The Foundation Honors Long-time Leadership

On May 4th, 2014, the Foundation hosted a champagne brunch to honor long-time leadership and to celebrate the past, present and future of the Foundation. Our current Foundation leadership, honorees, family members and a broad group of community leaders gathered together to honor those who created and fostered the Foundation over the last 32 years. Representatives from Foundation grant recipient organizations spoke about the powerful impact of the Foundation’s grants program on our community. Members of every Create a Jewish Legacy Partner organization attended in addition to clergy from several local synagogues as a strong sign of our community’s unity in support of our founders and the Foundation’s role as the leading mentor institution for our local Jewish community.

Foundation Founders Allan Fainbarg, Arnold Feuerstein and Irv Burg (pictured), joined Gideon Bernstein, Steven Fainbarg, Irv & Nancy Chase, John & Kittie Rau, Roberta Feuerstein, Sandy Fainbarg and Eleanor Burg in leading the Hamotzie. Honorees were presented with Leadership Awards, and to acknowledge their collective hard work, a donation was made in their honor to a new, true Endowment Fund. Pictured above: Gideon Bernstein, Peggy & Jon Feder and Dr. Robert Baird.

Wendy Arenson, Director of Legacy Planning greeted guests and gave a D’var Torah on leadership. She is pictured with Barbara Klein accepting a certificate in honor of Victor Klein z”l who gave years of dedicated service to the Foundation.

Attendees Andi & Richard Mandel and Toni & Terry McDonald proudly accepted a Leadership Award on behalf of honoree Leonard Mandel z”l, father of Toni and Richard.

Michael Penso, TALIT president of the Bureau of Jewish Education, spoke about how the Foundation’s grant program supported teen social programming and a TIES trip to Israel which changed the course of his young life.

Guests received hand-crafted tzedakah boxes that were custom made by Jewish preschool children throughout Orange County. The Foundation’s philosophy of community unity was succinctly summarized by these small but meaningful gifts.
You can make a difference in our community!

1 Be a Part of Create a Jewish Legacy
Meet with Wendy Arenson at the Foundation, or any Create a Jewish Legacy Partner organization, to sign a Letter of Intent to be part of our community’s legacy program. Join the more than 100 local families working together to create a strong and unified Jewish future.

2 Save the Date - Community Event
Once you’ve become part of Create a Jewish Legacy, you will be invited to save the date of November 16, 2014 for the Foundation’s Second Annual Community Endowment Book of Life Signing Event. To date, 82 families have signed our community-wide, united pledge to endow our Jewish community.

3 Create Your Jewish Legacy
Call or stop by the Foundation offices to discuss creating your personal legacy plan – one that focuses on making your dreams for the future of our community and the greater world a reality. Remember, whatever you can envision, we can create together!

What will your legacy be?

Gideon Bernstein receives the 2013 Endowment Achievement Award
Foundation president, Gideon Bernstein, was presented the 2013 Endowment Achievement Award for his outstanding leadership of our community’s endowment program. Gideon has been a key driving force behind the Foundation’s Endowment Book of Life and Create a Jewish Legacy programs. Between his powerful leadership and his dedication to the Foundation, and our community as a whole, the award was truly well-deserved.

THANK YOU to our long-time leadership for their many years of dedication, service and commitment to the Foundation.

HONOREES
Dr. Robert A. Baird
Howard Block
Gary Brahm
Martin Brower
Irving Burg
Allan Fainbarg
Steven Fainbarg
Jon Feder
Peggy Feder
Arnold Feuerstein
Dr. Gordon Fishman
Lillian Firestone z”l
Fred Forster
Leslie Furman
Susan Glass
Richard M. Gollis
Cecilia Goodman
Mike Gordon
Allen Jaffy z”l
Victor Klein z”l
Ida Kofsky
Gary Kramer
David Lang
Leonard Mandel z”l
Michael Meyer
Dr. Arnold Miller
Isidore Myers z”l
Simon R. Pearlman
John M. Rau
Nira Roston z”l
Henry Schrimmer
Linda Schulein
Blossom Siegel
Ralph Stern
Linda Stoll
Pat Szekel
Sol Zechter z”l

To honor their many years of collective hard work, a donation has been made to a new, true endowment fund to sustain the Foundation long into the future.