

Solomon Schechter Day School of Greater Hartford
Leave a Jewish Legacy Case Statement

Solomon Schechter Day School of Greater Hartford is a co-educational day school serving children in preschool through grade 8. Committed to excellence in dual-curriculum education, our school combines a strong General Studies and Judaic program guided by the tenets of Conservative Judaism. We are dedicated to educating the whole child: intellectually, spiritually and physically. SSDS welcomes Jewish students of diverse backgrounds. All Jewish children desiring a SSDS education are welcome to attend, regardless of the financial ability of their family. We believe the privilege of a Jewish Day School education should be affordable to all who desire one.

In September 2007, SSDS will embark on an endowment initiative to enhance its financial resources and secure funds for future years. The cost of tuition is expensive for many young Jewish families and SSDS must raise additional dollars to meet these needs through our scholarship fund. Staff development, advances in technology and improvements to our curriculum must be addressed each year to continue to attract students and keep SSDS competitive with local public schools. Each of these areas are important to the success of our school and require additional funds. The income from a wisely invested endowment will impact the growth and financial security of SSDS significantly. This will allow for additional and selective programs, extracurricular activities, staff, and innovative technology.

It is a nationally recognized fact that day school enrollment is on the rise across the country and that it is an indispensable tool for solidifying Jewish identity and involvement. Jewish knowledge, values and identity guide our students and help define their decision making process through adulthood. An endowment gift on behalf of Solomon Schechter Day School of Greater Hartford will ensure a quality and vibrant Jewish education for our children as well as prepare them as Jewish leaders for tomorrow.

Please consider establishing a Jewish legacy gift for SSDS. There are many ways that this can be achieved. A bequest in your will, a trust, or a life insurance policy are a few options. Through our partnership with the Jewish Community Foundation of Hartford, you will be assisted in developing a plan that is designed to maximize your tax benefits.

Every Jewish philanthropist should include Jewish Day Schools in their endowment plans as this is where our future leaders develop and Jewish continuity and survival will flourish.