Top Legacy Giving Myths

- **I already give money annually.** Thank you—regular giving is an important part of how nonprofits keep their doors open. What happens when you are no longer here to make that gift? A legacy gift can help ensure that your support continues.

- **I don't want the publicity associated with Legacy Giving.** Part of our philanthropic practice involves thanking those who have made a legacy commitment. Publishing legacy givers can inspire others to participate in this important program but you may choose to remain anonymous.

- **Only seniors can leave a legacy gift.** Anyone, no matter their age—can support the causes and organizations they cherish. If you have assets, you'll want to be the one to decide how they should be distributed...at any age.

- **I will need to hire a lawyer.** There are many Legacy Giving vehicles that don't require hiring an attorney. Consider making your favorite nonprofit a beneficiary of a portion of your life insurance policy or retirement fund. This change can usually be made with a single phone call and a signature—no attorney necessary.

- **I won't get to decide what happens to my gift.** You can pre-determine where your dollars will go and stipulate how they should be spent. You just need to direct the specifics as part of your gift.

- **My children are getting all my money.** Every parent wants to make sure their children are financially secure. Consider leaving just a portion of your estate to charitable causes—an ethical lesson in the importance of building a better world. Your children can play a part in determining the legacy too.

- **I want my money to go where it's most needed.** Sometimes it's not an organization that moves us, but the idea that we can make a difference in the world. If you have a mission that you'd like to accomplish, we can help you achieve this.

- **I have to be a millionaire to leave a legacy.** The beauty of Legacy Giving is that you can make a gift of any amount of your estate. Whether your estate is worth a few shekels or a few billion, your legacy can live on!

We all strive to leave the world a better place—through our children, our good deeds, and our generosity.

With a legacy gift, your impact can continue beyond your lifetime. In a hundred years, you can still be changing lives.

This could be the most important gift you ever make.

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Create a
JEWISH
LEGACY

What is LIFE & LEGACY?

LIFE & LEGACY is a program that helps individuals and families create legacy gifts, providing a permanent source of support for the Jewish causes they care about. This allows you to make an impact by giving to what is most important to you.

- What will your legacy be?
- How will you assure Jewish tomorrows? **By leaving a legacy today!**

A legacy gift can:

Preserve our culture and heritage

Educate our children

Care for our elderly

Perpetuate Jewish values

Secure the Jewish future

Everyone can do it.

Everyone can make a legacy gift. Everyone has a unique family and financial situation, and regardless of age or circumstances, your gift can be customized to fit your goals and needs.

It's easy to do.

- Include a simple bequest in your will.
- Make a designation from your life insurance policy, IRA or retirement plan
- Give an outright gift
- Create a charitable trust
- Direct a grant from your donor-advised fund or foundation.

LIFE & LEGACY™

Assuring JEWISH TOMORROWS

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Now is the time.

Whether you're making your first will, planning for retirement, or providing for your grandchildren's future, it's the right time to consider what your Jewish legacy will be.

Legacy gifts are the key to a thriving future for our Jewish community.

Take the first step.

Give us a call and we'll help you get started.

You can give to a particular cause, program or congregation—or tell us to use your gift where it's needed most in the future.

- What causes are you passionate about?
- What values do you want to pass on?
- What do you want your legacy to be?