CREATE A JEWISH LEGACY PARTNERS RECEIVE $162,000 AS WE WELCOME OUR SECOND COHORT

Over 330 New Commitments to Create Legacy Gifts for Jewish Orange County

Since November 2013, the Foundation - in partnership with the Harold Grinspoon Foundation - has mentored nine local Jewish agencies. Training, tools and resources are shared to effectively engage and inspire supporters to create meaningful legacy gifts. Our partner agencies all work together to provide each and every community member the opportunity to positively impact our future through a legacy gift in their will, trust, retirement plan or life insurance policy. In just over two years, community members have created more than 330 new commitments to create legacy gifts to Jewish Orange County through this initiative.

Through the Create a Jewish Legacy program, the Foundation offers incentive grants to each Partner meeting their goals. We are honored to announce that each Partner successfully met or exceeded their goal for the first two consecutive years of the program! The Foundation recently provided a second check of $9,000 to each of our Partners, totaling $18,000 in unrestricted grants all nine Partners received for their two years of participation. Please join me in wishing hearty congratulations to: Beth Jacob Congregation of Irvine, Bureau of Jewish Education, Community Scholar Program, Hebrew Academy, Heritage Pointe, Jewish Federation & Family Services, Tarbut V’Torah, Temple Bat Yahm and Temple Beth El of South Orange County.

As we move into our third year, we invite you to join us! Which organizations or synagogues are closest to your heart? Call or stop by the Foundation today to discuss how you can make a difference in our community by participating in this unified effort to ensure a Jewish tomorrow.

Temple Bat Yahm receives 9K

Tarbut V’Torah receives 9K

The Jewish Community Foundation Orange County welcomes a Second Cohort into our Create a Jewish Legacy program!

Mazel Tov to Congregation B’nai Israel, the Merage Jewish Community Center and University Synagogue on their acceptance into this impactful program.
IT'S BEEN AN EVENTFUL YEAR!

“Being a Good Ancestor” with
Guest Speaker Rabbi Steven Leder
June 2, 2015 - At this very special event to honor Foundation Founder Allan Fainbarg (z”l), Rabbi Leder asked us to consider our shared and individual values. After a thought-provoking discussion, we were each invited to create our personal “Ethical Wills” as a way to pass family values to our loved ones.

“Words That Work” with
Guest Speaker Dr. Russell James
August 11, 2015 - The Foundation hosted a professional development session for Orange County Jewish leadership, clergy and lay leaders. Attendees were treated to a high-level and practical presentation by well-respected professor, researcher, author and public speaker, Dr. Russell James. Dr. James shared his insight based on brain scan research as to how language impacts philanthropy.

3rd Annual Endowment Book of Life Signing Event with
Guest Speaker Rabbi Sharon Brous
November 1, 2015 - Community members, professional staff and clergy joined together to celebrate and honor those who committed to leave a legacy gift through the Create a Jewish Legacy program. Rabbi Brous engaged us to reflect on social responsibilities - and congratulated those committed to the program on their efforts to ensure a thriving Jewish future.

2015
BY THE NUMBERS

1,844
donation checks sent by the Foundation on behalf of our donors to
662
different charities

$8.33 million
in charitable gifts recommended by our donors

$10.36 million
deposited into the Foundation

330
total legacy commitments worth an estimated future value of
$11.28 million
to benefit Jewish Orange County -
$394,000
already realized

172
signatures and legacy stories now fill our community’s Endowment Book of Life

$47,600
given by the Foundation’s Grants Committee to 16 local Jewish agencies