



WHY GIVE?

“Temple B’nai Israel has been an important part of my life for over 40 years. ... Time and again through the years, generations of members have stepped up to the plate to provide whatever was needed at the time to keep the Reform Movement of Judaism alive, strong and thriving in Kalamazoo. Now is another one of those times, and that is why I have made a pledge to support the Endowment Campaign currently underway. ... It is good to know that once the endowment is fully funded, the congregation will have a strong financial base.”
– Raye Ziring

“We know that past support by committed members made it possible for TBI to be what we needed when we moved here. We want to do what we can to make sure that TBI continues to be vibrant and welcoming... Participating in the endowment was an easy decision for us, it's the best way to have a large and lasting impact on our community.” – Jenn Odza

“TBI is a special community, and I want to help ensure that Reform Judaism continues to exist in our little corner of the world. I feel very fortunate to be part of the generation of members that has this opportunity to put TBI on a sound financial footing for the future. How very lucky we are to have this chance to create a legacy for our community.” – Martha Rosenfeld

“We really want our congregation to be sustainable ... It should be a given that TBI will be here for our children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and so on. It should be able to be a constant in the life-force of Kalamazoo Jewry.” – Aaron & Kate Whitsett

“Our Temple leadership has ... asked us to trust in their vision... They have provided us with a path toward the stability and sustainability that we all seek for our Temple... We reordered our [charitable giving] priorities because we thought it was that important. We view our commitment to the Temple Endowment Fund as an investment in ourselves and our Reform Jewish Community; and, it is our hope that others will share our perspective on the importance of these decisions.”
– Marlene & Steve Denenfeld
