

## Tzedakah

### Now Just a Click Away

More than 100 Foundation donors now use the Donor Central online system to:

- check fund balances and history
- make grant recommendations
- view giving opportunities
- research charitable organizations

The Foundation is one of the first Jewish community foundations in the country to offer these web services.

Donors have recommended more than \$15 million online since Donor Central was launched in August.

To view a demo, visit the Foundation's web site at [www.jcfsandiego.org](http://www.jcfsandiego.org). To sign up, call Angelica at the Foundation or e-mail [angelica@jcfsandiego.org](mailto:angelica@jcfsandiego.org).

### Foundation Receives High Marks

Thank you very much to everyone who returned the donor survey mailed in October. Your responses will help us serve you better.

All those surveyed responded that they would recommend the Foundation to a friend. We truly appreciate your confidence and are honored to assist you in your giving. A full report of the survey will be sent to donors in early February.

## Responding to Disaster: Jewish Community Rallies Around Fire Victims

When devastating fires hit San Diego in October 2003, the Jewish community quickly mobilized to provide relief and support by establishing the **Jewish Community Disaster Fund** with the Foundation. Contributors from all over the country, including synagogues, sisterhoods, retirement communities, and campus centers have helped raise more than \$325,000 to date. The response has truly reflected the precept that "every Jew is responsible, one for the other".

As the affected families struggle to rebuild their lives, the Fund has distributed grants in a variety of areas including **out-of-pocket expenses, shelter, case management, and counseling**. No overhead costs are being assessed.



The Jewish Community Disaster Fund has helped families affected by the October fires.

For a detailed report about the use of the Fund, please call the Foundation at 858-279-2740 or e-mail [charlene@jcfsandiego.org](mailto:charlene@jcfsandiego.org).

### Jewish Women's Foundation Focuses on Jewish Single Mothers

The newly-established Jewish Women's Foundation (JWF) has launched an effort to improve the lives of Jewish single mothers and their children.

The JWF identified the needs of Jewish single mothers as a priority issue through focus groups with the women themselves and discussions with leaders from throughout the San Diego Jewish community. The results of the San Diego Jewish Demographics Study affirmed the decision, showing that **more than 5,000 Jewish children in our community are growing up in single-parent households**.

The JWF will provide funding to local Jewish organizations to **help connect Jewish single mothers to the community and advocate for their needs**. Stay tuned for more details in future issues of *Philanthropy Quarterly*.

# Book of Life Builds Legacies for Community

*Dor l'dor* came to life on Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup> as signers of the Jewish Community Foundation's **Book of Life** read personal statements capturing the experiences and vision that led them to **promise to leave a legacy to the community**.

Seth Krosner spoke about the tradition of *tikkun olam* (repairing the world), and how it has impacted each area of his life:

*What I can do, and will do through my legacy, is help to make sure that the Jews of the next generation have the tools to create a vibrant Jewish life for their great-grandchildren."*

The theme of providing for future generations came up again and again as did the importance of *tzedakah* and shared responsibility.

Hamilton and Estelle Loeb noted: *"Supporting both the Jewish and general communities has been a part of our lives since early adulthood. Every day we feel blessed to live in America; giving is the rent we pay for that privilege."*



Hamilton Loeb looks on as his wife Estelle signs the Book of Life

In total, thirty-one signers inscribed their names in the Book which serves as a permanent guardian and record of our community.

*Steve and Shelly Abramson*

*Walter and Pam Ferris*

*Jay and Lisa Gelbart*

*Deborah G. Hornitz*

*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 Luce Sirk*

*Phil and Ruth Slonim*

*Steven and Esther Solomon*

*Mark, Jill and Rebecca Spitzer*

*Rod and Gloria Stone*

## Strategies for Giving: Bequests

A bequest from your estate is a simple way to leave a lasting legacy to the Jewish community. It can be a specific sum, a percentage of your estate, or the remainder of your estate after expenses and gifts to loved ones. Bequests can include cash, securities, real estate, retirement plan designations and personal property.

Your bequest to any Jewish organization or synagogue also makes you eligible to inscribe your name in the **Book of Life**. For more information, please call Merle Brodie at the Foundation.

## Welcome New Funds

Welcome and thank you to the following families and community groups who have established funds with the Foundation in the last quarter:

**Ralph and Roberta Berman**

**Laurence and Cindy Bloch**

**Rabbi Laurie Coskey**

**Julie and Paul Datnow**

**Uri and Belinda Feldman**

**Friends of T'lalim**

**Anna Braun Glazer**

**Julia Braun Glazer**

**Robert B. Lazarus**

**James B. Lewis**

**Jorge Rosental Memorial /**

**Ruben and Fanny Rosental**

**Jennifer Schuman**

**Janet and Doug Selik**

**Nancy and Ronald Slayen**

**Steven and Sheri Spector**

**Marilyn and Gordon Williams**

**Helene and Alan Ziman**

**Anonymous**

## Your Referrals Welcome

*Do you have any friends who could benefit from establishing a Fund with the Foundation? We appreciate your referrals.*

## Mission:

- To promote philanthropy through meaningful partnerships with donors and community organizations in achieving charitable goals
- To increase current and future support for a vibrant and secure Jewish community in San Diego, Israel and around the world.

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