

FROM ONE GENERATION TO ANOTHER



**Your Planned Gift Will Create
a Legacy Enriching the
Future of Temple Micah**



To be part of a community,
to shape it, and to strengthen it
is most urgent; the most vital obligation
facing the Jewish individual.

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Temple Micah Creates an Authentic American Jewish Experience for the 21st Century

As a spirited congregation, we strive to create a Judaism infused with meaning and relevance. Together, we attempt to answer the question of what it means to live a fully American and a fully Jewish life. Temple Micah is a welcoming Jewish home where you can bring your whole self and be your best self. We approach our Judaism with a lightness of heart and a sense of humor. In everything we do, we challenge ourselves to do better. *To us, Reform is a verb.*



Sustaining Temple Micah, from Generation to Generation

Temple Micah began in 1963 with a group of dedicated visionaries whose common desire was to create a spiritual home that would be a community of committed Jews, leading deeply passionate and deliberate American Jewish lives.

Then, as now, our framing questions are:

- ▶ How do we help American Jews deepen their Jewish knowledge, involvement, commitment, activity, and faith?
- ▶ How do we strengthen and animate the part of a Jewish person's identity that is Jewish?
- ▶ How do we bring the spirit, voice, and message of Judaism to highlight a Judaism that is inclusive, joyous, and dynamic?
- ▶ How do we create a strong sense of community in which our lives have deep, resonant meaning—a meaning that matters to each other and to the world?

Intellectual inquiry into the nature of our religion is fundamental to who we are. Temple Micah is the place where we ask these questions and seek to make the pursuit of religious experience accessible and vital to everyone.

We want Temple Micah to always be this haven—a Jewish home filled with contemplative worship, inspired education, civic engagement, and of course, glorious music! It is our responsibility to ensure that our congregation will be vibrant and relevant far into the future, and continue to benefit the lives of others.





Your Legacy Gift Will Make That Possible

You can create a lasting legacy that sustains the growth and development of our extraordinary temple. We ask you to join us in preserving and expanding all that we value at Temple Micah. Your Planned Gift can and will truly make a difference.

Make a Bequest in Your Will

You can designate a specific dollar amount, a particular asset, or a fixed percentage of your estate. It can be modified or updated at any time during your lifetime, and can be made regardless of age or net worth.

Name Temple Micah the Beneficiary of Retirement Plans, Pensions or Life Insurance

You may achieve significant income and estate tax savings by naming Micah as the beneficiary of your retirement plan, IRA or life insurance policy.

Give Gifts of Appreciated Stock

You can donate appreciated securities such as publicly-traded stocks, bonds, or mutual funds that can reduce tax on capital gains.

Designate a Charitable Gift Annuity

Through an annuity, you can transfer assets to Micah, and in return receive a partial tax deduction and a fixed income for your lifetime. When the annuity concludes, Micah receives the balance of the gift.

Temple Micah Endowment and Legacy Funds

This investment in our future differs from any Temple Micah has undertaken in the past. You may give to our permanently restricted Endowment Fund or a quasi-endowment called the Legacy Fund.

The goals of both are the long-term benefit of Temple Micah through appreciation and growth of the principal and to generate a consistent and stable flow of income for our long-range financial future.

The main difference is that the principal of the Endowment is held in perpetuity, while the Temple Board has the authority to spend some of the principal of the Legacy Fund in rare circumstances, for example during a time of extreme financial need.

These two funds will ensure that we have the income in the years ahead necessary to support all that we are and all that we hope to become.





For more information

For more information on how to include Temple Micah in your estate plans, please contact our Executive Director. We urge you to consult your own financial advisor or attorney before you decide to make a planned gift. We will work with you and your financial/legal advisers to ensure your Jewish legacy, and help fulfill the sacred responsibility of *LDor v'Dor*, to continue, sustain, shape, and strengthen our remarkable community, for generations to come.



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