

FOUNDATION LEADS THE WAY FOR A JEWISH TOMORROW



\$81,000 granted to Create a Jewish Legacy Partners

For the past 15 months, the Foundation has mentored nine local Jewish organizations to obtain a combined total of over 200 new legacy gift commitments. In partnership with the Harold Grinspoon Foundation, the Jewish Community Foundation educates and inspires our Create a Jewish legacy Partner institutions, providing them with the training, tools and support needed



Heritage Pointe receives \$9K

to effectively engage their supporters. Together, we provide community members an opportunity to consider how they can positively impact our future through a legacy gift in their will, trust, retirement plan or life insurance policy.

The Orange County Jewish community's Create a Jewish Legacy Program has already been a tremendous success. In this first year, all nine partner organizations met or exceeded their goals. As a result, each organization was presented with a \$9,000 unrestricted incentive grant check in January. Way to go – Beth Jacob Congregation of Irvine, Bureau of Jewish Education, Community Scholar Program, Hebrew Academy, Heritage Pointe, Jewish Federation & Family Services, Tarbut V'Torah Community Day School, Temple Bat Yahm and Temple Beth El of South Orange County!



Bureau of Jewish Education receives \$9K

What organizations or synagogues are close to your heart? Call or stop by the Foundation today to discuss how you too can make a difference in our community by participating in this united effort to ensure a Jewish tomorrow.

"The Foundation's Create a Jewish Legacy program gives me good, solid hope that what I care about now will continue when I'm no longer here. Giving now is needed for today, but when I also leave a gift through my estate plan, I impact the future."

-Miki Sholkoff

2014 BY THE NUMBERS

- **1,800** donation checks sent by the Foundation to **600** different charities
- **\$7.5 million** in charitable gifts recommended by our donors last year
- **199** new legacy commitments to Jewish OC with an estimated value of **\$8.2 million**
- **\$355,000** in legacy commitments already realized last year
- **40** new signers of the Endowment Book of Life now totaling **140** signatures and legacy stories

CONNECTING OUR COMMUNITY

Jewish Orange County's professional leadership, clergy and engaged community members gathered together on November 16, 2014, for the Foundation's Second Annual Community Endowment Book of Life Signing Event. Guests were inspired with stories of legacy by representatives from each of the Foundation's Create a Jewish Legacy Partners and international, award-winning author and public speaker Amy Hirshberg Lederman.

After enjoying engaging legacy statements and over-the-top desserts, guests were invited to sign the Endowment Book of Life. The book contains the vision, values and history of those committed to creating endowed gifts to sustain our Jewish future. Forty community members added their names to the book, where their signatures and stories will now reside for generations to come.

Want to join the 140 community members already dedicated to this unified effort to create a brilliant tomorrow for Jewish Orange County? Contact the Foundation to become a part of the Create a Jewish Legacy initiative, and let us honor you at our next Endowment Book of Life Community Signing Event on November 1, 2015.



Beaue Bernstein, Amy Hirshberg Lederman and Foundation President Gideon Bernstein with Eva and Dave Weinberg signing the Endowment Book of Life.



Foundation Executive Director Wendy Chase Arenson and Gideon Bernstein with Rabbi Yitzchok Newman and Rabbi Meyer Newman of Hebrew Academy.



David and Julie Fishman with Tarbut V'Torah Director of Jewish Life Avi Chelouche.



Cindy Mirsky signs the Endowment Book of Life with Amy Hirshberg Lederman and Rabbi Peter Levi of Temple Beth El of South Orange County.



Janice Newfield, Scott Seigel, Jeff and Debbie Margolis, Rabbi Gersh Zylberman, and Executive Director, Adam Inlander of Temple Bat Yahm.



Beth Jacob Congregation of Irvine President Basil Luck and Sam Wyman.



Ed Miller, Jewish Federation & Family Services President and CEO Shalom Elcott, Community Scholar Program Director and Founder Arie Katz and Polly Sloan.