

JOIN US FOR THE *Book of Life Signing*

On March **28, 2010 at 10:30 a.m.**, the Sunday before Passover, the **Jewish Community Foundation** will hold its seventh Book of Life signing at **Congregation Beth El in La Jolla** (8660 Gilman Drive), honoring those who have promised to keep our community vibrant for future generations.

If you have promised a legacy gift or established a current endowment of any size to the Jewish community, you are eligible to sign the Book of Life. Please consider adding your personal story to this community archive which will be treasured for generations to come.

All are welcome at the event – even if you’ve already signed.

To sign or for more information, please contact Jamie Zander at jamie@jcfsandiego.org or 858-279-2740.

The Book of Life symbolizes promises from one generation to the next to ensure the strength and vibrancy of our community. Drawing upon family traditions, Jewish values and life experiences, signers share their hopes and dreams for the future. This is a particularly meaningful time to tell stories of giving, as Passover reminds us of the importance of passing our stories down to the next generation. To date, more than 155 people have inscribed their names in the Book of Life, expressing their commitment to Jewish values and heritage, ensuring that our people will survive and flourish. You too can be a part of this special event!

Excerpts from the Book of Life



“Individual women who create such gifts do not have to be wealthy, they just need to step up to the plate when it comes to making decisions about their charitable giving beyond lifetime giving.”

– Joyce Axelrod



“I have received a strong message from my parents that after providing for our families’ needs we must be concerned about the community’s needs. I hope to pass this feeling on to my children and grandchildren, as well.”

– Elaine Galinson

“It is our hope and prayer that our five children teach their children tzedakah, personal and social responsibility, love of our country in spite of its faults, love of learning and education, love of family and friendships, and an understanding of all the beautiful wisdom contained in the teachings of Judaism.”

– Edgar and Julie Berner



“As a family we have benefited from the legacies of others who have come before us. We belong to a beautiful synagogue and have enjoyed the many programs supported by our synagogue and by other Jewish organizations. We are blessed with the opportunity to help support those who will follow us.”

– Amy Corton, Carl, Emily and Cameron Eibl

“It is our hope that our Synagogue and community continue to grow and prosper serving the needs of other families like ours. Through our endowment gift we feel we are doing our part in continuing this legacy for our children and grandchildren.”

– Jacob and Leslie Bercovitz



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“Generations before us have passed on this tradition to us and by making this promise we hope to pass on the same legacy to our children.”

– David and Claire Ellman



“We feel that our life has been greatly enhanced by living in this San Diego community, and we want to be a part of the Book of Life to support some of the institutions that have enriched our lives.”

– Irving* and Cecelia Appelbaum

“As a secular Jew, I do not have a strong connection to my religious heritage. However, I am convinced that it is tremendously important that the Jewish people continue and flourish as a unique people, because of all we have contributed and will in the future contribute to world civilization.”

– David Meister*



*of blessed memory

“It is a blessing now for our family to join together to honor their challenges and recognize their struggles to preserve Jewish heritage and community spirit, often in difficult times. We treasure their memory and achievements and looking back with awe, reflecting on where we have been, and looking forward to what we can become.”

– John and Cathy Weil



“It gives me great satisfaction to realize that my charitable contributions may serve to make life a little easier and a little better for someone, in need, somewhere.”

– Howard and Lottie Marcus




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