



JEWISH COMMUNITY
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Endowment Book of Life Sample Messages

Jewish philanthropy is filled with stories of people who have cared deeply about the community. There are many more stories to come. Following are brief examples written by others in the current *Endowment Book of Life*, which may help inspire you.

"We immersed ourselves in Jewish life, as children, as teens and together as adults. Through our involvement in so many different organizations, we have come to appreciate how dynamic and special our Jewish community truly is. We have made our legacy gift in appreciation of all those who are responsible for the remarkable Jewish community we enjoy today. We are proud to be amongst the many who are investing in our community and enriching the lives of future generations."

"It is our hope that this gift will help ensure that our community will continue to pursue justice for all people."

"When my parents came from Germany in 1921, I was too young to remember how it was for them. When I grew up, I realized that the Jewish community helped them begin life again in this country. There will be new immigrants in every generation, and we will always need to be sure that Jews can escape persecution and resettle in our community or Israel."

"Charitable giving has been a tradition in both of our families. Participating and holding leadership positions in a variety of Jewish communal organizations was just a part of everyday life. We have benefitted from our involvement in the Jewish community and feel motivated to give back. We want our legacy to be the continued strength and success of the institutions that embody our values."

"Our roots go back to Eastern Europe. We were raised on 'pushkes.' Both our mothers regularly took food baskets to the needy. They taught us to follow their example. Giving to those less fortunate has always been part of our lives. We hope that our gift to the Jewish community will set an example for our children and grandchildren, encouraging them to leave the world a little better for their children and generations to come."

"We have given to the Jewish community to help insure "Jewish life" for future generations. It is important to us to see traditions carried on and to continue Jewish education."