

Legacy Letter

CORONAVIRUS UPDATE As our community struggles to cope during the Coronavirus outbreak, please know that the Board of Trustees and staff of our Jewish Community Foundation are working closely with local partner agencies to assist those most in need in our region. If you are able to help, please consider making a contribution to the Jewish Community COVID-19 Emergency Response Fund of Greater Mercer. You can donate directly at www.jewishpmb.org/covid-19fund or contact us at info@foundationjewish.org to make a grant from your donor advised fund.

Our staff is working remotely with normal business hours (Mon-Thu 9-5 and Fri 9-4) and continues to service the needs of fund holders, legacy donors and partner organizations. Please contact us directly by phone or email, but we ask that you do not send faxes to the office. Thank you and stay safe!

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THE LEGACY OF ALBERT KAHN: Helping Local Jewish College Students

Albert Kahn, a successful lawyer from Trenton, NJ, was a steadfast advocate for increasing access to education in our region. In the 1960s, Mr. Kahn was a founder of Mercer County Community College, and subsequently he held positions as both Trustee and Vice Chairman of the college. He also served as Chairman of the Scholarship Committee for Jewish Federation of Princeton Mercer Bucks.

Edward Kahn, one of Mr. Kahn's sons, says "my father believed that education was the gateway to the world and established many scholarships and funds for young people interested in attending college."

The Albert Kahn Scholarship Fund at the Jewish Community Foundation of Greater Mercer is one such fund created by Mr. Kahn. It supports the Book Awards offered each year by the Foundation. The Book Awards are intended for college bound Jewish students who reside in the Princeton Mercer Bucks community. Scholarships for academic books are awarded based on financial need, and students must be accepted and enrolled in a college or university for the fall semester.

Applications for the 2020 Book Awards are due by June 1, 2020. For more information and for the application, please contact Lara Livne at the Foundation at lara@foundationjewish.org.

To learn more about ways to honor loved ones and celebrate a legacy through the establishment of a scholarship or a fund, please contact Linda at linda@foundationjewish.org or call 609-524-9914.

Pictured: Albert Kahn





Earlier this month, we gathered in small groups and virtual seders to tell the Passover story. It's a good reminder for us to reflect on our own personal stories. When did your family come to the United States, and from where? What are your most poignant childhood memories? Who are the people who helped to shape your values and priorities? Trace your career, honor your friendships, build a family tree, give a word of advice. Share all this and more in **My Legacy Story**, a gift from our Jewish Community Foundation to all legacy donors in our community who have committed to preserving our Jewish institutions. If you have not received an advance online copy of **My Legacy Story**, please contact Amy at 609-524-4374 or amy@foundationjewish.org and she'll send one to you!

OUR LEGACY STORY MARSHA AND ELIOT FREEMAN

Marsha and Eliot Freeman are longtime volunteers in the Princeton Jewish community, both having served in multiple leadership roles with The Jewish Center, UJA/Federation, Hadassah and Jewish Family & Children's Service. Their most meaningful role of all has been as parents to three daughters and three sons-in-law and grandparents to seven grandchildren.

Marsha and Eliot strongly value both the local Jewish community and the state of Israel. They believe in Jewish continuity and in supporting Jewish institutions in Mercer County. "If we don't step up, we are not sure that the Jewish organizations can continue at the level they need to. Judaism teaches us *justice* and to care for our community and others as well." Their greatest wish is for their children and grandchildren to uphold the family's commitment to Jewish continuity. Eliot heard once, "You know you are successful when your grandchildren are Jewish." Marsha and Eliot feel this is a great measure of success, and goes hand-in-hand with being kind and considerate of all people.

As they stayed at home practicing social distancing this month, the Freemans took the time to complete **My Legacy Story** and dedicate it to their grandchildren. By sharing stories and values, they hope to leave a legacy that emphasizes the importance of giving back to community – with finances, time or both. Marsha and Eliot look to the Talmud to affirm this legacy, as it was written: "Who is occupied with the needs of the community is as though they occupy themselves with Torah."



Pictured: Marsha and Eliot with children (Lynne & Stuart, Robin & Heming, Beth & Justin) and grandchildren (Robert, Jake, Ellie, Solly, Owen, Eli and Ben)