

Welcome

As you welcome in the New Year, we extend warm wishes for a happy, healthy and meaningful year. For many, it's a time of reflection. ***How can I make 2018 meaningful... for my family, for my community and for the causes close to my heart?***

We have a simple answer: our Jewish Community Foundation.

Our Jewish Community Foundation presents the unique opportunity to help yourself, your community and your causes ***all at the same time***. You can...

- Help yourself with a competitive investment for charitable giving dollars
- Help our community by supporting the Foundation in its mission of preserving our local Jewish institutions for generations to come
- Help the causes that resonate the most with you, by donating to charities of your choice from a donor advised fund

We want to partner with you to make 2018 a meaningful year. To learn more, please contact Julie at julie@foundationjewish.org. Thank you!

FAST FACTS about Our Funds

What types of funds are managed by the Foundation?

We manage Donor Advised Funds established by individuals and families to direct their charitable giving, as well as Funds invested by local Jewish organizations (agencies and synagogues). When individuals make a "Promise" to a local organization, realized legacy gifts will ultimately be invested in an Endowment Fund at the Foundation.

Who manages the funds?

The funds are managed by our Investment Committee, consisting of 9 members, each with extensive investment knowledge. All together, they have nearly 250 years of professional investment experience. Most members are currently managing money at major capital market firms. Martin Schwartz, now retired after almost 40 years with Merrill Lynch, chairs the committee.

How many community grants are made from the funds?

In 2017, we administered 422 distinct grants to 226 nonprofit organizations totaling more than \$1.3 million.

Questions?

To learn more about our funds, investment profile and history of results, please contact Martin Schwartz, Vice President, Investments at info@foundationjewish.org.

Special Thanks

We are incredibly grateful to the dedicated individuals who have made 539 LIFE & LEGACY Promises to date, to one or more of our partner organizations. Thank you to the following donors, who made a legacy commitment from September through December 2017.

Anonymous (4)

Brian and Celeste Albert
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Your Impact

Our Jewish Community Foundation has dramatically increased its impact with a surge of grants to local and national nonprofits over the past 11 years. In fact, we've gone from 36 to 422 grants administered annually during that time period. We are proud to support many causes, including our ongoing commitment to the Holocaust survivors in our community and around the world. We provide annual funding for Café Europa, a monthly social program for survivors facilitated by JFCS, which includes kosher meals, holiday events, musical performances and lectures. Funds at our Foundation also support the Survivor Mitzvah Project, dedicated to providing financial assistance to elderly survivors of the Holocaust still residing in Eastern Europe, as well as the US Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, DC.



Mailbox

To my future grandchildren,

I don't know you yet. You haven't been born or conceived; your mothers aren't even in serious relationships! Yet I think of you. I wonder what you will know of me, whether we will share our holidays, whether you will think of yourself as Jewish. I deeply hope so.

There's a story that goes with my Jewish identity. A story worth telling. I was raised culturally Christian but had a strong interest in learning what other people believed. In college, I studied religions and grew interested in Judaism. When I joined my Jewish boyfriend (your grandfather) at his family's home for Chanukah, I surprised my future in-laws by knowing that there were three blessings to recite on the first night.

Later, after your grandfather and I married, I began to be interested in Judaism for me, not just as a subject of academic study. We searched for a Reform synagogue and found Temple Beth-El in Hillsborough. I enrolled in an Introduction to Judaism course that led to my conversion. I got very involved in the synagogue. I grew more comfortable with the holidays and even adopted a modest form of Kashrut. From a curiosity of what other people believe as a teen to a full embrace of a Judaism that could be mine as an adult, I chose to lead a Jewish life, one with meaning and purpose.

I was blessed to be part of two communities and have made a legacy commitment to each. Temple Beth-El, ever close to my heart, nurtured my Jewish soul; The Jewish Center of Princeton, where I worked briefly, engaged my Jewish mind. I would not be the Jew I am without both of them.

So... my loves, someday you will walk this earth and you will learn about your Jewish heritage and identity. I hope my story of embracing Judaism will inspire you. I hope you will choose to lead a meaningful and joyous Jewish life with the support of a wonderful community (or two).

*All my love,
Safta Amy*

*Pictured:
Amy & Ken Rubin
celebrating Sukkot*

