

A Primer on Temple Isaiah Funds

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A wide range of Temple programs and activities are supported by the generosity of the Temple Isaiah community. There are two basic ways to make financial gifts to the Temple—through the **L'Dor VaDor Fund** or through non-endowment funds.

L'Dor VaDor

The Temple's current endowment fund, L'Dor VaDor, was established in 1998. All money donated to **L'Dor VaDor** is invested to provide an ongoing and stable source of revenue for the Temple. Within L'Dor VaDor, there are several separate funds, each with a special purpose.

The **L'Dor VaDor Temple Renovation Fund** is designed to pay for capital expenditures for renovations and improvements to the Temple building as approved by the Board of Trustees. All money in this fund is available for current use as needed. Gifts to this fund are used to pay down the mortgage on the Sanctuary renovation

Other L'Dor VaDor funds provide money for specified uses by making annual distributions determined by the endowment committee of between 4% and 8% of the amount currently in the fund. These include:

L'Dor VaDor General Fund: Annual distributions are made to the general operating budget, thus reducing the amount that must be charged to members as annual dues.

L'Dor VaDor Sandy and Herb Pollack Hebrew School Tuition Fund: Annual distributions are used to reduce the amount charged for Hebrew school tuition.

L'Dor VaDor Student in Israel Fund: Annual distributions provide a stable source of funding to provide financial assistance so that any youth member of the congregation who wishes to go to Israel on a study and travel program will be able to do so.

Non-endowment Funds

Outside of the endowment fund, there are a variety of other funds that finance a wide range of important Temple activities. The purpose of these funds is to meet current needs rather than to build a sustaining endowment. As such, money in these funds can be fully distributed when needed. These funds include:

Isaiah Fund: Provides unrestricted funds for the general operation of the Temple.

Adult Education Fund: Supports the development of innovative adult education programming and helps to bring scholars of exceptional talent to Temple Isaiah's annual Scholar's Weekends.

Arnold Heller Youth Fund: Supports informal youth education.

Cantor Solomon's Discretionary Fund: Allows Cantor Solomon to support religious, charitable, and educational causes of his choosing.

Culture and Performing Arts Fund: Provides for cultural events of Jewish content for the Temple community.

Israel Action Fund: Provides for programs and speakers, Israel advocacy, and charitable causes in Israel—such as the Be'er Sova hunger project and our sister congregation in Haifa, Or Hadash.

Israel Bond Fund: Acquires Israeli bonds, with principal on maturity going to the general operating fund.

Judaica Museum Fund: Supports the purchase of Judaica for our museum.

Leo Dunn Family Education Fund: Supports programs that enable parents and children to participate together in Jewish learning experiences, such as the Jewish Parenting Workshop and Family B'Mitvotav.

Library Fund: Supports acquisition of new materials for the library.

Marshall Derby Children's Event Fund: Funds an annual Jewish cultural event for the children of Temple Isaiah. The event will bring in musicians, storytellers, theatre troupes, dancers, or other Jewish artists to provide entertainment that enriches and broadens the children's Jewish experience.

Mazon: The Jewish Response to Hunger Contributions are passed on to the national organization.

Monica Weinstein Student in Israel Fund: This fund provides financial assistance so that any youth member of the congregation who wishes to go to Israel on a study and travel program will be able to do so. The fund was established in memory of Monica Weinstein, beloved educator and Director of Temple Isaiah's Religious School, through a generous donation by her family and friends.

Music Fund: Provides money to enhance programs and related items of musical interest to the Temple community.

Outreach Fund: Provides funding for programs that offer support to Jews-by-choice, those considering conversion, interfaith families, parents whose children are involved in interfaith relationships, and unaffiliated Jews.

Prayerbook Fund: Purchases new prayer books for the congregation. Donors are recognized with special bookplates.

Rabbi Brown's Discretionary Fund: Allows Rabbi Brown to support religious, charitable, and educational causes of her choosing.

Rabbi Jaffe's Discretionary Fund: Allows Rabbi Jaffe to support religious, charitable, and educational causes of his choosing.

Religious School Fund: Allows the Religious School to implement new and innovative programs. It also provides Temple Isaiah students with scholarships to retreats and programs they might otherwise be unable to attend.

SAGE Fund: Support special programming for Temple members who are age 50 and older.

Sinai Arts Fund: Supports art activities for Religious School students.

Social Action Fund: Provides for those in need in our community and throughout the world. Supports our organizing to pursue social justice and create lasting change, as a synagogue and as a member of the Greater Boston Interfaith Organization.

Special Needs Education Fund: Enables the Religious School to accommodate students with individualized needs in both self-contained and mainstreamed classes by funding such things as the hiring of classroom aides and the purchase of special-needs teaching materials.

Travel to Israel Fund: Administered by Rabbi Jaffe, assists Temple members with financial need, especially families, in traveling on communally arranged and sponsored trips to Israel.

Wendy Bernstein Memorial Garden Fund: Provides for maintenance of the gardens in front of the Sanctuary as a living memorial to Wendy Sue Bernstein.

Yom Shabbat Fund: Supports and enhances Yom Shabbat programs.