

Legacy & Endowments



Temple Beth-El



Meet Sandy and Jerry Lewis : *“The attrition of synagogues around the world has given us an important view to help TBE live on for at least another 140 years.”*

After 28 years of membership and the love of our temple clergy and family, we have jumped in over these years to help TBE grow, survive, and educate so many of us. Some of our most memorable moments include our kids' b'Nai mitzvahs, our youngest son's wedding, the time when Rabbi Helbraun shot baskets with our oldest son at our house shortly after he joined TBE 20 years ago.

Our son Michael was the first Bar Mitzvah Rabbi Helbraun officiated at TBE and the first wedding of Jason and Daniella where he bnai mitzvahed both the bride and groom. Our experience at the TBE weekend retreats were amazing. And we are proud to have the privilege of serving on the Rabbinic and Cantorial selection committees; becoming a Bar Mitzvah (Jerry) at the age 42; serving on the board (Jerry) for 14 years; the Rabbi's 20th celebration; our band doing benefits for the community; and raising money for our campaigns.

I (Jerry) am involved with the Legacy and Endowment program because of the importance for our temple to survive, even when all of us are long forgotten. The attrition of synagogues around the world has given us an important view to help TBE live on for at least another 140 years.

We hope our gift and participation will encourage others to realize how important Jewish life is and to follow by example. The advice we would give is to consider what Judaism means to one's family, the life cycle and educational events that helped form our Jewish life and beliefs, and most importantly to give back to what this institution has given to us.

Warm regards to our TBE family,

Jerry and Sandy Lewis