

Newsletter

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THE FOUNDATION WELCOMES OUR NEW DIRECTOR

The Foundation is proud to announce that we have a new Director of Legacy Planning, Wendy Arenson. Wendy has been an active part of the Orange County Jewish Community for many years, and she brings her legal expertise and enthusiasm for improving and sustaining our local community to this position. Wendy and her husband, Lance, have been married for 18 years, and they have three children at Tarbut V' Torah Community Day School (Justin, 12; Maya, 9 and Emmy, 7).

After completing her under-graduate degree at UC Irvine where she became a Phi Beta Kappa and was presented the Community Service Award, Wendy attended Loyola Law School in Los Angeles where she interned for the Western Law Center for Disability Rights. Starting out as a prosecutor in Los Angeles, she worked on a variety of high-profile and public felony cases both at the District Attorney's Office and as a Deputy Attorney General for the California Department of Justice in the Criminal Appeals, Writs and Trials section.

Beginning in 2002 with Justin in preschool at Congregation B'nai Israel, Wendy volunteered to help coordinate multiple events while toting Maya as an infant on one arm. As the Arenson family grew and Emmy was born, the time Wendy devoted to the preschool and other programs began to expand. Wendy took on leadership for the synagogue's Young Family Shabbat program, increasing participation by well over 100% while welcoming new families to the congregation. She also began volunteering in a variety of different organizations within Orange County, including Family Promise, the local public elementary school and Sunday Supper.

After taking several years off to stay home with young



children, Wendy has worked in civil litigation with an emphasis on appellate law since 2007. While Wendy has accomplished much in her legal career, she says the most enjoyable public time she spent over the last decade was as an active volunteer for our local Jewish Community.

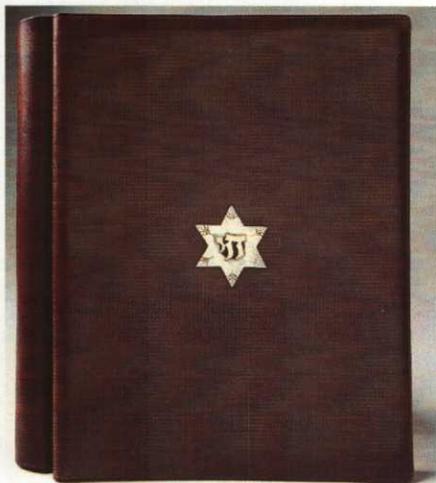
Wendy has devoted much of her free time over the last several years to the Orange County Community Scholar Program (OCCSP) a community-wide, cross-denominational organization committed to bringing the best Jewish minds in the world to Orange County and to strengthening the ties within our Jewish community. Wendy's unique Jewish background,

having been a member at different points in her lifetime of Reform, Modern Orthodox, Chabad and Conservative synagogues, enables her to respect and relate to every denomination within our Jewish Community.

Working closely with Arie Katz, OCCSP's founder, Wendy has helped to coordinate numerous programs including Family Retreats, Adult Retreats, family apple-picking for Rosh Hashanah, and a Sukkot overnight camping trip in Boomer Canyon. In 2011, Wendy chaired OCCSP's 10th Anniversary celebration, coordinating over 100 volunteers to create a meaningful

and significant event.

Wendy's legal background as well as her impressive volunteer efforts established her outstanding qualifications for this position. We feel this is a perfect fit, as Wendy considers her position with the Foundation her "dream job." Wendy says she is honored to devote her time, energy and background to benefit our Jewish community by working to establish a legacy of effective and lasting philanthropy. When you see Wendy, please extend your welcome. We look forward to working together to guarantee a Jewish tomorrow.



ENDOWMENT BOOK OF LIFE

Wendy's focus for the Foundation is on creating a new and lasting philosophy within Orange County's Jewish Community through the Endowment Book of Life. This beautiful, leather book has been signed by thousands of people, both young and old, in more than 40 communities throughout North America, signifying their promise to share some portion of their assets with the Jewish community either now or in the future. The beauty of this concept stems from the idea that each person gives to the charitable organizations they choose at the time they choose, focusing on their personal values and ensuring their individual dreams and visions for the future come into fruition.

The Foundation's long-term vision is to empower our community to instill a meaningful philosophy of giving for future generations so our children, grandchildren and generations to come have the opportunity for a quality Jewish life. In the coming years, as this significant Book is introduced into our community, each of us will have the opportunity to sign and to create our own individual statements during meaningful community events.

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