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Life &
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What is the Life & Legacy® initiative?

Life & Legacy is a partnership program of the Harold Grinspoon Foundation that empowers and invites everyone in our community to take responsibility for the future of Jewish Cleveland.

The program fosters collaboration among participating organizations by encouraging and incentivizing them to create new endowment funds and strengthen existing ones to support the vital Jewish institutions, programs, and services that make our community such a wonderful place to live a Jewish life.

Through Life & Legacy, we are coming together to share and promote our values and philanthropic passions while creating a meaningful and lasting impact.

Why is our community participating?

Jewish Cleveland has an extraordinary philanthropic history. We are fortunate that those who came before us had the foresight, imagination, and wisdom to create the infrastructure supporting our ability to live full Jewish lives here today.

Our community is taking part in the Life & Legacy initiative to build essential endowment funds for Jewish Cleveland's cornerstone agencies and vital services.

Together, we are building upon our community's history of visionary leadership and generosity to secure a stronger and more vibrant Jewish future for generations to come.





What organizations are participating in Life & Legacy?

Life & Legacy is a community campaign for the Jewish future. We are asking one another to act upon a simple but profound question: what will our Jewish legacy be?

Bellefaire JCB

Cleveland Hillel

Fuchs Mizrachi School

Gross Schechter Day School

Hebrew Academy of
Cleveland

Hillel at Kent State
University

Jewish Education Center of
Cleveland

Jewish Family Service
Association

Jewish Federation of
Cleveland

Maltz Museum of Jewish
Heritage

Mandel Jewish Community
Center

Joseph and Florence
Mandel Jewish Day School
(formerly Agnon School)

Yeshiva Derech Hatorah

Why are endowment funds important?

As the past few years have clearly illustrated, endowment funds can act as a catalyst for innovation as well as a crucial safety net providing security and stability in times of crisis and uncertainty.

By embarking on the Life & Legacy journey together as a community, we will create strong endowments to perpetually sustain the institutions, programs, and services that inspire, inform, and improve Jewish life in Cleveland. And when opportunities arise or unforeseeable crises occur in the future, our community will be strong, ready, and able to meet the needs, whatever they may be.

Why should I leave a legacy gift?

Committing to a legacy gift today will help Jewish Cleveland thrive for countless lifetimes to come. While annual gifts are essential to meet current and ongoing needs, endowment gifts help secure the future of our community by providing financial stability through a reliable source of annual income.

By making a legacy commitment, you can achieve several philanthropic goals:

- Convey your commitment to our community.
- Express values instilled in you by your parents and grandparents.
- Serve as a role model for future generations.
- Perpetuate the Jewish traditions you cherish.
- Preserve the programs and organizations that support Jewish Cleveland.

How do I get started?

You can make a meaningful and lasting impact on Jewish Cleveland with a gift in your will, trust, retirement account, or life insurance policy.

It only takes one small first step: simply indicate that you have the intention of leaving a gift to one of the participating organizations by doing the following:

Complete a
Letter of Intent

Reach out to the
organization's
development
director

Contact
Brian Freedman,
Life & Legacy
coordinator

Caring for those in need, promoting Jewish learning, celebrating our history and heritage, fostering meaningful relationships and lifelong connections - your gift will help ensure that everything you love about living in Jewish Cleveland will endure long into the future.



How to create your Jewish legacy your way

All of us – regardless of age, wealth, or affiliation – have the ability to leave a legacy. Your gift can be customized and structured to fit your dreams, lifestyle, family, and financial needs.

Here are several ways you can make a legacy gift now or in the future to the organization(s) you love:

Leave a charitable gift in your will or trust

Give a gift of cash to an endowment fund

Make a non-cash gift, such as real estate, securities, collectibles, or business interests

Direct a distribution or designate a beneficiary of your retirement assets

Designate an owner or beneficiary of a new or existing life insurance policy


Make current or testamentary grant recommendations from your donor advised fund

Create a gift that provides life income for you or your heirs



We invite you to join us and start creating your Jewish legacy today to help assure Jewish tomorrows.

For more information about the Life & Legacy program, please reach out to Brian Freedman, Life & Legacy coordinator:

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