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Expert Shares Knowledge of Charitable Gift Planning with Agencies and Synagogues

West Hartford, CT – Estate planning attorney and charitable gift expert Jonathan Tidd addressed a crowd of more than 30 Hartford area Jewish professionals and community leaders at a Fundraising Academy workshop entitled “Lessons Learned from Legacy Gift Planning” on September 17th.

Tidd explained that there are a wide range of options for donors who wish to give a portion of their wealth to charity. In addition to traditional cash gifts, many nonprofits will accept gifts of appreciated stock and other property. Gift vehicles such as charitable gift annuities and remainder trusts are advantageous for those concerned with cash flow. Especially in times of low inflation, planned gifts allow donors to make a gift today in return for guaranteed income payments for life. Any balance remaining at the end is used to create a fund to support the donor’s favorite cause(s). “Everybody wins in this kind of arrangement”, said Deborah Rothstein, Director of Development at the Jewish Community Foundation.

Tidd’s training session comes at a critical time for the Hartford Jewish community. More than 20 local Jewish agencies, schools and synagogues are participating in **Leave a Jewish Legacy**, a three-year project to capitalize on the anticipated intergenerational transfer of wealth that experts predict for America in the next 50 years. Each agency will be asking its donors for legacy gifts.

For more information about the **Leave a Jewish Legacy** initiative, please call Deborah Rothstein, J.D., Director of Development, or Doreen Fundiller-Zweig, J.D., L.L.M., Executive Director, at 860.523.7460, or visit the Foundation’s website at www.jcfhartford.org.

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