commitment or realized gifts.

The total estimated value of all CYJL commitments in the Cincinnati region is \$171.4 million to support Jewish organizations in our region. There have also already been \$14.4 million in realized gifts to Jewish organizations due to this program.

The local CYJL program, led by Josh Rosen of the Cincinnati Jewish Federation, provides training programs for the staff and volunteers in participating organizations and also significant grants to those organizations to incentivize growing Legacy commitments.

Your Legacy gift is an enduring contribution to the future of Temple Sholom and Jewish Cincinnati. Thank you



## The Temple Sholom Legacy Circle As of January 31st, 2023

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.

Barry & Susan Austern  
Richard & Donna Barasch  
Marvin Barsman (z'l)  
Stephanie Beck  
Tina & Tom Bernheimer  
Bernice Bingman  
Victor Max Bluestein (z'l)  
Chuck & Eileen Brinn  
John & Karen Bunyan  
Ethel Cogen  
Mark & Peggy Eckman  
Christine & Jason Fisher  
Ed Freeman & Maralynn Martin  
Melvin S. Gale, M.D. & Joan Todd  
Harold (Pat) (z'l) & Inge (z'l) Goldberg  
Dr. Meryl S. Goldman (z'l) and  
Rabbi Mark N. Goldman  
Gerri Goodwin  
Ed Griff & Janet Raczynski  
The Guttman Wright Family  
Valerie & Ray Habib  
Stephena Harmony  
David Heck & Margaret Archangel  
Karlene & Tom Herman  
Neal & Erin Hoffman  
Adam & Marta Hyland  
Stuart & Janice Kirschner  
Hyman (z'l) & Gladys (z'l) Kirtchik  
Dr. Jerrold & Judy Kirzner  
Mrs. Irvin (Doris) Lehrner  
Herbert (z'l) & Ellen Lenk Family  
Bob (z'l) & Rae (z'l) Levin  
Barbara & Steven Levinson  
Sandy Manheimer Lewin (z'l)  
Virginia Lipke  
Dr. Sandra Mendel  
Dick & Rhoda (z'l) Meyer

Robin & Fred Miller  
Harold (z'l) & Sophie (z'l) Mitnik  
John R. Moffatt & Deborah E. B. Moffatt  
John & Marcie Molander  
David Ness  
Ann Newberg  
Barbara Paris  
The Les & Molly Polasky Family  
Jeff Rhein  
Rachael Rosen  
Marian & Bob (z'l) Rubin  
Marcia & Walter I. Rubin  
Dr. Thomas & Lois Ruby  
Dr. Sanford Scheingold (z'l)  
Peggy Segall  
Jim Shapiro  
Jon and Kathy Sherman  
Carol L. Shore & John H. McCready  
Marjorie & Art Shribberg  
Leo Shuller  
Kathleen P. Smith  
Alan & Julie Solomon  
Charles & Carol Specter  
Stephen Stein  
Sharon Stone  
Harris (z'l) & Thelma (z'l) Tash  
Rabbi Miriam Terlinchamp  
Clifford Van Duzen (z'l)  
Stuart & Gladys (z'l) Warshauer  
Marv (z'l) & Linda Whitman  
Marv Wick (z'l)  
Mauri Willis  
Leo & Edith Yakutis  
Walter & Joyce Yonka  
Larry & Gail Zakem  
Bob & Marcy Ziek  
Anonymous (6)



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](mailto:carolshore@hotmail.com)

