

OC'S JEWISH COMMUNITY SHINES AT NATIONAL LEGACY GATHERING



In May, the Harold Grinspoon Foundation hosted a Legacy Leadership Gathering in Springfield, MA. The conference brought together lay leaders and professionals from Jewish Community Foundations, synagogues and organizations throughout the country – all meeting together to study and discuss community legacy programs and best practices. With 160 participants from 38 communities, representing more than 80 organizations at the gathering, the North American Jewish community has clearly made great progress in integrating legacy giving into our philanthropic culture.

The conference included personal meetings with Harold Grinspoon and a roundtable discussion on Endowment Book of Life programs led by Foundation Executive Director

Wendy Arenson. Other sessions included Donor-Centered Leadership, Creating a Culture of Philanthropy and Working with Professional Advisors led by speakers including Jodi Berman, Penelope Burk, Jerry Posner and Aaron Lansky.

Orange County is at the forefront of this national effort with our Create a Jewish Legacy program started in November 2013. While we began as among the first of seven communities in the program, now 28 communities partner in this inspiring effort. Thanks to those of you who have already joined to create over 350 new legacy gift commitments to ensure a brilliant future for Jewish Orange County, we are a resource for communities throughout the country looking to implement successful legacy programs of their own!



*Harold Grinspoon and
Foundation Chairman of the
Board, Gideon Bernstein*

**If you have not yet signed
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Combining the city of New York, a sixty-five page itinerary, more than 20 Jewish thought leaders and 50 Orange County community travelers, a 5-day trip in May provided a myriad of educational and cultural experiences focused on the re-visioning of American Judaism. The whirlwind visit included meetings with Rabbi Arnold Eisen, Chancellor of the Jewish Theological Seminary, tours of historical and cutting-edge synagogues, and discussions with Rabbis including Yehuda Krinsky head of Chabad, Elliot Cosgrove of Park Avenue Synagogue and David Ingber of Romemu. While we couldn't bring the Yonah Schimmel knishes or the Russ and Daughters lox back with us, we do plan to bring several of the outstanding speakers we met to Orange County over the next year or two.



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Foundation Donor Services Associate Myrna Shields and Financial Manager Jeanne Walker represent the Foundation at the Celebrate Israel festival, working with children to decorate tzedakah boxes to donate to their favorite charities.

It's never too early to learn about philanthropy!