



PRESS RELEASE

For Immediate Release: December 12, 2003

**Contact: Charlene Seidle
858-279-2740
charlene@jcfsandiego.org**

Jewish Community Foundation Holds Third Annual Book of Life Signing Ceremony

San Diego, CA— On Sunday, December 7th, the Jewish Community Foundation held its third annual Book of Life signing ceremony, honoring community members who promise to make a gift of any size from their estate to the Jewish community. Participants inscribed their names in the Book, signing personal statements explaining the values, experiences and vision that had led them to make these promises.

This year's ceremony was held at the San Diego Jewish Academy in Carmel Valley and led by Rabbi Leonard Rosenthal of Tifereth Israel Synagogue. Thirty-one signers participated. All age groups were represented; those signing ranged in age from young people in high school to retired seniors.

Andrew Viterbi, Executive Director of the Jewish Community Foundation stated, "The Book of Life is truly a treasured archive for our Jewish community. It symbolizes our community's strong commitment to the Jewish value of *dor l'dor*, the passing of values from one generation to the next."

The following individuals inscribed their names on December 7th:

Irving and Teedy Appelbaum
Steve and Shelly Abramson
Walter and Pam Ferris
Jay and Lisa Gelbart
Deborah G. Horwitz
Robert and Jodie Kaplan
Seth Krosner
Marshall, Gail and Rebecca Littman
Hamilton and Estelle Loeb

Ann Mound
Norman and Sivia Mann
Emanuel and Shirley Ravet
Arnie and Lucee Sirk
Phil and Ruth Slonim
Steven and Esther Solomon
Mark, Jill and Rebecca Spitzer
Rod and Gloria Stone

To date, 88 people have signed the Book.

For more information about the Book of Life and leaving a legacy for the Jewish community, please call Marjory Kaplan at 858-279-2740.

--

Since 1967, the Jewish Community Foundation has partnered with donors and community organizations in achieving their philanthropic goals. In addition, the Foundation works to increase current and future support for a vibrant and secure Jewish community in San Diego, Israel and around the world. During fiscal year 2002/2003, the Jewish Community Foundation distributed more than \$36 million in 3,000 separate grants to 700 different charitable organizations.

