



A NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM WITH OUR LEGACY DONORS

THE 13TH ANNUAL ENDOWMENT BOOK OF LIFE CELEBRATION

The 13th Annual Endowment Book of Life gathering at the Orange County Museum of Art brought our community together to reflect on the power of legacy and the enduring impact of generosity, an annual tradition that reflects JCFOC's mission to guarantee a Jewish tomorrow for Orange County.

The evening celebrated the continued growth of LIFE & LEGACY and honored the partner organizations and donors whose commitments strengthen Jewish life across our community. We were also proud to welcome our newest Endowment Book of Life signers, whose names now join this living record for generations to come.

We were honored to hear from Israeli artists Dede Bandaid and Nitzan Mintz, here as part of the Jewish Street Art Festival. The artists spoke about the inspiration behind the mural they created at Irvine Hebrew Day School and shared insights about being Jewish and Israeli artists in today's challenging social climate. Their presence highlighted how endowment philanthropy comes to life through meaningful Jewish arts experiences made possible by the Albert and Rhoda Weissman Art Endowment Fund and the Weissman Arts Program.

To learn more, contact Wendy Arenson at wendy@jcfoc.org and join the 1,000+ community members who have already made legacy commitments. We'd love to honor you at next year's event.



(Above) The recently completed mural at Irvine Hebrew Day School.

(Left) World-renowned Israeli artists Dede Bandaid (masked for anonymity) and Nitzan Mintz.

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MAZAL TOV TO THIS YEAR'S
ENDOWMENT BOOK OF LIFE SIGNERS!

AND THE WINNER IS...

Congratulations to the Legacy Team from **Temple Bat Yahm**, recipient of this year's **JCFOC Founders Legacy Award**.



TOGETHER WE GUARANTEE A JEWISH TOMORROW

JCFOC FUND HOLDER SPOTLIGHT

LIVING THEIR VALUES: **AN ENDURING GIFT TO JEWISH ORANGE COUNTY**

Meet Ken & Nancy

For more than five decades, Ken and Nancy Levin have helped shape Jewish life in Orange County, weaving together community, leadership, and legacy.

Ken's Jewish journey began when a scholarship to Camp Ramah showed him the life-changing impact of charitable giving, and continued through his active involvement in Hillel at UCLA where he received a BA (Hebrew, Psychology) followed by a MSW (SDSU). In 1971, he became the first Executive Director of the Jewish Federation of Orange County, working with Nancy to strengthen Jewish life when the community had only a few congregations.

Nancy, who holds advanced degrees in secular education (SDSU) and Jewish education (Hebrew Union College, LA), devoted her career to inspiring generations of Jewish learners. Serving as the Educational Director at several congregations, including Temple Sharon (Costa Mesa), Temple Shir Ha-Ma'alot (Irvine), and Kehillat Israel (Pacific Palisades), she shared her passion for learning, connection, and continuity.

Together, the Levins championed global Jewish causes—from advocating for Soviet and Ethiopian Jewry to organizing Orange County's first Israel Fair in 1973. Their leadership and example have inspired countless others to give, volunteer, and lead.

Now enjoying retirement in Laguna Woods, the Levins remain active volunteers and lifelong learners, participating in Jewish cultural life, including JCFOC-hosted site visits to OC Hillel, UCI Chabad, and City of Hope, that give JCFOC fund holders exclusive access to local nonprofits and meaningful opportunities to engage. The Levins use their JCFOC Donor Advised Philanthropic Fund to support numerous causes in Orange County and beyond.

The Levins also chose to establish their legacy of giving through an Endowment Fund at the Jewish Community Foundation Orange County. "We had always given Jewishly," Nancy shared, "but aligning our philanthropy with the Foundation meant our impact could be rooted here and extend outward."

Through their Donor Advised Philanthropic Fund, the Levins are able to meaningfully and strategically support the causes that matter most to them. With their Endowment Fund, they ensure that their enduring values, community, education, Israel and tikkun olam, will continue to enrich Jewish life for generations to come.

WHAT WILL **YOUR LEGACY** BE?

Inspired by these stories of **LEGACY GIVING**, **ENDOWMENT FUNDS**, and **DONOR ADVISED PHILANTHROPY**? We invite you to begin a thoughtful conversation about what matters most to you. The Jewish Community Foundation Orange County is here to help you turn your values into lasting impact through meaningful charitable giving. Contact wendy@jcfoc.org to schedule a complimentary, no-obligation conversation and explore how your philanthropy can help shape a vibrant Jewish future.

Together, we guarantee a Jewish tomorrow.

