

Diverse Stories/Common Spirit

Stories of LIFE & LEGACY



Deb Fins

I grew up in a family committed to Jewish life. We didn't have a lot of money, but supporting the synagogue and holding on to Jewish traditions were very important to us. My father was an amputee, but he walked to synagogue on high holidays.

As a young woman, I moved to Worcester where my husband is from. I was immediately involved in the Jewish community. I worked for Jewish Family Services, We've belonged to two different temples over our 30 years here. Then I started to get involved in Jewish leadership. I've served on many committees and boards over the years. All of the Jewish organizations in Central Massachusetts have touched our lives in some way. Having a community and continuing this community is really important. Even if my kids don't live here as adults, this community holds a lot of memories for them.

I truly believe that if all the Jewish organizations in Central Mass stood on firm financial footings, we would collaborate more and create a richer Jewish experience for everyone. That's what legacy giving can do. It can create that firm footing for everyone.

My passion is education for older adults. I started a small donor-advised fund through JFCM called the DFA fund, and it supports educational programs for seniors. That's where I've designated my legacy gift. Legacy giving feels way easier to me because it doesn't come out of my pocket now. I have a small IRA that I am able to say, "I can give this to JFCM in the future," and it's bigger than what I can give annually now.

Barbara Rossman

We are a generation in the middle.

Our parents came to this country as refugees. Still they were very committed to tzedakah. Our children grew up differently. We are the generation that can remember the stories of our parents and see the wonderful lives of our children.

I'm a teacher, and education is very important to me, and handing down tradition is extremely important to me. That's why leaving a legacy was the perfect opportunity.

To discuss your legacy, call Leah Shuldiner at 508-756-3 or email legacy@jfc.org.