

JEWISH HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF GREATER HARTFORD CASE STATEMENT

Introduction

The Jewish Historical Society of Greater Hartford was founded in 1971 and was the thirteenth local Jewish historical society to be established in the country. The Society is dedicated to collecting and preserving historical documents, photographs, and memorabilia of the Jewish community of Greater Hartford and its main commitment as the only repository in the area is to reach the largest audience possible through publications, exhibitions, seminars and educational programs.

The Society's mission is to: create community awareness and understanding of the contributions made by the Jewish community to the Greater Hartford area; educate individuals and families to better understand their heritage through oral histories, workshops, programs and special exhibitions; preserve the unique culture and heritage of Greater Hartford's Jewish community; inspire future generations by providing specialized services, historical information and resources to schools, colleges, cultural institutions, and religious and civic organizations; publish *Connecticut Jewish History*, a journal documenting the history of Jewish life in Connecticut; and provide an archival center for research and a repository of historical documents and memorabilia relating to the Jewish community of Greater Hartford.

Promise

Your generous gift or bequest to the JHSGH ensures that the important papers, voices, and memorabilia documenting the people and institutions so vital to Jewish life in Greater Hartford are saved, protected and preserved for future generations of students, researchers and others interested in the history of this vibrant community.

Purpose

Creating an Endowment or leaving a Bequest or Planned Gift to the Jewish Historical Society of Greater Hartford will ensure that the Society will be able to continue to:

- Preserve the history of the Jewish community of Greater Hartford
- Provide sustainability by covering basic operating costs
- Raise awareness of the Society's important role in the community through educational and cultural programming, projects and exhibits
- Collect, transcribe and document oral histories of individuals in the community
- Publish future volumes of JHS scholarly journal *Connecticut Jewish History* focusing on new areas of interest
- Increase visibility and growth of the organization's archival collections and photographs

For more information about creating or participating in an endowment fund or leaving a bequest or planned gift to the Jewish Historical Society, please contact Estelle Kafer, Executive Director at (860) 727-6171 or via e-mail at jhsgh@jewishhartford.org.