



*A quarterly newsletter for the Legacy Teams of Greater New Haven, featuring program news, important dates, and reports spotlighting your success!*

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## NEWS FROM NEW HAVEN

Dear Legacy Teams:

We are so pleased to be sending the first newsletter for Year 3 of Create a Jewish Legacy Greater New Haven! As we move into the second half of the four-year program, we extend our thanks to you, our legacy team members, for all of your hard work that has gotten us to where we are today. As a result of your incredible dedication, in the past two years alone, the New Haven Jewish community has received **an additional \$13 million in commitments to organizational endowments from more than 200 donors.** Kol hakavod!





Talk about something to celebrate! Last month we gathered in the Vine Auditorium of the JCC Beckerman-Lender Building for our annual **Community Legacy Celebration** honoring our legacy teams and donors. Over mimosas and delicious brunch fare, with live jazz and klezmer music, we toasted to the future of the Jewish community of Greater New Haven. We heard inspiring words from Gayle Slossberg, CEO of the Jewish Federation, and Rabbi Eric Woodward of Congregation Beth El-Keser Israel. Personal testimonials were shared by Linda Cedarbaum, Board Chair of The Towers, and Sabrina Maurer, Legacy Team Leader for Temple Beth Tikvah. And our keynote speaker, Rabbi Daniel Judson, Ph.D., relayed the fascinating history of American synagogues and fundraising in the 20th century. It was such an uplifting afternoon. Mazal tov to all of our partner organizations on a great year!

### Mazal tov to the partner agencies that earned incentive grants this year!

Camp Laurelwood  
 Congregation Beth El-Keser Israel  
 Congregation Beth Shalom  
 Rodfe Zedek  
 Temple Beth David

Temple Beth Tikvah  
 Temple Emanuel  
 Jewish Cemetery Association  
 of Greater New Haven  
 The Towers at Tower Lane

Please stay tuned for more information on our workshop schedule for Year 3, which is close to final. We held our first workshop of 2025, "Stories, Stewardship, and Formalization," in February; thank you to Kathy Sarlson, National Director of Life & Legacy®, for leading this inspiring training on moving from letter of intent to formalization and stewarding our legacy donors.



As always, please do not hesitate to reach out any time if you would like to meet. We are at the teams' disposal and are happy to talk through any questions or concerns. To schedule a meeting, call or email Tamara at (203) 266-3080, or [tschechter@jewishnewhaven.org](mailto:tschechter@jewishnewhaven.org).



Warmly,

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## UPDATES FROM THE HAROLD GRINSPOON FOUNDATION



2025

# Life & Legacy<sup>™</sup>

## Leadership Conference

Harold Grinspoon  
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Jewish  
Federations  
of North America

**April 28–29, 2025 | Springfield, MA**

### Join us at the Life & Legacy<sup>®</sup> Leadership Conference

The Jewish Foundation will be attending the 2025 Life & Legacy<sup>®</sup> Leadership Conference, presented by the Harold Grinspoon Foundation, in Springfield, Massachusetts, on April 28–29, 2025. Last year's conference included many workshops and resources for Legacy Teams and lay leaders, and we hope you won't miss out this year!

Highlights of this year's conference include sessions on dovetailing endowment giving into your annual campaign, engaging Gen X and Gen Y participation in legacy giving, and soliciting current endowment gifts alongside legacy gifts.

You will come away from this conference with renewed energy and new ideas—guaranteed. Please come! The Jewish Foundation is happy to arrange transportation, and even cover hotel expenses for one night if that makes it possible for you to attend. All meals are kosher and included.

Click here for the full schedule and to register: <https://legacy2025.hgf.org/agenda>

Let us know if you are planning to attend!

### Looking for ideas and templates for marketing and stewardship?

The Harold Grinspoon Foundation website has lots of resources available to use. See below or contact Tamara:



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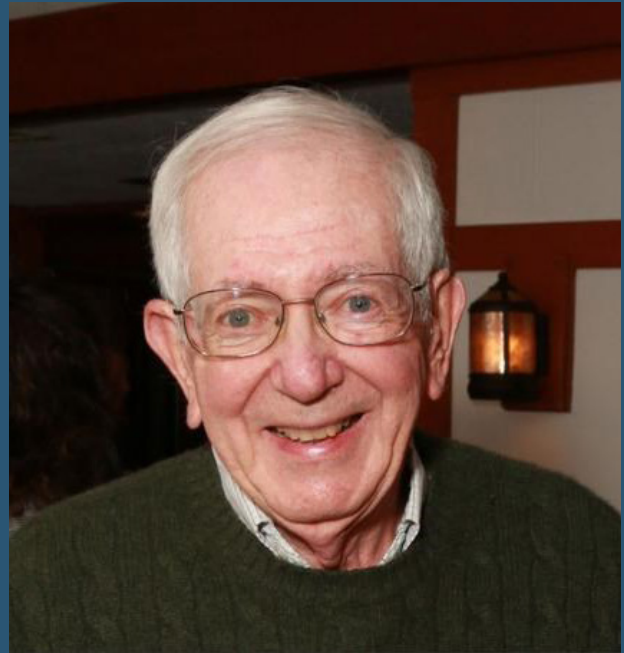
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## LEGACY SPOTLIGHT

### *Remembering Phil Pivawer (z"l), Legacy Team Member and Legacy Donor, Temple Emanuel*

"Charitable contributions have always been part of our family DNA. When I sold my chemical business in 1997, my first wife, Barbara, and I each set up a trust that would provide income for the surviving spouse, while allowing the principal to grow. Upon my death, a portion of the principal will go to a group of charities. Since Temple Emanuel was a major part of our lives, it will be a major beneficiary of our trusts. When I talk to members as part of the legacy committee, I, of course, encourage them to make a charitable commitment to Temple Emanuel in their estate. I recognize that many members have large families and want to provide for their children and grandchildren, but I feel strongly that every family should leave some part of their estate to charity, if not Temple Emanuel then to some other organization that has had an influence on their life, be it a university, an arts organization, a medical organization, a nature organization, or a food bank. This is a way that all of us can give back something to the society which we have all benefited from."

—Phil, z"l



*\*Testimonial from 2018*