



Foundation *Insider*



It is with gratitude that we launch the celebration of the 25th anniversary of the Jewish Foundation of Greensboro. I am writing my message on the Hebrew day of *6 Cheshvan*. I know this date well because it is the 50th *Yahrzeit* of my mother, Lemora Gold Mezer. Last Shabbat was the 58th anniversary of my Bar Mitzvah - *Parashat Noach*. We are in Kansas driving home from Denver after a visit with our son's family - did I mention 3 wonderful grandchildren- and we visited the Wizard of Oz Museum in Wamego, KS.

What is the message in this confluence of dates and events?

It is truly sad that my mother has not shared any of the last 50 years with me. What she was able to do in her brief lifetime was to establish a strong and “perpetuating” foundation for me to be successful in all the aspects of my life. I am so grateful for the commitments that she made years ago that continue to nourish me.

We all remember Noach, the ark, the flood, the dove etc. The more important message in this *parashat*, as I wrote in my Bar Mitzvah speech, is the rainbow that represents the covenant that *Hashem* made between heaven and earth. With His promise that He will never destroy the world by flood, He encourages us to be more virtuous human beings, to share what we have and to build a better world.

The Wizard of Oz emphasizes having a heart, a brain and courage. The rainbow theme continues with a different message, “*and the dreams that you dare to dream, really do come true.*”

Looking forward to the next twenty-five years, those of us with Donor Advised Funds, Endowments, Charitable Trusts, Create a Jewish Legacies, and other charitable vehicles, and our Affiliates with their Endowments, are establishing what we hope will continue to be a strong and “perpetuating” Foundation for a better city, country and world.

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