

# Legacy & Endowments



# Temple Beth-El

## Endowment Case for Support

Warm. Community. Inclusive. Friends. Tradition

Temple Beth-El means something a little different to each one of us. One thing that we can all agree on is that Temple Beth-El means family.

Temple Beth-El is an historic Chicago area Reform congregation, with beginnings dating back to 1871. A small group of Austro-Hungarian Jews met in the loft of a clothing store on the first Shabbat after the Great Chicago Fire, and the roots of Temple Beth-El were planted. From Peoria to Huron, Hoyne to Palmer Square, Touhy to Walters, and finally to Dundee Road, our resolve and spirit has always remained strong. Our flame has never been extinguished.

Temple Beth-El is a spiritual home, welcoming those of every race, culture, gender and ability. Members young and old are encouraged to discover and cultivate their sense of Judaism through faith, music, prayer and learning. A wide range of programming invites members across the life span to participate in holiday observances, tikkun olam projects, study, social gatherings, tzedakah, activism opportunities, and Israel advocacy. From big life-cycle simchas to quieter every day moments, Temple Beth-El is a comforting and supportive presence in the lives of its members.

The Jewish people have survived for more than 4,000 years, with each generation overcoming the trials of its age and preparing its children and grandchildren for the future. For as history reminds us, from the Amalekites to Haman to modern Iran, there are always new challenges.

Over its 140+ year history, Temple Beth-El too has faced obstacles but continues to thrive due to the strength, commitment, creativity and generosity of its members. Today, like many of our neighbors, as well as congregations across the country, Temple Beth-El faces new challenges and must work to protect the future of Jewish congregational life for our children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

A \$3 million Endowment Fund will help secure the financial stability of Temple Beth-El, ensuring that generations to come will have access to the vibrant, spiritual home that has cared for our community throughout the years. It is time for us to sustain the Temple as it has sustained us for over a century.

Please consider making your commitment to the Temple Beth-El Endowment Fund today. As our ancestors did for us, may we be inspired to do for future generations, ensuring that Temple Beth-El's flame will always shine.

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