Stronger Together...

for our future.
WHY LIFE & LEGACY®?

In one way or another, your life is rooted in experiences connecting you to Jewish communities. Chances are you already support Jewish charitable organizations, but have you included them in your will or long-term giving plan?

LIFE & LEGACY is a collaborative initiative that helps individuals and families create legacy gifts, providing a permanent source of support for the Jewish causes we care about in greater Ann Arbor. It is founded on the principle that all of us, regardless of age, wealth or affiliation, can make an enduring impact. The Jewish Federation of Greater Ann Arbor sponsors this initiative in partnership with eleven local Jewish agencies and synagogues.

WHY CREATE A JEWISH LEGACY?

✦ To pass on your values to your family and your community
✦ To express your desire for a vibrant Jewish future for greater Ann Arbor.
✦ To continue the traditions and programs you love here.
✦ To be part of something larger than yourself.
✦ To do something for the future that you might not be in a position to do today.

There is no time like the present to provide for the future...
Create your Jewish Legacy Now.
The **ANN ARBOR ORTHODOX MINYAN** (AAOM) is the home of the Modern Orthodox community in Ann Arbor. Our tight-knit community consists of young individuals, couples and families, many new to Ann Arbor, as well as long-standing member families who established and have shaped the AAOM to this day.

As you know, our shared services and combined social events with University of Michigan Hillel’s Orthodox student minyan, provides a uniquely enriching experience that establishes strong, long-lasting relationships between families and students. Because of their connection to the AAOM, many students maintain a deep connection to the Ann Arbor Jewish community long after graduation. In fact, many of us in community were once undergrads who looked forward to sharing shabbat and holiday meals in the homes of AAOM member families. Now we are happily able to pay it forward.

In our small community, each member takes an active part in cultivating a vibrant, engaging and meaningful Jewish experience. Our monthly programming brings our community together outside of services, such as celebrating Tu B’Shvat at the Botanical Gardens, learning *Talmud* together during weekly classes, or creating the perfect sushi roll. These events bring a sense of *shleimut*, or wholeness to our Jewish lives as our community is about so much more than coming together to pray. However, as an Orthodox community, services are still the backbone of what we do. Ann Arbor Jews can rely on the AAOM for regular minyanim. Whether your family is in Ann Arbor for a few decades or a few years, the AAOM is a welcoming and enthusiastic community for as long as you’re in town.

*The AAOM plays a critical role in the Ann Arbor Jewish landscape and we are looking to you to help ensure future generations can rely on the AAOM as we have. Our legacy donors are individuals, just like you, who believe it is vital to maintain a modern orthodox presence in Ann Arbor. Please join us!*

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Beth Israel Congregation illuminates the past, the present, and the future for its members, so they can learn and consider how to lead their lives as Jews. Together, we as a congregation learn from the past, and members see children with wonder in their eyes as the Shofar is blown. Congregants throw candy at a Bar/Bat Mitzvah on a Shabbat morning to celebrate this young person’s achievement of now being considered a Jewish adult. We feel the joy of a new couple at an Aufruf’s announcement as they begin their new future together. These are just some of the traditions that have been taking place at Beth Israel for over 100 years. And today, a long line-up of parents continue to pick up their kids after Hebrew School, thus encouraging a future generation to support this institution – the only Conservative synagogue in Ann Arbor, Michigan.

While Beth Israel honors the past, we also proceed with innovations. Beth Israel was the first conservative synagogue in the nation to have a woman as the President of its Board. It is a fully egalitarian congregation, welcoming people of any race, gender, or sexual preference, and those with disabilities. We have an active Social Action committee through which congregants work to house the homeless, feed the poor, sustain the environment, and actively pursue social justice. Beth Israel’s members are engaged in many ways, including leading large parts of our religious services.

While all of our activities are guided by Jewish values and traditions, we convey them with relevance for today. Our programs and numerous educational opportunities to study Torah and to learn from one another provide engagement opportunities to touch our members in all phases and ages of their lives.

The legacy of Beth Israel’s rich history and all its current activities help us envision its continuity for the future. May it go from strength to strength and L’Dor Va’dor – from this generation to the next – for the next 100 years and beyond.
CHABAD HOUSE OF ANN ARBOR - is truly an essential pillar of Jewish life in Ann Arbor. For nearly 50 years, Chabad has made an important difference in Jewish life in Ann Arbor by providing education, individual counseling, traditional religious service, holiday celebration, life-cycle observance, and community engagement in a welcoming, and joyful manner. Highly diverse, members represent all varieties of Jewish religious and cultural backgrounds. Everyone, regardless of prior Jewish affiliation or degree of Jewish observance is welcome.

Chabad’s impact on individuals and the Jewish community is immeasurable, not only through its opportunities for religious observance and personal counseling, but also through its wide variety of educational and social programs to advance Jewish knowledge (including Torah Study, Talmud Study, and Hebrew Classes for all ages), as well as Jewish culture (including traditional holiday observances). Chabad provides University of Michigan students a warm, Jewish “home-away-from-home” to schmooze with friends, and enjoy delicious Shabbat dinners.

Chabad is active, vibrant, and growing. Through the love, effort, and dedication of members and supporters, Chabad is expanding: more programs, more educational seminars, more child and family summer camp experiences, more community outreach, and more social networking.

Now imagine expanding Chabad’s efforts to increase community involvement and collaboration to accomplish the Jewish mission to perfect and transform this world for the better beginning right here, right now. Imagine for example, Chabad leading the community to perform more acts of loving kindness for individuals and families who struggle with the needs of aging, or with illness, loneliness, separation, immigration resettlement, or hunger.

Like you, Chabad values traditional Jewish observance and education. Like you, Chabad is committed to welcoming the stranger and performing acts of loving kindness, personally, locally, and globally. Like you, Chabad is dedicated to tikun olam, perfecting the world.

Help us achieve these shared goals. One small step at a time. Stand-up, be heard, add your voice and your support to the legacy of others who work together, hand in hand, every day to make this happen. Make supporting Chabad of Ann Arbor part of your legacy.

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For generations, Eastern Michigan University has offered a dynamic educational environment for poor and working class students determined to achieve the American Dream. We are one of the leading schools of opportunity – and one of the most diverse campuses – in the United States. **EMU’s CENTER FOR JEWISH STUDIES** is dedicated to providing a gathering place for all of Southeast Michigan’s numerous ethnic communities to learn more about Jews and Judaism, a space to build bridges, to open and engage in dialogue, to foster cooperation and inclusiveness.

Historically, EMU graduates stay in state, bringing their education and experience back home. The EMU Center for Jewish Studies illuminates that education and experience by focusing on the religious, cultural, and intellectual gifts Jews have given the world. Thanks to donors like you, EMU’s Center for Jewish Studies has brought students and community members together to sample latkes for Hanukkah, taste “kosher soul food,” and dance to klezmer music; they have laughed at “Old Jews Telling Jokes” and wept at the gates of Auschwitz-Birkenau. Thanks to donors like you, students who may never have traveled beyond Michigan’s borders – students who never before had been on an airplane – have journeyed to Germany, Poland, and even Israel to learn about Jews and Judaism.

The Eastern Michigan University Center for Jewish Studies provides our future physicians, physician assistants, nurses, attorneys, businesspeople, social workers, and educators opportunities to engage deeply with a culture and history that may not be their own; to meet members of the local Jewish community, to learn from them, and to call them friends; to expand their thinking about what it means to be an ethical person in the twenty-first century by imagining diverse points of view; to embrace people unlike themselves and realize that our differences pale in comparison with our shared humanity.

**EMU is not a wealthy university, but, thanks to the generosity of donors like you, our Center for Jewish Studies has made an enormous difference – in the lives of our students, in the very structure of Southeast Michigan. Please help us build a brighter, more inclusive future for our students and for all of our community!**

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“To be immortal all you need to do is engrave your values on the minds of your children.”
– Lord Rabbi Jonathan Sacks

The HEBREW DAY SCHOOL has been responsible for helping shape the hearts and minds of our children in the Jewish Community for over 40 years. Well beyond educating our youth, it has been instrumental in teaching our children the core values of what it means to be a Jew, and how to be principled, ethical, passionate, intellectually curious, and thoughtful. Given the environment our children are growing up in today, our school is needed more than ever. Our children need more than the opportunity to learn basic academics. They need an environment where they can thrive, and learn how to become active, engaging, confident, and thoughtful participants in our community. That is HDS.

We nurture each students’ scholastic, emotional, social, and spiritual development, so they have the confidence to learn, to grow, and to achieve. Jewish communities have been sustaining our people for generations. When families become a part of the Hebrew Day School community, they are becoming a part of a larger family. Our families are deeply connected to one another, to the school, and to the Jewish community in Ann Arbor and beyond.

Offering a high-quality, innovative education in General Studies, Judaic Studies, and Hebrew language, we make our city and University an attractive home for Jewish families. We are a pluralistic, community school whose families represent the widest spectrum of Jewish beliefs and practices in our community. We ensure that a Jewish education is available to any family that desires it for their child.

Our students master a wide range of material with emphasis, at every turn, on the development of critical thinking skills. With an immersive, bilingual curriculum, our students learn to read, write, and perform in both Hebrew and English. Our graduates emerge with a strong foundation grounded in their Jewish identity and a deep connection to the State of Israel.

Legacy Society members are people like you, who are deeply passionate about and committed to ensuring that all Jewish children have the opportunity to receive a dynamic and nurturing Jewish education. Please join us in ensuring that the future of Hebrew Day School is vibrant, rich, and available for our children.

“The good we do does live after us, and it is by far the most important thing that does.”
– Lord Rabbi Jonathan Sacks

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Your Legacy. Your Community. Your JCC.

We are a place of belonging, of kinship, of neighborly support. Your JCC is a place you know is there, even when you can’t see it. It holds a deep bond in the heart of the entire Jewish Community, where lifelong relationships and enduring memories are created. Your JCC is where Jewish values – loving kindness, life-long education, diversity, justice, respect, and repairing the world – all come to life.

You gather at the JCC because you know it is a place where you can find value and impact in your life and your children’s lives. Your JCC enriches lives in a safe and nurturing environment, where children learn and grow, where Jewish identity is cultivated, and creative and inspirational programming inspires all ages, from 1-101. It is a place for the rising generations to grow alongside the seasoned generations, creating an environment for all to flourish.

This is your JCC.

Your JCC is in the engagement community building business. We provide a home for organizations to create a stronger Jewish community and a greater Ann Arbor community. The JCC makes our community a better place to live, connect, work, and play.

It is unique to find a place of belonging, a home away from home, and the JCC is just that for so many. We are committed to you, our community, and you have shown us that it is a two-way commitment of the unmeasurable kind. We have experienced that from you. Not only in dollars, but in heart, mind, and identity.

Our legacy donors are people just like you who desire a vibrant, thriving center of Jewish life that embraces all who enter, now and for the years to come. You can make a difference. By making a legacy gift, you will help lead our community to a resilient and vibrant future. This is your time to invest in future generations. This is your time to ensure Jewish continuity.

This is your time to leave a Jewish legacy.
The **JEWISH CULTURAL SOCIETY** is a welcoming home for secular humanistic Jews and their families. We believe that people possess the ability to shape their lives, independent of supernatural authority. In an increasingly diverse Jewish world, we provide a vital community for cultural Jews and their families. Our membership is inclusive and diverse. We welcome individuals and families regardless of their age, sexual orientation, or racial, religious, or ethnic background.

Since our founding in 1965 as the Jewish Cultural School, we have worked hard to convey to our children, *l’dor v’dor*, from generation to generation, our pride in Jewish history and to instill in them a sense of Jewish peoplehood, of *klal yisrael*, our connection to other Jews around the world, whether they are in North America, elsewhere in the Diaspora, or in Israel. Our highly meaningful and individualized two-year b’nei mitzvah program results in children who are proud to be Jewish and see themselves as a vital link in the chain of Jewish life.

Our community-wide holiday and Shabbat observances, as well as our lifecycle events, adult programming, and social action efforts all reflect our Jewish values, Jewish ethics, and a commitment to repairing the world, *tikkun olam*. We sustain a humanistic vision, in part distilled from Jewish history and the Jewish wisdom tradition, of a fairer society with empathy and kindness toward all people and with peace among nations.

*Our legacy donors are people like you who share these commitments and believe that the Ann Arbor area needs the Jewish Cultural Society. Please join us.*

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For more than 25 years, JEWISH FAMILY SERVICES (JFS) has provided care for Washtenaw County residents based on the abiding principle of tikkun olam, repairing the world one person at a time. From our roots in the resettlement of Jewish refugees from the former Soviet Union to our multi-faceted services dedicated to strengthening family life, fostering individual self-sufficiency and promoting improved social and economic conditions for people of all religions, races and ethnicities, JFS reflects a deeply held belief that we are each responsible for one another.

We are here for individuals and their loved ones who are:
• Experiencing life’s transitions accompanied by fears and uncertainties
• Struggling with mental health issues and their place in the world
• Seeking financial independence for themselves and their families
• Stepping foot into a strange land often without anyone to call family or friend
• Caring for aging parents with little or no time to care for themselves
• Needing transportation to connect them to necessary medical care
• Lacking basic nourishment to feed their bodies and souls

We serve with compassion and adapt to meet the changing needs of our community. We are inspired by our Jewish values and our mission: Creating Solutions. Promoting Dignity. Inspiring Humanity.

Our Legacy Society members are individuals just like you who want to change lives now and ensure the well-being of future generations. Please join us!
“If I am not for myself, then who will be for me? And if I am only for myself, then what am I? And if not now, when?” – Rabbi Hillel

The JEWISH FEDERATION OF GREATER ANN ARBOR is the vibrant hub of a community that celebrates Jewish life.

We inspire philanthropic leadership and community-building to ensure a strong, engaged, secure, connected, vibrant and enduring Jewish community locally, in Israel and around the world.

We build relationships. By partnering with community organizations and working together our impact is greater than what any of us can do individually.

We are the community convener, bringing partners together to develop programs and strengthen services to care for those in need here and abroad, generate connections with Israel and Jews around the world, and mobilize on issues of concern to the community.

We ignite the spark that awakens identities, providing opportunities to connect and engage with Jewish traditions and values and inspiring the next generation of Jewish leaders here and around the world.

We lead the community in times of crisis and in planning for a vibrant future. We gather communal partners, stakeholders and experts to work collaboratively to address challenges and provide financial and informational resources to sustain and strengthen our communal infrastructure.

Our Legacy donors are community members, like YOU, who believe we have a responsibility to strive to sustain a community in which - together - we care for the vulnerable and inspire Jews of every kind to feel welcome and share in meaningful, joyful Jewish life experiences.

Join us now as we honor the past, live in the present and build the future together.
Since 1966, TEMPLE BETH EMETH (TBE) has been the only Reform Jewish congregation in Ann Arbor, serving and supporting members across the life span and the life cycle. Our egalitarian and inclusive congregational family is founded on the values of friendship, openness, belonging, caring, and the sharing of Jewish values, heritage, customs, and traditions. Men and women, Jews by birth and Jews by choice, come together in times of celebration and sorrow, with open arms and loving hearts, when we pray, sing, cry, or mourn.

We value Jewish religious and cultural education for children and adults; we provide multiple opportunities for the expression of spirituality and belief in God through worship, Torah study, sacred music, and affinity groups. We are committed to the Reform movement and responsive to Jewish and social issues through tikkun olam. We live this daily in our 45-year Genesis relationship with our partner, St. Clare’s Episcopal Church. We actively engage in partnerships with other Jewish organizations and the broader Ann Arbor community on issues of common concern.

Since the shutdown of our building in March due to the pandemic, our impact has increased in a variety of unexpected ways. Our members are turning to us as their Jewish center in a world that is unsettled in so many ways. Our online programming includes three to six offerings each day, facilitated by clergy, senior staff, and congregants. These programs include morning and afternoon blessings, Shabbat services, choir rehearsals, study groups, and meditation sessions. We are hearing from congregants how much they value and appreciate these programs that provide them opportunities to interact with others who are also at home. As one of them said, “I now have somewhere to share my faith and my fears and my blessings.”

We are here for you now, more than ever, when we need one another. Our legacy donors are individuals just like you who want to ensure that future generations, our children, grandchildren and great grandchildren will have a thriving Jewish community to enrich their lives.

*The Talmud expresses this so well: As my ancestors planted for me, so do I plant for future generations. Please join us!*
It was all so new and big for Ellie, a freshman just arriving on campus. But one call from a Hillel leader to join her for Shabbat dinner made it seem much, much smaller. Ellie walked across campus that Friday, following what seemed like hundreds of students all lured by the smell of warm challah and braised brisket. The Hillel building was bustling with energy, laughter, and filled with hundreds of Jewish students welcoming her in. She softly relaxed into their warmth, the air’s deliciousness, and something else very familiar – something that felt like home. This is Michigan Hillel. And Ellie is family.

Because You Care Your support enables thousands of young Jewish adults like Ellie, to explore Jewish life and make Jewish choices for the first time outside of their parents’ homes. Because of your investments, we are able to encourage our students to not just show up at Hillel, but to create diverse programs, host their peers, build community, and drive forward our mission of enriching students’ lives. Together, you and our Hillel are empowering the next generation of Jewish leaders to cultivate a diverse, welcoming, inclusive community for all Jews on campus to find their home. It is the drive, creativity, and commitment of our students that make our Hillel unparalleled in size, diversity, and quality of our work.

Commitment to The Future The values that you have helped to instill serve these young students long after graduation and multiply in the friendships they go on to form. The knowledge and confidence they built hosting Shabbat meals on campus go with them as they move on to start new jobs and build their own Jewish families. The values they learned as student connectors and in our Jewish learning classes stay with them as they are challenged to find a new Jewish community after they graduate. And many Michigan alumni stay connected to their Hillel friends, including a staggering number of “Michigan Matches” who find love and future families through Hillel programs and Shabbat dinners.

Our Legacy members are individuals, like you, who wish to shape thousands of Jewish journeys, enabling Hillel to enrich, impact, and nurture Jewish students’ lives between the critical time between when they leave their family home and the time they go off to create their own. Please join us!

Parents see Hillel as a strong Jewish voice, integral campus partner, and advocate for the Jewish student community.

Grandparents, often alumni themselves, feel the shift in our world and know the importance of Hillel as a Jewish “home away from home”.

Alumni are proud their Hillel is strengthening the Jewish identities of the next generation of leaders.

Community members know the university is a richer experience for everyone because of Hillel’s presence.

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LETTER OF INTENT

The Talmud says, “As my ancestors planted for me, so do I plant for those who will come after me”. I/We declare my/our commitment to help sustain a vibrant Jewish community for generations to come.

Donor Information

Name(s): _____________________________________________ Birthdate: ______________________
Address: _____________________________________________ City: _____________________ State: _____ Zip: __________
Email: _____________________________________________ Phone: _____________________________
I/We prefer to be contacted by:  ☐ Email  ☐ Phone  ☐ Text  ☐ Postal mail

Commitment

☐ I/We have already committed to a legacy gift and it is legally documented
☐ Today I/We make a/our commitment & will legally formalize it within the next _____ months (12 or less)

Donor Signature(s): _____________________________________________ Date: ______________________
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Two signatures required for joint gifts only

Organization(s)

Legacy gifts will be placed into a permanent endowment fund by the organization(s) selected

☐ Ann Arbor Orthodox Minyan
☐ Beth Israel Congregation
☐ Chabad House of Ann Arbor
☐ Eastern Michigan University Center for Jewish Studies
☐ Hebrew Day School of Ann Arbor
☐ Jewish Community Center of Greater Ann Arbor
☐ Jewish Cultural Society
☐ Jewish Family Services of Washtenaw County
☐ Jewish Federation of Greater Ann Arbor
☐ Temple Beth Emeth
☐ University of Michigan Hillel
☐ Other: __________________________

Gift Information – Optional

☐ Gift in Will or Trust
☐ Beneficiary of Retirement Plan
☐ Beneficiary of Life Insurance Policy
☐ Cash
☐ Gift that provides lifetime income
☐ Gift that provides income to heirs
☐ Other: ___________________________

The value of my gift will be $_________ or _____%

To encourage others to make commitments to the future, I/we permit my name to be listed as follows:

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☐ I/We wish to remain anonymous at this time

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