

INDIANAPOLIS JEWISH COMMUNITY
BOOK OF LIFE



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Indianapolis Jewish Community Book of Life – *Treasuring Your Legacy*

The Jewish Federation of Greater Indianapolis is pleased to provide a Book of Life on behalf of the community. The Book of Life honors donors who have made legacy gifts to the Indianapolis Jewish Community through endowment building initiatives such as LIFE & LEGACY and other previous organization-specific efforts. Gifts like these support agencies, organizations and synagogues and enable the Jewish and Greater Indianapolis community to thrive for generations to come.

On the pages of the Book of Life, legacy donors share their values, history, and hopes for the future. Entries serve as an enduring legacy, demonstrating the commitment of each generation to the next and embodying our community's ardent and profound belief in tzedakah. We invite all individuals who have made legacy commitments to be inscribed in the Indianapolis Community Book of Life so they may share their powerful testimonials with family and friends and be remembered in perpetuity. The Book of Life is available as a packet, an interactive display at the Max and Mae Simon Jewish Community Campus, and will soon be available online.

Please share your story by completing the attached information so your legacy is among the pages of this philanthropic archive. If you have questions, please contact the Federation at bookoflife@jfgi.org or by calling (317) 726-5450.



Preparing Your Personal Statement

If you had the opportunity to speak with future generations, what would you say?

Perhaps you would offer advice or share your hopes and dreams for the Jewish community. Participating in the Book of Life allows you to compose a statement up to 200 words that expresses your thoughts about tzedakah, your family, and what motivated you to make a legacy gift to safeguard the future of our Jewish community.

Questions to Think About as you Prepare your Message

- What values are most important to you that you wish to pass on?
- What inspired you to make a legacy gift to the Indianapolis Jewish community?
- What are your dreams for the Jewish People and the Jewish community of Indianapolis?
- What would you like others to remember about you and your involvement in the Jewish community?

Example Excerpts from the Book of Life

The following samples of personal statements that are already inscribed in the Book of Life will serve as a useful guideline in composing your statement.

“Dan and I made a legacy commitment through the LIFE & LEGACY program because we want to ensure that the organizations that provided a Jewish foundation for our children are preserved for the next generation. Like our parents before us, we hope that by modeling Tzedakah, our children will embrace community service and philanthropy in every aspect of their lives. It is an honor to be able to give back to the community that we love so much.”

FAQs

What is the Book of Life?

The Book of Life contains the personal statements of individuals who have made, or promised to create, a permanent gift through the Jewish Federation of Greater Indianapolis to support Jewish organizations for generations to come. Through these gifts, individuals' charitable wishes will endure and benefit Jewish organizations and programs serving both the Jewish and broader community. The Book serves as a communal philanthropic archive, enabling future generations to read about those who helped our Jewish community thrive.

What is included in a Book of Life entry?

Each entry in the Book of Life includes a personal statement and a photo of the donor's choosing. Personal statements, of approximately 150-200 words, reflect the values, history, and hopes of each Book of Life entrant. All photos should be submitted digitally and be at least 300 dpi as a full resolution image. Photos may be of the individual donor or their family, whichever best suits the donor's preference. A photographer will be made available periodically at Federation programs for legacy donors who do not yet have a preferred photo.

How is a personal statement prepared?

Book of Life statements help future readers understand what motivated individuals to make legacy gifts. Included in this packet are guiding questions and a sample statement. Additional guidance is available through the Jewish Federation of Greater Indianapolis upon request.

Where is the Book of Life available?

The Book of Life is available as a packet, an interactive display at the Max and Mae Simon Jewish Community Campus, and will soon be available online.

MY LEGACY STORY WORKSHEET

Please use the prompts below to create your story

1. What values are most important to you that you wish to pass on?

2. What inspired you to make a legacy gift to the Indianapolis Jewish community?

3. What is your vision for the Jewish People and Indianapolis Jewish community?

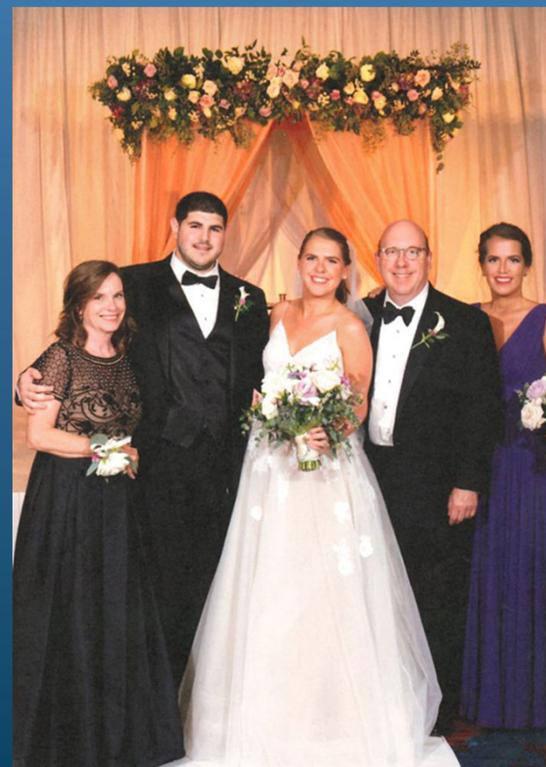
4. What would you like others to remember about you and your involvement in the Jewish community?

Please direct any questions or comments to bookoflife@jfgi.org or 317-726-5450.



Katy and Dan Cantor

We made a legacy commitment because we want to ensure that the organizations that provided a Jewish foundation for our children are preserved for the next generation. Like our parents before us, we hope that by modeling *tzedakah*, our children will embrace community service and philanthropy in every aspect of their lives. It is an honor to be able to give back to the community that we love so much.





Chuck (z"l) and Karen Cohen

Philanthropy has been part of a growth process that we have gone through for over 45 years. Our sense of philanthropy has given us a solid understanding of our Jewish and secular community and a desire to give back as much as we can. We have made provisions to permanently endow every charitable gift that we make on a regular basis—Jewish, educational, health, and general—plus numerous other special funds. Making a legacy gift is not only about allowing your name to live on. It also enables everything you stand for and support to continue when you're no longer here. Those who came before us, whose names we know because of their contributions to the community, are still making an impact through their gifts, helping community institutions to thrive. We want to be like those people—leaving a legacy that will help sustain our community beyond our lifetimes. We've spent decades giving back in terms of financial gifts and volunteerism, but something we are most proud of is instilling a sense of philanthropy in our three children and 10 grandchildren.





Offer and Michelle Korin

By providing a legacy gift through the LIFE & LEGACY program, we are able to help the institutions that enhance Jewish life for us locally and in Israel today, continue to do so for future generations. We feel privileged to be able to play a small part in the evolving, and with G-d's help never ending, story of the Jewish people.





Diane Lutz

Judaism has always been a way of life for me. Most of my friends are Jewish and the organizations that I volunteer my time to are Jewish organizations. I have made legacy gifts to Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation, the Jewish Federation of Greater Indianapolis, the Jewish Community Relations Council, and Jewish Family Services. These gifts were all made to ensure the survival of the Jewish community and innovative programming to match the ever-changing needs of the community.





Carly and Larry Turow



When we reflect on the lives we led and the family we created, we want to ensure that the legacy we leave is ultimately one of steadfast commitment to the Jewish people. We have benefited greatly from being part of the Jewish community and believe it both our duty and our honor to give back in as great a capacity as possible. We strive to instill the Jewish values of faith, compassion, modesty, and hard work in our children, and believe that a philanthropic legacy is one way of doing so. We hope that our family's legacy will be one that helps maintain a thriving and inclusive Jewish community in Indianapolis, one that welcomes Jews from all walks of life with open arms, and one that inspires future generations to continue trying to give back as much as possible. When we all give back, we all thrive.