

**A TRANSFORMATIONAL
OPPORTUNITY FOR OUR FUTURE**

**L'DOR VADOR
ENDOWMENT
MATCH CAMPAIGN**

TRIPLE IMPACT

How did you find your connection to Judaism? Some people connect at camp, on a trip to Israel, in a quiet moment of prayer or in the joyous noise of a congregational simchah. At B'nai Jehudah, we believe all those paths meet here, the spiritual home where we grow up, grow wiser and grow together.

You know this well. You helped lead us through one of the most transformative chapters in our history, rebuilding our physical space into a bright, open home filled with endless possibilities. That foundation has enabled us to achieve extraordinary results over the past few years.

Since stepping into the role of senior rabbi, I have watched this community come back to life after years of renovation and the impact of COVID-19. After years of virtual connection and scattered gatherings, we came home, and what a homecoming it has been.

Our religious school has nearly doubled in size over the last three years, from 180 students to almost 300.

Brotherhood, Sisterhood and the Mitzvah Garden are more engaged and active than ever.

We have become a hub for Jewish learning, art, culture and community. Offering more robust programming than any other congregation in Kansas City.

And our membership is not just growing, it is energized, committed and filled with Jewish pride.

People are talking about B'nai Jehudah, and with good reason. But the buzz does not tell the whole story. We are doing all this on a budget that is stretched far too thin. Our staff is overextended. Our rabbis are giving their all, often without the time and space to sit with families, mentor students or nurture the deep relationships that define sacred community. We are growing beautifully, but not sustainably.

**BUILDING A
LASTING FUTURE,
TOGETHER**



So now, it is time to dream big again.

Imagine what we could do with the resources to match our vision:

- Hire exceptional educators and professionals to elevate every stage of Jewish life
- Expand teen travel, youth retreats and immersive cultural experiences, without financial barriers
- Create long-term positions for adult engagement and lifelong learning
- Deepen our work around Israel engagement and combating antisemitism with clarity and courage
- Keep Jewish life accessible, no nickel-and-diming and no choosing between cost and connection

This is not a wish list. It is a roadmap.

We excitedly announce the launch of the **L'Dor Vador Endowment Campaign**, a bold, forward-looking effort to provide stable, annual income for B'nai Jehudah. With this endowment, we can ensure our programs, staffing and impact are not only sustained, but expanded, for generations to come.

We are seeking visionary investors, leaders who understand that vibrant congregational life is essential to a strong Jewish future.

This campaign continues everything you helped to begin. You have already built us a home.

Now, let us fill it with life and secure its legacy from generation to generation.

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B'NAI JEHUDAH: WHERE LEGACY MEETS MOMENTUM

The Temple, Congregation B'nai Jehudah, is not just Kansas City's oldest and largest synagogue; it is a driving force in American Reform Judaism. For over 155 years, we have been lighting the path forward with bold ideas, compassionate leadership and an unwavering commitment to Jewish life, learning and justice.

Founded in 1870 by a small group of visionary pioneers, B'nai Jehudah has shaped generations with a spirit of progress, purpose and possibility. As a founding member of the Union for Reform Judaism, we have never been content to stand still. From day one, we have been building a vibrant community grounded in tradition and unafraid to evolve.

In 2000, we moved to our current home in Overland Park, creating a modern campus designed to meet the needs of a growing and diverse Jewish population. Today, we serve families from across the region, from Brookside to Lawrence, Leavenworth to north of the river, as a central hub for Jewish connection in Kansas City.

A Community in Motion

Under the dynamic leadership of Senior Rabbi Stephanie Kramer and her two phenomenal and dynamic associate rabbis, B'nai Jehudah is entering one of the most exciting chapters in our history. We are a congregation alive with energy, blending the sacred and the creative, the ancient and the emerging. We have:

- Deepened our sacred community built on relationships and shared values, where people show up for one another in times of joy and sorrow, and where belonging, compassion and connection are at the heart of Jewish life
- Shabbat and holiday services that are thriving, drawing record attendance and igniting hearts through soulful music, meaningful prayer and the power of community
- A place of refuge in uncertain times, offering strength, safety and belonging amid a rise in antisemitism
- Our mission of social action and inclusion drives us, ensuring that financial barriers never stand in the way of participation, connection or Jewish growth

Whether through spiritual experiences, cultural events or hands-on learning, B'nai Jehudah is a place where all Jews, wherever they are on their journey, feel seen, supported and inspired.



ROOTED IN SUCCESS, REACHING FOR MORE.

Recent milestones underscore our momentum:

- Religious school enrollment has nearly doubled, growing from 180 to over 300 students
- 964+ member families and expanding, with renewed energy across generations
- Thousands of pounds of produce are grown annually in our Mitzvah Garden, nourishing the broader community
- Nationally recognized speakers, artists and programs that enrich Jewish life for all ages
- Temple engagement is at an all-time high, including Shabbat, classes and social activities

Building the Future, Together.

Proud of how far we have come, the journey continues today. With visionary leadership, passionate members and a bold commitment to what is possible, B'nai Jehudah is thriving.

As we step into the future, we are sustaining the heartbeat of Jewish life in Kansas City, not just for today, but for the generations yet to come.



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