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My mother, Min, came from Russia to Oxford, NC when she was six years old and always told me that all she ever wanted to be was an American. As soon as she was old enough she started giving back – Sunday school teacher, etc. When she married my father, Al Klein, she moved to Greensboro and immediately became involved in as many things as she could, and got my father involved, also!

Both of my parents raised my brother, Paul and me to have a strong sense of *tzedakah* – not just for giving money, but for helping our fellow man. So, I have had a strong sense of helping my whole life – and when I married Harry, he and I both continued the tradition that both our parents had started.

Harry and I have been involved in many organizations, both in Greensboro and in High Point, where we lived before moving to Greensboro. In High Point I was President of the National Council of Jewish Women (twice!), on the Arts Council board, to name a few, and Harry was President of B'nai Israel Synagogue for five terms, head of UJA (as it was known then), on the boards of Industries for the Blind and Eastern Music Festival.



Since moving to Greensboro most of my time has been involved with the Greensboro Jewish Federation, which I think is the greatest to come to town!

Our children all went to a Jewish camp and have all maintained their Judaism. Our sons Carl, Jerry, and Marc all have wives; Leslie, Marian, Deborah, and along with Suzan, are very actively Jewish. Also, our grandchildren are very involved Jewishly.

Harry and I have always had a very strong commitment to Israel and have spent a great deal of time there. It is so important to us!

I am so proud to be part of this wonderful Jewish community and by creating a Jewish Legacy, I feel that I am helping perpetuate the organizations that I feel are so important.