



Case Statement

Temple Israel

Create Your Jewish Legacy with the Temple Israel

At Temple Israel we believe that only at a synagogue can someone learn how to be a Jew. Temple Israel puts our Jewish values into practice every day by engaging in Tikkun Olam, repairing the world and Gemilut Chasadim, acts of loving kindness.

At the end of Torah, Moses and God anticipated the inheritance of the Promised Land by the Jewish people. As Moses neared the conclusion of his life, he nervously cautioned and instructed the people as they prepared to move into Canaan without him. He sought to ensure, along with God, that everything would go well for the Jewish people in the future generations, and that the people would care for this sacred inheritance appropriately. The steps taken so long ago have worked magnificently. We would not be a people living in Charlotte - our land of milk and honey - today if a steady line of the descendents of Israel had not done exactly what Moses said they needed to do to ensure their existence and continuity as a people.

Today, it is our responsibility to continue the work of so many who have come before us, to continue safeguarding our Jewish inheritance, including Temple Israel. You can help to ensure the future of our many outstanding programs, including our religious services, religious education, community outreach, Social Action, Sisterhood and Men's Club along with so many other vital aspects of our Temple. Together as a caring community, we mark life cycle events both joyous and sad. In addition, we teach our children about our rich Jewish history, our deepest values and our treasured Hebrew language.

As members of the Temple Israel family, we all have had the opportunity to benefit from our religious, social, pastoral and educational offerings. Part of our obligation to Temple Israel is to assure that the temple can continue to play such a pivotal role in our lives in the future, as well as the lives of our children and grandchildren. We need to assure that our Temple's sacred space will be maintained; the vital and vibrant services and programming will be continued; and new innovative programming can and will be established. By making a bequest or other planned gift of any size, you will be doing your part to secure Temple Israel's future. There is very little, if anything, that lasts forever, but an endowment continues in perpetuity, year in and year out, and assures to future generations-l'dor v'dor-the legacy of a strong and vibrant conservative synagogue in the Charlotte Jewish community.

For more information on creating your Jewish legacy, contact Temple Israel's President, Lynne Sheffer at lynnesheff@gmail.com or Monty Bennett at mbennett@templeisraelinc.org (704-362-2796).



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