

## What Is The Legacy Society?

Two years ago Ruth and Herb Zaritsky became full time residents of South Florida and members of Temple Shaarei Shalom. Prior to then they had been “snow birds” living here in the winter and returning to their home town of Middletown, New York in the summertime. They knew what their legacy would be in Middletown; after all, they had lived there all their lives.

Herb and Ruth met in high school and were officially sweethearts in a short time. They both went to college, he to study chemistry at the University of Massachusetts and she to a local SUNY college to become a teacher, and they continued their romance. They got married when Herb was in graduate school at SUNY Buffalo where he added accounting to his expertise. When they moved back to their home town, they joined the temple Herb had attended growing up. They became active, Herb served on committees and on the Board of Directors and Ruth taught Hebrew in the school. As they learned what it costs to keep their temple functioning, they decided to find a way to ensure its continuance for future generations.

In the meantime, Herb worked his way up from research chemist to Director of Research for Novartis, a major pharmaceutical company. He and Ruth had twin daughters, now grown, educated, married, and parents themselves. Vivian became a doctor and Deborah went into finance. Two of the four grandchildren have graduated college and are now working in New York City. Two others are in college. Herb and Ruth both retired in 2000 and began their odyssey as snow birds.

At their Middletown temple, Herb encouraged the Board to begin an endowment program, He was sure it would grow and provide the funds to keep the temple financially stable for a very long time. The program encouraged temple members to include the temple in their inheritance plans. An amount or a percentage could be included in a will, an insurance policy, or an account which would go to the temple sometime in the distant future. Over the next 26 years, the temple built “financial pillars” that not only is allowing it to continue, but, provides the resources to have great programs all the time. The Zaritsky plan is their Legacy at their Middletown Temple. Now they are working on leaving a similar legacy here in Boynton Beach.

This year Herb told the TSS Board that we need to do something to ensure our temple continues into the future. He is spearheading the efforts to build a Legacy Society for Temple Shaarei Shalom. He and Ruth know from experience that it can be done. They invite each of you to decide that you want to be part of this Legacy.