



The Ansell Family

To encapsulate a portrait of the extended Ansell Family, one might best engage the use of a simile to an old oak tree with many branches. The strength of the Ansell family, like the hardwood that grows on the tree, is supported by their interconnection of each generation and the ability to weather change. The familial traditions developed rely on extended roots that not only provide nourishment to all members within the family, but connect them to those beyond, including the culture and institutions that help bind the broader community together.

At the core of this family, a strong trunk from which a family could extend itself was Leon and Doris Anshelewitz. A union that produced four brothers David, Robert, Richard and Jack. Leon's example provided a path and calling for David, Robert and Richard toward the practice of law, he further reinforced it with the founding of a law firm in 1929. It must be

noted that Jack was granted a waiver from a career of law by pursuing the only acceptable alternative, medicine.

Leon broadened his example by his involvement in the founding of Temple Beth El. The message of community and leadership became part of the family's DNA to be passed down to ensuing generations.

A large part of the legacy lives on in the law firm of Ansell Grimm & Aaron with five children of the next generation practicing law and using that platform to asseverate the beliefs and values of the extended family. These actions include providing generous support to 150 organizations, institutions and synagogues in Monmouth County and beyond.

For many years Jewish Family & Children's Service of Monmouth County has been a recipient of the firm's generosity and is grateful and proud of the association, and is beholding to the entire Ansell Family for their commitment to our organization's mission.