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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.