

Legacy Letter

Honoring Legacy Donor Jackie Bodin

Jackie Bodin was a role model to all in her life, and before her passing in February 2020, she made LIFE & LEGACY "Promises" to Beth El Synagogue and Jewish Family & Children's Service. These gifts, now realized, honor Jackie's legacy and provide support to her beloved congregation and an agency whose work she greatly admired. The following tribute to Jackie was written by Ann Granett, Beth El LIFE & LEGACY committee chair.

Jacqueline K. Bodin (Jackie to all who knew her) was an amazing individual. Her whole being was dedicated to making the world around her a better place. She was an amazing teacher and wanted to share her strong Jewish identity with her students, especially teenagers. Jackie was not your average "little old lady." She loved hard rock music, having a beer or drink, eating out, and animals of all kinds. She rooted for the underdog and did whatever she could to help those who were in need. Social action was second nature for her. Her role in life was to try to make those who were complacent or snobby uncomfortable. At Beth El Synagogue she taught Religious School and Hebrew High School, developed Holocaust Day observances, led the Seniors group with many provocative programs, and worked hard to keep the Rabbis on their toes and focused on social needs. She was very involved within the community, especially active in Better Beginnings - a preschool for under resourced children. She loved a good time with friends and family. Everyone who met her remembered her. Jackie was a truly unique person and is sorely missed.



To learn more about LIFE & LEGACY and how to make a Promise to a synagogue or Jewish organization in our community, please contact Amy Zacks at 609-524-4374 or amy@foundationjewish.org.

Investment Update

The Jewish Community Foundation is a trusted resource for charitable gift planning and the investment of organizational endowment and reserve funds. Our highest priority is the proper stewardship of our donors' funds. All assets - from donor advised funds, restricted funds and custodial funds - are pooled in a portfolio expertly managed by a senior investment team in Vanguard Institutional Advisory Services. These professional advisors work in collaboration with our Investment Committee to choose an asset allocation and portfolio, designed to address the diverse needs and objectives of those we serve.

For more information about investment returns and our investment strategy, please contact Linda Meisel at 609-524-9914 or linda@foundationjewish.org.

Letters from the Heart - Part 2 A Writing Workshop February 10 at 10am

Have you ever wished to go back in time and talk with someone who was special in your life but now is no longer here? Would you ask them about your family ancestry, how they coped with adversity, what fulfilled them and what regrets they hold? Now imagine having that same conversation with someone from your family's future, wanting to ask those same questions of you! You have an opportunity today to capture families stories, life lessons, values to live by and hopes and blessings for the future - all in one "document." This beautiful **Letter from the Heart**, also known as an ethical will, can be a gift to your children, extended family and friends. Take the next step in conceiving and creating your own ethical will at our Zoom workshop led by Linda Meisel on February 10 at 10am. To register, visit <http://tinyurl.com/y3yazeac>.

Donor Advised Funds: Why Open One?

Are you looking for an easier way to make legacy gifts to the nonprofit organizations you value? Consider opening a donor advised fund. You can use it to make donations during your lifetime and also fulfill your LIFE & LEGACY Promise and other planned gifts, without amending your will or completing any other legal paperwork.

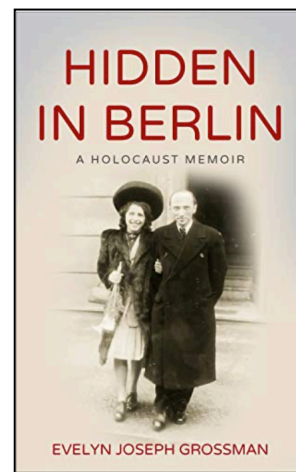
A recent survey of individuals who hold donor advised funds at our Jewish Community Foundation, shared the following top four reasons for why someone should consider opening a fund.

1. It's a smart way to give because of the tax savings
2. It feels good to give through a Jewish organization
3. It's an easy way to make charitable gifts
4. It feels good knowing that through my fund, I support the Jewish community

To start a conversation about the benefits of using a donor advised fund, please contact us at info@foundationjewish.org or at 609-524-9914.

Congratulations Evy!

We are pleased to share that fund holder and long-time LIFE & LEGACY committee member at The Jewish Center, Evy Grossman, recently had a book published. **Hidden in Berlin: A Holocaust Memoir** is a multi-generational biography that traces Evy's parents different experiences as Jews in Nazi Germany who escaped deportation by going into hiding. The memoir is a labor of love that provides a detailed historical context as events unfolded in the lives of Lilo and Ernst Joseph. It's a must read that implores us to *never forget* the atrocities of the Holocaust and honors the righteous who risked their own lives to rescue others. Evy's book is now available on Amazon and Barnes and Noble.



Have You Moved?

Have you moved residences due to the COVID-19 pandemic? Is there a change to your phone number or email address? We want to make sure our records are updated. Please let us know at info@foundationjewish.org if you have any changes, so we can be sure we're reaching you with news and updates.