



*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:

Happy spring, and Happy Passover to all! Welcome to Year 4 of Create a Jewish Legacy Greater New Haven. We started off 2026 strong with individual team meetings to review team goals for the year and overall progress in the initiative. Following these meetings, each team was sent a recap listing these personalized goals, so everyone should be all set to hit the ground running!

In 2025, as a result of your efforts, we added another **\$760,000 in pledges to your endowments from nearly 50 new donors, bringing the total estimated value in legacy commitments to \$13.7 million over the past three years.** Since 2023, you have held legacy conversations with **almost 500 new donor prospects.** Kol Hakavod!





Thank you to all of you for your continued hard work and commitment to this initiative. We were fortunate to gather and celebrate your many achievements in February at our annual **Community Legacy Celebration**, where the impending blizzard did not deter us from honoring our legacy teams and donors. We ate brunch, drank mimosas, and listened to live jazz and klezmer music while connecting with new and old friends. Personal testimonials were shared by Sarah Greenblatt for Congregation Mishkan Israel and Matt Spector for Camp Laurelwood. And our keynote speaker, Dr. Jack Wertheimer, discussed new trends in American Jewish philanthropy as detailed in his recent book. Lastly, we awarded incentive grants to those organizations that achieved their goals for Year 3 of Create a Jewish Legacy. Mazal tov to all of our partners on another great year!

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

Camp Laurelwood

Temple Beth Tikvah

Congregation Beth El-Keser Israel

Congregation Mishkan Israel

Jewish Cemetery Association of Greater New Haven

The Towers at Tower Lane

Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven

Temple Emanuel

Temple Beth David

We held our opening workshop of the year, "Sustaining Your Legacy Program," in February. Thank you to Nicole Caine from the Harold Grinspoon Foundation for leading this training on continuing your organization's legacy efforts into the future, and thank you to all who attended. **Mark your calendars for our second workshop of Year 4, "When a Legacy Donor Dies: Demystifying the Post-Death Process," to be held on June 11, 2026 (see page 3 for more information).**



As always, please do not hesitate to reach out if you would like to meet. We are at the teams' disposal and are happy to talk through any questions or concerns.

Warmly,

*Tamara*

**Tamara Schechter**

Create a Jewish Legacy Manager

*Lisa*

**Lisa Stanger**

Executive Director



## UPCOMING WORKSHOP



June 11, 2026, 7:30–9:00 pm on Zoom

### WHEN A LEGACY DONOR DIES: DEMYSTIFYING THE POST-DEATH PROCESS

Presented by Lisa Stanger, Executive Director, Jewish Foundation of Greater New Haven

*You asked, we answered! At our team meetings earlier this year, a number of groups had questions about navigating the process by which they ultimately receive a bequest after a legacy donor has passed. Whether you represent a synagogue or agency, a donor's post-death administration can be complicated, arduous, and overall opaque. In this workshop, we will review the timeline following a donor's passing and discuss the players involved, the different circumstances around specific gift vehicles, and ways to lay the groundwork before a donor passes to ensure a smoother experience for staff and lay leaders. We will also introduce the topic of gift-acceptance policies, sharing template samples and hearing from those organizations that already have such policies in place.*

**All Legacy Team members are strongly encouraged to attend.**

## DATES TO REMEMBER

<b>JUNE 11, 2026</b>	Create a Jewish Legacy Year 4 Workshop, "When a Legacy Donor Dies: Demystifying the Post-Death Process," 7:30-9:00 pm (Zoom)
<b>JULY 13, 2026</b>	Mid-year report (Q1 and Q2) due to Create a Jewish Legacy Manager (for the period of January 1-June 30, 2026)
<b>OCTOBER 12, 2026</b>	Q3 report due to Create a Jewish Legacy Manager (for the period of July 1-September 30, 2026)
<b>OCTOBER 19-21, 2026</b>	Harold Grinspoon Foundation Life & Legacy Leadership Conference, Springfield, MA
<b>JANUARY 15, 2027</b>	FINAL Q4 report due to Create a Jewish Legacy Manager (for the period of October 1-December 31, 2026)

### 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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## LEGACY SPOTLIGHT: CAMP LAURELWOOD



### The Malkin Family Created a Legacy for Camp Laurelwood

*"I first came to Camp Laurelwood as a camper and then a counselor, and those summers shaped who I am today. The friendships, values, and sense of belonging I found there have stayed with me for life. Having both of my children attend Laurelwood made the experience come full circle. It's now a multi-generational part of our family's story. Supporting Laurelwood through the Create a Jewish Legacy program and by making a bunk gift felt like a natural extension of that connection, a way to ensure future generations experience the same magic that defined my youth. Through Ten4Two, our family foundation, we have also been able to help more children discover that same sense of joy and community. Giving back to Laurelwood isn't just about nostalgia, it is about preserving a place that continues to change lives."*  
—Jason Malkin

