What is Create a Jewish Legacy (CJL)?
Create a Jewish Legacy is a partnership of the Jewish Foundation of Greater New Haven and the Harold Grinspoon Foundation of Western Massachusetts that promotes after-life giving to benefit local Jewish day schools, synagogues, and other Jewish entities. Through training, support, and monetary incentives, CJL motivates Jewish organizations to integrate legacy into their philanthropic culture in order to assure Jewish tomorrows.

Why Create a Jewish Legacy?

◆ Perpetuate the Jewish traditions and values you cherish
◆ Preserve the programs and institutions that support Jewish life in our community and around the world in perpetuity
◆ Plan for your family’s philanthropic interests and enjoy tax advantages

Beth El-Keser Israel, the congregation we love, is non-judgmental, casual, and friendly. We build friendships as we study, work, and laugh together. The BEKI community supports us in our celebrations, our illnesses, and our losses. When our children chant Torah and lead services, we kvell with pride. Our legacy donations ensure that BEKI will remain a powerful force in their lives, too.

Jewish Federalion of Greater New Haven (PACE)
Temple Beth Tikvah
Beth Israel Synagogue
Westville Synagogue
Congregation Mishkan Israel
Temple Beth David
Congregation Or Shalom
Temple Beth Sholom
Temple Emanuel
Congregation Beth Shalom Rodfe Zedek
Congregation B’hai Jacob
Congregation Beth El-Keser Israel
Orchard Street Shul
Jewish Family Service
Camp Laurelwood
Towers at Tower Lane
Ezra Academy
Southern Connecticut Hebrew Academy
Jewish Community Center of Greater New Haven
UConn Hillel
Jewish Cemetery Association of Greater New Haven
Jewish Historical Society of Greater New Haven
New Haven Mikveh Society

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A lasting Jewish impact is well within your reach
The simplest method of leaving a legacy is through a will or trust, or by adding (or changing) a beneficiary designation on a retirement fund or life insurance policy.

Your legacy commitment can be a percentage or a specific dollar amount.

You can establish an endowment with a contribution now or at the time your gift is realized.

Some gifts can be structured to increase your current income.

By making a legacy commitment, you can:

- Convey your commitment to being Jewish
- Express values instilled in you by your parents and grandparents
- Perpetuate Jewish traditions you cherish
- Preserve the programs and organizations that support Jewish life in New Haven

By making a legacy commitment, you are helping to ensure that the organizations you care about can continue to shape the future and have an impact on generations to come.

How do I participate?

All of us, regardless of age, wealth, or affiliation, have the ability to leave a legacy.

Your legacy gift of any size can be customized and structured to fit your dreams, lifestyle, family, and financial needs. You can provide support for a particular organization or area of interest.

Leaving a legacy is simple

- Gift in a will or trust
- Gift of life insurance
- Gift of retirement funds (IRA/401K/403B)
- Gift of cash or assets
- Gifts that produce lifetime income
- Gifts that produce income for heirs

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How do I begin?

It’s simple!

1. Reflect on your Jewish passions.
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