



Leave a
Jewish Legacy

Frequently Asked Questions

Who can participate in the Leave a Jewish Legacy initiative? Any member of the Greater Hartford Jewish community may participate by making a promise to leave a future gift for an agency, a synagogue or the Jewish community at large.

Is there a minimum legacy gift required? There is no minimum promise level to participate in the program. A legacy gift of any size is graciously accepted. Many people leave a percentage of their estate, or a specific dollar amount.

Will a donor's name be associated with the legacy gift? Donors will be recognized publicly for their commitments, unless they choose to remain anonymous.

Is a promise to leave a legacy legally binding? No, it is a commitment to provide for future generations. Donors may change their plans at any time.

What kind of documentation of the legacy gift is needed? The Jewish Community Foundation does not require any legal documentation of a legacy gift. However, we encourage donors to share a copy of the relevant portion of their wills or trust documents to ensure that their charitable wishes are properly carried out.

How will donors be recognized? Donors will be listed as participants in the Leave a Jewish Legacy initiative. If the bequest is directed to the Foundation, they will become members of the Foundation's Legacy Society. Donors who participate in the Leave a Jewish Legacy program will be invited to submit a testimonial about their legacy plans for the *Voices of Philanthropy—Hartford Jewish Legacies* collection.

When should donors start to think about leaving a legacy? Jewish tradition teaches that one of our key duties is to make the world a better place for future generations. The time is always right to think about how one wishes to be remembered.

Can a donor support more than one agency? Yes. Donors may leave a legacy through the Jewish Community Foundation to support the many causes they care about. Many people want to support multiple agencies in the Jewish community, as well as non-Jewish organizations.

Who tracks the legacy promise? Upon notice of a bequest intention, the agency or synagogue will complete a Bequest Intention Transmittal Form (see Section 9) and forward it to the Jewish Community Foundation. The Foundation will record the promise in its database and send out acknowledgments to the donor and agency. Each organization should also keep a record of the bequest intention.

What about the donor's professional advisors? The Jewish Community Foundation can work with donors and their professional advisors to plan a legacy that furthers the donor's unique financial and charitable goals. Foundation professional staff are available to meet and consult with advisors throughout the process.