

## TEMPLE BETH EL FUNDS

### As of 7-7-2015

#### GENERAL FUND

The TBE *General Fund* provides support for Temple Beth El's greatest needs at the discretion of the Board of Directors. As the name implies, it is for general, rather than specific (or restricted) use. Gifts to the *General Fund* provide TBE the ability to deal quickly with emergencies, or fill financial gaps in program areas. These needs include costs of day-to-day operation of the synagogue, staff, utilities, general expenses for Religious School, Adult Education, etc. This is the fund to which gifts are directed if there is no donor designation. Unused *General Fund* dollars are applied to TBE's reserve.

#### DEDICATED FUNDS

The *Choir Fund* provides supplies for Temple Beth El's choir, under the leadership and direction of Cantor Bob Sirotnik. Gifts to this fund provide the means to purchase music, robes, and other necessities that enable the members of our choir to fill our sanctuary with beautiful harmonies during special occasions.

*Bertram H. and Estherlea Eckmann Legacy Fund*, originally *The Bert Eckmann Memorial Fund*, was created in 2000 by the Eckmann family to honor the memory of Dr. Bert Eckmann, a highly regarded leader of Temple Beth El. When Lee, also a respected community leader, passed away in 2012, the Fund was renamed by the Eckmann family.

*The Eckmann Legacy Fund* is used for the betterment of Temple Beth El at the discretion of the Temple Board in consultation with the Eckmann family. Written requests for support from the Fund are submitted to the Board. Requests include a summary of the project, its impact on Temple Beth El and its congregants, total cost of the project and the amount requested from the Fund. If the Board feels the request is in keeping with the intent of the Fund, the proposal is forwarded to the Eckmann family to make sure that the proposed use of funds is consistent with the values and leadership that Bert and Lee brought to TBE.

To date, the *Bertram H. and Estherlea Eckmann Legacy Fund* has distributed nearly \$9,000 including support for the 2014 sanctuary remodel, Tree of Life celebrations, the Legacy Fund, and materials for the *Chai Society*, Temple Beth El's planned giving society.

The *Blanche Ginsberg Israel Scholarship Fund* was created by Ruth and Arnie Geller in 1994 in memory of Ruth's mother. Blanche, one of six children, was born in Krakow, Poland in 1904. She married Gerson Ginsberg in 1928 and together they moved to Moravska Ostrava, Czechoslovakia where they were successful business people and lifelong Zionists.

When the Germans invaded Czechoslovakia, Blanche took her family to Poland, then in 1939, across the English Channel to England. When WWII was over, Gerson died unexpectedly, but Blanche immigrated to America with her family. She ran a thriving business until she retired to Riverside in 1974. She became active in Temple Beth El and volunteered in the Weiss Judaica Gift Shop. She always had a special place in her heart for TBE's children.

Blanche loved Israel, visiting numerous times to see the members of her family who had survived the Holocaust. She made her last trip on her 85<sup>th</sup> birthday to join the celebration of Hadassah's 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Despite the pouring rain, she marched in Jerusalem with hundreds of others.

In establishing the fund, Ruth and Arnie Geller combined Blanche's love for Israel and of TBE's children. The *Blanche Ginsberg Israel Scholarship Fund* provides enhancement of Jewish

education through financial assistance for trips to Israel. Scholarships are available for TBE students who maintain regular attendance at the Religious School from 7<sup>th</sup> grade through confirmation. To date the *Blanche Ginsberg Fund* has distributed \$8,500 in scholarships to seventeen TBE children for visits to Israel.

*Junior Youth Group Fund* supports Temple Beth El Junior Youth Group's expenses, activities, and recreational outings that build friendship and camaraderie among our pre-B'nai Mitzvah students. The *Junior Youth Group Fund* allows its members and their parents to shop for the families and individuals in need during the holiday seasons, teaching TBE's children the true meaning of tzadakah.

The primary fundraiser for the *Junior Youth Group Fund* is the annual Bagels & Lox Brunch.

*Jennie Kalman Campership Fund* provides support of up to \$500 for Temple Beth El children who wish to attend Jewish summer camp.

Jennie Kalman was a dedicated, loving and most memorable congregant of Temple Beth El. She was a member of the choir, chanted the Haftarah during the High Holy Days, served on the Senior Chavurah and Sisterhood Boards. But perhaps her most visible presence was Volunteer Extraordinaire of the Weiss Judaica Gift Shop, which she expertly stocked, displayed, coordinated and staffed for many years. Her deep affection for the children of TBE was always evident; Jennie believed that they were the future of Riverside's Jewish community and of Judaism. Jennie passed away in 2006 following a brief illness.

The *Jennie Kalman Campership Fund* was established in 2007 by her family and friends to honor her memory and her values. Since that time, it has awarded 20 camperships totaling \$9,600.

To be eligible, students, with their parents, must have documented 40 hours of volunteer service to Temple Beth El during the year prior to application, and submit a written essay and a letter of support from their Religious School teacher. The completed packet is sent to the TBE Administrator who submits the requests to the TBE Board for consideration.

*Philip Kustner Temple Library Fund* provides funding for books, DVD's, and other media for the Temple Beth El Library.

Philip Kustner, a pharmacist and avid reader, was Temple Beth El President in 1949-1950 and B'nai Brith President in 1940.

Born in Belarus in 1902, he immigrated to Chicago in 1906. In 1927, after his marriage to Rae Osherenko, the family moved to Los Angeles. Upon completion of his college education to become a pharmacist, the family moved to Riverside in 1937. For 15 years, until his untimely passing in 1958, Philip was very active in the Jewish community and city affairs. His leadership and generosity promoted the stability of a new congregation – Temple Beth El. His widow, Rae Kustner, donated funding for the Temple Library to honor Philip's lifelong interest in learning in all facets of life.

*Rae Kustner Children's Library Fund* is used to support children's religious education at Temple Beth El, including the purchase of books for the Philip Kustner Library and, most recently new computers for the Religious School.

Rae Kustner, a matriarch of Temple Beth El, established the Library to promote learning and establish access to print in a variety of modalities. Rae served the Temple community for more than five decades! From reaching out to servicemen during World War II, to raising funds at Sisterhood Progressive dinners, to designing the Temple Kitchen, to co-chairing Sarah's' Kitchen

for multiple years, Temple Beth El was her second home! Her generous gifts of time, skill and resources greatly benefited our Jewish Community - past, present and future!

*M'lamedet Fund* is used to purchase books and supplies for Temple Beth El's B'nai Mitzvah students. It also supports the Religious School Scholarship Fund, and helps families of Temple Beth El children who need financial assistance to attend Jewish camp.

The *Inez Neiman Fund* was established in 1990 from Inez's estate at the wishes of her family. In addition, an anonymous donor gave a very generous portion of the initial fund. The *Neiman Fund* greatly reflects the wonderful loving kindness and spirit of Inez, who was a long time, beloved and most respected member of Temple Beth El.

Inez grew up in Chicago, Illinois. She and her family moved to southern California and opened a successful jewelry store. Her father came to live with them in his old age. She would see her father give handouts to every beggar he passed on the street. She questioned him, asking why he did this knowing that they might be scamming him. He replied "I don't want to miss the one who really needs the help."

Inez was a truly spiritual woman who had a generous, trusting and forgiving heart. She gave her house keys to many Temple Beth El members "in case they ever need a place to stay." She was an artist and was open to new ideas and paths of study. People who knew and loved her felt that they were better people as a result of this friendship.

The purpose of *Inez Neiman Fund* is to provide temporary financial relief for members of Temple Beth El who find themselves in dire need of short-term financial assistance. Aid may be used for emergency housing, food, clothing and life necessities. Such aid may be by way of a gift or a loan at the discretion of two of the following: Rabbi, President and Treasurer. All requests and awards are made in strictest confidence.

Since its creation, the *Neiman Fund* has awarded more than \$8,000 in support of Temple Beth El members.

*Prayer Book Fund* is used to purchase Shabbat and High Holiday prayer books for the congregation.

*Rabbi Tamid (Eternal Rabbi) Fund* will provide the Temple Beth El leadership with the financial means necessary to fund a full-time Rabbinic position.

The *Rabbi Tamid Fund* is an outgrowth of donors' generous three-year pledges to the *Rabbi's Circle*, which enabled Temple Beth El to offer Rabbi Suzanne Singer a full-time contract. Rabbi's leadership and presence has enriched congregants' lives with an ever-present source of spiritual guidance, a robust Religious School, diverse and engaging Adult Education programs, and a dedicated community presence.

Gifts to the *Rabbi Tamid Fund* assure that this leadership is possible for the entire TBE community now and into the future. These dedicated funds cover the costs associated with the Rabbi's salary and benefits.

*Rabbi's Discretionary Fund* is used by the Rabbi for charity, religious and enrichment needs for the Temple Beth El congregation and the community in accordance with the IRS guidelines. Gifts to the *Rabbi's Discretionary Fund* have enabled the Rabbi to support Adult Education programs, Religious School scholarships, camp scholarships, social justice and charitable non-profits, as well as support for TBE activities.

*Religious School Fund* is used for Temple Beth El Religious School expenses.

*Religious School Scholarship Fund* provides Temple Beth El families with scholarships to defray the cost of religious school education.

*Senior Youth Group Fund* is used cover expenses and activities of Temple Beth El's Senior Youth Group, including maintenance of the new gaga pit. The Senior Youth Group coordinates the annual Purim Festival, and upon request, organizes and provides childcare for special events at Temple Beth El.

*Social Action Fund* supports Temple Beth El programs that aid the community. Currently, the Fund helps to cover the costs of food for meals that our congregants prepare for the homeless at the Hulen Center.

### **EXTERNAL ENDOWED FUNDS**

*Temple Beth El Sisterhood Donation* – Sisterhood is TBE's philanthropic organization for women. Membership is open to all women temple members, with activities open to all temple members. Sisterhood funds are generated from membership dues and fundraising events. Its activities provide more than \$7000 a year in support to TBE including an annual contribution of \$2,500 to the Temple's general fund, donations to the Religious School, oneg supplies including challahs and set up, kitchen maintenance, a Tanakh to each Bar and Bat Mitzvah, and High Holy Day childcare and break-the-fast following Yom Kippur.

Over the years TBE Sisterhood provided TBE with funding for kitchen appliances and patio lighting. In 2014, Sisterhood was a significant contributor to the sanctuary renovation, donating \$10,000. In the past, Sisterhood operated the weekly Bingo under the leadership of Jerry and Sandy Rachman, which generated a significant amount of money. It also operated the Weiss Judiaca Gift Shop back under the leadership of Jenny Kalman.

For more information about these special accounts, please contact the president of TBE Sisterhood.

The *Capital Improvement Trust (CIT)* Endowment provides funds specifically for Temple Beth El's capital needs. The *Trust* Endowment is managed by five Trustees who are TBE congregants. After TBE's capital necessities are met, additional income generated by the *CIT* Endowment may be used for other Temple needs at the discretion of the *CIT* Trustees.

The current fund balance of the *CIT* Endowment is approximately \$313,000. The goal is to continue building the *CIT* Endowment with both current and planned gifts from congregants and friends.

The *Legacy Fund* was created as an endowment in 2004 with gifts from Temple Beth El congregants who wished to provide funds in perpetuity to ensure the Temple's role in continuing our Jewish heritage within the greater Riverside area. The annual income from the *Legacy Fund* is used for projects and programs that meet the overall criteria of supporting Judaism and enhancing Jewish life.

The minimum gift to the *Legacy Fund* is \$1,000.

The *Legacy Fund* is administered by the Community Foundation of Riverside and San Bernardino. Grant applications are reviewed by the Legacy Fund Committee whose recommendations are forwarded to the Temple Beth El Board of Directors for approval and award.

Over the past decade grants from the *Legacy Fund* have enabled Temple Beth El to bring a variety of speakers, have film screenings and purchase equipment for the benefit of the congregation.