



**Dr. Abraham M. and Alice Leavitt Schaefer**

To honor their parents' memory, Caroline Cooper of Chevy Chase, Maryland and Daniel Schaefer of Hartford chose a uniquely Jewish tradition: the giving of *tzedakah* through an endowment fund. The Schaefer children want their parents' strong commitment to the Greater Hartford Jewish community to endure and have placed their confidence in the Board of Trustees of the Foundation to use the fund's income where it is most needed in the community. Both Abraham Schaefer and Alice Leavitt were born in the Hartford area: Abraham was one of three children and grew up in New Britain; Alice, one of six children, was born and raised in Hartford. Their respective families valued education and encouraged their children to pursue university learning. Abraham graduated from Yale University and the Yale University School of Medicine and Alice graduated from Smith College with a major in French and did graduate work at Trinity College, the Sorbonne and the University of Geneva. The couple married at Congregation Beth Israel where they became lifetime members and Alice taught at the religious school. She also taught French and later English in the Hartford public high schools. Abraham had a successful internal medicine practice in Hartford, was on the staff at Mount Sinai Hospital, St. Francis Hospital and Hartford Hospital, and was devoted to his patients. He was also an artist, loved history, and proud to be part of the Hartford Jewish community.