

SINCE 1967, the Jewish Community Foundation has been at the forefront of charitable giving in San Diego, partnering with individuals and families to support the causes they care about and building a strong, vibrant community for now and in the future.

For current giving, donors can establish a donor advised fund or family foundation. For lasting charitable legacies for the community, the Foundation assists donors in creating endowments.

The Jewish Community Foundation distributes millions of dollars in grants each year to hundreds of organizations in the Jewish and general community, locally, nationally, in Israel and around the world.



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A **Simple** Promise

A **Commitment**
to the **Future**

The **Book of Life**



By signing a special book during a meaningful ceremony, you make a simple promise — to establish an endowment or leave a bequest of any amount to the Jewish community.

The Book of Life belongs to everyone and is a guardian of the heritage of the entire Jewish community.

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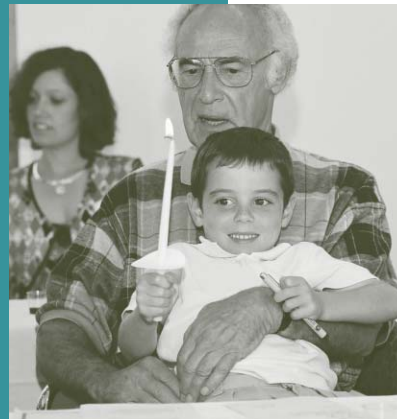
from the book of life...

I left Germany, my home and my family in early 1933, shortly after Hitler came to power. I went to Italy, a country whose language I did not speak, without the comfort of family or friends, or the support of a community. Thus, I learned to appreciate the importance of Jewish community support, and ever since, I have given my time and as soon as I could afford — financial assistance to the Jewish community. From my own experience I learned what it means to be without family and friends and community support, when in need.



Life does not always give us equal opportunities. Tzedakah helps make a balance where there are inequalities. My legacy gift is to the generations unborn, but who will be faced with new challenges. As prior generations built buildings for future generations, so too must resources be similarly available to meet the community's needs in the future.

We are committed to ensuring the survival and growth of a vibrant, learned Jewish community in San Diego and through giving charity; we can make a difference in achieving this goal. Our children are our precious gifts. It is our responsibility to create and enhance every possible opportunity for them and their fellow Jews to live a rich life steeped in our Jewish heritage and teachings.



Who is eligible to sign the Book of Life?

Anyone who promises to establish an endowment or leave a bequest to the Jewish community is encouraged to sign the Book, regardless of age, wealth or affiliation. There is no minimum contribution.

In the spirit of an ethical will, this is a personal, not a legal commitment. Book of Life signers share at least one common trait: a commitment to the future of the Jewish community.

How do I prepare my personal statement?

Signing the Book of Life gives you the chance to write a statement of up to 300 words that expresses why you are leaving a legacy.

What happens after signing the Book?

You can meet with the Jewish Community Foundation to discuss how you want to fulfill your promise. It's also important to confer with your estate planning attorney, accountant or financial planner. You can create a gift during your lifetime or in your will or trust. The Jewish Community Foundation acts as a key resource to both you and your advisors.