

welcoming and fulfilling

personal bonds & strong faith



As an interfaith family new to St. Louis four years ago, Bryson and Jennifer Hartranft found Temple Israel to be a socially welcoming & spiritually fulfilling home.

The **Hartranfts** were introduced to the Temple through its Deutsch Early Childhood Center. Not only did they create new family friends, **Bryson** decided to convert. "The school never made me feel like I wasn't included," he explains, "But my daughter had wonderful experiences there and brought home her knowledge to me."

In addition to an atmosphere that fostered personal bonds and strong faith, the couple enjoyed the opportunity to serve on committees early on in their association with the Temple. "It gave us a sense that we were important to the congregation," says **Jennifer**, "and that we had a say in its direction."

Over time, the religious guidance and solid friendships the **Hartranfts** have experienced at Temple Israel have helped to make St. Louis their home. "We have no family here," they say, "but the Temple has served as one for us."

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