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### **Jewish Community Foundation Holds Fifth Book of Life Signing**

On Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup> the Jewish Community Foundation of San Diego held its fifth Book of Life Signing for the San Diego community. The ceremony, chaired by Betty Byrnes, celebrated the individuals and families who have promised to leave a legacy gift of any amount to the Jewish community after their lifetimes.

This year, 24 individuals inscribed their names in the Book— adding personal statements about why they plan to give to the Jewish organizations that have been important to them during their lifetimes. These will be placed in the Book of Life on display at the Jewish Community Foundation.

“The Book of Life recognizes those committed individuals who are keeping our community strong for current and future generations,” said Marjory Kaplan, CEO of the Jewish Community Foundation. “Our community is blessed for these donors’ generosity.”

The Book of Life is a recognition program of the Foundation’s Endowment Leadership Institute and Create a Jewish Legacy marketing campaign.

For more information, please contact the Jewish Community Foundation at 858.279.2740 or [www.jcfsandiego.org](http://www.jcfsandiego.org).

### **About the Jewish Community Foundation**

Since 1967, the Jewish Community Foundation has been at the forefront of charitable giving in San Diego. The Foundation has partnered with individuals, families and community organizations to help them achieve their philanthropic goals and to increase current and future support for a vibrant and secure Jewish community in San Diego, Israel and around the world. During fiscal year 2005/2006, the Jewish Community Foundation distributed more than \$53 million in 3,900 separate grants to 800 different charitable organizations.

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[Caption: Shep and Lillian Scharlin inscribe their names in the Book of Life]