

LIFE & LEGACY FINISHES YEAR 2

The LIFE & LEGACY program in Central Massachusetts successfully completed its second year by exceeding its community-wide goal. 122 new declarations of intent to leave a legacy gift were made this year bringing our two-year total to 362 declarations of intent.

“This is a real success story for the Jewish community in Central Massachusetts,” said Steven Schimmel, Executive Director of the Jewish Federation of Central Mass. “These gifts will benefit almost every Jewish organization in our area for years to come.”

“The truly wonderful part of legacy giving is that EVERYONE can make one regardless of income or age,” said Leah Shuldiner, Legacy Giving Coordinator. “It’s been a true blessing for me to work with so many compassionate, dedicated people and help them make lasting commitments to the places they love.”

The community will celebrate their success at an event on Sunday, April 14, 2019 at Mercantile Center from 6:00 to 8:30PM.

Through LIFE & LEGACY, JFCM partnered with the Harold Grinspoon Foundation to help start a community-wide legacy giving program, creating a shared goal for the organizations to work toward. As a part of the collaboration, the FEDERATION, in turn, partnered with local organizations in this four-year program that provides coaching, training and incentive grants to ensure that legacy giving becomes a normal part of the philanthropic culture of the community. Those partners are

Beth Tikvah Synagogue
Clark University Hillel
Congregation Beth Israel
Congregation B'nai Shalom
Congregation Shaarai Torah West
Jewish Family & Children's Service
Jewish Healthcare Center
Temple Emanuel Sinai
Temple Israel, Athol MA
Worcester JCC

LIFE & LEGACY is a 4-year partnership program of the Harold Grinspoon Foundation (HGF) that assists communities across North America, through partnerships with Jewish Federations and Foundations, to promote after-lifetime giving to benefit Jewish day schools, synagogues, social service organizations and other Jewish entities.