



## ***Our Legacy Statement***

Temple Israel is a home for families of all configurations, for individuals whose life choices are varied and for all age groups. What unites us is a personal commitment to pursue the sacred in a community of like minded Jews built on the foundations of a house of prayer, study and assembly. For over 50 years we have grown from a handful of visionary families to become a thriving synagogue. We are the destination and voice for Reform liberal Judaism in Ottawa.

### **Jewish life happens here!**

**We are a warm, inclusive and dynamic community.** We respect the ideals of our tradition while embracing new and creative interpretations to keep our Jewish tradition meaningful and relevant today and for generations to come.

**We are a spiritual family.** We celebrate holidays and life cycle events, raise our voices in song and prayer, study Torah and ancient texts, join hands to support Israel, explore our Jewish identities and care for one another in times of challenge and loss. For so many of us, the most meaningful moments of our lives are inextricably interwoven with our Temple family. Together we build friendships across generations to sustain a vibrant community.

**We hold an unwavering commitment to lifelong Jewish education.** We guide our children to become mensches (decent, honest and responsible) and leaders of tomorrow. We study Jewish traditions and customs, pray with music and joy, form close friendships, and integrate our Jewish values as we navigate the world.

**We have a strong connection to social action.** With an emphasis on righteousness, justice and equality in society at large, we strive to foster Shalom (peace) and Tikkun Olam (repairing the world) in an increasingly fractured world. Temple is the hub from which we live our Jewish values by engaging in activities to improve the broader community in which we live.

Our legacy donors are people like you, who love and treasure our Jewish traditions, who share strong bonds created at Temple Israel and who want our children, grandchildren and generations to come to be enriched by a strong and thriving Reform synagogue in the heart of Ottawa.

Please join us as we build on our past by looking forward to the future.