

שורשי האמת

“Plants bear witness to the reality of roots.”

- Maimonides



This Endowment Book of Life was created by the members of the Harry Greenstein Legacy Society, and we gratefully dedicate it to them — the visionary men and women who gave life to the ancient Jewish prayer: Help us remember the Jewish past we have inherited, and keep us ever mindful of the Jewish future which we must secure and enrich.

Our community flourishes today and will grow in perpetuity because they planted the seeds of caring and nurtured its roots. In these pages, they share their hopes and ideals with future generations — the Jews of tomorrow who will be inspired to renew this precious legacy in years to come.



Lynn Abeshouse

The Yom Kippur War was my very first memory as a little girl of both my parents calling upon our community to help our Jewish people in a time of great crisis.

Through the years, my family's involvement within the Jewish community, and at The Associated, consisted of various philanthropic leadership positions – my father, Dr. George Abeshouse, chaired the Doctors' campaign division on many occasions, my mother, Sara Offit Abeshouse, chaired Top Gifts and other campaign leadership positions within the Women's Division, and my uncle, Morris W. Offit, chaired numerous positions both nationally and internationally. These were just some of the examples that became an integral part of my life lessons.

I learned that it is every Jewish person's obligation to assist those less fortunate and to always try one's best to prioritize this value in one's life.

My husband, Irv Tark, joins me in honoring and endorsing my grandparents', parents' and uncle's commitment to our Jewish community and to our fellow Jews around the world through my bequest to The Associated.

Helen and Melvin B. Aiken

Our parents and grandparents came to the "Goldena Midinah" from Poland and Russia before and during World War I-so Melvin and I are first generation born American citizens. We were taught and we taught our children and grandchildren never to forget our Jewish heritage. Jewish life is very precious and family means everything. Our philosophy has been to live a good life and touch as many lives with goodness and friendship as we can. We should represent each other and do our best to uphold the importance and respect of family and ancestors and *Tzedakah d'or l'dor*.

Melvin overcame an accident in 1952 as a newly-married young man that left him blind. Learning the meaning of selflessness, I got my insurance license so that I could work with him and raised our two daughters, Karen and Peggy, to endure life through our philosophy. Melvin became an exceptional insurance agent and acquired his C.L.U. I became involved in a number of volunteer organizations: was Chairman of the High Holy Days Campaign for Israel Bonds, President of Pioneer Women, served with the JNF, formed a chapter of 80 women (business and professional) and taught women about endowments for The Associated.

We love Israel (we have visited ten times and hope to go again) and pray for peace in Israel and for our people all over the world.

We have made an endowment to The Associated to leave a legacy for our people in Israel and around the world. We leave our children *Shem-Tov*.

Irving and Lucille Alter

Harry Greenstein's name was familiar to me when I was young, and all through the years I have heard his name mentioned, particularly his association with The Associated Jewish Charities. I had never met Mr. Greenstein, but I have always respected and admired him; therefore my family and I are honored to be Charter Members of the Harry Greenstein Legacy Society. My grandparents and my parents would be honored also, because they taught me the importance and the necessity for giving.

Catherine G. Applefeld

Leaving a legacy to my Jewish community honors one of the most influential people in my life, my grandmother Paula Hamburger. My grandmother dedicated her life to helping others – in New York City as a social worker during the Great Depression and when she later moved to Baltimore. She taught me the importance of *tikkun olam* through actions and *tzedakah*.

My legacy also honors my two young children, Daisy (four) and Charlie (six). It is for them and future generations that I put in countless hours as a volunteer to ensure a bright and vibrant Jewish future. Establishing a legacy creates a link for me between my grandmother and my children. *L'Dor V'Dor*.

Joan Askin

I can't remember a time when I didn't understand that part of my duty as a Jewish person was to reach out and help those around me. My parents and grandparents volunteered at our synagogue and at several Jewish charities in our home town.

When I moved to Baltimore, it was natural for me to become involved with The Associated. And fifty-seven years later, my involvement and commitment is as strong as it was the day I began.

I remember my very first G-Day many years ago. We got dressed up in our hats, gloves, shoes and matching bags and went house to house soliciting funds. During my half-century with the Women's Division, I've seen much. From the Six Day War, when we were asked to double our gifts, to the challenges of the Jewish immigrant influx from the Soviet Union...each time a new challenge presented itself to the Jewish community, The Associated stepped in to help.

Volunteering for the Women's Division has been a source of great pride to me. When I was growing up, most young women did not work outside the home, and I was no exception. My work with The Associated has in fact been my life's work. I have grown enormously and was always encouraged to take on leadership positions that fulfilled me, creatively and intellectually. A famous person once said that we make a living by what we do, but we make a life by what we give. I am proud to say that the Women's Division helped me to make my life.

Alexander C. Baer

I have been blessed with a wonderful life. It is rare that one has a dream and is able to accomplish it. I have been lucky enough to have a career that is more exciting each passing day, and that I have hopefully touched many people along the way. My parents, Rebecca and David Baer, taught me many things and encouraged me on my journey through life, giving me all the beliefs and values that have helped make me the person I am today. It is through their constant example of giving of their time, talent and money, that I have decided to join an esteemed group of donors in the Harry Greenstein Legacy Society.

It would be my goal through this contribution that the world become a more loving and understanding one, and that sometime in the future we can realize the words that were adopted in October 2000 by the Key West City Commission-"One Human Family." This motto expresses an accepting attitude toward all people. This small city provides that all can live peacefully together-black and white, gay and straight, Jew and Gentile.

Herman C. Bainer

My parents arrived from Eastern Europe about 1900. They were married to other people, had children and each became widowed. They entered the needle trade in Baltimore, a frequent source of employment for poorly educated Eastern European Jews. Their eight children from their previous marriages were in separate orphanages until my parents met and married in 1915.

I was the only progeny of their second marriage. By the time I entered school, many of them had left the family for independent living. We were extremely poor. Although not well educated, my parents had strong beliefs in education. I was able to work for tuition at college and get my undergraduate degree in education. After serving in WWII, I returned to get my M.A. in history and made teaching my life's profession. My life has turned out much better than I ever imagined. In my retirement, I now enjoy world traveling and volunteer several days a week.

My mother who suffered from mental illness most of her life ultimately went to live at Levindale until her death at age 80. I am so very grateful to The Associated for the help they gave her. It has been important for me to give something back to the community to help others who are struggling as we did.

Robert B. Bank

As a teenager, I once expressed to my father that I was upset and disappointed at the unethical behavior of a Jewish "friend." I said to my dad that I expected more of Jews than non-Jews. "You know," he said, "that Jews are people with similar problems and issues as non-Jews and you should not expect perfection, whatever the religious background." Of course he was right, but to this day I still expect more from those of us who were raised as Jews.

Although I do not participate in the traditional practice and rituals of Judaism, I am very much interested in, and a willing part of, the values and ethical systems of the Jewish tradition. Our emphasis on learning, family, decency and helping those less fortunate than ourselves are all a part of why I have continued to expect much from Jews and the Jewish community at large.

I have attempted to contribute both time and financial support through an endowed gift to The Associated in an effort to put into practice these values and to help our community for years to come. As Chairman of the Investment Management Committee overseeing The Associated's endowments, philanthropic funds, and support foundations, I have attempted to institutionalize the highest standards of conduct and performance. To my great satisfaction, the men and women, both staff and volunteers, who are a part of our Investment Committees and Boards have all confirmed that, indeed, I was correct in having the highest expectations of the Jewish community.

Estelle W. Bass

I was born and raised in Baltimore, the only child of divorced parents. Although I was not observant, I developed a sense of being Jewish while living in four different neighborhoods and going to Forest Park High School. Despite years of financial struggle, one of my earlier memories is of collecting coins for The Associated and learning about its values and goals. My first job after high school was working at Baltimore Hebrew Congregation. I worked there for eight years, and these values became even more meaningful to me as I encountered the charitable ideals of Judaism time and again.

My now deceased husband, Leonard, was a first generation American. His childhood in Baltimore was filled with greater challenges than my own. But he also shared the value of philanthropic altruism. It is through his hard work and generous spirit that this legacy is possible.

Charles Baum

Both my parents lived their entire lives as happy, though very assimilated, Jews in Montgomery, Alabama, and I'm sometimes asked to compare southern and Yankee Jews. Well, there are differences. A few years ago, someone inquired of my mother, then in her 90s and visiting us in Baltimore, how she liked temple services that morning. She replied, 'I enjoyed it just fine, but there sure was a lot of Hebrew.' On another trip to Baltimore, she was congratulating the grandmother of our cousin, Tony, on the eve of his *Bar Mitzvah*. Mother turned to her and asked, 'By the way, how old is Tony?'

One of the proudest memories of growing up was of my father being named "Man of the Year" by the Young Men's Christian Association in Montgomery. And, yes, we did have a Christmas tree, and no, I was not *bar mitzvahed*.

But, while there's no denying the difference in Jewish levels of religious observance in areas of this country and around the world, what strikes me now is this similarity: the enduring notion that being Jewish means that one embraces charitable giving to one's community and assisting those in need. That is true in Montgomery as it is in Baltimore; in Kiev as in New York. In that tradition, I understand that participating in The Associated and its Legacy Society is a privilege and provides a rewarding and lasting way of contributing to and being part of those around us.

Arlene Bekman

Life and Legacy is important to me in order to support our Jewish community now and in the future. Giving to our community has always been an important part of my life. Having this on my heart and carrying it forward is a way to impart my legacy to my daughter and her family. My parents were survivors of the Holocaust, and with the aid of the national Holocaust museum, I did research to find out some details of my parents' struggles to arrive as immigrants in the wonderful USA. This is part of my family's heritage. My granddaughter had her bat mitzvah and paid homage to our legacy. This gift will ensure that not only the Baltimore Jewish community will thrive as well as the tentacles, for example, Israel and the Jews around the world. Thank you to The Associated for making this possible.

Eric M. Beissinger

About seventy years ago, there was a despot who wanted to eradicate all Jews from the face of the earth (much like Haman in the Book of Esther).

The Baltimore Jewish community came to the aid of beleaguered Jews throughout Europe. My family was fortunate that the Baltimore Jewish community responded to the plight of their European brethren.

Through their efforts, my parents, my brother and I were able to leave Germany and come to Baltimore and live useful and meaningful lives.

I am proud to be inscribed in the *Endowment Book of Life* and pray that our and future generations will continue their good work.

Esther Berelowitz

How I Wish to Be Remembered

I hope that those who know me will remember me for being a sincere, generous person who always had a kind heart and an open pocketbook, that I was quick to lend a helping hand whenever it was needed, without waiting to be asked.

Having lived by the Golden Rule all my life has made it easy for me to be an observant Jewish person. Penitence, prayer and charity have always been a part of my life and have helped to sustain my faith in G-d and humanity.

Harriet and Jimmy Berg

Just as previous generations provided for us, we must provide for future generations. We feel so strongly that it is our responsibility to give...to give of our time and hopefully influence change and growth for the Baltimore Jewish community, which has been so good to us and our family...and to give of our resources so we can help ensure that No Jew Anywhere Stands Alone!

It is our hope that through our commitment, the Baltimore and global Jewish community will continue to prosper. Hopefully, one day our (all of our) children and grandchildren will benefit from our legacy and will see, through our example, just how important it is for all of us to give back.

Dr. Bruce and Toni Berger

Commitment, Continuity, Conscience

We are privileged to have been born in this country. We have been fortunate to live in Baltimore where we have been able to raise our children in a vibrant Jewish community. We are proud to be Jewish. We are grateful to be able to contribute to the preservation of our Jewish heritage for our children and for future generations.

Linda F. and Barry D. Berman

My father, Louis J. Berman, of blessed memory, taught me, among so much else, the love of and need for charity. It has always been a major part of my life – beginning in a big way with a 1968 trip to Israel. Since then, I have been privileged to be a part of The Associated in so many ways – board memberships, soliciting, committee work, legal work and, of course, donor. My guiding principles through all of my adult life have been:

"If we do not take care of our fellow Jews, who will? And how better to do that than through The Associated, which is us?"

In all my years of connection with The Associated, I have learned and re-learned that the staff and lay leaders are highly competent and dedicated – worthwhile people to whom to entrust one's time and money. Example: a few years ago, we decided to gift to The Associated, instead of selling, a six-figure property on the Eastern Shore. I thought it would be relatively simple, but believe me, it wasn't; without the help of Michael Friedman and Jackie Yahr – competent and dedicated – we might still be trying to get it done.

My wife, Linda, who was not born Jewish, has been positive and encouraging in all of our connection with The Associated, because she strongly believes in Judaism's morals, ethics and particularly its emphasis on *tzedakah*.

At 85, I hope I live many more years to do my part for The Associated.
(Also, it's named in my will.)

Lorraine Bernstein

As a little girl, I watched my mother, Eunice Bernstein, put money in the *pushka* before every *Shabbat*. When it was full, she would empty it and give it to my father, Joseph Bernstein, to take to *shul* for *tzedakah*. Together, my parents gave to a wide array of Jewish charities, both here and in Israel. They could not afford to give a lot, but my mother always told me that "every little bit helps." My parents also sent checks to individual families in Baltimore and to our own family in Israel before *Rosh Hashbanah* and *Pesach* to help with the costs of "making the holiday."

My father led services as a "volunteer *chazan*" at our synagogue, Randallstown Synagogue Center, every *Shabbat* and on most holidays for 20 years. My parents taught me the importance of "taking care of our own." So once I was on my own and working, I participated in The Associated's Young Leadership program, began giving *tzedakah* and volunteering in the community. My husband, Ken Hornstein, also went through the Young Leadership program, and had been donating both his time and money to the Jewish community before we met. Since our marriage in 1988, we have continued to contribute to the community, and have instilled the same philanthropic values in our two sons, Jonathan and Jeffrey.

I used to think that only the rich left legacy gifts to various charities. Once I realized that there was no minimum amount for a legacy gift, I knew there was no better way to demonstrate my commitment to the Jewish community after I am gone than to leave a legacy gift to The Associated. As my parents would say, "You don't have to be rich to give to charity. Every little bit helps."

Laura Black

*M*y dearest children,

There is so much I want for you, yet I've tried to tread carefully, not to fulfill myself through you. Instead, I've tried to fill you with the confidence to dream your own dreams and reach your own goals. My pride in being your mother has completely filled my soul.

My girls, feel free to be a woman in the fullest sense—to love and be loved. Be as feminine as you desire, yet do not allow false boundaries to block your personal quest. Exert yourself to get where you want. No one gives it to you; yet, it's there for the taking.

My boys, though the roles for men seem less cloudy, please strive first for humanness than for manliness. Do not be afraid to experience your emotions. Appreciate the beauty in life; this will help actualize your life.

In the end, it will be YOUR decision as to how YOU choose to manifest your Judaism. Do not take this responsibility lightly. You must educate yourself to know what is at stake in making this decision. You hold a place of honor in your link to our sacred history.

Never take what you have for granted. Show your gratitude by helping those less fortunate in whatever way is true for you. In this puzzling world, be the bright light that shines on your families and community.

With all my love,

Mom (Bubbie)

Nancy Patz Blaustein

What I like about the Greenstein Legacy
is the idea of "legacy" itself.

I like the concept:
that a promise I make today
will help improve people's lives
and make things better
in times to come.

I worked for twenty years
in the vineyards of The Associated.
I know very well
the depths and far-reaching scope
of its work.

I like the reality
that my gift will help this work continue
in a fruitful way.

I also like this thought:
that years from now
my marvelous children and grandchildren,
each already generous in spirit and deed,
will be nourished in knowing
that this particular legacy
is important to me.

Amy and Jason Blavatt

Life has provided us with a plethora of opportunities. We have been very fortunate to be able to share our time, our passion and our legacy with others, who may not have some of the same opportunities. Our Jewish journey has not been shaped by us alone, but in partnership with those that came before us. Our hope is that we may inspire future generations to look for the good and the potential in all and be inspired to embrace the opportunities that past generations have provided. We are optimistic that our efforts will encourage passion, genuineness, intentional thoughts and deeds, and be a source of inspiration for the next generation.

Kelly and Jeffrey Blavatt

Our family remembers, and memory always shapes our future. Reflecting *L'dor V'dor*, our family embodies a steadfast, enduring commitment to each other, our faith and our friends. In our daily lives, we demonstrate the values of respect, justice and caring for those in need. Traditions, holiday celebrations and quiet times together strengthen the bonds of family. We never underestimate the power of our family. It can and has sustained us when all else fails. We pray that our family continues to cherish fond memories and build new ones, going from strength to strength.

Susan and Ronald Blavatt

FAMILY. Family is such a simple word and yet its meaning is expansive. Family is our source of strength and provides a deep well of caring. Family originates in our home and grows to include our community. At the core of family is our morals, values, ethics and Jewish traditions. Our family is the essence of our legacy for the betterment of our community, the Jewish people and the land of Israel.

Barbara A. Bloom

I want to leave a legacy that advocates the importance of the values of our Jewish faith and education, based on our Torah that teaches us the belief in One Spiritual G-d, Hashem, Creator of all mankind. And to promote the legacy of the Jewish Prophets as well as modern day scholars and Sages inspired by G-d and their personal experiences and achievements through their numerous books in our Jewish liturgy advocating Jewish history, moral values and traditions such as "*Pirkei Avoth*" (Wisdom of the Fathers) and the Art Scroll Mesorah Series." These books cost money; but we need to feed not only mind but the souls of our people in order to be more worthy of leaving a Holy legacy, of love, kindness, integrity, justice, charity and promoting peace *tikkun olam*, (healing the world) which is the result of following our true intended Saviour's Ten Commandments and fulfilling our destiny and purpose in life of being "A light unto the nations."

I feel this will bless us with the arrival of the Jewish Mashiach as our Holy Sages in the Torah have predicted. I hope this endorsement will help to encourage others to join too.

"From my mouth, to G-d's ears" May we all be a blessing when we learn our Torah lessons and strive to live them as best as we can.

When I was 15 years old, my best friend and I took part in The Associated's G-Day. We went door-to-door collecting donations. Then, when G-Day was replaced by the Super Sunday phone-a-thon, I went to the JCC every year and helped make phone solicitations.

For me, the most important thing is to help people in need. It is not only an obligation to give, it is a privilege. This is what has kept me involved with The Associated for so many years — it is the best way I know to share with others.

My son, Lawrence Steven Braverman, died tragically at a young age, and his father and I wanted to create an appropriate memorial for him. He had always been a caring person with an understanding heart for people with troubles. And he had always loved computers! So we put the two together and established a fund in his name to provide computers for people with developmental disabilities.

My daughter has been involved in Jewish communal work for almost 20 years. She works for an organization that serves Jewish college students in the area, encouraging lifelong commitment to Jewish learning and values and culminating in a visit to Israel. She and her husband are raising my grandchildren to have a strong bond with their Jewish heritage (all three of them are long-standing participants in Jewish camping) and to support their community. My 15-year-old granddaughter just started a *B'nai B'rith* Chapter in her town. She's getting involved at the same age I did!

My vision for the future is for a strong and happy community, in which we are all proud and united and caring for one another — whether we be Orthodox, Conservative, Reform or other — as long as we remain committed Jews.

Thomas M. Brown and Susan Weingast

Tom grew up in a secular, academic home with little emphasis on religion or ethnicity. Susan was raised in a Reform home with a strong sense of Jewish identity, but with only nominal commitment to religion.

Tom's focus began to change when he met two of the most important people in his life: Susan, his future wife, and his partner and mentor, Joseph Klein, Jr. Our joint involvement with The Associated: Jewish Community Federation of Baltimore began in 1983 through Joe's influence.

Grappling with the potential identities of our daughters strongly reinforced our recognition of the importance of a Jewish commitment. Since then, we have been enriched culturally and spiritually through our affiliation with Baltimore Hebrew Congregation's Pre-School and then Beth Am Synagogue. We were further shaped by two Associated missions to Poland and Israel, by the Young Leadership programs in which Tom served as co-chair of the Advanced Leadership Council, and by continuing service on Associated boards and committees.

From these experiences we learned the importance of maintaining secular, over-arching Jewish institutions in addition to our individual religious ones. Jews will benefit most if we participate fully as members of our larger society while retaining our historically unique identity. While we live now in a country that encourages assimilation and freedom, The Associated stands as a vital link among all Baltimore Jews, uniting and informing us all, regardless of our religious affiliation. Thus, we feel it important to create a means to perpetuate our annual gifts to The Associated as an example to our children and to others.

Simone and Ralph Brunn

There is a sizable bronze statue in our home, which we bought several years ago in Santa Fe, New Mexico. The statue is of an Indian woman, dressed in typical Native American clothes. She has a serious demeanor, but the best way to describe her is as a handsome, stately looking lady. In her left hand, she holds a small sack of corn, and with her right hand she is dropping some of the corn on the ground.

The meaning of this gesture is predicated on her religion which holds that everything we have is a gift from the earth and that we are mandated always to give some back to the earth. On the lady's shoulder is an eagle with its wings spread, implying that her deeds are spread far and wide.

This statue clearly defines our religious beliefs as well. In fact, it is one of the many bonds that have kept our marriage intact over all the years. When our daughter, Liora, first saw the statue, she gazed at it and, without saying a word, tears welled up in her eyes. She clearly understood.

If our lives have any meaning to future generations, we hope and pray that it will be in the meaning of that statue.

Andrew and Jennifer Buerger

When Ellen Macks came to my office to talk to me about the Harry Greenstein Legacy Society, I gave her a very funny look. I didn't understand why she was asking me to consider a legacy gift to The Associated.

Like the tooth fairy, I grew up believing that leaving an endowment with The Associated was simply something everyone automatically did at some point in their life. It wasn't optional; just like teeth falling out or paying estate taxes. Why would The Associated even need to ask me? By the time Ellen came to visit, it was already included in my will.

When I was young, I saw my father's will, and The Associated was in it. When I reached the point in my life when it was time to create my own will, I naturally left a gift to our Baltimore Jewish Community Federation. As I grew from a child into an adult, I was constantly reminded by my father of the value of The Associated to our community.

Beyond just being something that my late father, Chuck Buerger, raised me to do, I've come to understand the importance of leaving something behind for the next generation of Jewish needs. And there's no better place to do it than through our Associated.

Joyce and Carl Caplan

Our lives have been defined and guided by a commitment to our Jewish heritage. With the tragic sudden loss of our youngest son, Richard Louis, we automatically turned to The Associated and its charitable mission to the community as a means of perpetuating our son's legacy. Through an endowment given in Richard's name, others in need of financial support will be able to benefit in the spirit of *tzedakah* while sustaining the memory of our precious son.

Jamie and Sheldon Caplis

One of my mentors, Louis Fox, advised me in my twenties that if I was going to ask people for money, I needed to personally give back as well. I took his words to heart and began contributing annually to The Associated and other meaningful causes.

Now as Jamie and I think about our legacy, we know how important it is to maintain a strong and vibrant Jewish community. We recall how years ago our rabbi quoted Hillel, "if not me, who; if not now, when.?"

And, the best way we could think of to help secure our community's future was to endow our annual Associated gift through a bequest in our will.

We feel strongly that our legacy gift links to our history with The Associated as young adults to what will come after us. And we also have established a fund at The Associated that eventually our children will control. We hope we are around long enough to have our grandchildren make some gifts out of it and continue the pattern we have set forth, that feeling of philanthropy.

Imagine the impact if thousands of donors, large and small, took a similar step. It would provide a wonderful base of support for our community while it grows new resources to assist those in need.

Jamie and I view our commitment as playing a small but vital role in our community's future.

Shoshana S. Cardin and Family

This tribute is to my parents, Chana and Sraiah Shoubin, whose love of Judaism, its culture, history and ethical standards pervaded their lives and was transmitted to me in every way. Their actions, not just their words, implemented their knowledge and caring, so much so that they influenced my children, whose memory of them they cherish and whose deeds they emulate.

This is also in tribute to my beloved departed husband, Jerry, who gave freely of himself and his resources to assist in the welfare of Jews here and in Israel.

They would all be pleased to know that we are participating in ensuring the future of our Jewish community and providing for the welfare of Jews everywhere.

C. Selma Carton

My family taught me the importance of giving back to the community in which they prospered. For that reason, I give to The Associated Jewish Charities, other charities which help needy children, and all of the cultural institutions in Baltimore which have enriched my life. It has also been my privilege to give ENH (a Chicago hospital) funds for brain research, as they have meant much to me during the last few decades. I am happy to contribute to all of these organizations so that they may continue to enhance the lives of future generations.

Judy Esterson Chernak

My family is in its fifth generation as Baltimoreans, my grandparents having come here as immigrants in the early 1900s. The Esterson, Abramowitz, Chernak and Patz families are part of the history of this city. *Tzedakah* was always part of their lives, and it continues as a defining value for me as well as for my children and grandchildren.

Doing for others takes many forms: Giving of time and money, teaching, sharing, offering hospitality, lending a helping hand, participating in walk-a-thons and bike-a-thons and bake sales, offering encouragement, effecting new programs where needed. The Associated, along with many other worthy organizations, has always been part of my family's life. What better way to ensure that it continues to be a major player in Baltimore than by remembering it in the future?

I was always taught that the size of a gift doesn't matter; what matters is that one gives. As we experience life and occasionally must be on the receiving end for assistance in health care, finding employment, and accepting solace from others in times of need, we come to realize how much we need each other. It is my hope that there will always be an Associated to fill these needs, as it has done for generations.

Betty W. Cohen

My first memories of The Associated were as a teenager collecting donations on G-Day. Later as an adult, a wife, a mother and a pharmacist, I gave whatever I could afford, increasing the amount as I was able through the years.

My sense of who I am as a Jew came from my family and the traditions we shared together in our homes, more so than in the synagogue. For the past three generations, or possibly more, our families have gathered together on all major holidays creating our own family traditions that everyone looks forward to. My hope is that the next generation will continue these holiday celebrations and keep the family as close as we are now.

I am leaving a legacy gift to The Associated, because I strongly believe that we must continue supporting Israel and the Jews in Baltimore who need financial and medical help. And I want to be part of that effort even into the future I will never see.

Miriam (Mimi) M. Cohen

I consider myself so fortunate to be part of the Baltimore Jewish community. It has enriched my life by giving me the opportunity to reach out to Jewish immigrants through HIAS, help to build a revived Jewish community in Odessa, Ukraine, and share ideas on making women's lives better with many wonderful women in Israel. The numerous missions to Israel I participated in cemented my love for the country and its people.

My late husband, S. Harold Cohen, showed me how important it is to care and share and encouraged me to be involved. I feel blessed knowing I have been able to pass my values on to my children and grandchildren. Through our endowment, the needs of others will always be part of our family tradition.

The Cohen Schwartz Family

(Robb Cohen, Gail Schwartz, Elizabeth Cohen and Alexandra Cohen)

We are thankful for the work of The Associated, in Baltimore and around the world, to make the world a better place, for the Jewish community and others. We are thankful that our family can play a role in contributing to the mission of The Associated and have appreciated the opportunity to be involved.

Suzanne F. Cohen

As the third generation of my family for whom The Associated has special significance, it is important to me to transmit this legacy to my children and grandchildren. The Associated has always represented the best of our Jewish community to me, and I want to ensure that it maintains that meaning and centrality for future generations.

Joseph A. and Annette B. Cooper

The Associated has been part of our family for many years. We have both worked diligently on the annual and special campaigns. We did it for the love of the Jewish people, hoping they could live out their lives in dignity. We toured through Jewish Baltimore to see where the essential needs were and journeyed extensively to observe how our Jewish family around the world was surviving, many living in unfriendly surroundings.

Because of our concern for those less fortunate — the young, the elderly, the frail, the hungry, and the infirm — we wanted to ensure our gift to the Annual Campaign would still be there to help support our local and world wide Jewish communities in perpetuity.

We pray our children and grandchildren will follow in our footsteps and carry on the tradition of *tikkun olam*.

Phyllis and Gerald Cooper

We are both fortunate to have had grandparents who came to the United States in the late 1890s to make better lives for themselves as Americans and Jews.

Although we are not Baltimore born and bred, our parents settled in this community during our adolescence at a time when Jews were almost an exclusive community. This increased our exposure to organized Judaism. Our grandparents and parents had immersed us in Jewish living — its traditions, celebrations, food and culture and for at least one of us, synagogue attendance. It was very easy to be a Jew in Baltimore, surrounded by other Jews.

After we married and joined Baltimore Hebrew Congregation, we became active in the work of the Temple and other Jewish organizations. We believe that our activities, which extend into the larger community as well, are our way of fulfilling some of the *mitzvot* commanded of us by God.

It is our prayer that our children and grandchildren will do the same and that our commitment to the endowment fund will help in assuring a bright future for the Jewish community of the future.

Sheryl B. Cooper

We I make this legacy donation in memory of my parents and grandparents and in honor of my children, grandchildren, and future generations, to keep Jewish life alive and vibrant for generations to come.

L'dor V'dor!

Mark D. and Judith Levinson Coplin

Our grandparents immigrated to America from Lithuania and Romania beginning in the 1880s, and thankfully this enabled our parents and us to escape the Holocaust. The Coplins came to Baltimore, and the Levinsons to New York and Philadelphia and then to Washington, D.C.

They, and our first-generation-American parents, remained respectful of their Jewish heritage. Within the limits of their means, they supported Jewish causes through deposits into the traditional *tzedakah* box and modest responses to other solicitations, including from the predecessor of The Associated.

Following their example, it has been natural for us to support Jewish philanthropy. As only the second generation of our families in America, we have been pleased to establish a charitable legacy, something that our parents and grandparents were not in a position to do. We hope that this fund will not only contribute to the strength and well-being of the Jewish community, but also encourage future generations to do the same.

Jonathan Cordish

I believe The Associated is indispensable to sustaining a uniquely strong Jewish community in Baltimore and ensuring this community works cohesively to better life for those both in Baltimore and beyond. I endowed my gift to ensure that The Associated can continue to play this critical role for generations to come.

Melissa Fishman Cordish

Judaism has been a source of wisdom, comfort and guidance to me. Its teachings have been a consistent guide as to how to live a just life and a challenge to make the world a better place. It has inspired in me a passion for our community, for service, for Israel and for a lifetime of learning.

My involvement with The Associated is one way that I have tried to live my Jewish values during my lifetime. By endowing my gift to The Associated, I hope to send a message as to how grateful I am for the abundance I have enjoyed in my life, how I have tried to live my values and how happy I am to give back to a community that has given me so much.

Babette Schaffel Dalsheimer

My link to my biological family (I was adopted as an infant) is having been born of Jewish parents. When I learned this, it was a mind-blowing moment. At last, a connection!

My identity as a Jew is precious, and I am proud of this wonderful heritage. It must be preserved.

A. Robert Davison

I have never been an especially religious person, but I have a strong sense of Jewish identity and a strong commitment to my Jewish community. For me, being Jewish is a matter of roots and peoplehood.

When I was a young man, the Six-Day War broke out in Israel. The leaders of the Jewish community asked my father to make a supplementary gift, over and above his campaign contribution, to support Israel during the crisis. My father immediately gave what was for him a very substantial sum. He told me, "These are our people. We cannot let them down." I understood: *k'lal Yisrael* — this is what it means to be a Jew.

I can also remember a few unpleasant anti-Semitic incidents that drove the same point home to me and reinforced my feeling that the Jewish people must stick together. We've made enormous strides in this country, and certainly none of us has had to face the sorts of pogroms that our grandparents knew in Eastern Europe. Even so, our people need to take pride in our heritage and maintain our identity.

Following my parents' example of supporting The Associated has been my way to promote Jewish solidarity. So I got involved with Young Men's Leadership many years ago and, since then, my commitment has not wavered.

I am concerned that Jews today seem to be more and more fragmented. Fewer than half of us are affiliated with a synagogue or any other Jewish organization. I would hope that in the future our Baltimore Jewish community will be even more welcoming and inclusive, so that every Jew will feel connected and involved. This would be the greatest legacy that people my age could create for the next generation.

Richard S. Davison

As a little boy growing up in Syracuse, New York, I can remember the *tzedakah* box near the kitchen making noise when we put coins in or when they were taken out by an Orthodox rabbi with a beard. In our family my mother was the one who had some spark of Jewishness.

It was years later after getting married and becoming involved in our young Jewish community that I took a real interest. I wanted my children and grandchildren to be raised in a community that would give them the education, Jewish values and cultural exposure to make them well-rounded and caring people. I have tried to do that, and this is the legacy I leave them.

Rosalee C. Davison

We cannot expect our children to be philanthropic unless we teach them by example. My parents were role models for me, as theirs were for them. Although we were not wealthy when I was growing up, they quietly helped less fortunate family members. My mother was active in True Sisters and Hadassah. My father was actively involved in the lay leadership of Temple Oheb Shalom.

As I have studied Torah, I have realized that their example was based on Jewish tradition and texts. I am aware that whatever wealth you have is not really yours. It is only entrusted to you to share with others.

Like many members of my generation, the history of the Holocaust is central to my consciousness. I am constantly aware of how fortunate I am to live in America and how fortunate we are to have the State of Israel.

Even though I considered myself more a follower than a leader, I felt obligated to take a leadership role in The Associated to carry on the work of *tikkun olam*. There I found myself in a community of lay and professional people with the same values.

I have made a commitment to endow my annual gift to ensure a strong Jewish community for my grandchildren and to set an example for them to follow.

Sarah Davison

*I*t is essential to guide the next generation on a path that will help them become stewards of the Earth, caretakers of their community, peacemakers, compassionate caregivers and strong adults. Fortunately, there is a roadmap to help us serve as guides for our children – the roadmap is found in the teachings of Judaism. I am so lucky to have family and friends in my life who have served as examples to me and who have inspired me. I live in a wonderful community where resources are bountiful. This bounty was created by generosity, love and kindness.

I want to demonstrate that I am so very grateful for all that I have in my life. I believe that giving back to the community and leaving a gift that carries on after I am physically gone is just one way that I can show my appreciation. If one day my children say that I served as an example to them in giving back to their community, and they reach as far as possible to make the world a better place, that will be a legacy.

Alan S. Edelman

I moved to Baltimore from Baton Rouge, Louisiana in 1987. I moved to Baltimore because I wanted to be part of a more vibrant Jewish community. It was also very important to me to raise a Jewish family in a strong Jewish community. Soon after I arrived, I was introduced to The Associated Jewish Charities. Since then, I have had the opportunity to be involved in many aspects of The Associated's work (I was president of the Baltimore Jewish Council from 2002–2004). My involvement with The Associated taught me how important it is to support the Jewish community, both locally and around the world. The sad truth is that if we do not make the effort to help our own community thrive, no one else will.

Regardless of our Jewish affiliation, we must do everything in our power to perpetuate Judaism in the world. This cannot be achieved if we do not instill these values in our children. I am proud of my commitment to the Jewish community, and I hope that my children will continue this legacy.

Henry W. Eisner

The road that brought me to Baltimore was circuitous and sometimes bumpy. When sprung free after six weeks in Buchenwald (I was the youngest in a group of 30-some males rounded up Crystal Night in a small town in Central Germany), I had committed to leave the country within 48 hours. An uncle in Switzerland sheltered me for two months. An angelic British family took me in as one of their own children.

I arrived in Baltimore New Year's Eve 1939, the guest of Sol and Augusta Rothschild, until I found a job as a \$12 a week errand boy at the *Baltimore News-American*. Before my family arrived, I lived in a furnished room and received strong moral and acclimatization support from The Associated.

Following 3 1/2 years in the Army, I married and began my career in Advertising/Communications with the S. A. Levyne Agency. When its principal retired, I bought him out. I have since turned it over to our son, Steven, who has built Eisner Communications into the region's largest communications company.

Like other responsible persons to whom a community bestows favors, and as strong supporters of the mission of The Associated, we have attempted to manifest our appreciation.

Judith G. Fader

I am proud to be a part of the Baltimore Jewish community. Having been raised in a small town on the Eastern Shore of Maryland with very few Jews, I truly appreciate the power and comfort in living in such a dynamic and vibrant environment that The Associated provides.

It was my honor to serve as Women's Campaign Chair to help ensure the continued financial success of The Associated's vast network of agencies and programs that need to be sustained. And it is my privilege to make a legacy gift to continue that viability for generations to come in a community that so lovingly embraced me and my family.

Joel D. and Ellen Fedder

Our family's roots in the Baltimore Jewish community go back almost 70 years. So even though we moved to Florida 13 years ago, we still feel a very strong connection to the community that nurtured us, and we continue to support The Associated — the best Jewish federation in all of North America.

When we were young, our parents' charitable attitudes permeated our very existence. We were taught that we must give back to the world as well as take from it. And so we have been involved in philanthropy, not just as part of our lives, but as our lives' passion, for more than 45 years.

Ellen worked closely with Shoshana Cardin in the formative years of Women's Division, and Joel served for many years on the board of Levindale. Joel is a past recipient of the Harry Greenstein Award, an honor that reflects his commitment to Jewish life and the Jewish community.

Our highest priority as philanthropists is to help foster Jewish identity and Jewish continuity. The way to achieve this is through formal education in Jewish day schools, Jewish camping, Birthright Israel, and Hillel. We admire The Associated's commitment to these programs.

The Jewish community of tomorrow will not resemble the one we know today. Great changes will come with the passing of our generation. But we feel confident that the Baltimore Jewish community will continue to grow more vibrant, inclusive, and welcoming in the years to come.

Lois Blum Feinblatt

When my grandchildren ask me how the family feeling about philanthropy got started, I tell them it is genetic. There are reminiscences of sharing in my Grandmother Miller's house. I recall people living there for different periods of time after they came to America from the old country. They stayed until they were able to find a place of their own.

Then there was Grandmother Hoffberger. She and her seven sons ran a coal business in East Baltimore. Many stories abound about neighbors who didn't have enough heat in their houses. They would call on my grandmother and she would send one of her boys to their home with a basketful of coal.

And so the family tradition started...

As time went on, the Jewish community became more organized. My father was one of the founders of the Hebrew Free Loan Society which helped people get into their first home in Baltimore. Now almost a century later, our family has been involved with a project of the Shefa Fund called *Tzedek*, which means Justice. *Tzedek* lends money at a very small rate of interest to underprivileged Baltimoreans to purchase homes in the Reservoir Hill area.

It has been our greatest joy to be able to continue the traditions started by the children's great grandparents. From the way they are planning their lives so far, I can say with pride that they seem to have inherited the genes...

Sandra Rubin Feldman

I grew up in a family that believed we are our brother's keeper and that it is a *mitzvah* to give *tzedakah*. It is not the size of the gift that is most important but the spirit in which the gift is given. I want my children and grandchildren to know how strongly I believe in this principle. I hope that they will see it as an important code to live by.

Genine Macks Fidler

In some sense, my desire to endow my annual gift to The Associated represents an affirmation of my belief in the future of the Jewish people and the Baltimore Jewish community, in particular. Our people have endured and thrived through thousands of years and challenges. I am willing to bet on our Jewish community that it will be here in the future. I want to participate in the Jewish community long after I am no longer physically present on this earth. In some respects, this is also a stab at immortality. I want to stand up and be counted as a member of the Jewish community even after I die.

This brings me to a further reason for endowing my annual gift. While I do not know if my children will live in Baltimore, I am confident they will participate in their own Jewish communities. But, I do know where I come from — where my life, family and identity were nurtured. I am eternally grateful to the Baltimore Jewish community, and endowing my gift enables me to express this gratitude in an eternal way.

Joel Fink and Chantelle Terrillion-Fink

Our family believes that we need to give back to help everyone succeed in our community. Therefore, in addition to our commitment to lifetime giving to The Associated, we have ensured that our legacy will persist by endowing a piece of our estate to The Associated's unrestricted endowment. The Associated does so much incredible work to help people and families here locally and around the world and it's vital to us that we make sure that we are able to continue our support for our children and their children when we are no longer alive. Thank you for the opportunity to be a part of this incredible initiative.

Hilda and Alvin Fisher

These are the words of Ralph Waldo Emerson:

"To leave the world a bit better, whether by a healthy child, a garden patch, or a redeemed social condition, to know that even one life has breathed easier because you lived, this is to have succeeded."

Hilda and I want to thank the Federation for creating the opportunity for us to help meet the needs of our community. We feel blessed to have enjoyed 56 years of married life, healthy children and grandchildren. Early on, we decided that if our circumstances permitted, we would leave an endowment that generates income to enhance the great philanthropic work of the Federation.

We are grateful to be able to fulfill our dream.

Bess Fishman

I often wondered why I felt compelled to become involved in Jewish communal life at a young age. I do recall, in the early 1920s, a picture on our wall of Theodore Herzl, the founder of early Zionism. After high school, I became a leader in the Zionist group "GORDONIA," joined Junior Hadassah and went on to chair many projects in Senior Hadassah. Soon after Al and I were wed in 1932, we jointly sent our yearly check to The Associated. There was no Women's Division then. Now I have a pledge in my will to the Legacy Society. In 1946 a new dimension entered our lives. We joined a vibrant Orthodox Congregation that catered to our religious, cultural and social needs. Now, 60 years later, I'm still involved.

At my 90th birthday, my family created a scholarship to the high school of Beth Tfiloh Congregation, a living memento of my many years of volunteering in the Jewish community.

Rosellen J. Fleishman

I have lived in Baltimore all my life and The Associated has been a very important part of it. My involvement taught me the classic Jewish values of *tzedakah* and compassion. I learned that it is easier to ask others for money than to ask for help for yourself.

When I became involved with Jewish Family Services, I discovered that The Associated is there not only for those who are too poor or too sick to take care of themselves and their families, but also for those who can afford private care. At times I have needed services such as those provided by JFS. I know that they are available to me, so I use them. The quality and compassion of the service providers is superb.

Whether you need counseling, a car loan, or a recreational facility, The Associated is there for all of us. The Associated is the backbone of Baltimore's Jewish community and a model for other philanthropic programs in the entire community. It is there for me, my children and grandchildren, and I want it to be there for their children and grandchildren as well. My legacy is my contribution to that continuity.

Ronnie and Bob Footlick

We were not born in the old Sinai Hospital nursery, but over the last 50-plus years we have become an enduring thread in the fabric of the Baltimore community.

While neither of us has had family in Baltimore, other than children and grandchildren, we have embraced our Jewish communal contacts as our extended, nuclear family. And it is for that reason that our philanthropic efforts have been geared toward those Jews who are in the most need.

It is through the efforts of The Associated that those needs have been and will continue to be met, if the entire Jewish community is brought into the fold educationally and emotionally.

We are striving to bring the next generation along with us philosophically, so that the Baltimore Jewish community can remain strong.

Dorothy N. Fox

I was married to a wonderful, very generous man who created an environment of caring and giving in our home. My husband Louis developed a sense of responsibility and integrity, caring and concern for others, from his father, Robert Fox. Ever since Lou was a child, he was taught the virtues of charity, and when we married, that became the culture in our family. Fortunately, we were successful in business, and that allowed us to be generous in our philanthropy.

It was 43 years ago that we lost our beloved daughter, Jill, when she was only a young adult, and even from that tragedy, Lou and I were able to do some good through the Jill Fox Memorial Fund, a medical fund of last resort that has helped countless individuals in need over the years.

So what I want to leave as a legacy to my daughter, my grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and all future generations is the example that my dear Louis taught to me — that we each have a responsibility to care for our extended Jewish family and to act upon that responsibility with a charitable commitment that will ensure future generations a healthy and strong community.

Myra and Bill Fox

The survival of the Jewish people is of paramount importance, not only to us but we believe for the entire world. Why? We Jews have always been at the forefront of the cultures and communities we have lived in – rising to positions of importance and leadership in our jobs, businesses, professions, politics, science, the arts and just about any area one might think of. As a people, we have always made a major impact on and done significant good for the societies we've lived in. Most importantly, we have always been about helping others, doing good, and contributing to the advancement and welfare of all.

As the value and importance of giving was instilled in us by our parents, we have done the same with our children and now grandchildren. The Associated plays a major role in helping to make this happen and this is why we have been supporters for many years and feel it is important for that support to be demonstrated in a legacy gift. The Associated is not only concerned with the good and welfare of our Baltimore Jewish and non-Jewish community but its impact is felt in many places throughout the world, most importantly Israel, our Jewish homeland that protects and defends not just the Jews of Israel, but ALL Jews wherever they may be. We believe our legacy gift will help keep The Associated the important, meaningful, and consequential organization that it is.

Ronald L. and Carole K. Fradkin

We grew up watching our parents' involvement in the Jewish communities of Baltimore and Washington, D.C. They instilled in us a desire to "give back" in thankfulness for all the blessings that had been bestowed upon us.

In turn, our own children grew up watching our participation in and love of the Jewish community. And now, we are reaping the great reward of seeing our grandchildren grow up watching *their* parents' involvement in Jewish volunteer activities.

And so it goes...we are never alone. As Jews, we are responsible for one another, and responsible to see that the next generation of Jews will carry on. We have been greatly blessed with a wonderful family and a beautiful, caring Jewish community. Our hope is that it will continue to serve and be served for generations to come.

Samuel L. and Carol Frank

The need for services in the Baltimore Jewish community is still substantial, and I feel fortunate that I am able to contribute a small share as well as carrying on our family tradition of supporting The Associated. My grandfather virtually shut down the family business part of one day a month so the employees could hand carry the Sinai Hospital checks to the providers to save the hospital money.

Elaine and John Freeman

My parents were very clear about what was most important to them: Jewish life and learning, service to the entire community, and devotion to family. They lived their values. During my mother's protracted illness, my father made sure she was as comfortable as possible in her own home, despite the intense pressure this placed on him.

In their memory, my husband John and I are establishing the Emanuel and Dora Kaplan Respite Care Fund to provide relief and respite to families caring for a relative at home. We are pleased that The Associated includes agencies skilled at supporting Baltimore's vibrant Jewish community in so many ways.

Alyson L. Friedman

My roots are strong and deep in Baltimore, and I do not take for granted the incredible Jewish community we enjoy here. I know how truly fortunate I am to become a proud member of Baltimore's Harry Greenstein Legacy Society. Through my active involvement and constant learning of Jewish needs here in Baltimore and around the world, I am thrilled to endow my Lion of Judah gift.

It is of paramount importance for me to serve as a strong female role model for philanthropic and volunteer endeavors. Setting an example for my beautiful children, Jessica and Joshua, is vital to me and our Jewish future. We must pave the way with our words and our actions so that the next generation will understand and step up to meet the challenges of Jews here in Baltimore, in Israel and around the world.

I am comforted to know that my endowment will serve as a living legacy to the Baltimore Jewish community and hope my children and future generations will follow in my footsteps.

Maurice H. Furchgott

By the time I was nine years old, my once prosperous third generation American family had gone "from riches to rags." My father lost Furchgott's Department Store (established 1865) in Charleston, South Carolina in 1932.

I was raised in Atlanta in the depths of the Depression with my mother and three older siblings going to work to help support us. My closest sibling and I delivered newspapers.

Only with the aid of some wealthy Jewish friends and several Jewish organizations were we able to maintain our status and respect in the community. I was given opportunities that most other boys did not dream of, let alone receive.

Fortunately, my brother Charlie and I developed good work ethics and athletic abilities. We both received college football scholarships and later became successful in business.

I have been blessed with generous people in my life, a loving family and opportunities to develop. I wish to return this favor to others in our community who rely on the kindness of strangers. This is one small way I can help to repair the world.

Jill and Ira Gansler

Ira and I were raised in families that embraced our Jewish cultural heritage. We were taught that one of our responsibilities as Jews is *tikkun olam*. Our parents and grandparents were active contributing members of their chosen congregations and their communities.

My maternal grandmother, Bubbie Dora Sperling, was known for *Shabbat* baskets. She made, filled and delivered them throughout Wilkes Barre before the "Great Depression," when she could well afford it and continued to do so after, when she could not. My paternal grandmother, Sylvia Safir, was so very proud of her lineage personified by her father, Eugene Adler. He was the first Jewish senator from the State of Ohio. It was he who introduced the initial teachers' pension bill at the turn of the 19th century.

Ira's 4 foot 8 inch maternal grandmother, Ida Gordon Mandel, brought her 3 year-old brother Abe to this country from Russia when she was only 12. Together they spent 3 days on Ellis Island, waiting to proceed to New York City. She was an early political activist, a vociferous member of the IWW — known as the wobblies. Ira's mom had an expandable Shabbat and holiday table. There were always students, people new to town and anyone who had no family sharing the holidays with Freda and Sy Gansler. We have shared their stories and others of our more illustrious forebears with our daughters, Laura and Katie, and our grandchildren, Emma and Bobby.

Ira and I are fortunate that we are in a position to uphold the covenant financially, as well as with our time. "If we are not for ourselves, who will be? If we are only for ourselves, what are we?" It is our privilege to endow one of the legacies of our Jewish birthright — *tzedakah*. We will not be the ones to break the 5,000 year old chain of our ancestors' value systems and beliefs.

Alice Matsas Garten and Morris “Maury” Garten

Our families come from many places across the European continent including Austria, Spain, Portugal, Italy, Greece, Lithuania, Ukraine and Russia. In Baltimore, we can trace our roots back four generations. We believe that across our family's history our ancestors have always believed in Hillel's statement: "Do not separate yourself from the community."

We, like so many other Jewish families must also attest to the loss of 115 relatives in Greece during the Holocaust. If it were not for the heroic efforts of Alice's grandparents, father and aunt, her family would also have been lost in the *Shoah*.

By making these bequests to The Associated in our wills, we remind our children of the importance of *tzedakah* and that the real inheritance they will receive from us is not monetary, but the values we share as a family.

The Associated has helped us learn, engage and espouse the values that are embedded in our lives and shall be continued by our descendants. The ethics include Rabbi Chanina Ben Dosa's statement: "Anyone whose good deeds exceed his wisdom, his wisdom will endure; but anyone whose wisdom exceeds his good deeds, his wisdom will not endure."

In loving memory of our ancestors, relatives who perished in the Holocaust, and Lynne M. Garten and Lawrence M. Garten.

Herbert S. Garten

I was born in Long Beach, New York. My parents, Florence and Irving Garten, were first generation Americans seeking the American Dream.

I consider myself a product of World War II. I was interested in the military and remember most of the events leading up to the War and its aftermath. During the War I attended a Baptist-founded ROTC military school where daily chapel and Sunday church attendance was mandatory. As far as my knowledge of Judaism was concerned, the JNF blue collection box stood at the top of the list. Upon entering Syracuse University in 1945, I was interested in the rescue of the Jews and what was going on in Palestine.

I continued my military training at Syracuse and to Fort Meade during the summer of 1947. While there I was invited to dinner at the home of Morris and Bess Fedder, parents of my future wife Sue. My host family was modern Orthodox Jews and supporters of many philanthropic organizations. I learned for the first time of the existence and purpose of The Associated and what it was supporting locally, in Palestine, and in the relocation of the surviving Jews of Europe. The experiences of the summer of 1947 were the genesis of my consistent financial support of The Associated and my legacy gift.

Susan Fedder Garten

I was born and have been a life-long resident of Baltimore. My parents were Morris and Bess Cohen Fedder. My father was born in Dinovitz, Russia and arrived in Baltimore with his family at age four and went on to become a lawyer, CPA and nationally recognized federal tax authority. My mother was born in East Baltimore in 1905 and in later years was very active in Hadassah. She was also known as an accomplished home maker and her Rosh Hashanah pastries were the center of annual open house receptions at our home.

My parents were orthodox and kept a kosher home. They were active participants and financial supporters of The Associated, Sinai Hospital and Levindale. Our family lived in Windsor Hills. Religious leaders, educators and organizational leaders were frequent guests at our home. We were members of Beth Tfiloh Congregation where I was the only girl in the Hebrew school during most of the five years I was in attendance. BT was the JCC of its day with all kinds of programs and clubs. My family life and exposure to the Jewish world was the foundation upon which I developed a strong belief in charitable giving, and the important role of The Associated.

Nancy B. and Marc H. Gertner, M.D.

The two of us were not born and raised in Baltimore, and yet we moved to this wonderful Jewish community in 1980, and raised our family here. We have benefited from all the services and blessings this generous and cultured community has to offer. Living in this community enabled us to teach our two beautiful daughters the values and teachings of Judaism that were important to each of us, just as we had learned from the families we came from. We believed and taught our children to give back to others, to help those who were less fortunate and to pass on the teachings of our faith. This was easy to do in an established community like Baltimore. We always felt warmly welcomed by the Baltimore Jewish community and we quickly became a part of The Associated family, a synagogue and Jewish traditions and holidays with many new friends.

Essentially, we have stood on the shoulders of those Jews who have come here before us and turned Baltimore into the magnificent community that it is and should continue to be. Our lives have been enriched by The Associated. The future of this community rests now on our shoulders. We want to ensure that its future is always as safe and wonderful as its past.

Stephen G. and Shellye Gilden

L'Dor V'Dor

We were both raised in Conservative and kosher homes, immersed in Jewish observances, traditions, foods and celebrations.

Our parents and grandparents held volunteer leadership positions in their respective synagogues, as well as in their Jewish and secular charities of choice. As children, we often attended these activities with them, and we grew up respecting all things Jewish.

The seeds that were planted in us as children took root and flourished as we matured. As independent adults we are proud to follow our family's examples in volunteerism and *tzedakah*.

We feel very fortunate to have been given leadership roles in our own synagogues, our children's schools, and many Jewish organizations. We hope we have made, and can continue to make, a difference in our community. We strive to continue our Jewish educations whenever we can.

We pray that our legacy to our children and grandchildren will be that they too will understand the importance of their Jewish heritage. We hope they will take part spiritually and financially and will actively volunteer their personal talents to continue this legacy.

We feel blessed and privileged to be able to make this gift to The Associated.

Shelley Gitomer

The Early in my professional career I worked in The Associated's Endowment Department. During my time there, I was fortunate to work directly with donors who were establishing legacy gifts. Their meticulous and generous planning made a deep and profound impression on me. Hence, I decided to follow their "lead by example" approach and made my own legacy commitment.

Many years have gone by and I now reside across the country. However, the distance has made me realize that Baltimore is still the place I will always call home. My Lion of Judah endowment is even more special and meaningful to me at this present time. Although I never imagined a life away from Baltimore, I feel a great pleasure and satisfaction knowing that my gift will continue to support the needs of the Jewish community.

Participating in the Harry Greenstein Legacy Society is a personal privilege and I am grateful to be able to contribute to future generations of our Jewish heritage in Baltimore.

Ronnie Glaser

I feel fortunate to be able to help facilitate the invaluable work The Associated does to better lives, in so many meaningful ways. Helping those in our community who are in need and those who want to enrich their lives - whether in Baltimore, Israel, or around the world - is important to me.

Leaving a legacy ensures my participation in *tikkun olam*, repairing the world, after I am no longer here. In this way, my giving will live on in perpetuity.

Lowell R. and Harriet L. Glazer

*H*arriet and I have had a strong background in Jewish traditions. We realize that it is vitally important that we support our brothers and sisters, not only here, but around the world. We feel fortunate that we are able to do so; and we look forward to helping out for a long time to come, and passing this tradition on to our family.

Carol and Sheldon Glusman

*F*or many years it has been important to Sheldon and me to set aside funds not only to be used for our charitable giving but also to provide a source of funds for our children to give to charity. In providing a gift to the day schools, we hope to play a role in the continuity of both our family and the Jewish community at large.

Jessa and Howard Goldberg

*H*aving had the good fortune to be born in America, and the added good fortune of having devoted, loving parents, my wife, Jessa Kallins Goldberg, of blessed memory, and I realized that helping others less fortunate is almost a birthright.

Thus, participating in The Associated's endeavors, as well as other charities for the last 40 to 50 years was an important part of our lifestyle. My modest success in my profession made this possible, and together with our children, we are most grateful and pleased to create this legacy for the Jewish community of Baltimore.

Beth H. Goldsmith

*H*arold Goldsmith's life was cut short in a small plane crash near Aspen, Colorado, in 1991. His tragic death had an enormous impact on his family and on all who knew him. But it is his life, and the lessons he taught us, that have made an even more indelible impression. He brought me into The Associated family as soon as we began dating, and our honeymoon was shared with sixty-five other Baltimoreans on a mission to Egypt and Israel. Harold started me on the road to learning and service through The Associated, and encouraged me always to continue on that path.

Upon his death, wishing him to be "forever present," his children and I chose to perpetuate his campaign gift through the Supporting Foundation he created at The Associated. As the Goldsmith Foundation has grown, so have our family gift and our commitment to the philanthropy of time, as well as money, that are his legacy to us.

As I follow in his footsteps, and assume the leadership of the 2012 campaign, it is my honor and my privilege, to also perpetuate my gift. Harold inspired and encouraged all of those who knew him. It is our challenge to fulfill his dreams and to accomplish all that he envisioned for us.

Betty E. Golombek

I was raised in a small town with very few Jews. However, my father was chairman of the UJA there for many years. He stressed to our family the importance of Jews always helping other less fortunate Jews in the USA and around the world. Therefore as a young woman embarked on her first job in Baltimore, I began working on G-day, going house-to-house collecting for The Associated Jewish Charities in the 50s.

Working at Jewish Family Services allowed me to see first hand the good that AJC dollars do. This has strengthened my commitment to continue giving. I wish others would be able to have this experience.

Paul Goodman

My mother, father, grandmothers and four uncles arrived in Baltimore from Europe in 1912. The main objective was to escape the anti-Semitism that raged throughout Russia. Here in America they finally had the opportunity of breathing the refreshing air of freedom.

My father, who started out as a bricklayer, was the primary support of the entire family. After a few back-breaking years of hard labor, he was able to attain his goal of becoming a general contractor.

He organized the newly arrived immigrants; practically all of them were carpenters, plasterers, painters, etc. They called themselves the Jewish Building Trades *Unterstützung Verein*. Each member of the group was to purchase their supplies from those suppliers who recognized the *Verein*, and who would donate 2% of the purchase price. These funds would then be distributed to the immigrant workers so that they could buy the necessities of life such as coal, wood and food as needed. One Jew helping another was my father's wish and desire.

To that end I am pleased to have inherited the love and duty of "giving," which I expect my children to continue.

Samuel G. and Margaret A. Gorn

I have always felt that a man has an obligation to provide amply for his family, but also to assist those less fortunate.

In giving charity one gives more than money, one gives a bit of heart to the future. Charity is a trait taught early in the Jewish household. Even though my family was far from wealthy, I remember the Tetley Tea carton with a slot in the top, which served as the "*pushke*" in the kitchen. There was always something available for those in need.

This year my wife and I will make our 54th contribution to The Associated. We have chosen The Associated to continue our legacy of giving because we feel that our desire to have the funds help the indigent aged and sick children will be honored and carefully monitored.

We believe the Bible's quotation in Acts 20:35, which states, "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

Lee H. Gradman

Until recently, I had lived in Baltimore my entire life. I am well aware of the essential services that The Associated provides to the Jewish community.

I have been contributing to The Associated for over 45 years.

By making this endowment, I will be continuing this tradition and helping to ensure that the needs of the Baltimore community will be served now and for generations to come.

I feel it is a privilege to be able to make this gift and hope it may inspire others to do the same.

Ben Greenwald

The Associated represents connections. Connections between generations, people, its agencies, Israel, and the worldwide Jewish community. I remember my first personal connection to The Associated like it was yesterday. As an eight year old Hebrew school student in June 1967 our teacher explained to us that Israel was in a war for its very survival and gave us small brown manila envelopes that on the outside read Associated Jewish Charities and Welfare Fund Emergency Campaign. We were asked to go around our neighborhoods to collect money for Israel during what ended up being the six day war. I was a little apprehensive about knocking on my neighbors' doors but my parents who were fixated on watching the war coverage on a grainy black and white tv said "this is important so go do it". For me that's where it all began.

Fast forward approximately 50 years I was sitting in our office with my dad and his estate attorney, and my dad was finishing up his estate plan. The attorney asked, "is there anything else"? My dad immediately replied "tzedakah". That was the point that my dad who passed two years later endowed his annual gift to The Associated. This act taught me a valuable lesson in multi-generational giving with a goal of sustaining our vibrant Jewish community.

As part of a multi-tiered Centennial Campaign contribution, I have endowed my annual campaign gift. My legacy gift indicates what is important to me and achieves my goal of connecting the past, present and future while continuing our communal legacy. Hopefully, this will set an example for my children and future generations.

Randee Greenwald

*A*s a young adult I started volunteering for various charitable organizations and it felt so wonderful to give back. I soon became involved with The Associated, in various capacities, including chairing the CHANA board. This really gave me an insider's look at the enormous need of services within our Jewish community, and how The Associated is invaluable in providing the much needed help.

I am so grateful and blessed to be able to endow a campaign gift. My hope is that my children and future generations will continue the path of *tzedakah* and *tikkun olam*.

Norbert (Bert) Grunwald

I had to leave my birth place, Vienna Austria, after Hitler occupied Austria in 1938. I was thirteen years old and, fortunately for me, I was selected to go to England on a "Kindertransport," which was a British aid program to save Jewish children in Germany and Austria.

After spending two years in England with a wonderful family, I came to the United States, where my older brother had emigrated and finally could get our parents out to join him in Baltimore.

In Baltimore we all struggled to make a living, and after serving in World War II, we had the opportunity under the GI Bill to get a college education and make a successful career.

Because of my early experiences of hardships, I have strong empathy for Jews everywhere who need help. I feel strongly that if one is in a position to help others, one has an obligation to do so. That is why I have supported the Jewish Agency, HIAS and other Jewish organizations. I have also helped establish educational scholarships for capable, but needy, young people. I am leaving a legacy gift to The Associated, so that my giving will go on forever.

Material success alone is not a meaningful accomplishment. To me the ability to help others and make some contribution to make this world a better place is the real measure of success in one's life.

Jordan Harburger

My father, Walter Harburger, came to the USA in 1936 from Munich, Germany as a 16-year-old. He was sent by his father, mother, older brother and grandmother, all of whom perished in the Shoah. He was resettled in America with the help of the National Council of Jewish Women, HIAS, Hashomer Hatzair and host families in leadership roles of the Jewish Federations in Nashville and Memphis Tennessee. His younger sister was on a Kindertransport to England where she survived WWII. His oldest brother made *aliyah* in 1935 and was a member of the pre-state Knesset.

I am grateful for all that was done for my family by the devoted Jewish communal leaders in Israel, England and the United States. I dedicated my professional life in Jewish communal service to continuing their work on behalf of our people and in pursuit of social justice. *Tzedakah* and *gemilut chasidim* are regularly practiced in my home and continue to be practiced in my children's and grandchildren's homes. That is my legacy. It is as natural to us as breathing and as unusual as appreciating every breath. May this continue in the future until the generation that achieves the messianic age.

נוצר יהי נכ.

On October 25, 1912 my parents, Bessie and Abe Hankin, and my uncle, Sam Hankin, arrived in Locust Point. Their two bedroom attic apartment was located on 629 South Hanover Street. My sister, Peshe Hankin, was born in July 1913 and passed away six weeks later of dysentery.

My parents never knew where she was buried, and eighty-five years later I began to search for her grave. I called synagogues, Sol Levinson and Jack Lewis funeral homes and the Health Department, but no one had records dating prior to 1915. One day I went to a Hadassah meeting where a young lady, Diane Feldman, from the Jewish Museum of Maryland spoke about genealogical research. I told her my story. After almost two years of searching, Diane found the records in the archives in Annapolis. My family's name had been listed as "Henkin" instead of "Hankin."

Peshe had been buried on August 14, 1913 in the Hebrew Memorial Cemetery in Dundalk. The caretaker did not think he would be able to find her grave; all infants who had died during that time period were buried together in one section of the cemetery. I asked him if he had ever shopped at our store, Simon Harris on Gay Street. His answer was "yes" and after two weeks, he did find the spot. I had an individual marker placed at her grave site. Now, after ninety years, I feel better because I know where she is.

My father and his brothers helped eleven family members emigrate from Russia to Germany and then to the United States in the 1920s. Fifty years later in 1987, after the Chernobyl nuclear accident, with the help of HIAS, I did the same for six of my Russian cousins.

I am very grateful to the agencies of The Associated for their support through the years.

Gloria S. Harris

How proud I am being a charter member of the Harry Greenstein Legacy Society. For many years, until I knew him personally, I heard Harry Greenstein praised by my parents, Mildred and Louis Sagner. Whether he inspired my father to serve the Jewish community so diligently I don't know, but the dedication of my Dad certainly inspired me and gave me a deep sense of community responsibility. I began my volunteer service very aware of Jewish values, charity and *tzedakah*, all of which were a part of my heritage.

My volunteer efforts have been rewarded time and time again. Nothing makes me prouder than having been a founder of the original Northwest Senior Center, now known as the Edward A. Myerberg Senior Center. That is an achievement that brings me *nachas* every day! Serving as President of the Levindale Auxiliary, the Baltimore Section of the National Council of Jewish Women and the Women's Division (as it was known in 1980) of The Associated Jewish Charities has brought me much fulfillment. I thank my husband, Sanford A. Harris, and my children, Donald and Edward, for supporting me in my many volunteer efforts.

Isaac and Catharine S. Hecht

Our families are deeply rooted in Baltimore; our parents and some of our grandparents lived here. They, as well as we, understood the importance of supporting The Associated. We joined the Legacy Society so that our family name will continue to be associated with charitable giving in perpetuity. We have always stressed the idea of giving to those who are less fortunate than we have been. Not only do we contribute money, but we also give of ourselves for causes in the Jewish community. Isaac was president of the Oheb Shalom Congregation when the Temple moved from Eutaw Place to the present location on Park Heights Avenue. Catharine served as a president of the Central Scholarship Bureau.

Who are we? Isaac Hecht, a lawyer, and Catharine Straus Hecht, an artist and community volunteer. Isaac was born in 1913 and raised in Baltimore; Kitty was born in Richmond, VA, in 1915, but moved to Baltimore with her parents in 1917. Isaac's mother, Miriam Dannenberg Hecht, was born here; his father lived his adult life here. Kitty's parents lived in Baltimore from 1917 until they passed away. Our parents contributed to The Associated and taught us the importance of helping others.

Louis G. Hecht

Many years ago - probably about 1960, I was asked to serve on what was then the Legacy and Endowment Committee of The Associated Jewish Charities of Baltimore. It was my good fortune to learn the meaning of charitable giving from Harry Greenstein, Elkan Myers, Lester Levy, Hugo Dalsheimer and others.

Their wisdom helped me to better understand the necessity of giving, and I am still grateful that I was given that opportunity. The Harry Greenstein Legacy Society is now a meaningful arm of The Associated, and I am proud to have been of some help at the outset of this charitable venture.

Steve and Michele Hecht

Our first definitive gesture to The Associated was, unfortunately, prompted by the death of our first child, Eric Charles Hecht, in 1970, at age two. At that time, we added to our wills a specific bequest to The Associated in Eric's memory, "to be used for the benefit of children."

Since that time, I have been deeply and continually involved in the organized Jewish community in Baltimore, as a member of The Associated's Young Leadership Council, Board member of CHAI, member and Trustee of Temple Oheb Shalom, and President of the Baltimore Chapter of the American Jewish Committee.

My Jewish roots in Baltimore are deep, and our three children were the sixth generation on both sides of my family to be bar/bat mitzvah at Oheb Shalom. It comes naturally to me to actively participate in many aspects of organizational life in the community, religious, social, and professional; and I hope that my children and grandchildren will follow my example in their own lives.

Edwin Hecker

I came to Baltimore in the early 1940s to work at the Social Security Administration's headquarters, where I retired as a division director. I have come to love Baltimore and its Jewish community. My sons went to school and religious school here, and my first wife, to whom I dedicate this legacy statement, died here. And in Baltimore, I met my wonderful current wife, Reva.

My legacy is dedicated to help The Associated in its work of ensuring a continuing and vibrant Jewish community in the future. Although my children and grandchildren no longer live here, I believe all Jews are responsible for the entire Jewish community.

Betsy and George Hess

Growing up in Baltimore, we were always part of the Jewish community, though our parents participated in different ways. The Hess family was a mixture of Christians, Reform and non-observant Jews. The Himelfarbs were Zionists and supported the dream of a Jewish homeland.

Our parents instilled in us a pride in Judaism and a feeling that we were obliged to serve the community. Through the years, we both have contributed our time, energy, and resources to improve the lives of others in both the Jewish and secular worlds.

Tikun Olam has been our overall guiding spirit, and we hope it will continue for our children and grandchildren. Over the years, we have been able to visit many Jewish communities in the Diaspora — from Russia to central Europe to South America. We realize how fortunate we are to live in Baltimore. It is a vibrant, prosperous and charitable Jewish community which we want to help to perpetuate with our legacy.

Sandra D. Hess

I have childhood memories of coins clinking in a blue tin box with funny letters (Hebrew) on it at my grandmother's house in Youngstown, Ohio. This was my first exposure to what I later learned was charitable giving, an early Jewish National Fund method of fund raising — it was pretty effective.

Many years later, when I moved to Baltimore, I found a continuation of the message that we should share our resources through the example given by my then in-laws Helen and Hugo Dalsheimer. They were involved in many aspects of philanthropy, and were role models for other members of the family.

I have since felt a responsibility to help strengthen the Jewish community and broader community in which we live. The Associated's support of social services, healthcare, and education is vital to our future. My gift to the endowment is a reminder to my children and grandchildren of their responsibility to help "heal the world" in whatever way they choose, through monetary gifts, service or both.

One of my favorite thoughts relating to *tzedakah* is the following: "The true meaning of life is to plant trees under whose shade you do not expect to sit."

Barbara and Michael Hettleman

As a young married woman, I remember being invited to serve on a brand new project for The Associated to replace door-to-door solicitations — a phone-a-thon. Theresa Snyder was chairing the project and we met at her house for delicious lunches and great ideas. Forty-some years later, we still have this annual project.

Next I was asked to serve on the new Young Women's Leadership Council and became its third president. We learned all aspects of The Associated and from these times on, I have been a committed worker.

The Associated has given us both many opportunities to learn, to participate, to lead and do good deeds.

It is important that the programs and activities, for and on behalf of the Jewish people everywhere, be perpetuated. We're pleased to be included in making that happen.

Debra Hettleman

My 40th birthday, more than any other, caused me to think about the bigger picture – my values and how they translate into action and lasting consequences. Equally as important, I took stock of my efforts to instill in my children a love of family and commitment to community.

Ironically, these lofty thoughts and questions could best be answered with a gift. To celebrate this birthday, I gave myself a gift I will always treasure – one that was meaningful, useful and would stand the test of time. I endowed my Lion of Judah gift to The Associated. This gift ensures the big picture for the Jewish community will be one filled with hope, support, and continuity. This gift exhibits to my children my values of *tzedakah* and responsibility. And, it teaches my children that often, the best gift is one you give to others. I take pride in my gift and hope more women will be empowered to make this lifelong commitment to the Jewish community.

Tammy and Fred Heyman

From generation to generation – that has really been the driving force of our commitment to Jewish philanthropy. We have watched our grandparents and parents model their behavior and we realize the importance of modeling for our children and the generations to come.

The greatest gift that we could give our children was that of a Jewish education where they could thrive and be their best selves, all under the watchful eye of kind and caring Jewish educators.

It is our hope, that by giving our children a foundation, solidly rooted in Jewish values, that they too will carry on the legacy of those that came before them.

Our legacy gift to The Associated is meaningful in so many ways. It ensures the continuity of the Jewish community, here in Baltimore and beyond. We are thankful for the gifts we have been given and are humbled by our ability to give back.

Betty Jean and Martin S. Himeles, Sr.

I am seventy-nine years old. My father and mother were both born in the United States. My father died in an accident when I was only five years old, and I hardly remember him. My mother died when I was eleven. I grew up in St. Louis, Missouri in the thirties and forties, living with an aunt and uncle who raised me. I had almost no religious education, although I always knew that I was Jewish. In 1949 I married Betty Jean Applebaum who was raised in a small town on the Eastern Shore of Maryland. She had no Jewish upbringing.

When I was fifty, we were invited to go on a mission to Israel with The Associated. I remember saying to Betty Jean: "All Jews go to Israel at one point or another during their lives...let's go and get it over with!" That mission (the first of seven) was an awakening of our Jewishness. Since then, we both feel proud to be Jews, and we thank The Associated for how it has changed our lives.

The Martin S. Himeles, Sr. Foundation was established with The Associated to make certain that our annual gift is perpetuated, and to help us meet other charitable obligations. We allow each of our seven grandchildren to give \$500 a year to various charities that they choose, and these gifts are paid for by our Foundation. We feel that this is yet another way to teach them the meaning of *tzedakah*, and to stress the importance of charitable giving.

Paula and Marty Himeles

Our Jewish journeys have been different, but they have brought us to the same place.

Paula: My family did not belong to a synagogue and I had no exposure to traditional observance. I trace my Jewish identity to a transformational experience: my summers as a scholarship camper at JCC overnight camps. The summer I learned about the holocaust, at age 12, I decided I must marry Jewish. Camp also introduced me to Jewish experiences such as prayers, songs, dances and holidays. I benefitted so much from the generosity of the Jewish community. That was when I began to understand that I was part of a special community.

Marty: I grew up in Pikesville, where everyone I knew was Jewish, and I was *bar mitzvahed* at Baltimore Hebrew Congregation. But neither of my parents had a formal Jewish education, and early on I didn't have a clear understanding of why it was special to be Jewish. Then my parents went to Israel, and for my father in particular, the experience awakened a sense of pride and belonging that led to many more trips and to leadership roles in The Associated. His intense feelings about Israel, Jewish culture and traditions, and philanthropy had a profound impact on me.

Both of us: From these different backgrounds, we came to believe passionately in the importance of supporting our Jewish community, both locally and globally. Our values are Jewish values, which we believe have helped to make the world a better place. We are also motivated by our concern, reinforced by the recent increase in antisemitism, about the future of Jews and Judaism. We feel fortunate to be able to contribute in some small way to ensuring that our children's generation inherits a strong and vibrant Jewish community.

Linda Himmelrich

I believe the legacy I am leaving is a gift of giving and sharing. I want to be remembered for the values I inherited from my parents and grandparents and with which I have lived.

As a young child, I watched my grandmother devote her life to doing charitable work for her synagogue and other Jewish organizations, as well as the American Red Cross. I knew that my grandfather was one of the founders of The Associated.

From my early years, I participated in many Associated activities from G-Day (when we collected nickels) to chairing the Women's Campaign. My husband, Alfred, and I have been active in and led many other non-profits – Jewish, communal and national – all while our children were growing up. They saw our commitment and now they, too, are successful business and professional men carrying on our tradition by being involved in (and leading) some charitable and civic organizations. These values have also passed on to my five grandchildren, all of whom are still in school. I marvel at the leadership positions they have held. They are carrying on our sacred heritage by reaching out to others – "LDor VDor – from generation to generation."

Samuel K. and Barbara L. Himmelrich

*O*ur common ancestry arouses our special and intense concerns and responses to Jewish survival and continuity. During our lifetime we have seen the annihilation of six million Jews and the birth of the State of Israel. While we have lived our lives within the framework of the general community, we have done so with full recognition of the uniqueness of the American Jewish community.

Through The Associated, we have been fortunate to participate in shaping the life of Jewish people — locally, in Israel, as well as shattered Jewish communities throughout the world. It is through The Associated's superb staff and our fellow dedicated volunteers that The Associated continues to fulfill its leadership role in the Baltimore community and throughout the Jewish world. We are proud to have participated throughout the years and look forward eagerly to Baltimore's future.

Alice Hoffberger

For as long as I can remember, Judaism has been linked with philanthropy. As a young girl, I collected money in my own *tzedakah* box. I suppose over the years the box got bigger; certainly what went into it did.

When I married Chuck, I was introduced to an even higher level of giving than anything I had experienced before. The two of us also became involved in The Associated. We operated on the basis that you give back to the community that supports you through business. In our case, we always gave back at a high rate relative to our means, because it was more important that others have basic services than for us to have an extravagance.

When I realized that I would not be around forever, I made a bequest to The Associated. It was important for me to know that one of my final acts would be to give to a community that has meant so much to me and my family. By inscribing my name into the "*Endowment Book of Life*," I take great comfort in knowing that I have connected a proud past with the future of my family and of the Jewish community.

Leroy E. Hoffberger

The Harry Greenstein Legacy Society based its philosophy of service and *tzedakah* on Harry's life. As a great humanitarian, particularly for the role he played during and after World War II in leading our country's efforts to rescue, rehabilitate and relocate, the remnants of the Holocaust, Harry was the inspiration for many young Jews, me among them, who wished to follow in his footsteps.

He returned to our community as a civilian to professionally head the efforts to make the organized Jewish community the instrument through which we would continue to carry out G-d's commandment of "*tikkun olam*." I began, through my association with Harry, to learn how one's personal commitment to serve the Jewish people was essential to the building of a strong and vibrant network of service agencies needed to help so many Jews here in Baltimore and in Israel.

The result was over 50 years of personal dedication to making Baltimore a leader among large American communities in developing state of the art communal services and in endowing those services to assure that they would be capable of performing their mission in the future. It is for that reason that I have given not only my time and effort to The Associated, but a portion of my wealth as well. As a Hoffberger, I relished the opportunity to carry out what my forbearers had taught me, as well as what Harry Greenstein dedicated his life to doing.

Jacob D. Hornstein

*A*s a child I lived through the Great Depression of the 1930s. Harry Greenstein was a hero who organized emergency aid for the masses of poor and starving in our city and state.

His name and legacy are reminders that we Jews owe support and encouragement to those in need. It is a privilege to add my name to his.

Kenneth D. Hornstein

*B*oth of my parents, Jacob and Betty Hornstein, have made significant contributions to the Jewish community. My father served on the Board of Directors of Baltimore Hebrew Congregation and as its Brotherhood President. My mother served as President of the Baltimore Section, and then the Mid-Atlantic Region, of the National Council of Jewish Women, and as President of the Central Scholarship Bureau. Also, both of my parents continuously supported The Associated during their lifetimes and included The Associated in their wills.

After graduating from college, I became involved with The Associated through its Young Leadership Program. Since then, I have remained involved with The Associated, and have been fortunate enough to work with many of its leaders. My Associated "education" has taught me how crucial its efforts are to the well-being of our local Jewish community, Israel, and the other Jewish communities beyond our country.

Leaving a legacy follows naturally from my lifetime commitment to The Associated. Also, in making this gift, I honor my parents, and carry on my family's tradition of giving. I hope that my children and their descendants will do the same.

Elayne A. Hurwitz

I was born and raised in Baltimore. This community and its values are an inseparable part of who and what I am. My father, William J. Ayares, died at the age of 46, but my mother, Lee Ayares Miller Katz, was very active with Beth Tfiloh and other Jewish organizations. She brought me up to value my Jewish heritage and to support Jews all over the world.

My husband, Benno Hurwitz, became involved in The Associated through Louis Fox, who was his business partner. Lou was a giant in the Baltimore Jewish community, and Benno always considered him his mentor. From then on, The Associated was one of Benno's passions — his way of being a connected member of the Jewish community. So Benno not only gave generously, he campaigned and encouraged others to give as well. He always said that the more he gave, the more he received!

For me, giving to The Associated is about doing what is appropriate. I give to honor Benno's memory, but also to set an example for my family about the importance of supporting the Jewish community.

And I give not only for my family's sake, but for the sake of all the future generations of Baltimore Jews. My gift helps to support The Associated's important work of fostering Jewish identity. And it helps to ensure the survival of Israel. I believe we must help the Jewish people wherever they may be.

Creating a legacy at The Associated will help ensure that my gift will continue forever.

A True Life Story

At fifteen years old, I knew being a Jew was special. I was given a covenant, a homeland and an entire people to whom I felt connected and responsible for. As a teenager, I welcomed a flight of Russian Jews making *aliyah* in Israel. One young girl still lives within me to this day. We looked similar, having dark features. When we gazed at each other, same height, size and age, we immediately felt a bond, a relationship, a shared heritage. Knowing we were very much alike and yet so different, knowing she was starting a new life and knowing my grandparents came from Russia as well, I wanted, no, I had to make her feel my love, care and hope for her promising future. We hugged, kissed and cried together, although we spoke different languages, grew up oceans apart and knew we probably would never see each other again.

Spontaneously, to show my commitment and connection, I took a *bat mitzva* ring I wore every day off my finger and gave it to her. She in turn, put it on her finger, and it fit perfectly. I never missed that ring and got more happiness knowing she was enjoying it than I would ever have gotten wearing it.

Giving to our extended family wherever they live is what Jews do. I love to give yesterday, today and tomorrow because it is who I am, what I must do and how I want to live my life. And when I can no longer give, my endowed gift will continue my love, connectedness and responsibility.

Louis E. Hyman

It has often been said that life insurance is the one gift that keeps on giving even after the donor's lifetime. I purchased a life insurance policy owned by and payable to The Associated for the express purpose of making sure that the gifts I have been making for the past 42 years will continue to help meet the community's needs, when I am not here to make them myself.

Paulyne R. Hyman

The year was 1913; my parents Clara and Benjamin Ruttenberg disembarked the HMS Royal George at Ellis Island. From humble beginnings, my dad became an executive at Union Brothers, a furniture manufacturing company with a stellar reputation. This firm survived in Baltimore over fifty years.

As a child, I remember accompanying Dad to the factory, where he was constantly approached by his employees to give them money. He never failed to open his wallet to fulfill their requests. For many years, he would send bundles of clothing to his family in Kiev, Russia.

My father became an active member of *Petah Tikvah Shul*. In addition, he was an organizer of the Hebrew school and donated chairs on the dais. He enlisted as a volunteer joining the Jewish Legion in 1918. This unit was organized to help defeat the Turks with a goal to create a homeland for the Jewish people.

As a young adult, my initial contact with The Associated began over fifty years ago when I attended a donor luncheon on Denlyn Road. The seeds were sown at that gathering, and I am proud to say that my husband, Julian, and I have been donors for more than fifty years.

My parents would be so gratified to know that we consider *tzedakah* a privilege. Equally, it would please them that we continue their legacy by maintaining a Jewish lifestyle for ourselves, our family, and future generations by leaving a legacy gift to The Associated.

To quote Winston Churchill: "We make a living by what we get; we make a life by what we give!"

Warren and Diane Israel

My husband and I did not grow up in Baltimore, but have lived here for most of our adult lives. However, we were both raised in homes where living Jewishly and embracing Jewish values were paramount. Our roots are strong and deep and Judaism is front and center in our lives. Participation in the Baltimore Jewish community has nurtured what we cherish: Jewish values, Jewish life and the beauty of Judaism as a religion of action.

Lo Alecha Hemlecha Ligmor: We are not required to complete the task, but neither are we free to desist from it. In the words of my father, Myer Mellman, a past president of the Columbus, Ohio Jewish Federation: "Giving is a task for some to begin and others to continue." Our thoughts and prayers are that our children and grandchildren will be nourished by the values we have set forth, and that they will grow to love the beauty and richness of what Judaism can bring to their lives.

Many thanks to The Associated for enriching the lives for all of us living in this wonderful community.

Howard R. and Wendy M. Jachman

Our families are truly products of a full century in Jewish Baltimore, but our children will probably break that tradition. The Rombro and Myerberg families remained in Baltimore for 100 years, after they first settled as Russian and Polish immigrants at the turn of the 20th century. The previous generations were very driven and successful, and they paved the way for an easy life for us. With our solid educations and carefree childhoods, we glided through as Bar Mitzvah sweethearts to young parents, and now to middle aged community supporters.

Even though our children may choose to raise their families elsewhere, the spirit of our gifts will surely remain in the buildings that were constructed to take care of the elderly and the houses that were converted to nurture women who lost their path. In addition to endowing a gift to the Baltimore Jewish community, our children will also take some of our family's kindness with them to other places. We must think of our lives as having a more universal meaning, and our progeny's destiny is to spread *tzedakah* throughout the Jewish world.

Ann and Sandy Jacobson

Both our parents and grandparents taught us to find happiness reaching out to others. We, as well, dedicated our efforts to instill our children with the pride and responsibility to carry that torch. They understand it is our wish for them never to forget the darkness of our past when many suffered for our present. They must provide the light, not only for now, but for the future.

It is our hope our legacy gift will not only set an example for our children and grandchildren, but reinforce the importance of perpetuating our heritage.

Natalie Fox Jeffrey

Not only is my connection to The Associated deep-rooted, it is in fact prenatal. Both before and after her marriage, my mother worked for The Associated, stopping shortly before my birth. She respected the leadership of our community for their concern for fellow Jews and spoke with admiration of their dedication. As part of their commitment to Jewish tradition, both my parents felt a responsibility for our people everywhere. My late husband's family shared these values, which became an important part of our family life together.

Michael and I married just months before the founding of the State of Israel, and we were caught up in the hope, the adventure and the struggle of that landmark event. Jewish observance was also very important to us. Our three children benefited from a vibrant Jewish community, which helped us nurture their values and provide for their Jewish education. Not only does each of them devote time and resources to issues of social justice and *tzedakah*, it is satisfying to see our grandchildren absorb these ideas.

Although our children and grandchildren live in other communities, we wanted to leave a lasting gift to The Associated, to extend to future generations the many benefits that we have enjoyed as members of Baltimore's Jewish community. In planning this legacy, we were confident that The Associated will continue to sustain and strengthen our community in the years ahead. It is a true pleasure to make this commitment.

Gail Kandel

This story begins sometime around 1940 in California. It's been passed down to three generations.

Fleeing abuse, a woman and her child boarded a train bound for her hometown of Baltimore. Two days into the journey, the child became gravely ill, forcing the pair to disembark in Chicago in search of medical help. In a strange city, with no resources or funds, they found their way to the Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago.

Her hopes for support were quickly dashed, as she was not only turned away, but humiliated by the organization.

Thankfully, the child survived and became my husband in 1966. The dehumanizing treatment by these people was never forgotten nor forgiven!

Fortunately, a program of The Associated, CHANA, was founded in 1995 as a refuge for abused women and children. In recent years elder abuse was also added to its mission. I am comforted in the knowledge that CHANA is always working to help those in need, like my husband and mother-in-law all those years ago.

On behalf of the Kandel Family, I am proud to make this contribution in honor of Lillian (Bubby) and my husband Jerry, who remain in all of our hearts.

Fran Kanterman

My father's parents came to America in 1921 after a three-year journey from what was then Russia and is now Ukraine. They were helped along the way by HIAS. They always contributed to HIAS as a thank you, and my parents always contributed to HIAS in their memory. I came to Baltimore from New York by way of Washington, D.C. I came to Baltimore to go to law school and stayed, but I didn't have very many Jewish friends. One of my law associates suggested I join Young Leadership, so I did and I made a lot of friends, many of whom are still my good friends today, 35 years later. I became very involved with The Associated, particularly during the resettlement of the Soviet Jews era. In addition, I chaired the Soviet Jewry Committee at the BJC, I was chair of Jewish Vocational Services, and I was First Vice-President of Baltimore Hebrew University. When the Soviet Union broke up, I organized a committee through BJC to explore having an ongoing relationship with our partner city, Odessa. I went to Odessa in 1992, and I came back feeling that there was a great Jewish community there that we could partner with. Thirty years later that partnership is still going on. I started out my career at The Associated as a giver, and I am ending up my career at The Associated as a recipient of services. I have multiple sclerosis and am bed bound. Jewish Community Services provides me with terrific help, so I have learned from both my years as a philanthropist and my years as a recipient how important The Associated is and how important it is to leave a legacy to keep things going.

Gerson and Chaya Kaplan

We are fortunate to have been born and raised in the USA where we could practice Judaism unencumbered by religious discrimination. In our lifetime, we have seen vibrant Jewish communities destroyed and Israel reborn. We feel strongly that it is important to secure and strengthen our Jewish heritage here and abroad, in part, because it has given us so much: roots and a sense of belonging to history and something much larger than ourselves and direction and guidance about how to live our lives.

Our gift represents our commitment to this effort. We urge and encourage our children, grandchildren and their children to share in this commitment.

Elaine and Alvin Katz

Elaine and I have committed to the endowment program of The Associated as we recognize the outstanding services provided to our fellow Jews in Baltimore, Israel and around the world.

On a local level, Elaine and I have served on various committees and boards which deliver services here in Baltimore. I've had the honor of being Campaign Chair and have served as Chair of Community Planning and Allocations as well as being a member of The Associated's Executive Committee and Board.

In participating in The Associated's annual missions to Israel, which often included visits to other countries, we saw first hand, the far reaching "good" The Associated does through the Joint Distribution Committee and the Jewish Agency for Israel. These experiences have allowed us to be an integral part of the fabric of The Associated. Now, our children are becoming part of The Associated family; we look forward to their continued involvement, both financially and through personal participation.

It has been both our pleasure and privilege to support The Associated and its agencies and programs financially and through our involvement at the federation and agency levels over the past thirty-five years and, hopefully, into the future. Obviously, at some point in time our physical participation will come to an end, but we feel by endowing our annual gift, we shall always be able to contribute to our community and leave a legacy for our children and grandchildren, through The Associated.

Ellen and Larry Katz

In these difficult and uncertain times, it is very comforting to know that legacy funding will improve the lives of those who need it most. There are so many who are enduring less than ideal lives at any time and the contribution assures that there will be others who will make sure that they are not forgotten or left without aid and assistance. The most beneficial task a person can accomplish is to give to others to improve their individual worlds and the world around them.

I hope that my legacy gift will make someone's life better.

Gloria B. Katzenberg and Herbert M. Katzenberg

I remember Harry Greenstein. He was a friend of my parents, a warm and attractive man with a big personality. My impression was that he helped to educate the Jewish community in the ways of charitable giving. I was quite young, but remember overhearing discussions about philanthropy in meetings at our home when my father, Charles M. Balder, was president of Levindale and a director of The Associated. He had also headed one or more March of Dimes campaigns and talked about his charitable involvement from the time he was in his twenties, organizing charity balls to benefit American soldiers abroad. It seemed instinctive to him to respond.

Charitable giving therefore is to me a learned activity. Our approach to giving is with head and heart — observe opportunities, take risks, and collaborate to make a larger impact. Philanthropy is so much more sophisticated since those days of Harry Greenstein. But he provided this community with a sound foundation and the will to reach out.

I expect our legacy funds to continue to be meaningful to us and to address wisely the ever-changing and future needs of this community.

Linda and Buddy Kaufman

In 1962, we went on our first mission to Israel. It was then that our belief in Judaism and all it stands for became one of the most important aspects of our lives.

Of the many *mitzvot* of our faith, to us *tzedakah* is one of the most important. In order to perpetuate our dedication, we have committed to being a part of The Harry Greenstein Legacy Society.

We know this commitment has helped instill in our children and grandchildren the desire to carry on the many *mitzvot* they now perform, and assume the responsibility associated with Judaism.

Myron and Helene Kellner

After spending two years in Maryland as a dentist in the U.S. Navy, I relocated to Baltimore in 1971 and was warmly welcomed by the Baltimore Jewish community. I have always been impressed by the support provided by The Associated for those in need and especially for Israel. Opposing antisemitism is a never-ending battle and requires a strong organization and financial support. Helene and I have always been philanthropic and desire to leave a legacy to allow future generations to thrive.

Isobel and Sydney Kemper

We were both raised in homes that believed in *tzedakah* and our pantry shelves were crowded with "*Pushkies*." Fortunately we have been blessed and are in a position to continue this practice. It truly gives us pleasure to help those in need.

The witnessing of our four children jointly using their own personal funds to make charitable contributions all over the world has assured us that our commitment to establish a legacy for the future has been accomplished.

Lindsay and Matthew Klatsky

Our parents instilled in us early the idea of giving back and helping others. It is our hope that our children Jordan and Madison grow up understanding how fortunate they are to be a part of such a warm and dedicated Jewish community and follow in our example. Giving to our community has always been an important part of our life. We have both been involved in The Associated and other Jewish organizations. It is for our children and future generations that we put in hours of volunteerism to ensure a bright and vibrant Jewish future life. We hope our children and future generations will benefit from our legacy and will see, through our example, just how important it is for all of us to give back.

Ronnie Kleiman

Throughout our married life, both my husband Herb and I knew we wanted to participate in supporting the Jewish community at large, as well as our own congregation. It was important to both of us to help, in different ways, to perpetuate Jewish ideals for future generations. I have continued to do this in his memory, so that future generations of our family will know from our example how important it has been to us to share what we have with others and to fortify our Jewish identity.

Charles Klein

I grew up in a family that taught the value of incorporating *tzedakah* into our daily life. I observed my grandparents, Jack and Fanny Plotkin, who served in leadership roles in many Jewish charities and organizations, and my parents, David and Rodney Klein, who were also active in community organizations.

I have spent countless hours serving our community, thanks to the examples of my predecessors, and now it gives me great pleasure to see my wife and children incorporate those same values in their lives.

I hope that by supporting The Associated with my legacy gift, I can continue to show unborn generations of my family the importance of helping their communities and continuing the tradition of performing *mitzvot* that are so central to Jews all over the world.

Ethel and Irvin Klein

I can recall my parents, Abraham and Ethel Klein, during the depression (1930-35) giving money to the JNF in the blue *pushka* box and religious men showing up at the front door asking for *tzedakah*. Charity was important even though they were also struggling to meet their living expenses. This attitude set the example for my wife and me to continue to give to many worthwhile causes, including The Associated.

Another legacy from my parents was the insistence on Jewish education. My mother was a member of the PTA of Broadway Talmud Torah in the 1920s. My wife has also been very active in many organizations including volunteering at the Chizuk Amuno pre-school. We feel that our contributions to The Associated are supporting many worthwhile educational causes.

My wife Ethel, who came to America in 1949, was from London, England and came from a large family that also believed in *tzedakah*. Her father, Philip Horowitz, was an ardent Zionist and was a member of many philanthropic organizations.

We hope our legacy to The Associated will be an example for others to follow.

Joan G. and Joseph Klein, Jr.

Although we both were raised in Reform, relatively non-observant families, Jewish continuity and survival have always been of great importance to us. We have supported and participated in fundraising and have had active roles in The Associated and its constituent institutions.

It is our great wish that our children and succeeding generations continue supporting Jewish causes.

Michael J. and Clara L. Klein

Our families' entry to America came at the turn of the century, around 1900. Our great grandparents arrived to this country with nothing, except the hope for a future and the love of a family sponsor who welcomed them to their new homeland. Having multiple grandparents as first generation Americans instilled a sense of hard work and personal sacrifice that they made for our generation's success in life. Our grandparents worked countless hours just to survive. As children, some started their work life by 5th grade. Our parents came of age during World War II. They were witness from the safety of America and our father's U.S. Army service during post-WW II to the European reconstruction of yet another Jewish Pogrom. Many of those killed in the Holocaust lived comfortable lives as established members of their communities, much like the lives we live today. Our parents never forgot the reality that your homeland is not always as safe as you might think it to be. Therefore, we must take care of our own. With that in mind, we dedicate our legacy gift in the honor of those that came before us. As they provided for us, we hope to help provide for the Jewish people in the Baltimore area and around the world for a better future.

Michael grew up and lived outside of the Baltimore Jewish Community. His immediate family members were notable philanthropists in Harford County, Maryland and beyond. There they were founders of the Harford Jewish Center and numerous community programs. Clara's family was involved in The Associated for many years as donors and her mother, Sara Ann Berger, was a willing volunteer. Her parents were annual contributors to The Associated causes. Sara Ann was the daughter of Albert Shillman, who was one of the original founders of Beth El Congregation.

We hope our legacy gift makes a difference for those in need and ensures a place for them in the Jewish community both here and abroad. Our children know and hopefully future generations learn the importance of caring for others by knowing their past. In doing so, it is our belief that their futures will become all they dream it to be, sharing such gifts from a kind heart and with compassion for others.

Philip E. Klein

Harriet, of blessed memory, and I have endowed our "Legacy" so that our children, their children, and the generations that come after them will continue our family's involvement and help ensure that "Tomorrow" will be better than "Today."

Then we will smile down from our heavenly abode.

Harry Klimen

When I was a little boy, my three older brothers and I were placed in two different orphanages owned by The Associated and later into loving foster homes. I lived in many foster homes throughout my childhood, all supported by The Associated. The Associated also provided vocational training for my brothers and me. I joined the Young Men's and Women's Hebrew Association and volunteered in the coatroom there. As an adult, I wanted to give back to the community, and through the influence of a social worker at Jewish Family Services, I became a Jewish Big Brother at Jewish Big Brother & Big Sister League at its inception. That same JFS social worker would once again play a very important role in my life. Not only did she introduce me to JBBL, but she also found me a home at the Concord House, which is ironically located on the same property as the orphanage where I lived over 80 years ago. I have now been living at the Concord House for 27 years.

I knew that I would one day repay the community that has taken care of me for more than 80 years. Who do you leave your money to but your family? Throughout my life, The Associated has always been there for me. Now it is my turn to give something back.

Marlene G. Koeppel

My beloved husband, Jerry, at the age of thirty-five, gave up a lucrative business to do something for humanity. He took pre-requisite college courses and applied to Medical School. As a physician, he gave devoted care to each and every patient, but his life ended much too soon.

Jerry and I shared the commitment to support our community, and it has been my goal to continue our charitable giving, as well as my volunteer time with causes most dear to me. The Jewish community has been especially important to me, because I know that if we Jews do not support each other, we cannot depend on others to fill the void.

Jerry and I recognized that the strength of the Baltimore Jewish community helped make Baltimore a wonderful place to live a fulfilling, productive life and raise a family. This year I decided to create a Lion of Judah Endowment to make certain that my support of our Baltimore Jewish community would help ensure the continuation of that strength.

Stanley Kogan

*M*y mother instilled in me at an early age the idea that what we did was take care of others...It was our tradition. She said, "It was the Jewish Way." She explained to me what *tzedakah* was. Mother had a blue and white Jewish National Fund box in our pantry. She would frequently put in coins and sometimes bills for the JNF "commitment" and only later did I get to know of all the other "causes" she shared an interest in, including The Associated.

When I came back to Baltimore in 1960 to start my career, I was invited to partake in the Young Leadership Council of The Associated. Through this program I got to understand and appreciate the myriad activities of The Associated designed to help others in our community. I joined the many who were participating and fulfilling our tradition. It was how I had been brought up. My wife and my children are continuing in the footsteps set by the Baltimore Jewish community as I have tried to do.

My contribution to the Legacy and Endowment fund pleases me greatly. It would please my mother too.

Marcy K. Kolodny

I came to Baltimore in 1962 only knowing my husband and his family. My journey to our Jewish community began by way of joining the Young Women's Leadership Council. Learning about our agencies both here and abroad was a turning point for me. Besides my husband, Buzz, and two children, Jill and Ricky, my focus and commitment was going to be directed towards their schools and the Jewish community.

I am very proud to say I was the first woman president of the Jewish Big Brother & Big Sister League and was instrumental in creating our drug and alcohol program, which today is called JAS. Being honored for a second time to lead another agency as president was most gratifying. Serving as president of the Jewish Community Center was indeed a work of love. I was sorry that my parents did not live long enough to see me reach these milestones, but my husband and children were there to always encourage and support me.

I wanted to endow my gift for a few reasons. I do not know what the future holds for my children, but I wanted to become their role model for philanthropic and volunteer endeavors. I am so proud to be a strong American Jewish woman that has given not only with a monetary gift, but also with many hours of dedicated service to her Jewish community, which she loves so much.

Bernard Koman

I am proud and honored to be included in the *Endowment Book of Life*.

I would like to dedicate this page to the memory of my parents, Dora and Israel Koman. They came to America with my older brother and sister in the 1920s. I was the first member of my family to be born in this country.

My parents struggled and worked hard to establish themselves in America. But they always taught me to value my Jewish heritage, to support my Jewish community, and to share what I had with others. They guided me to become a dedicated Jew and to give back to my community.

I made my first gift to The Associated over 50 years ago. I pledged \$50 to the Annual Campaign. I still recall Julius Rosenberg coming to my office to collect that pledge — in installments!

I have been blessed with success as a businessman, and I am strongly committed to sharing my good fortune with others. My wife, Debby, shares that commitment, and I have tried to instill it in my three sons as well.

My focus is on social services — on helping people in need. I volunteer with Jewish Family Services as a tutor for people who are working to qualify for citizenship. My wife has a sister with special needs, so we understand the challenges that people with disabilities face every day. She has volunteered with the Special Olympics and Chimes for several years.

I am concerned about the division within the Jewish religious community. My prayer is that in the future, our Baltimore Jewish community will be ever more united and accepting of Jewish diversity.

Bess Poliakoff Krivitsky

I was born and raised in Baltimore to a family for whom *tzedakah* and education were paramount. Their legacy continues to this day.

My mother's father, Rabbi Abraham N. Schwartz, emigrated from Lithuania to the United States, and brought my grandmother and children several years later. He had been on his way to a new prestigious position near the Black Sea, when he heard rumors of an impending pogrom. He called my grandmother to tell her he was leaving for the United States to join his sister in Connecticut. While living in Lithuania, he made arrangements for my mother to attend the boys' *yeshiva* and sit in the back of the classroom. He wanted the same education for her as he wanted for his sons. My grandmother also thought women should have "something to fall back on." These attitudes were quite unusual for the times.

My grandfather became the rabbi of the Lloyd Street Synagogue and founded the Talmudical Academy in Baltimore, after learning that he would have to send my uncle to New York to be educated. His convictions about girls receiving a Jewish education became the seeds for what was to become Bais Yaakov School for Girls.

My uncle, Dr. Joseph Schwartz, met Harry Greenstein while playing basketball at the Jewish Educational Alliance (later the Jewish Community Center) in Baltimore and they became lifelong friends. During World War II, he served as the European Director of the Joint Distribution Committee.

It was Harry Greenstein who helped me get a job as a secretary at the Jewish Vocational Service. I ultimately advanced to become the Executive Director. Having worked in The Associated system for many years, I could see how much they do for the community and wanted to be part of that through my legacy gift, while fulfilling the *mitzvah* of *tzedakah* taught to me so long ago.

Benjamin D. Kuntz

My father was born in Hungary and came to Baltimore when he was 21 years old. He arrived here without any money or knowledge of English, and without knowing anyone. From that humble beginning he married, raised three children and sent them all to college. My father, M. Henry Kuntz, also knew how important it was to be involved in the Jewish community and served as president of the Board of Jewish Education, and was one of seven original founders of Beth El Synagogue. He also established a very successful business, and that business is operating today with his grandson as president and three other grandchildren holding major positions in the company.

As a first generation American, I know how truly blessed I am to have been born in this country. I'm also blessed because I was born into a Jewish family that valued religious tradition as well as community involvement. I have tried to follow in the footsteps of my parents, and have been most fortunate to see my children and grandchildren carrying on these same traditions.

Marlene B. Kuntz

Being Jewish and involved in Jewish and secular causes has always been an important part of my life. Having visited many Jewish communities in the United States as well as those in Europe, Asia and South America, I feel eternally grateful to be part of our very special Baltimore community. My children and grandchildren have learned the values of our tradition and are all involved in *tikkun olam*, helping to make our world a better place. I pray that this value will continue for many generations to come, and my commitment to the Harry Greenstein Legacy Society is one way to perpetuate this ideal.

Janet Kurland

I have worked within the Baltimore Jewish community both as a volunteer and as a professional for so many years of my life. As a young child I remember going with my mother door to door in the community having been driven by a volunteer to solicit funds. I remember having a group of *tzedakah* boxes that I was able to put coins into every Friday evening. I continued to contribute what I could throughout the years. Later I was able to secure employment at the then Jewish Family Services. The agency required a master's degree to continue working there after one year. I applied to the University of Pennsylvania School of Social Work, there was not one locally located at that time. The agency very graciously offered to pay me for the three work days per week there during the two graduate years of study. This payment was not a usual practice in social work agencies and I was so very very grateful for it because it enabled me to move forward with this education. I also applied to Central Scholarship for funds for tuition. For two years I commuted to Philadelphia Tuesday morning returning Wednesday evening, working Monday, Thursday and Friday at JFS. I graduated May 1962, got married June 1962. I continued to work and was able to pay back Central Scholarship. In fact, I got a letter from them stating that I paid back faster than anyone else had ever done. WOW. I went on to work for many years at the now Jewish Community Services. I thank G-d for every opportunity that I have been blessed with and am so very glad that I can do what I can for the Jewish community. May we continue to flourish forever.

Ina and Marvin Land

*O*ur "Jewishness" is very important to us, and we have tried to impart a Jewish identity to our children and grandchildren. We wear OUR Jewish identity like a comfortable cloak, one that inspires and protects us. Our participation in the Harry Greenstein Legacy Society will forever illustrate our belief that "If not now, when? If not us, who?" Our legacy may be small, but most meaningful, and will enable us to forever fulfill our obligation to our family and our heritage.

Judith and Herschel Langenthal

We are pleased and proud to be part of an endowment that will help maintain Jewish life and more importantly provide Jewish services for the needy. Our families have been involved in this endeavor for many generations, and we believe this act will encourage our children to follow in this tradition.

Richard Lansburgh

I am grateful for the opportunity to express the importance of the legacy I inherited from my grandfather, Jacob Epstein, my parents, Marian and Sidney Lansburgh, and my brother, Sidney Lansburgh, Jr.

Jacob Epstein had a tremendous influence in shaping Jewish Philanthropy in Baltimore and was also active in international Jewish affairs. He was instrumental in bringing the United Hebrew Charities and the Federated Jewish Charities together in 1920. He was recognized as the leader who "taught the community how to give." On several occasions he gave 10% of the total money raised in campaigns. One of his favorite expressions in personal solicitations was to give "according to means, rather than meanness."

My father, Sidney Lansburgh, was a vital leader, serving twice as chairman of The Associated Jewish Charities and Welfare Fund (now known as The Associated: Jewish Community Federation of Baltimore) and in numerous other leadership roles, including the American Jewish Committee and the Joint Distribution Committee. Sidney Lansburgh, Jr. also served as Chairman of The Associated, head of the Executive Investment Committee, President of Sinai Hospital, and was active in many capacities over the years.

I hope that the example set by Jacob Epstein will continue to serve as a beacon of light for the future of our Jewish community.

Michael Lapidés

My commitment to the Jewish community is very simply the continuation of the legacy passed on from my grandparents through my parents to me. I am intensely proud of my family name and heritage and all that it embodies in terms of responsibility to my fellow Jews, be they Baltimoreans, Israelis or Ukrainians. My grandparents made the very arduous journey to this country from the Ukraine, imparting to my father and his siblings the obligation to be honorable, charitable and caring human beings. So, my inherited role is to carry on that family obligation to community so strongly ingrained in me by my parents and grandparents. I am truly blessed and honored to do so.

I have raised my children, all sons, to be independent. Their philanthropy decisions may not be the same as mine. Most certainly, my sons will not become Lions! So I have endowed my Lion of Judah. Each year I pay my Associated pledge with an Israel Bond. It is a double *mitzvah*. I am investing in Israel and The Associated today, and with my endowment, I am helping to assure tomorrows. We have been given the opportunity to make changes for the benefit of future generations, people we do not know and will never meet. What a *mitzvah*, to be able to help provide for others in perpetuity! We have the opportunity to pave the way for future generations, to be *tzedakah*-giving leaders and role models. I am not originally from Baltimore. I have supported the State of Israel no matter where I have resided, and I have lived in many, many places. Now I am continuing to support Israel and my adopted home town through The Associated: Jewish Federation of Baltimore. Giving *tzedakah* is a core Jewish value. It is important to me to fortify the connections between our past and our future. My Lion of Judah endowment is a small piece in the larger story of our community. There are those who came before us and there are those who will come after us. *L'Dor V'Dor*. I hope my endowment gift not only helps our future, my hope is it inspires future generations to continue our legacy of leadership and giving..

Marilyn Reicher Levin

*F*or me it all comes down to one word: TRADITION!

I was raised in a traditional Jewish home in Liberty Heights, a duplex on Powhatan Avenue. I lived upstairs with my parents and sister, and my grandparents lived downstairs.

My paternal grandfather, Jacob Reicher, was one of the most important influences in my life. As he told the story, he came to America when he was 16, in 1907 from Seret, Austria, which is now a part of modern day Romania. He was one of nine siblings, from a very poor family, but he made his way to Paris — on foot. After walking all that distance, he worked in Paris as a baker for six months until he earned enough money for his passage to America.

When he arrived in this country, he had only 18 cents in his pocket and spent the first week sleeping on a park bench in New York City. He was very industrious, and worked in many capacities before marrying and the birth of my father, Sol, in 1913. They lived in Brooklyn, in a six-story walk up before moving to Baltimore in 1920 to be with four of his siblings who had immigrated here.

I have tried to instill these values in my children and grandchildren as well. I would hope that in the future, our Baltimore Jewish community will be united by our common love of our Jewish heritage and traditions. I don't think it matters whether one is affiliated or unaffiliated, or which stream of Judaism you adhere to — what is important is that we be bound together as one.

I think of the John Lennon song, "Imagine," and its words of overcoming our differences and loving and accepting each other as members of one human community. What a wonderful vision for the future.

Naomi Levin

I am fortunate to have been born into a family that has felt obligated, because of their successful lives here in America, "to give back" to the community.

My father came from England and my mother from the Ukraine. When they married, my father earned \$50 a week — but still felt the need to give *tzedakah*.

Their main interests in the Jewish community were the Pioneer Women and the Sharre Zedek Hospital in Jerusalem, in addition to other charities.

Having been a strong influence in my life, they led me to become active in my synagogue, the Myerberg Senior Center and The Associated.

The Associated's dedication to helping Jews around the world has made Norman and me proud to contribute to the Endowment Fund.

When we are no longer here — I feel comfortable that our children will follow in our footsteps.

Rhona and Marty Levin

*O*ur life experience, individually and jointly, has been framed by the knowledge of and commitment to our Jewish heritage and the commandment of *tzedakah*. As Hebrew School students, we remember working along with our parents on The Associated's G-Day as part of a personal family experience that was shared with the Baltimore Jewish community.

We were educated on a didactic level through the Young Leadership programs and learned of the worldwide giving and of The Associated agencies designed to help Jews anywhere in any way.

The Associated has long been a part of our consciousness and helping Jewish people in need is a concrete part of our lifestyle. We hope we have imparted this to our children and through them to our grandchildren.

It is a privilege for us to make a parting gift to The Associated and, through this gesture, continue our giving.

Shula and Armand Levin

Over many years, our lives have been significantly influenced by The Associated.

Shula's mother, the late Lena Ziff, widowed when Shula was three years old, ran a neighborhood grocery, raised two young daughters, and managed to give financial support to The Associated for most of her life.

Armand's father, Meyer D. Levin, was, for more than forty years, the Executive Director of the Jewish Big Brother and Big Sister League. His mother, Goldie F. Levin, was secretary to the Executive Director of the League before Meyer took the office.

Shula joined the staff of the League and worked with her father-in-law and his successor for about 10 years. Armand has served on the Boards of Levindale and Jewish Vocational Service, and he and Shula have worked in many of The Associated's annual fundraising campaigns.

Both of us have been regular contributors to The Associated since the early years of our marriage, and our son, Alan, and daughter-in-law, Bonnie, contribute annually to the Meyer D. Levin Scholarship Fund of the League.

Our legacy to The Associated is made in memory of our parents and as a tribute to The Associated for what it has done and will continue to do for our community, and in the hope that others will be encouraged to carry on the Jewish tradition of *tzedakah*.

Suzanne Levin-Lapides

When I met my Michael, we immediately knew that we shared a similar view of the world. We were blessed to be able to find the time, energy and funds to work in the community and to live our values of sharing and learning from everyone we met. As we traveled the world and met more people, the smaller our world became.

For over eighteen years, Michael and I built our relationship on the desire to work hard at finding our place in the community in a variety of ways and to make our values the cornerstone of our love and what we treasure most. Since Michael's death, I have continued what we built together. It has always been our hope that our children and grandchildren will see that our unique community is being tested and that through our traditions and our own efforts we can fill the future with hope.

Bernice "Bootsie" Levinson

Harry Greenstein was an integral part of my early memories of community involvement. When Harry attended my wedding, he gave us twelve silver Kiddush cups, which I cherish to this day. They are a constant reminder of the warm relationship we shared.

I even remember walking into my home, when I was very young, and seeing Golda Meir sitting in our living room. She could have been a relative! I have opened my home for the Women's Department and Associated events. Many years ago, when Chizuk Amuno was building its Hebrew school building, my husband Donald and I were asked if we would host Sunday school classes in our home. Of course, we said "yes." I can still remember hearing the children learning *aleph bais*.

My father was very generous with his family, making sure that our every need was taken care of. He also gave his children a very special gift by leaving us a wonderful charitable foundation. My brother I.D (Shapiro), my sister Lorraine (Levin) and her husband Leonard and I, along with my husband Donald, have continued his legacy through the philanthropic funds he established for us at The Associated.

I continue to give to The Associated and other charities in Baltimore and in Florida. As my father did before me, I am leaving a legacy for my community and to my children and grandchildren. It is my wish that they will continue the long family tradition of charity, which Harry Greenstein inspired in all of us.

Isabel Levinson

I was born in New York City and was brought up in a Reform home with no formal Jewish education, but always with a deep love and respect for being part of the Jewish people.

After marriage and a move to Indiana, Pennsylvania, a small community of fifty close-knit Jewish families, my husband and I became involved in Jewish communal life. I was president of Sisterhood, Hadassah, the first Israel Bonds chairman and the list went on.

We moved up in the world to Elmira, New York, a community of five hundred Jewish families and again were active in Jewish organizations. In addition, through synagogue participation and education, we became more religious. In 1966, we moved to Baltimore so that our two sons could be enrolled in a Jewish day school, namely the Talmudical Academy. We, too, at this time were learning more about our religion and the beauty of our heritage, and became more observant.

It has been a long journey of enlightenment and one I am proud to have made.

Ann Neumann Libov

How do I ever thank my children for giving me a path leading to my Jewish Past and an opportunity for my Jewish Future? My past was made up of Sonneborns, Hamburgers and Scheuers who believed in helping the community. My grandmother knitted scarves for the soldiers in the war. My mother made sandwiches to serve the Golden Ages for the National Council of Jewish Women. My Uncle Henry taught us all that giving is a blessing, a privilege, an art and a joy.

My daughter Patti is, and has been, a committed and involved member of the National Young Leadership Cabinet, a most prestigious group. My son and daughter-in-law, Mark and Robin, send my three grandchildren to Beth Tfiloh, where they are receiving an extraordinary Jewish education. Mark and Robin met at a phonathon of The Associated. All three are on various boards and committees of The Associated. More than what they do is how they *feel*. They have infused me with their passion for our Jewish people. Endowing my Lion of Judah gift means I will be here for our people in perpetuity, which will forever signify my commitment to the continuation of the Jewish people here and overseas.

I want my grandchildren to be proud of their family and their heritage. The example set by their parents and grandparents will most certainly make a large impact on what they do and how they lead their lives.

"Just as others planted for me, so too will we plant for our children." (Talmud)

Sue Glick Liebman

My childhood memories are of my mother writing letters in Yiddish to family she was trying to find in Europe during the war. Of the few who survived, ten families came to Baltimore and others went to Israel. My mother arranged for their resettlement here. She and my father bought inner city businesses for them, and our whole family was busy helping them resettle. What a wonderful lesson my mother taught my brothers and me about giving, being responsible for one another, compassion, and saving the Jewish people!

My first experience with the organized Jewish community was volunteering for a *NCSY Shabbaton* at Beth Tfiloh. Helping Jewish students experience *Shabbat* inspired me. Shortly after that, I was asked to join the board of the Jewish Community Center. And the rest is history.

I am proud that my three children are following my Jewish values. My older son is actively engaged with the Denver Federation and with the Human Rights Campaign. My younger son made *aliyah* and lives in Jerusalem. When we visit his family, the greeting is "Welcome home." My daughter's *bat mitzvah* speech was not about thanking family and teachers. She gave a talk about our recent family trip to Israel and how it influenced her love of Judaism.

Israel and working with young people are my primary interests. Volunteering, along with my financial support, has made my giving even more meaningful to me. I have often said that "Giving is for the giver." My convictions that we are all one, that our Judaism depends on our roots in Israel and that the key to our Jewish future lies in our young people have inspired me to leave a legacy gift to The Associated.

Ruth Keyser Lipsetts

I was born and raised in Baltimore, and as I was growing up, my parents set a wonderful example of Jewish involvement. My father was a cousin of Harry Greenstein, so perhaps he had a special sense of commitment from that. He was a quiet man and didn't talk much, but I saw that he always gave whatever he could to Jewish charities.

My mother and grandmother were charter members of the Baltimore chapter of United Order of True Sisters, a Jewish philanthropic organization back in the 1920s. And in the years before Sinai Hospital had a women's auxiliary, they used to do volunteer work at the hospital downtown.

Like many Jewish women, I first got involved with The Associated by participating in G-Day, when the women went door-to-door collecting for the Annual Campaign. I have been a contributor for many years.

My first husband, Irvin S. Keyser, was president of Uptown Federal Savings and Loan Association, the first Jewish savings and loan in Baltimore, and through him the bank became a generous contributor to The Associated. But he died at age 42. When I remarried, my second husband, Nathan Lipsetts, a photographer who took all the photos for the Associated Jewish Charities at the time, suggested we establish a philanthropic fund at The Associated in Irvin's memory in 1970. This was such a beautiful and caring thing for him to do.

After 35 years, we converted the philanthropic fund to an annual campaign endowment, and it now bears the names of both my husbands — the Irvin S. Keyser and Nathan Lipsetts Annual Campaign Endowment.

This fund is our way of providing for our community for many years to come. After we are gone, we will still be helping the Jewish people of Baltimore and Israel to go from strength to strength.

Richard and Janet Behrend Livingston

*M*y family here in Baltimore has always played a role in the Jewish community, though more through the Synagogue. Richard's family, from New York and Chicago, always played a significant role in many Jewish organizations. His Grandfather, Sigmund Livingston, founded the Anti Defamation League. There is a strong sense of *tzedakah* and *mitzvot* from both of our families.

We share this feeling, and together have worked very hard in our Baltimore Jewish community since the day we met. In fact, The Associated is indirectly responsible for us meeting each other. So we owe a great deal to The Associated, for helping to bring the two of us together, and for making this a great community. Having traveled throughout Europe and Israel with The Associated has also helped us to further understand our impact abroad as well as here in Baltimore.

Our family is now very active in The Associated, and we hope to pass this legacy on to our children, Sam and Amy, to then pass on to their children. May we go from Strength to Strength.

Shelly Lohmann

I have come to the understanding that my personal purpose in life is to help and give to others. I feel best about myself when I have done something for someone else. I am a giver and want to make this world a more perfect place, which is why I chose to come to work for The Associated in 1993 and have been here ever since. Working for The Associated is a privilege that allows me daily to put into practice my fundamental beliefs and values.

I have made a Legacy gift to The Associated and to Baltimore Hebrew Congregation, because I practice what I preach, and I want my daughters to know how important *tikkun olum* and *tzedakah* are to me. Both of my girls have been blessed with love and will know a life of privilege. May they always recognize their gifts and, in turn, reach out to help others.

Michele and Gary Luczak

*G*ary and I are probably the youngest writers as of today. It was important for us to start early and teach our daughters (Zoë age 10 and Sydney age 6) that at any time in your life, you can make a difference and leave a legacy. The future of our children is dependent on our present, our today. Children learn from their parents, by their words and especially by their actions. Gary and I hope we make a better world for all our children.

Lawrence M. and Ellen A. Macks

In a community like ours, we are surrounded by the sense that we are all responsible for one another. Clearly there is such a thing as caring and giving Jewishly — and in Baltimore, that spirit is a unique driving force.

Baltimore Jews have set a high standard of mutual responsibility. This is beautifully expressed through our efforts to strengthen and enhance Jewish life for everyone and to draw young families into the circle of Jewish community life. At the same time, we must build support for Israel, especially among younger Jews and future generations. Our survival as a people depends on it.

That is why we have made a legacy gift and are working to ensure that The Associated's endowment represents an increasingly large percentage of its total resources. Ellen is currently chair of the Lion of Judah Endowment of Women's Department, and she will soon chair The Associated's Legacy and Endowment Department.

If we could return to the Baltimore Jewish community a hundred years from now, we would hope to see that the money we have spent today has yielded the dividends of greater security for our people and greater caring for our worldwide Jewish family — especially the people of Israel. We would like to see a Jewish community that is a model for every community.

And if people remembered us, we would want them to say, "Ellen and Larry never took our community or our people for granted; they never took the work that went before them for granted; and they never took the future for granted."

Louise D. and Morton J. Macks

In our family, our goal has always been to do our part to ensure Jewish identity, Jewish education and Jewish continuity. We have always tried to instill these ideals and values into the hearts of our children. Their response has made us proud and truly thankful.

Trudy G. Magarill

*M*y mother's life revolved around Jewish values. She was my inspiration and guiding light. She was a woman who deeply felt that it was an obligation and privilege to do good things for others and impressed the value of "giving back" indelibly in my heart. No matter what one did, she always stressed the need for doing more. "Give until it helps," she would often say. These words have guided my life and motivated my community service.

I strongly believe in The Associated in all its aspects, and I have always hoped that my commitment and involvement served as a catalyst for others to participate.

In the many years that I have volunteered on all levels of leadership, I needed to fulfill my mother's challenge to me to do more. In my lifetime, it also answers the question "who am I?" I am still my mother's daughter.

Bernard Manekin

I was born of immigrant parents who came to this country in the latter part of the nineteenth century from Eastern Europe. My parents endowed me with the highest level of life's virtues, devotion to the Jewish faith and a strong commitment to philanthropy.

As I grew up in Baltimore and even before I achieved a modest measure of financial success, I became involved in The Associated Jewish Charities and in the work of its agencies.

I have committed myself to do all I can to perpetuate the programs of The Associated. I consider myself privileged to have been invited to become a member of the Harry Greenstein Legacy Society, for this will enable me and my descendants to work with others to perpetuate the ongoing efforts of The Associated in guaranteeing the continuing commitment to social and humanitarian services in our Jewish community here in Baltimore, nationally and in Israel, as well.

Francine and Harold Manekin

We have been blessed with good health, a wonderful family, success in business and a deep commitment to the Baltimore Jewish community. We were raised by hard-working parents who, despite modest means, taught us the important value of *mitzvot*.

The notion of good deeds has been the center point of our family's philosophy. Whether in business, raising a family, being good parents or committing our time to the community, our actions speak of doing what is right and making a difference. We were very fond of Harry Greenstein and had great respect for his work. Our engagement with the building named in his honor was to provide resources to maintain the facilities. Our intent was to make sure that money needed for repairs did not derive from the resources allocated to the important health and human service programs supported by The Associated.

Moving forward, my family anticipates continuing our support to the Jewish community through The Associated in ways that can make an impact in the lives of individuals and families.

Marsha and Richard Manekin

Born and raised in Baltimore, Dick and I are "boomers" who went out of state to college, returned home, fell in love, married and settled down to raise our family. That's the short version, but this ordinary story became the starting point for our adult Jewish journeys.

Each of our journeys began with The Associated through participation in the Young Leadership program where we truly learned the meaning of "*Kol Yisrael arevim zeh b'zeh*" (All Israel is responsible for one another). We also gained a new appreciation for the extraordinary leadership in our community, both professional and lay, which afforded us the opportunity to be educated and mentored. Dick's father, Bernard Manekin, is a past president of The Associated, his commitment to community (both Jewish and non-Jewish) has been a strong role model for our family and a genuine example of the Jewish values of *tzedakah*, *tikkun olam*, and *d'or l'dor*.

We feel blessed to be a link in the chain of our rich Jewish heritage and privileged to live in a vibrant, committed local Jewish community. We hope we have conveyed our sense of gratitude and responsibility to our children, Michael and Joseph. We pray they will live lives which are informed by Jewish values and filled with a sense of purpose, beauty and wonder.

Vivian and Robert Manekin

Vivian and I met on a spring day in 1969 in Chapel Hill, NC, where we were both students at Carolina. To say we came from different backgrounds would be a gross understatement. Her roots in North Carolina run deep, well before the Revolutionary War. My family immigrated to America in the late 1800s, and I am a Baltimore native.

Despite coming from opposite ends of a number of spectra, we have grown together in so many different ways. Vivian is a Jew by choice. And after making that decision, she has grown intellectually (graduate degree from BHU), spiritually (adult *bat mitzvah*), and communally (Young Leadership, agency boards, Associated campaign). She would tell you, as she has told me, that Jewish Baltimore has been a welcoming community, an intellectually stimulating community and a caring community for her, us and our five children.

As for me, participating in The Associated and its agencies is the single most rewarding avocation I have. Granted, I had some pretty good role models in my father, uncle and brother. From their example, I learned that it is better to give than receive, that communal leadership is a sacred trust and that Jews must always be able to rely on their fellow Jews. My challenge and goal is to pass that on to our children.

We may have been opposites when we first met, but today Vivian and I are very much alike in our love of Judaism and our Baltimore Jewish community.

Philip S. and Judith B. Marcus

How proud we are to have had parents who were so active in Jewish life here in Baltimore. Rabbi Joseph Jacob Marcus was educated in *Knesses Yeshiva*, branch of *Slabadka Yeshiva* under the tutelage of the Alter Rabbi Finkel. He was referred to as the *Beisigaler Iluy*. He received *Smicha* from Rabbi Soloveichik of Brisk, and also from Rabbi Elya Baruch Kamai, the Rabbi of *Mir Yeshiva*. His ordination by two Rabbinic authorities was quite unique. His wife Alta's family was also a family of Torah scholars. Rabbi Marcus came to Baltimore in the early 1920s and helped establish the first synagogue above North Avenue (*Mishkon-Israel*).

Mr. I. J. Mazur, also a student at the *Slabadka Yeshiva*, married in Baltimore in 1910 and moved to North Carolina with his wife, Sarah (nee Cohn). There, with family members, established a hosiery mill. Returning to Baltimore in 1930, they were very instrumental in starting the *Ner Israel Yeshiva* in Forest Park. Mr. Mazur was also president of the *Tiferes Yisroel* Synagogue.

Both the Marcus and Mazur families were extremely active in helping others. This is the legacy we wish to continue and pray that our children and grandchildren will follow in this direction as well.

Ruth R. Marder

Having known Harry Greenstein, who was often a guest in our home, helped inspire me to become involved in *tzedakah*. I have a wonderful legacy brought down to me from my uncle and aunt, my mother and father and my grandparents.

My involvement with The Associated goes back to the Junior Board and Sunday phonings. It has been a "rite of passage" for me – giving and caring. I would hope the legacy continues.

Beth Mayers

As the mother of two teenagers, my husband and I often wonder about the future. What kind of Jewish community will our children inherit, and what will Jewish life be like for them and their children? We simply cannot leave these questions to chance. We must plan carefully to ensure a vital and meaningful Jewish future for our children.

We believe the best way we can plan for our children's future is to live a life of caring and sharing — to teach them by example to honor, remember and report on the past so that we can carry what is best in our Jewish heritage into the future. It is essential that our generation instill a strong Jewish commitment in those who come after us. The Harry Greenstein Legacy Society gives us a wonderful opportunity to do both — to honor the past and to secure the future.

Participating on a family mission to Israel and having traveled to Egypt has further helped to solidify these ideas for us. What a contrast between a land where Jewish life surrounds and envelops you and one where no Jewish life exists at all! The Jewish past and the Jewish future merge in Israel. We must ensure that they continue to merge in Baltimore and in every Jewish community.

We are very proud that our children have already started their own Jewish journey. Our son is looking forward to attending the Teen Summit this year, and has participated in Jewish camps, and in many programs including the first JCC Artsfest. Our daughter is active in the Maccabi sports program, has attended Camp Milldale, Capital Camps, and is involved in many different mitzvah projects. We are very proud to have children who already live a life of *tikkun olam*. Like us, they understand that The Associated is the pipeline from which so many different opportunities emerge. The Associated addresses the whole person, and the whole community.

Constance and Jerome Mazer

Surely, a guiding hand molded our lives and shaped our values. Leading us to a fruitful marriage, love of children and dedicated community involvement, it elevated our appreciation and knowledge of the history of the Jewish people and Judaism. It wrapped us in the security of a loving family with brothers and sisters. This same guiding hand evidenced itself through the honor of serving Beth Israel Congregation as its first President, and as an officer in the U.S. Army. It also inspired the creativity of a loving wife's talent in art, painting and sculpture.

That guiding hand held a light that illuminated the way for our parents from Russia, Ida and Max Rudo and Sarah and Emanuel Mazer, who found a new homeland in Baltimore. They continue to live through our children Barbara and Jeffrey.

We are grateful to the Harry Greenstein Legacy Society for the opportunity it has provided us to assure our rich history lives on. We are hopeful that our participation will serve as a bright beacon for others.

Harvey M. Meyerhoff

Our family has been fortunate enough to have been continuously connected to The Associated almost from its inception in 1920. It would be totally inconsistent with that long term association not to make a commitment to the Endowment Fund, which I have done for many years.

The Associated began and continues to be essential for both the survival and health of the Jewish community in Baltimore. It is imperative that the institutions which currently exist and those that will surely follow be maintained in a manner that encourages and permits them to deliver their services in Baltimore, Israel and other areas of the world where Jews need help.

I'm pleased to note that four generations of our family (male and female) have been involved with The Associated either as officers, committee chairmen, campaign chairmen or committee members. Further, I've personally established separate support foundations for The Associated involving three generations of my family.

By committing to be part of the Harry Greenstein Legacy Society, named for a wonderful man who played a major role in both establishing and continuing The Associated during his lifetime, I express my concern for future generations and hopefully inspire them to follow in these footsteps.

Jennifer L. Meyerhoff

I've never practiced what some refer to as giving back. Why make giving conditional? Yes, the amount we give may depend on what we have at that particular moment, but that we give at all should have no bearing on what we perceive our community has or has not done for us in the past.

Giving is a basic activity that forces us to be very present with ourselves. What's most important to me? What is most significant in my value system? Who do I strive to emulate? What are the fears that encourage an occasional resistance to giving? Who has come before me? And what would I like to provide for those who will come after me? By giving in the moment, we have an opportunity to engage in a very special kind of vulnerability of the heart and spirit. This kind of vulnerability is one that comes from strength as it reveals itself in good times and bad.

Endowing my gift to The Associated affirms that my giving is more mindful, unconditional and ultimately more powerful than just giving only after something has been done for me first. Imagine what our Jewish future could be if we all gave this way?

Melinda Michel

I was not born or raised in Baltimore; I married into the community – twice! Despite that, I have made Jewish Baltimore my home and embraced it as a wonderful place to raise a family.

My children, Jason (Yosef) and Daniel, benefitted from a strong, vibrant Jewish life throughout their childhoods.

Daniel was the recipient of special support from the community to meet his unique needs. While he might not have sought out Jewish opportunities on his own, I was deeply grateful for the fact that they were available to him.

Without the largesse of The Associated, its agencies and the federation system as a whole, he would have missed out on experiences that I deeply wanted him to enjoy.

That is why I leave a legacy to The Associated. When I needed our community, it was here for me. I want to ensure that other families have the experiences we were able to have.

If my gift achieves that in some small way, I will feel that my legacy is complete.

Linda and Howard Miller

Our parents were involved and were supportive of many causes, and they encouraged us to be participants in the Jewish community and broader community. Young Leadership with The Associated is still a fond memory for us. Today we continue our giving because of the need that exists, our good fortune in life and our desire to set an example for our children and grandchildren, as our parents did for us.

Roseann Kahn Morgan

Many years ago, Rabbi Abraham Shaw of Temple Oheb Shalom gave a sermon reflecting on a tragic event. He was responding to some injustice, perhaps racial or ethical, but certainly one where people needed to be reminded of their obligation to one another. His message has remained with me as an inspiration on the way to conduct my life. I accept shared responsibility for our community. The impression that has motivated my philanthropy – and the heart of my legacy is this: Rabbi Shaw's words, "Am I my brother's keeper?" He paused. The answer: "Thou art." I give because I am my brother's keeper. A legacy gift ensures that I always will be.

Leona S. Morris

Growing up in two small towns in Maryland and Virginia as part of the only Jewish family in town made me appreciate the Jewish values established by my family's example and teaching. I came to Baltimore to college and have remained for over 65 years and have always been amazed at the rich Jewish resources of the community.

As a teacher and administrator, as a volunteer in many organizations, including many committees of The Associated, as a member and leader in my temple, Temple Oheb Shalom, I have found The Associated an important cog in the wheel of Jewish services and resources. It provides inspiration, guidance and coordination to help us live together in harmony and strength in our social, educational and religious activities. We respect and work well with each other.

My desire is that we provide the means to continue the leadership and guidance to the coming generations so that the Baltimore Jewish community will continue to spread the values of Judaism.

Ruth and David Naftaly

We were raised in the Washington, D.C. area. Both families came from modest means. Our parents, despite their limited financial ability, have served as our role models. They always knew how important it was to give back to the Jewish community.

We moved to the Howard County area in the 1970s. By the early 1980s, we had established our Jewish roots in the community by joining a synagogue and becoming members of the Jewish Federation of Howard County, National Council of Jewish Women and B'nai Brith Women.

When Ruth became President of the Federation, we knew it was important that we endow our campaign gift. We knew that if we lead by example, others would follow. Our dream is for the Howard County Jewish community to grow and prosper. We thank The Associated for being an excellent role model for our Federation.

Lou and Betsy Narrow

Ever since we came to Baltimore 38 years ago, Jewish Baltimore and The Associated have been an integral part of our family's lives and life cycles. It's where our children grew up and where we all flourished and lifelong friends were made. By becoming part of the Legacy Society, we feel we are helping to ensure the future of our Jewish Baltimore community.

Judaism and its values have always been a major part of our lives. Betsy growing up in Harrisburg and Lou in Philadelphia were both involved in Jewish social and service organizations. When we met in Philadelphia, we both became active in the Federation of Jewish Charities and their young leadership program. When we moved to Baltimore we easily transitioned to The Associated young leadership. We fell in love with the people, the philosophy, the *Derech Eretz*, and all The Associated encompasses. We have benefited from many Jewish organizations including Beth El Synagogue, Krieger Schechter Day School, Beth T'filoh school and camp, the JCC, Pearlstone, Levindale, the Myerberg, JNF and Israel Bonds.

With our legacy gift we hope to ensure The Associated continues to be such a vibrant and integral part of Jewish life in Baltimore for generations to come.

Belle and David H. Nelson

Belle (Reding) Nelson's parents, Aaron and Ida Reding, came to the USA from Ukraine about 1910. They raised a family of ten children, who in their turn are now parents, grandparents and great-grandparents.

David H. Nelson's father, Joseph, came to the USA from Ukraine, about 1914, to meet his father and make a home for his family in Cleveland, Ohio. David Nelson's mother, Bertha (Gampel) arrived in the USA about 1916 or 1917. The Nelson Family moved to Baltimore about 1922, to join Bertha's mother and five siblings.

Joseph and Bertha Nelson had four children, who together with their Gampel, King, Colodny, and Kramer cousins have reached the sixth and seventh generations in the USA. Belle and I are forever grateful that our parents decided to come to this country of opportunity and freedom, truly a land of freedom and justice.

Elissa Ness

Why have I chosen to endow my Lion of Judah (LOJE) gift? I want to create a lasting impact and legacy. I am committed to making a difference in the Baltimore Jewish community and overseas by ensuring that my annual campaign gift lives on. I hope that I am perpetuating the values of *tzedakah* and *tikkun olam* through my endowment. I know that I am helping to create a vibrant and lasting Jewish future in our city as a result of LOJE. It is certainly my wish to be a role model for our community and my family members. My endowment is a source of pride for me and has become the first step in the development of my ethical will. In other words, a detailed description of principles and beliefs important to me.

Why The Associated? For over 100 years, The Associated has played a central role in Jewish Baltimore and overseas. The Associated has solved problems, created solutions, and worked with leaders and donors to make a difference. The organization has inspired us to advocate for unity and change, and has supported the formation of a caring, virtuous community. These are my own personal values, ones that I hope will continue through my endowment.

Shirley Neulander

I was born and raised in Ithaca, N.Y., with about 100 Jewish families, in business or connected to Cornell University or Ithaca College. One hundred families could not afford a full time rabbi. Even though Ithaca had a beautiful edifice, Temple Beth El, a rabbi was imported for holidays. Fortunately, my Jewish education came from living in a strong Jewish home. I did, however, face anti-Semitism from time to time.

During college, I met my wonderful husband, Edward Neulander, stationed at Cornell in the Army Specialized Training Program. We married in 1946, after finishing his military service and completing graduate school with a doctorate in psychology. We moved to Baltimore in 1950, when Ed got a job teaching at what was then Towson State Teachers College. It was to be a stepping-stone, but he became very successful as a clinical psychologist and, loving Baltimore, we remained here. We had 51 wonderful years before he died in 1997.

One of my first *tzedakah* activities in Baltimore was going door-to-door for The Associated on "G-Day." I felt a warmth and camaraderie then and still do today, as I continue to donate to causes that have become dear to my heart. I have always been an active volunteer.

My affiliation with Baltimore Hebrew Congregation and the wonderful, lasting friendships I have made there have made *tzedakah* even more important to me. Helping people less fortunate gives me a tremendous feeling of spirituality and satisfaction.

Phyllis Atkins Neuman

I believe that I have been connected to The Associated and its affiliates for most of my life. However, I do not think I realized this until I started to reminisce.

As a young child, I became a member of the JEA in East Baltimore. When I graduated from high school, I received a phone call from someone at The Associated. She told me to go to a local factory and apply for a temporary job there. I do not remember contacting The Associated, but I think it also included a job placement at that time. I did get that job and was hired full time. I worked there until my desire to become a nurse grew too strong.

I applied and was accepted at Sinai Hospital School of Nursing. Once again an affiliate of The Associated came to my rescue. I did not have the \$50 entrance fee. I called Sinai and explained and was told to report as scheduled.

As a result of being a beneficiary of The Associated's intervention in a young woman's life, I have continued to support the agency. I have to admit that my support has often been very meager, but it has increased over the years. And now I have found a way to continue my support forever to an organization that provides for the full range of needs in the entire Jewish community.

Ricka E. Neuman

The larger Baltimore Jewish community has been integrated into my life from the time I was born. I attended elementary school at a Jewish day school and continued my Jewish education through junior and senior high schools at after-school programs. As a child and young adult, I worked and played at the Jewish Community Center and have participated in religious services through my synagogue.

My parents, Nelson and Phyllis Neuman, demonstrated their commitment to being Jewish and giving back to Jewish organizations by their words, deeds and dollars. They taught me to be proud of being Jewish and to celebrate my faith. I learned two very important life lessons from them. The first is that people matter the most and, the second, is the value of money is in the good it can do, not in what it can buy. Their teachings, my personal background and my involvement with The Associated, which made me aware of the needs in the community, are the reasons I give.

I hope my legacy gift to The Associated will help to ensure that the institutions and opportunities so influential in my life will continue to be available to the Baltimore Jewish community to enrich their personal and religious lives, as well.

Patti Neumann

I give because it is my responsibility. I am blessed to be able to do so both with time and financial resources. Giving back gives my life such meaning. My life would feel so selfish if I didn't give back to the world. My twenty years of work with my local federation, The Associated, and my last 6 years of national and international work and education with UJC 's National Young Leadership Cabinet have brought so very much meaning to my life.

As a Jew, it is my responsibility to help another and to secure our future generations. Philanthropy is all about one Jew asking another Jew to help a third. I am lucky to play a role in this. I am proud and humbled to endow my gift. Thank you for the opportunity.

L'Dor V'Dor

Bonnie and Pacy Oletsky

*O*ne of the most exciting moments we have witnessed in our lifetime has been the establishment of the State of Israel. We've been fortunate to share in its prosperity and growth through our close involvement with The Associated. One of our great pleasures was to travel there with our children and celebrate our Jewish heritage together on Israeli soil.

Our children can be proud that their grandfather, Herman Speert, and his older brother Mose were instrumental in collecting and storing supplies to outfit the ship Exodus for its legendary sailing from the U.S. to Israel. Their work has been chronicled in books and periodicals, and Baltimore Jewry has honored them.

We believe a strong and viable Israel is still dependent on the solidarity and support of our Jewish community, and our hope is that our legacy will help The Associated sustain its great work.

Linda and Stanley Panitz

*W*hen I was a young man, I recall that my grandfather, Joseph Berman, had a very high regard for Harry Greenstein. I was fortunate to have met him on a few occasions and recall his inspirational commitment to the Jewish community and to the religious and ethical principles that he held in high esteem. We are honored to have been invited to include this tribute to Mr. Greenstein. Bless his memory.

Ellen and Arnall Patz

Going back to the 1800s, when our families came to this country as immigrants, they never turned a needy person away from their door without helping them in some way. Charitable giving has been instilled in every generation of our families.

Harry Greenstein was an inspirational leader and friend. We are glad to be a part of the Harry Greenstein Legacy Society.

Beverly and Sam Penn

Our earliest memories of *tzedakah* are tied to our going house to house on G-day sponsored by The Associated. Together with friends and family, we got up early one Sunday morning each year to go throughout the community to collect money for the many community agencies that improved our life in Baltimore.

Because we have grown up in this wonderful community, enriched and supported by The Associated: Jewish Community Federation of Baltimore, we feel that it is an honor to be able to give back to the community through our legacy gift. In a world in which so many organizations are asking for resources, we hope that our children and grandchildren will carry on our tradition of *tzedakah* and help make the Baltimore Jewish community a better one.

Patsy Perlman

My roots in Baltimore began in the 1860s when my ancestors came from Germany. The Associated has been a part of my life for as long as I can remember. My father, Henry S. Miller, was a close friend of Harry Greenstein and an early treasurer of "The Associated." This organization was like "bread and butter" in our home. Giving to those less fortunate is part of my family and forebears, an inherited privilege, which I expect to go on forever through my legacy gift.

Dung Kim Pham and Lester S. Steinfeld

From generation to generation — L'Dor V'Dor

We came to the United States separately many years ago and started second lives in the USA. We found each other and together we parented two great children Daganian and Yaron, who we decided early on should have a Jewish education. They attended Jewish day schools all through high school. We believe that this particular Jewish education gave them a strong ethical and human foundation on which to base their lives and do good things for themselves and society at large.

On their maternal side, our children only got to know their grandmother, Nguyet Thi Nguyen. Their grandfather, Linh Van Pham, passed away in Vietnam just after Daganian was born. On their paternal side, our children never knew their grandparents, Louis and Alice Steinfeld, who passed away in South Africa. But, they had the good fortune to have cousins of ours, Bernie and Mickey Bliden, who were present at both of their births and who graciously assumed the roles and duties of quasi-grandparents to them, nurturing their Jewish upbringing. Bernie and Mickey Bliden are believers in charity and in promoting Jewish education. It is in their footsteps that we are establishing the Steinfeld/Pham Endowment Fund to further Jewish education.

We hope that our small offering will help other young people enjoy the benefits of a Jewish education, infusing them with Jewish values and become real *menschen*.

Arnold I. Plant

The privilege of being Jewish allows one to do certain things during one's lifetime. To be able to leave the world a somewhat better place by simply leaving financial support is a pleasure. As my parents and grandparents before me have done, so do I.

As the future rests with the next generation, so it is our privilege to lead with charity. My hope and prayer is that my children and their children will be able to make the same or greater contribution to our people, our faith and our universe.

Tammie and Morton Plant

We both feel so very fortunate to have been able to be involved with the Baltimore Jewish community through our endeavors with The Associated and its agencies.

We know we have helped Jews in the community as well as around the world with funds that we supply and with the volunteer work that we have accomplished both locally and nationally.

It is our wish that our children and grandchildren continue to supply whatever support they can in order to keep up this tradition.

It is our hope that what we have done will help to inspire others in our community to act in ways that will continue to make our community one of the top Federations in North America.

Amy and Bob Pollokoff

Amy and I endowed gifts to The Associated to help ensure a strong vibrant Jewish community in Baltimore for generations to come. It is our way to "pay it forward" and allow our blessings to continue to support those in need long after we are gone. We also are setting an example for our children and grandchildren showing the positive impact that we can make by helping others.

Albert B. Polovoy

I have been contributing to The Associated for more than 42 years. I am guided by the statement, "If one Jew doesn't look out for another, who will?"

Vivian and Jerry Portnoy

How very lucky for us as a newly married couple to have been sent to Baltimore! As transplanted New Yorkers we had the great fortune to be welcomed by the Hettleman family, whose warmth and hospitality exemplified the wonderful Jewish community to whom they introduced us. We quickly learned that this community was unique. It felt like family and, indeed, everyone seemed to be related! It has been a privilege to serve on various constituent agencies of The Associated, most especially Jewish Family Services. We are grateful to be a part of this caring and nurturing community and want to ensure with our legacy gift that our support will continue for our adopted Baltimore family.

Allan Pristoop

As having parents from Ukraine and Belarus who experienced first hand Jew hatred and witnessed the murder of family members, I am extremely cognizant of the importance of Jewish continuity and am extremely grateful for the education I received at Isaac Davidson Hebrew School and the Baltimore Hebrew College as well as Zionist activities as a youth and an adult, having practiced medicine in Israel twice and interacting with many survivors of the Holocaust from all over Europe, and living at present in such a vibrant Jewish community.

Carol Pristoop

As a child, I was fascinated by the stories of my paternal and maternal grandparents and the efforts of their families to maintain their Judaism. My mother's family fled from Spain to Salonica, Greece then to Constantinople, and finally to India where my mother was born and where my grandfather helped found the Magen David Synagogue in Calcutta. My father's family left eastern Europe and came to New York then Alabama where my father was born, and finally to Pasadena, California where his older siblings could find other Jews to marry. There, my grandmother wrote plays in Yiddish to raise funds for Pasadena's first Torah scroll. It amazes me that two families of Cohanim, one Sephardic and one Ashkenazic, were able to preserve their ancient heritage through 3000 years with the serendipitous result of my parents meeting in India where my dad was stationed during WWII. These stories gave me a mystical sense of purpose and responsibility to honor my forebears by doing my part to sustain the Jewish people. That is what inspired me to work for the Jewish community of Baltimore for 40 years in various professional capacities from fundraising, programming, and planning to finally help found the Pearlstone Center as an experiential teaching space for "Living Judaism." This same mystical commitment to Judaism and the wisdom, ethical and humanitarian values it teaches and models, obligates me to endow a legacy gift. I truly believe our world will implode without the continued existence and wisdom of the Jewish people.

Herman Pusin

I was born 94 years ago, and I grew up in a hamlet of 300 people in the northwest corner of North Dakota. There was no synagogue and no Jewish community. So I learned very early how to be part of a larger community while still living proudly as a Jew, even if that entailed a little sacrifice.

My mother kept a kosher home. She would order kosher meat from a butcher in Minot, 120 miles from our little town. My father invented a crude type of refrigeration, packing the meat in a new ice-cream barrel and surrounding it with ice. When it arrived on the freight train the stationmaster would call my father, and he'd send a boy with a wagon to fetch the barrel and bring it to our house.

We raised chickens and ducks ourselves. Every fall, we would notify the kosher butcher, and he would travel to our town to slaughter the poultry. We hung them in our garage, where they froze overnight and stayed frozen for the winter.

By the time I was 10 my parents wanted me to prepare to become a *bar mitzvah*, but there was no Hebrew school within 600 miles of our town. So my father sold his general merchandise store in North Dakota and we moved to St. Paul so I could enroll in Hebrew school immediately.

When I came to Baltimore in 1938 to work as an aeronautical engineer, I sought out the Conservative Jewish community. It has been gratifying to see it grow and become more welcoming and more unified every year.

When I am gone, I hope people will say of me, "He was a good citizen." I have tried to be a good citizen of my world, of my country, and of my Jewish community. Supporting The Associated over the years and helping to advance its work of preserving our Jewish heritage is my way of being a good citizen.

Susan and Philip Rabin

"May it be G-d's will that all who come from you be like you." - Masekhet Taanit

Our family has been inspired to leave a legacy to The Associated through our involvement in the Jewish community for more than four decades. We know how many ways The Associated has supported the Baltimore community and communities around the world. Our children also understand the importance of their legacy. It is our hope that our grandchildren will also, one day, be inspired to do the same.

May all who come from you be like you!

Lorraine and Earl Raffel

We were both privileged to be born into loving Jewish families. We believe that our positions are ordained to understand and revere the past struggles and accomplishments of our ancestors. As we worked hard to build our lives together and raise our family, we always instilled the importance of being aware of human needs. Now we strive to see the world through the eyes of our children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. As such, our legacy gift can demonstrate our devotion to the future of our Jewish people and inspire the role of our descendants in enhancing and enriching the lives of others.

Paul Reamer

I was born and raised in Whiteford, MD, the grandson of Russian immigrants. As first-generation Americans, my parents worked hard as owners of a general store and struggled to make ends meet. They had very little to spare; yet my father was one of the most giving people I have ever known. When he gave, he gave from what little money and time he had to others less fortunate than our family.

It is with this spirit that I got involved with The Associated in my early 20s. I was invited to take part in the Young Men's Leadership program and quickly became energized and inspired by the group. They were giving and caring people who wanted to make a difference in their community. My time had come to start giving back to my community, as my father did within his community.

Like many of the members of the Young Leadership program, I volunteered for various Associated agencies and served on several agency boards. Ultimately, I served on the board of Levindale for 12 years. It was so rewarding to be able to contribute in such a significant way for this community.

To this day, I am truly committed to The Associated's overall mission, and I personally focus my giving on building a caring community, by helping people who are underprivileged or with very limited resources. I feel that the opportunities within our Jewish community to build safety nets for those who can't provide for themselves are invaluable.

I am also proud to report that my three daughters have found their own ways to be involved in their community. They have chosen to continue the Reamer legacy by passing on the giving spirit onto their children as well. Together we believe that giving back Jewishly can make a difference.

Sylvia Lyons Reicher

I was born in 1917 in Lexington, Virginia. Throughout the years of my growing up, my parents, and one other couple, were the only Jewish adults living in the town, and my brother and I were the only Jewish children. My parents were deeply committed to sustaining an active and vibrant Jewish life. Our home was filled with the bright lights and wonderful smells of *Shabbat*, *Chanukah* and *Passover*. We traveled 30 miles to attend Synagogue in Lynchburg with family on the High Holy Days, and joyfully celebrated my brother's *bar mitzvah*. My parents opened their home to Jewish students at Washington and Lee University, and were instrumental in creating the first chapter of Phi Epsilon Pi Fraternity.

My late husband, Sol M. Reicher, and I were blessed to raise our family in the tradition of our parents' legacy, and equally privileged to be part of Baltimore's strong Jewish community. I endow this gift to The Associated to honor the memory and heritage of my parents, Ida and Louis Lyons, my husband, and his parents Lena and Jacob Reicher. It is my hope that this legacy will continue to flourish in the lives of my children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Rosalie and Malcolm Renbaum

Being Jewish is a major part of our identity. Malcolm and I were fortunate to have had parents and families that were steeped in Jewish life and Jewish causes. My mother arrived in the USA from Russia around 1904 and spoke little, if any, English. She told us stories of how she and her siblings worked all day in the garment industry and then attended "night school" to learn English. These "night school" classes were clearly sponsored by the Jewish community.

Our parents would be so proud to know that we are a part of the *Endowment Book of Life*. We are blessed with our beautiful family and friends and are very pleased to be able to be a part of this endeavor. We hope our children will continue our family tradition of supporting the Jewish community and Jewish causes.

Alison and Arnold Richman

Alison and I were both born and raised in Baltimore. We met in high school, remained together, married and raised our three daughters, Lauri, Kathy and Cara in the same great community. While we have not always been the most observant Jews in a religious sense, our "Jewishness" and our feeling about being contributing members to a vibrant and lasting Jewish community has been very important to us. We feel fortunate that our parents instilled these values in us and that we have enjoyed a lifestyle which has enabled us to provide well for our family and give back to a community that has been so good to us. We hope that our children and their children will continue this commitment and feel good about fulfilling these responsibilities.

Ann W. and E. Carey Ries

We feel strongly about our Jewish commitment to the community and trust our children, grandchildren and the generations that follow will continue this responsibility to The Associated. It is vital that we prepare and provide for those Jewish people in need in Baltimore and elsewhere. It is our privilege to be a part of the *Endowment Book of Life*.

Fannie G. Ries

I moved to Baltimore from Lynchburg, Virginia as a young girl of fourteen. After my marriage to the late Elkan L. Ries, we, along with Elkan Myers, Harry Greenstein, the Dalsheimer, Blaustein, Rosenberg and Fox families felt privileged to support the mission of The Associated. I am happy to see that our children and grandchildren have followed our example of helping Jewish people in Baltimore and around the world.

As I approach my one hundredth birthday, my historic connection to The Associated becomes even more meaningful to me, and I am gratified to know that my legacy will continue into the future.

Sharon and Herb Rochlin

Both of us came from modest backgrounds, but we learned to set aside whatever we could to support the Jewish community. How well we remember the little blue *tzedakah* boxes in our parents' homes!

As young adults, we were involved with The Associated's Annual Campaign. Herb became chairman of Young Men's Leadership, and was honored with the Harry Greenstein Award. Then, in 1968, right after the Six-Day War, we went on our first mission to Israel. We both felt a strong and immediate connection, strongly reinforcing our desire to help our fellow Jews.

In honor of Herb's 70th birthday, our children established a scholarship fund at The Associated to enable more young people to travel to Israel.

We raised our daughters to give to others and to maintain a strong bond and commitment to Jewish life. Now they are instilling those values in their own children. We are proud that they are carrying on the tradition of giving. Our children and grandchildren are our greatest legacy.

Herbert and Harriet Rosen

Hillel said, "Be of the disciples of Aaron, loving peace and pursuing peace, one who loves one's fellow creatures and brings them near to the Torah."

We both feel that Jews should help Jews, for if not, then who will. It is our desire that our commitment to the Endowment Fund will provide a stimulus to our children and their children to continue the legacy of *tzedakah* for those in our community in need, through The Associated.

Benedict and Babette Rosenberg

As Jews, we have lived at a time, the 20th and 21st centuries, and in a place, America, where we enjoyed peace and prosperity. As Jews, we were taught the values of social justice and charity. For us, to contribute to the campaigns of The Associated has been a way of putting those values into practice.

We learn from both lessons taught and behavior observed. We are delighted that our children are continuing this tradition. Hopefully, our perpetual gift to The Associated will not only support its programs in the future, but serve as an example to others who follow.

Hon. Samuel I. “Sandy” Rosenberg

When I was in high school, my mother would read and edit my important work before I turned it in. Most likely, you’ve read my parents’ remarks on the preceding page. I could have looked at what they wrote before I drafted this statement, but I didn’t need to do so. They have taught me the importance of charity and of leaving a legacy for both our family and our community.

I proudly bear the name of a man who came to this land of opportunity as a teenager from Czarist Russia. That’s why providing opportunities for immigrants to make their way in this society is one of the goals of my giving.

The most meaningful acts of my public life have been those that help people in the shadows of life — the sick, the needy and the handicapped, in Hubert Humphrey’s phrase. I seek to continue that effort with my legacy.

Lois Rosenfield

I have no doubt that my childhood experiences in a Jewish home provided the foundation for my volunteer and professional activities.

My parents’ drugstore was the hub of our family life. Their success made them positive role models for my own work in the community.

The more I am involved in the community, the more my Judaism flourishes. To be a Jew after the Holocaust is to know hope and faith in Jewish continuity. Serving in leadership roles in both the Jewish and general communities has given me the opportunity to make a difference in Baltimore.

My children and grandchildren know that they are part of a tradition where we are responsible for each other. To leave a legacy gift to The Associated ensures hope and survival for their generation and those that follow.

Nina Rosenzweig

Although I had traveled to Europe as a young woman, I had never been to Israel. I jumped at the opportunity to be part of a women's mission to Israel with The Associated in 2000.

It was an eye-opening experience for me. At the Wailing Wall for Shabbat, in that private moment, I made a commitment not just for my parents, but for their parents and the generations prior who were much more Jewish and involved than we were: I was going to be the one, to be the flag holder for our family. And it was this silent moment. It was almost a prayer to the world, to the infinity. I vowed that I would spend the rest of my life making sure that I was a proud Jewish woman and that my family was proud of our Jewish heritage and would do whatever we could to make sure that we solidified that in the world. That is when I made the decision that my life would be dedicated to all things Jewish.

When I think about why I do what I do, it is to ensure that there are going to be Jewish offices and buildings and agencies and people and opportunities for those who want them. And for those who don't want them now, there may come a time when they need them or when they are there for the people they care about.

And maybe someday, my grandchildren will know what really matters and then they'll decide if they're going to be the ones to hold the flag and to continue my legacy.

Rosalie Rosenzwoog

I was a young girl when the Nazis came to power and began persecuting Jewish people. When I became aware of what was happening, I begged my parents to do something about it. They told me sadly that there was nothing that they could do. As the situation overseas grew worse, we had to stand by helplessly while so many were murdered. It was then that I became determined to spend my adulthood trying to help people in need – especially Jews.

For most of my life I've been a "professional volunteer." I've been involved since the day many years ago when I was approached as a young married woman to take part in G-Day. Since then my main philanthropic address has always been "The Associated." Fortunately, my husband shared my commitment. He believed that, after providing for his family, the most important thing was to help provide for our community...to give something back.

I'm happy to say that my son, daughter-in-law and grandsons are continuing my efforts. They are all involved with our projects.

I want to support what my family is doing and to make certain that our wonderful agencies will be able to continue their work after I am gone. I am grateful that I was able to create a legacy endowment to help achieve these goals.

Stanford Z. Rothschild, Jr.

The Rothschild family, arriving in Baltimore before the turn of the 19th century, established a Baltimore-based life insurance company which was later merged with a national firm after 80 independent years of existence.

To recognize our Baltimore base and to support the Jewish community here, we participated in funding the Jewish Museum of Baltimore. Third generation family members set up a legacy and endowment fund, committed to the ongoing support of The Associated in honor of our grandfather, father, and uncles who had been active as officers and directors of The Associated for many years. Harry Greenstein was a good friend and associate of Stanford Rothschild, Sr., who served as an Associated treasurer and also as a treasurer of Sinai Hospital.

We have extended our family to the 5th generation with a branch in New York. We maintain our continuing ties to Baltimore and have dedicated funds that are part of The Associated assets with additional funding from our outside foundation. Our trustees are here in Baltimore and in New York and Pennsylvania, as well.

If we have the good fortune to maintain continuity and the economic means for foundation funding, we look forward to continuing our participation in The Associated through the endowment fund as well as outside earnings from our Charitable Foundation that will continue for the benefit of The Associated and other charitable and educational endeavors. We want to impart this same intent to succeeding generations who exist now, as well as, hopefully, for the future.

Deverah Routman

How very fortunate I am to live in Baltimore for the last 20 plus years and how welcoming this community has been to me. I grew up in a small town in Pennsylvania, called Johnstown where I was surrounded by many family members, a strong synagogue and many, many friends. My parents, Lena and Harry Baum, were very involved in the Jewish community where they both volunteered and were active members of their synagogue. Those days were wonderful for me too because I joined youth organizations and through that, my love for *tzedakah* began. Along with my sister Shirley, we went house to house with our *pushkies* and collected for the Johnstown Jewish community and Israel. Once I married and moved to Pittsburgh, my husband Alan and I were involved in many organizations and our synagogue, Tree of Life. My values of *tzedakah* has reached both of my daughters, Tammy Routman Heyman and Mindy Routman Markovitz. They too, along with their families, have been involved in Jewish actives, Israel, synagogues and volunteerism. At 83, this makes me so very proud! These last years have taught me about how I can I leave my mark on Jewish Baltimore. I was fortunate to be on the committee for LIFE & LEGACY in its infancy. It was my pleasure and joy to see how we could reach out to people in the community who had not thought yet about a legacy gift. May we continue to bring *tzedakah* to our community, Israel and the world for many, many years to come and especially on this year as we celebrate Israel at 75.

Alli Russel

My journey from poverty in Europe to comfort and freedom in Baltimore began with my birth in Leipzig, Germany in 1916. My father, who died when I was sixteen, owned a dairy store, which was later destroyed by Hitler. My mother, two sisters, one brother and I remained in Germany until my mother was deported to Poland. We never heard from her again. I had already met my future husband, Heinz Reifenberg (later Americanized to "Ronnie Russel") when he left for London, England. We were married in 1939, and he joined the British army to avoid deportation to Australia while I worked as a nanny.

We remained in England until 1948 when we and our two sons, Robert and Stephen, moved to Baltimore. Heinz and his brothers opened their first Mercedes-Benz dealership (R&H Motors) in 1956. When Heinz died suddenly in 1968, I became a travel agent in order to avoid the loneliness created by Heinz's death. As a result, I have traveled all over the world.

I have given to The Associated since our first days in Baltimore. My mother taught us that if you make ten marks, you should give one of them to charity. Our children understood our commitment to the Jewish community through the examples we set. My legacy is guided by the same principles that move me to give during my lifetime. I want future generations to know that I cared deeply about my fellow Jews.

Irene and Robert Russel

Both sets of our parents were Holocaust survivors. They came to America with hopes and dreams of starting a new life. Through hard work and determination they succeeded to give us, their children, a good life while never forgetting those less fortunate.

From early on, we observed our parents giving *tzedakah* and performing acts of kindness. Robert and I are proud to follow the loving example set by our parents and expand on it. We hope that our children and grandchildren will follow in our footsteps as well. *Dor v'dor*.

Our areas of interest include Jewish day schools, synagogue life, Israel, and safety net services. Joining the Harry Greenstein Society ensures that our legacy will be continued.

Alvin and Marcia Sachs

We were both born into typical Baltimore Jewish families. From our early lives, Alvin went to Beth Tfiloh day school, in Forest Park, and Marcia's family belonged to Shaarei Tfiloh Congregation and she went to Sunday school at Beth El.

We got married at ages 21 and 19 by Rabbi Rosenblatt at BT, typical among our friends at that time. Not long after, we joined Beth Tfiloh. And learned from that time on, in addition to sending our kids to BT, but to give money to BT, The Associated and buying Israel Bonds as best we could afford.

Later and being successful in business, we gave greater amounts to school, synagogue, and other Jewish causes. As we got older, we learned about legacy gifts and in our wills have left money to The Associated, Beth Tfiloh, Hadassah and FIDF – our favorite Jewish charities. We hope our children will do the same in future years, following our example.

Beryl and Philip Sachs

As we learned through our parents the important values of involvement and charitable giving, so do we want to create that legacy for our children and grandchildren.

Having both grown up and lived in Baltimore for most of our lives, we knew that sustaining the Jewish community was important to us, and we have wanted to invest the time and resources to be part of this endeavor. It was only natural for us to want to participate in the many activities of the Jewish community.

We feel very privileged to be living in Jewish Baltimore at this time and having the opportunity to make a commitment, not only to The Associated, but also to the community at large.

Phyllis and Gordon J. Salganik

We have been very fortunate to live in a country where we are free to practice and enjoy our Jewish heritage.

Our concerns have always been for those who have been less fortunate and have instilled these values in our children.

It is our hope that they will continue our commitment with acts of loving kindness and support others in need with their efforts and resources.

Elise and David Saltzberg

Elise: We met in 1988 through The Associated. After living in Indiana for eight years, I had recently moved to Baltimore, specifically because I had heard that there was a terrific Jewish community here. David was the Co-Chair of the Young Executives and Professionals Division Outreach Committee, and I went to a meeting at his house. We started dating and we have both been very involved with The Associated ever since. We feel very strongly that it's important to support the local Jewish community now and into the future, so in addition to making a legacy gift, we set up a donor advised fund with The Associated, as well.

David: I've been involved with The Associated in various ways. I'm a newcomer to Baltimore, having lived here for just 36 years. Early on, I got involved with the Maimonides Society – the Physicians Division – and at that time, a young Marc Terrill was our advisor. So I feel like I helped Marc get his start. All through the years, I've belonged to the JCC. I also received a master's degree in Jewish history from Baltimore Hebrew University. Our kids went to Jewish day school – another institution supported by The Associated. We're so grateful for all our experiences and the support that we've had from The Associated, and we think it's only right to include The Associated as part of our legacy.

Carol Sandler

I grew up in Pikesville, was confirmed at Baltimore Hebrew Congregation, and did volunteer work for Jewish organizations when our children were young. Later I went on staff at Jewish Community Services. For 17 years, I was inspired by the dedication of volunteers and other staff to helping Jewish people; the job experience deepened my feeling that we are all responsible for one another.

I left a legacy to The Associated because someone asked! My parents were philanthropic and set good examples, which has been my goal to do for our children and grandchildren. A legacy seems an effective and meaningful way to preserve our culture and support the Jewish community beyond our lifetimes.

Louis “Buddy” Sapolsky

I have had the distinct privilege of serving as the President/CEO of the JCC for the past 16 years. It has been an incredible experience professionally and personally. During these years I’ve had the opportunity to see significant changes at the JCC and in the greater Baltimore Jewish community. I have had the opportunity to work with an amazing array of leaders and professionals whose common goal has been to make our community the best that it can be. Most importantly, I have seen “up close and very personal” the impact and difference we can have on the lives of literally thousands of individuals and families. At the “J,” it doesn’t matter whether you are young, old, rich or poor. It makes no difference if you have a disability. And whether you are an Orthodox Jew or a Jew who is searching for meaning, there is a place for you.

It is because of the impact the JCC has had and, with the support of The Associated, will have going forward that it is an honor for me to leave this small legacy to the community I have grown to respect, admire and love.

Ann W. Saunders

I was lucky enough to be born Jewish and benefit from its rich heritage. Its most important precept — to be a good person — was exemplified by my parents, Theresa and David Schwartzman. It is my responsibility to perpetuate this heritage for my children and grandchildren, with the hope that they will perpetuate it for their offspring.

Annette and Michael Saxon

Our parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles — such different individuals in many ways — have had so much in common due to their Jewish heritage. From them, our Jewish role models, we have learned that along with the extraordinary benefits of being Jewish come the special responsibilities to look out for other Jews, to serve our community and to educate future generations.

Our children, our legacy, are already validating our optimism that coming generations of Jews will sustain our people, promote human dignity and reinvent Jewish community in ways that are more vibrant and compelling than we can imagine. We know that our gifts to The Associated, which fund programs and services that put these values into practice every day, will help to make that possible.

As the children of our parents and the parents of our children, we know it is our obligation to help enhance Jewish life for our children, just as our parents have done for us. We are proud to be a part of this unbroken chain of Jewish commitment across the generations.

Frederica Kolker Saxon

I was raised with the notion that family always comes first. The Jewish people are an extension of my family, and I feel a responsibility to care for, give to and participate in the Jewish community.

My first experience with The Associated was as a young girl going with my mother to knock on doors in order to raise funds on G-Day. After graduating from college, I immediately became involved with The Associated. Later, as a young mother, I was active in the Women's Division and twice had the opportunity to serve as Chair of the Women's campaign. My children remind me to this day that my involvement made a tremendous impression on them. They have followed with their own participation and support of the Jewish community, and it gives me tremendous pleasure to see our family's philanthropic values passed down to the next generation.

The Associated has been my priority for over 60 years, so it follows that I am leaving a legacy gift. The continued good work of The Associated in support of the well-being of Jews in Baltimore and around the world is critically important to us all.

Jane Krieger Schapiro

The Associated has been a predominant part of my life for nearly 60 years. My father, Abraham Krieger, was president of the boards of Sinai Hospital and The Associated, so we always had community leaders in our home and at our table. As a result, commitment to the Jewish people began for me at a young age.

Following my marriage to LeRoy ("Lee") Cohen and our return to Baltimore in the 1940s, I volunteered for G-Day, my first involvement with The Associated as an adult. The Southern Hotel was the launching place for our door-to-door solicitations. The men drove the cars and the women rang the doorbells, asking for donations. If I collected a total of \$2.72 after a full day of going house to house, I considered it a successful day. But, even more important, it was a wonderful way to build community by giving the opportunity to everyone to contribute, regardless of their means. As volunteers, we felt good about being able to help.

The Associated was run exclusively by men in those days. So, I worked in the Women's Division, holding leadership positions, culminating as Campaign Chair and then President of the Women's Division. I remember working in the basement office on Monument Street with Helen Dalsheimer, Hilda Blaustein and others. When my first husband died in 1966, it was my work with the Women's Division and my friendship with those women that saved my life. Later I became one of the first women to sit on the Board of The Associated.

The Associated has been so important in my life, that it gives me pleasure to leave a bequest for the benefit of future generations who will, hopefully, also know the joy of giving and caring for our people.

Muriel W. Schiller

My late husband, Milton, and I moved to Baltimore in 1945 when he joined the law firm of Weinberg and Green. About two years later, we became rooted to the Baltimore Jewish community when we made our first contributions to The Associated — I with a dime-a-day as part of the newly formed Women's Division, and he with an unsolicited contribution to the regular campaign.

Our roots to the community grew deeper with our continued support for The Associated, not only as contributors but also as active participants in some of its constituent agencies. Our work with the agencies proved to be both challenging and gratifying. We became convinced of the importance of a strong, caring Jewish community and that The Associated was the instrument to accomplish that goal.

Roots, however, need nourishing if they are to remain strong and supportive. That is why we made commitments to the Endowment program in the hope that the roots we put down will continue to grow and that in our small way, we have helped to insure the future of The Associated for coming generations.

Fred A. and Greta Schlossberg

My husband Fred and I, Greta Schlossberg, came to America as single young adults from Europe around 1939, right before World War II. We met here in America and were married in the mid 1940s. Together here in Baltimore we started a gourmet food distribution company working very hard to build a family and a new life in the USA. We are grateful to America and the wonderful town of Baltimore for all the opportunity afforded us to begin life anew.

We both came from a strong Orthodox Jewish German tradition where *chesed* and *tzedakah* were imbued into our character by our wonderful parents. Our life goal was to raise a family and to help our community and the State of Israel in all ways we were able. *Hashem* blessed us in many ways, including two wonderful children. We worked hard to transmit to our children this beautiful family heritage and educated them in the Torah teachings of *tzedakah* and helping others. It is our hope that they too will pass this rewarding way of life on to the generations of children to come.

Hank Schoenfeld

My parents and I came to the U.S. when I was only ten years old. We escaped the Nazis and Kristallnacht by just a few months. I can still see my grandmother (who was about 50 years old) waving "good-bye" at the train station in Munich. She with most of my other relatives then died in the Holocaust. My father's first job in the U.S. was through HIAS. We had no money and I walked two miles each way to school to save 10 cents in bus fare — a sizeable sum at that time.

After graduating college, I came to Baltimore and went to work as an engineer. I was solicited to give \$15.00 to The Associated, but at that time I felt that that was more than my budget would allow. Over the years this community has been wonderful to me and because of my background I have always felt a special responsibility to support The Associated. I feel very privileged to be able to contribute what I deem to be my "fair share."

Last year I took my children and grandchildren to Germany to witness what's left of the concentration camps so that they too would remember what happened there and "from whence we cometh." I want them to be proud of their heritage and traditions and to be responsible members of the community. I have tried to emulate certain role models in carrying out my responsibilities and in trying to help others to be better, more productive citizens. Of course, I strive to have my family do the same. I will continue to do my utmost to live up to my obligations.

Eugene H. Schreiber

My parents were born in Baltimore, and I have lived here my entire life. It has indeed been a privilege to participate in the work of The Associated, first on the Lawyers Committee (although I never enjoyed fundraising) and later with AJC of Baltimore, Inc. and with several of the investment committees. I hope to continue serving for many more years.

Emelie Schwab

The generations before us persevered and overcame unimaginable obstacles to get us to where we are today. It's our turn to take responsibility to continue our quest to solidify and maintain our community, modeling and living Jewish values for our children and generations to come. In our hearts and in our actions, *tikkun olam*, we strive to make the world a better place for all.

Rose and Milton Schwartz

*B*ecause this community has been so good to my wife, our children, our grandchildren, and me, we thought it only right to give something back to the community. We decided to invest in a charitable annuity and purchased one from The Associated.

We chose The Associated because we believe your organization does so much good for the most deserving people. Gifts, such as this, plus contributions to your annual appeals will help you to continue the very good work you do.

Dr. Albert Shapiro

*Y*ears ago, my father invited me to attend a meeting he set up with Elkan Myers. It was my first opportunity to hear a master fundraiser in action and I never forgot it. Although I am now a resident of Florida, I intend to continue my support of the Baltimore Jewish Federation. It's a wonderful city and ranks among the top in community giving.

Sandy Shapiro

I am a second generation American Jew. I grew up in the 1940s and 1950s, when the Holocaust was barely being digested by the world and Israel was in her infancy. Surrounded by sounds of heavy accents and smells of old world delicacies, I grew up with the knowledge that we could not live, work and play just anywhere we wished.

Though those were difficult times, we learned who we were as Jews and why we had to be a community of Jews. Now with greater access and acceptance, we find ourselves with new problems.

Will the next generations find Judaism relevant? Will they want the Jewish community to shape their identity? Will they be willing to accept the responsibility for their fellow Jews in the community?

I am leaving a legacy gift to The Associated, because I am confident that it will continue to be the key steward to maintain our Jewish community in a rich, relevant and authentic way.

Joanne and Alan Shecter

We are among the luckiest of Jews. In a world where so many of our faith have been devastated, we were born in the United States and have benefited greatly from its vast opportunities and resources.

We want to leave a legacy to the Jewish People, here and abroad, our "extended family." We have learned that there are always Jews in need — because of discrimination, poverty, a need to emigrate or a need for Jewish social services. Jewish agencies and services have also been important in our own lives.

It is incumbent upon us to give *tzedakah*...to help heal...to reach out to others. We feel a need to do this, without needing to be remembered for it.

Mildred K. Sheff

Why I am Leaving a Legacy

One of my earliest recollections as a little girl was of my uncle taking me to a little synagogue to see Grandpa Weisberg during *Rosh HaShanah*. I was so impressed that my grandfather and my four uncles had seats in the first row. In answer to my astonishment, I was told that my grandfather had those seats because he supplied the coal to the synagogue. As I consider this, it is even more surprising, because my grandparents were not strict observers, but they attended High Holyday services.

Therefore, I grew up with the importance of giving coal to the synagogue. Figuratively, that is what my endowment is.

I want my children and grandchildren to be aware of how important it is to their grandfather and me to give to Jewish charities.

I think I have another reason for leaving a legacy. To me, immortality consists in being remembered. Therefore, long after my family and friends are gone, our names will be read by someone.

Malcolm Sherman

Before committing to be involved in the telephone division of The Associated Annual Campaign, I decided to visit most of the eighteen agencies involved in order to understand how the Baltimore Jewish population was being served.

My visits included talking one-on-one to the clients served by our agencies and visiting the physical sites of the agencies involved.

As a result, I became powerfully enthused by these experiences, and I was able to identify which agency would be of interest to the person I was soliciting and then to share my personal view of the good works of that particular agency.

Over the years, the telethons were a special event — a coming together of those working on the phones and the countless people with whom we spoke. For me it was a celebration, a happening!

The year that Arnie Richman was campaign chair, I had the privilege of raising \$365,515 from hundreds of campaign cards.

Along the way, my wife, Mimi, and I formed a philanthropic fund with The Associated. Later on, we converted it to an “ACE Endowment Fund” so that our annual gift to the Jewish peoples would survive us.

Bruce Sholk

Being given a gift whose value transcends monetary comparisons creates a daunting challenge of how to appropriately reciprocate.

Our family will never fully repay the Baltimore Jewish community for the gift it has given us. From the moment we first arrived in Baltimore, The Associated and the Jewish community helped us create a rich Jewish life in which our children were able to grow and thrive.

It truly takes the resources of an entire community to create an environment to raise a Jewish family. The Associated has recognized the importance of community since its inception. It is not about an individual Associated agency or program, or a single communal organization. It's about maintaining a fabric of resources that create a home where every member of the community has the opportunity to live a full, meaningful Jewish life.

Our family's commitment to ensure that fabric remains strong and vibrant for generations to come is embodied in this endowment gift.

Carole and Hanan Sibel

"As my parents planted for me, so I will plant for my children."

As Jews, we all cherish the fundamental values of caring and compassion. But it is not enough to care — we also must make a commitment to action. Knowing this, our ancestors gave of their resources generously, and as a result we inherited a strong and vibrant community. Now we must set the example for the next generation, our children, our grandchildren and great-grandchildren. The work of our hands, our engagement in *tzedakah* and *tikkun olam*, is our permanent legacy to the Jewish people tomorrow.

Dor L'Dor — generation to generation.

G-d willing, our children will honor us by keeping the tradition alive and meaningful in the years to come.

Irene and Bernard Siegel

Central to the survival and perpetuation of Judaism is pride and knowledge of our heritage. The best means of achieving that goal is through meaningful Jewish education.

We would like to be the connecting link between our parents, ourselves, our children, our grandchildren, and the generations to follow. We should like to convey the feeling that we are part of an extended family with other Jews, here in our local community, in our country, in Jewish communities throughout the world, and especially in Israel. We hope that Israel will be a source of pride, reflecting the best of Jewish values, recognizing and accepting of all Jews.

Jews throughout the world share a rich, proud history, as well as a tragic one. Working together, for the common good, will determine our collective destiny in the future. Remembering is the essence of being Jewish. In the future, we must remember our past and devote ourselves to promoting the teachings of justice and peace if our world community is to remain "human."

Phyllis and Herbert J. Siegel

It is our goal to perpetuate the values of past generations of the Siegel and Myerberg families that have guided our commitment to the Jewish community of Baltimore.

We are third generation Baltimoreans and therefore feel a very meaningful connection to The Associated.

Since all three of our children and their families have chosen to remain in the area, it is of particular importance that this fourth and fifth generation continues to support the community with the same generosity and leadership that has been our shared history.

We feel truly blessed and privileged to ensure the proud legacy that has been ours.

Jean and Sidney Silber

Our parents taught us that to be Jewish is to give, both through acts of charity and by way of community activity. Charity became most significant to Sidney during the Great Depression when his parents made certain there would always be adequate bread left over to provide for the breadline that formed everyday outside the family bakery.

They also placed great emphasis on education and its many benefits and saw to it that all went to college, university, or the equivalent. With that example, we have tried to focus on providing educational opportunities by way of charitable gifts for those less fortunate in the community through The Associated and through our private foundation.

Our children have been intimately involved in these endeavors as well, and we trust that they will continue this legacy.

Karen Singer

I left a legacy to The Associated because Jewish philanthropy runs deep in my heart and soul. The generations before me have shared their time, talent, and treasures and I feel truly fortunate to be able to share all three of those as well. Time is a precious resource, and the time that I have spent volunteering for The Associated has given me far more fulfillment than the recipients have gained from my time and talents. I feel blessed to be in a position to have some treasures that I can leave for the next generation so this vital work will continue after I am gone.

When I was a young girl, my parents were very involved in helping to re-settle Russian immigrants. I have vivid memories from having picnics in our front yard for the newcomers. We would also host Shabbat dinners where we would teach the newcomers how to count money and how to function and assimilate to their new lives in the United States. From then until now, Jewish philanthropy has been integral part of my life and I hope that it will continue for a good long time.

My legacy gift was made in 2020 when The Associated celebrated its centennial anniversary and we were in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic. I hope that in another 100 years when the bicentennial is here, The Associated will be as strong as ever, providing the breadth of services to Baltimore and beyond. Amending my estate documents to include The Associated was one of my proudest moments and was a bright light during a most extraordinary time.

Ronald M. Smullian

Judaism, Jewish principles and values and the continued survival of our ancient heritage have been significant factors in my life. Among the most pleasant of my early experiences were the *Shabbatot* and *Yom Tovim* spent at 3412 Glen Avenue, the home of my grandparents, Esther and Nathan Levy. Their next door neighbors were Sophie and Lee Dopkin, active participants in The Associated and related agencies. Nathan Levy was one of the founders of the Beth Jacob Congregation. It was in this atmosphere, reinforced by that provided by my parents, Mary and Ernest Smullian, that I developed a strong sense of love and commitment to Judaism.

In the early 1960s, I was privileged to participate in the Young Leadership Program of The Associated. Over a period of two years, I was exposed to the varied programs supported and underwritten by The Associated. In July 1964, I underwent one of the most moving, inspiring and rewarding experiences of my life. As a Young Leadership member, I was invited to participate in a United Jewish Appeal Study Mission to Israel, Rome and Paris, led by Rabbi Herbert Friedman, Executive Vice President of the UJA. The Mission was not only informative and impressive, but from an emotional point of view was sufficiently compelling to overcome my reluctance to engage in active fundraising.

While not the totality of our responsibility as Jews, financial support for the needy constitutes an essential element of our tradition. Indeed this obligation extends even to those who may be least able to provide financial assistance. From a Jewish perspective, it is particularly incumbent upon those whose finances permit to share their resources with less fortunate members of the community. The intention and purpose of my charitable legacy is to fulfill this significant and important aspect of our Jewish tradition.

Selma B. Smulyan

Now, in these sunset years of my life, more than ever, I appreciate the wisdom and far-sightedness of my beloved, late husband, Harold Smulyan. Dating back to the earliest days of our marriage in 1939, we hoped that some day we could make a significant contribution to Jewry through The Associated. In 1979 Harold introduced me to the concept of a charitable remainder unitrust and explained what that meant — particularly as it applied to The Associated. After careful study of the plan, we knew that we could achieve our primary goal of helping the needy. Then, there was the possibility that with prudent management of the trust, I might derive some financial return. Now, almost a quarter of a century later, I have learned that in a philanthropic sense, you can have your cake and eat it too.

Of more importance, however, is the knowledge that this endowment is helping fellow Jews right now, and hopefully, will continue to do so for generations to come.

A lasting, profound and heartwarming source of satisfaction!

Ted and Joan Sobkov

Minnie and Sam Sobkov lived *gemilut hasidim* each day of their lives. By observing them we learned that caring does not require heroic behavior. Their quiet ongoing involvement in the lives of fellow Jews led us to establish the Samuel and Minnie Sobkov Family Fund at Jewish Community Services in their memory.

Each time the fund provides food vouchers and other necessities to Jews experiencing difficulties in maintaining their dignity, we honor and commemorate the values of two people who exemplified the highest nature of being a Jew.

Gilbert and Ruth Solomon

From early childhood both of our families made us aware of *tzedakah*. Although both of our families came from very modest means, we recognized the importance of helping the less fortunate. That included the *tzedakah* boxes that hung on the wall as well as supporting various charitable institutions.

We're grateful our children and grandchildren have followed our tradition and through our foundation, this will continue for many years to come.

Walter Sondheim, Jr.

Raised in an Associated family (my father was President of the AJC during the Great Depression), I made my first contribution in 1931. My income tax return for that year lists a \$15 contribution to The Associated. That practice (with some subsequent enlargements!) has not been interrupted to this day, and will be acknowledged by my legacy.

I have tried, over the years, to give my fair share along with my perception of obligations to other charitable organizations and to my own family. The AJC legacy provided by my will is, as a consequence, an extremely modest one. It is, however, for me a symbol of my longstanding connection with The Associated and my strongly felt personal need to recognize and to reinforce my Jewish identity in an increasingly secular community that involves so much participation by many of us.

Dana Stein

Pearlstone has been a special place for our family for years. It is truly a unique place, providing us with connections to nature, Judaism and community. We have loved seeing the farm's growth over the years, the beautiful trails and scenery, the sustainably designed buildings, and the quality Jewish community programming.

Our family is happy to support Pearlstone with a legacy gift, as it continues its mission to foster a culture of Judaic-based environmental sustainability. We look forward to witnessing Pearlstone's continued good work of *tikkun olam* and *shomrei adamah* for future generations.

Stanley and Florine Steinbach

I was born near Patterson Park, in Baltimore — the 10th child of Israel David and Rose Steinbach. Each had emigrated from Kaunas, Lithuania to escape anti-Semitic Eastern Europe.

I remember the depression of the thirties and the role of The Associated in helping the Jewish community with their financial, psychological and family problems.

Later, as a physician, I referred many patients to The Associated because of various situations. They were treated courteously and never turned down in their plight.

I worked every year in the Medical Division, as a telephone fundraiser. I hated asking for money, but felt the cause was necessary. Later, I was co-chairman, along with Dr. Mendeloff, Chief of Medicine of Sinai Hospital. In all, Florine and I took seven trips to Israel with The Associated on every occasion of my children's and grandchildren's *b'nai mitzvah*. These trips were always well planned. This has helped them in bonding with Israel.

I am now retired, but still appreciate the role of The Associated both locally in Baltimore and internationally, in Israel, Argentina, Ethiopia, and wherever the Jews are attacked or in trouble. We have created a trust for The Associated in an attempt to help the cause.

Len and Roslyn Stoler

We believe in the old saying that "You make a living by what you get; you make a life by what you give." Philanthropy in our families began with little *pushkes* where we would give *tzedakah* as children. Once we established financial security for ourselves, we worked to ensure security for our children. Now, we are blessed with the opportunity to make significant gifts to provide for the needs of our community. In business, we have learned that the most important thing you can have is your good name. It is an honor for our names to be connected with the good work of The Associated. In our lifetime, we have seen The Associated truly become a place for everyone, truly building an identity for Baltimore's Jewish community. Our wish for our Jewish legacy is to have accomplished a measure of *tikkun olam*. We want that work to continue for many generations to come.

Harriet Stulman

I am proud to be leaving a legacy to The Associated because it sponsors and funds many needed programs in the Jewish community. I mention Bagel Boys, technology, and many virtual programs at the Myerberg Senior Center, the Jewish Women's Giving Foundation, CHANA, CHAI, and many programs that address the isolation of seniors during Covid.

I see that The Associated always steps forward to meet the needs of the community, enhances the lives of seniors, and helps them remain independent as they age with innovative programs.

I myself have greatly benefited from all of these programs and I am happy to continue to support this effort. The Associated is an outstanding organization and I know it will meet the future needs of the Jewish community.

Gloria Sussman

My father, Morris David Sussman, passed away December 27, 1978. When my mother, Ethel, passed away on May 15, 2006, I knew I wanted to do everything I could to honor my parents. My parents were good, quiet people. My mother was the perfect housekeeper. She took care of everything and liked to do everything herself. She did not go out to work, but she worked hard at home taking care of my father and me.

My father was an upholsterer, liked by everyone, and was known as the best "springer" in Baltimore. He worked for Union Brothers Furniture Manufacturing Company for 45 years. Many nights he worked for J&B Upholstering, and M&L Upholstering on Reisterstown Road, and many nights came home at 11 o'clock. My mother always had something for him to eat.

So I called The Associated and arranged to establish an unrestricted endowment fund in their names. Then I decided to do something for myself, so I called The Associated again and arranged to establish an unrestricted endowment fund in my name. Now The Associated has two unrestricted endowment funds to use where they feel it is needed. I hope my mother and father are as proud as I am, knowing what I did in their names and my name. I miss them very, very much.

Ruth S. and Robert M. Taubman

We are eternally grateful that our grandparents settled in America, the land of freedom and opportunity. As children, we were raised with the values of *tzedakah*, not only by giving money, but also by helping our fellow man in the Jewish tradition.

During World War II, Bobby was a four-year combat veteran of 10 hostile invasions on Coast Guard landing crafts and, thank G-d, returned home without injury.

We feel truly blessed to have raised our family in the wonderful, warm, committed Jewish community of Baltimore. In our sixty years of married life, we are thankful to now have four children, twelve grandchildren and twenty great-grandchildren whom we know will carry on our Jewish values.

Volunteering has been a major part of our lives through the PTAs, our synagogue, scholarship boards, Israel Bonds, JCC, etc. After taking part in The Associated's campaigns for many years, starting before G-Day, we have learned to appreciate the many facets of The Associated's programs.

Therefore, we have decided to endow a gift on the "Lion of Judah" level to help perpetuate The Associated's philanthropies in Baltimore, Israel, and throughout the world.

Rozzie and Harold Taylor

Everyone knows the saying "Charity Begins at Home". This community is our home and we want to contribute, in a meaningful way, to its future, never forgetting where we came from and where we have gotten to. We hope that our legacy gift serves to show generations to come our commitment to Jewish traditions and causes and to the future of a vibrant Baltimore Jewish Community. *L'dor V'dor*.

Vered and Marty Taylor

Vered and I grew up in a world where just about everyone we knew was the grandchild of Holocaust survivors. We grew up with grandparents who spoke Yiddish at home and held their family and our traditions above all else. We grew up in a world where we had no internet and everyone just knew that Jews were persecuted for millennia and that the founding of the State of Israel was a miracle.

Today, as our children grow up in a world where the internet is full of condemnation of Israel as an apartheid state, Jews are being attacked in Israel, across Europe and even at home in America and people openly deny that the Holocaust happened or compare every politician that they don't agree with to Hitler, we worry.

We worry for our children; we worry for our People, and we worry for the future of Israel when more than 50 percent of American Jews say that our Homeland is not an essential part of being Jewish.

For those reasons, Vered and I chose to model what it is to be Jewish for our children. We chose to be active in our Jewish community, to give Jewishly and to sign a Legacy Letter showing our children that we want to be part of the security of the Jewish People even upon our death. We want our legacy to endure in our Baltimore Jewish community and beyond and we want to encourage our future generations to follow in our footsteps.

Marc B. Terrill

Diana and I both come from families who were, and are still, proud of their Jewish heritage and tradition, passionate about the values and collective memory associated with the Jewish people and who possess an unwavering dedication to the sustenance of *K'lal Y'srael*....In other words, we are at this fortunate place in our lives because of the wonderful role models who preceded us. And, we indeed feel blessed to be who we are and where we are.

Our decision to make a legacy gift to The Associated was rooted in both practicality and philosophy....In our minds, The Associated represents the broad, wide-open "tent" which welcomes and engages Jews of all orientations and viewpoints. That's the Jewish people we love and with whom we identify: accepting, embracing and loving. We would like to maintain and grow this mindset through The Associated's network of agencies and perpetuate the philosophy which is at the foundation of this great organization — a system which recognizes that we are one family with many individuals who have many points of view. The philosophical has much to do with the whole notion of responsibility....*Acharai*, the Hebrew for "follow me" and *Hineni*, translated as "here I am." Diana and I want our children and grandchildren and beyond to know that we embraced these concepts and we'd like them to do the same. You must lead through example and let people know what you stand for.

I did not find the world desolate when I entered it, as my fathers and mothers planted for me before I was born, so do I plant for those who will come after me.

(Talmud)

Ruth L. Thomas

*A*ctions *do* speak louder than words. My three sisters and I watched and listened as our parents spoke of people less fortunate than we. It has become my concern — as it was theirs, to give help where needed both financially and emotionally.

I have followed their lead and passed this advice and responsibility on to my children and grandchildren.

I am delighted to be a part of the legacy to The Associated — and especially to honor Harry Greenstein.

Randi and Harel Turkel

It all starts with how we were raised. Our parents instilled in us early the idea of giving back. Back then it was Walks for Israel and today it's making calls on Super Sunday or volunteering on Community Mitzvah Day. It is our hope that our three children, Maia, Elan and Ella, grow up understanding how fortunate they are to be a part of such a warm and dedicated community and that they have a part to play in it. We talk as a family about *tzedakah* and *tikkun olam* – how there are children and families around the world that need our help.

We are lucky to have The Associated as the central address for Jewish Baltimore giving. A gift to The Associated is the best gift you can give. What's special is that with our gift we are not just supporting our local community, because we are touching the lives of others in cities like Ashkelon and Odessa.

We strongly feel that it's our responsibility to provide continued support to our families and the community. We shouldn't wait until our 50s and 60s to think about philanthropy and planned giving. The time is always now.

That is why we have chosen to make our legacy gift today. We are comforted in knowing that our children and their children – the future generations of Jewish Baltimore – will benefit from what we did today.

Harriet G. Waldman

To know that The Associated has been and will be there for me and for all Jews is a source of comfort and hope for the future.

To be able to help make this happen has been a source of gratitude and pleasure for my late husband, Sidney, and for me.

I believe that the Jewish community will only survive and prosper if we continue to preserve our religious and cultural heritage. It is important to educate both the children and adults of our community about our history and shared values. Much of my professional career has been devoted to teaching the history of our people at several Jewish institutions in Baltimore. I was an instructor in Jewish History at Baltimore Hebrew University, and then ran the Youth Institute for Teenagers for the Board of Jewish Education (now the Center for Jewish Education).

Most of my volunteer work with The Associated has focused on fostering Jewish identity and promoting *k'lal Yisrael* — the unity of the Jewish people. I suppose I came by it naturally, growing up in a family of committed Zionists. For many years, I worked on programs that sponsored Israeli programs in our public and private schools. I served in leadership positions with the Baltimore Jewish Council, the Jewish Community Center, the Women's Department of The Associated, and The Associated's National and Overseas Committee.

Recently, I established a fund at The Associated, the Fred Walpert Young Leadership Foundation, in memory of my late husband. In the future, I hope to create another legacy gift in support of Jewish education. The Associated has always strived to create a "learning community," and I want to contribute more toward the continuation of that effort.

If I could come back to the Baltimore Jewish community in 50 or 100 years, I would hope to find a unified Jewish community that was proud of its history and traditions. It would also be very satisfying to know that the community was active in promoting the social welfare and educational values for all of its members.

H. Leonard Warres, M.D.

An impoverished New York immigrant, Dad became a successful dress manufacturer for Lerner Shops. Religiously observant Grandma Schwartz lived with us. I fondly remember my weekly trips for Grandma's *Shabbos challah*. I dueled with anti-Semitism frequently. On Christian holidays, classmates made me kiss the Cross. There were medical school quotas. Hospitals limited training and staff appointments. Even our Army, unofficially, participated. Fortunately, things changed.

After World War II, spent as Battalion Surgeon with the famous First Division, I happily returned to Baltimore with Marge. Memorable were: saving wounded General Leslie McNair's life; volunteering in Afghanistan with Care-Medico, serving on Boards of The Associated, JCC, Levindale, CHAI, Baltimore Jewish Council, Baltimore Hebrew Congregation, Israel Bonds, American Jewish Committee, Maryland Radiology Society; attending annual Warres Radiology Lectures at Maryland's Medical School; chairing the first regional ARZA Committee and later serving on ARZA's National Board and Executive Committee.

A past Radiology Chief and Staff President at Northwest Hospital, I've been honored as ongoing volunteer at Attorney General Curran's office for 15 years. Baltimore City Medical Society named me 1999 Doctor of the Year for Community Service; Med Chi followed with a tribute.

We anticipate with pride that our progeny will continue this heritage.

Margie Black Warres

Fleeing 1893 pogroms, my forebears reached Philadelphia. I remember 100th birthday banquets honoring Grandma Black's myriad *mitzvot*. Dad was a Philadelphia Orchestra and New York Philharmonic violinist under Stokowski and Toscanini. Illness propelled his retirement to Delmarva merchant and community leader.

Len and I recall diverse upbringings but similar anti-Semitism. A small town tot, I endured "Jew-Baby, Flapper-Fanny" school taunts. (Eventually, I became a respected achiever, elected "Best All-Around Girl.") At Goucher, we met as students, later returning here permanently. This choice our children also made following graduations from Princeton, Peace Corps, Haverford, Emory and Maryland Medical Schools, blessing us with five wonderful grandchildren.

Also gratifying were my 36 years as Central Scholarship Bureau's Executive Director ('77 Harry Greenstein Award), numerous community presidencies, chairmanships, State board appointments, National Chairmanship of International Health on A.M.A.A.'s Board, Maryland Child Study Association's Gala 75th Anniversary Honoree, ongoing inclusion in "Who's Who in America," and establishment of my Goucher and CSB Scholarships for the challenged.

We've enjoyed contacting fellow Jews during worldwide travels and aspired to living fully, fearlessly, guided by Jewish values, seizing opportunities to see, do, help — hopefully improving this world. We pray we've instilled "active caring" in our beloved offspring.

Estelle and Marty Waxman

Estelle has given me the privilege of writing this for both of us:

Growing up during the Great Depression in the East New York section of Brooklyn, it never dawned on me that I would ever be in a position to leave a legacy, except perhaps in non-monetary terms. But, after completing two successful careers, in 1967 I became part of The Associated's professional team, having the honor of working with the legendary Harry Greenstein and his very worthy successor, Bob Hiller, and later with another extraordinary Jewish professional leader, Steve Solender. My 25-year career with The Associated's distinguished professional and lay leaders taught me much about giving back, not the least of which is that you do not have to be wealthy to find the resources to leave a modest legacy. Therefore, in perpetuity, there always will be a gift to The Associated's Annual Campaign in the names of Estelle and Marty Waxman.

Martha Weiman

*M*y immediate family and I were forced to flee Nazi Germany in 1939 shortly after my father's release from Buchenwald KZ. Remaining family members were not as fortunate — all perished in the ensuing years. When we arrived in London, where we remained for 10 months, it was the Jewish community that assisted us — a family with no belongings, no money and little English language skills.

We finally reached Baltimore where The Associated, coupled with the support and help of others, gave us the tools to begin a new life. For my parents, it was a long and arduous struggle, but our success is directly related to this vibrant strong Jewish community.

My involvement and decision to leave a charitable legacy to The Associated is my sense of obligation to provide for the needs of Jews here and abroad. The example of *tzedakah* is the most enduring gift I can give to my children and grandchildren — *Dor L'Dor*.

Louise A. Weinberg

I am blessed to have been raised in a home rich in Jewish values and traditions. My parents, Hilda and Leo Amster, always considered themselves so fortunate to be part of the Baltimore Jewish community. They taught me the importance of education, volunteerism and *tzedakah*, and believed in my journey through life.

When I married Jay, we immediately became involved in Chizuk Amuno Congregation, Israel Bonds and The Associated. Jay was very much influenced and encouraged by his parents, Regina and David Weinberg, and their commitment to many worthy Jewish causes.

Together, Jay and I have instilled our beliefs of family, community, and Israel in our children, Evan and Shanna. Proudly, I am confident that they both feel responsible to their Jewish heritage and to improving the world.

In my heart, by endowing my gift as a Lion of Judah, I hope to ensure that this promise of *tzedakah* and *tikkum olam* will endure generation to generation, strength to strength...

Ingeborg B. Weinberger

I met Harry Greenstein in March 1940, one day after my arrival in Baltimore, as a refugee from Nazi Germany, coming to join my husband after one year of separation. Harry was the Executive Director of The Associated Jewish Charities and Welfare Fund. Flora Dashew, the president of the National Council of Jewish Women and her husband, Jay Dashew had helped in my immigration from Bolivia to the United States and given my husband a job. She took me to Harry's office at 319 West Monument Street in the hope that he could be helpful in finding a job for me. It worked and I started working at the "Y" cafeteria next door at 305 West Monument Street.

This began our friendship and my long working relationship with The Associated and the Jewish Welfare Fund for which I worked in 1945 – 1946, the Women's Division during the 1954 and 1955 campaigns and HIAS of Baltimore, Inc. from 1955 until 1990 when I retired as its Executive Director.

I simply had to establish the Hans E. Weinberger Memorial Fund as part of the Harry Greenstein Legacy Society.

Eli Weinstein

After sixty-three years of marriage to Bernice Adleberg, blessed with three lovely daughters, Marsha, Claire and Susan, six grandchildren and a great grandson, Oliver, I have been extremely fortunate to have reached age eighty-six with only the loss of my hair. Who needs hair? You have to brush it every day! A sense of humor goes a long way to leading a happy life, and I'm thankful that I selected a degree in comical, I mean Chemical Engineering at Johns Hopkins University. Financially, life has been good to me and my family, and I am only too happy to share my good fortune with those less fortunate. In my twilight years, I enjoy playing cards with the "Romeos", Retired Old Men Eating Out.

C'est la vie!

Ernestine K. Wiesenfeld

For generations, my family has been active in the Baltimore Jewish community. This heritage has influenced my life and encouraged me to contribute both time and financial support. It is my hope that my children will follow this tradition.

Joseph Wiesenfeld

For generations, my family has been active in the Baltimore Jewish community. My great grandfather, Moses Wiesenfeld, who came to Baltimore from Germany in 1838 at the age of nineteen, became a giant in the Baltimore Jewish community. He was one of the founders of the Hebrew Benevolent Society and served as its president for ten years. He was a founder and officer of the Jewish Hospital, of the Lloyd Street Synagogue and active in a number of other organizations.

My grandfather served on the board of Oheb Shalom Synagogue, but resigned when his wife became president of their sisterhood and national president, and his son became president of the brotherhood. Three members of the board in one family was too much.

In turn, I served on the board of Baltimore Hebrew Congregation, and was president of the Jewish Museum of Maryland. As the active fourth generation in Baltimore, I have gotten great satisfaction and fulfillment in continuing in the service of the Jewish community.

M. Richard Wyman

I am proud of my family's involvement with The Associated since its inception. Many of my forbears held positions of leadership with the organization, a tradition and responsibility I hope to pass on to my descendants. Founded in the early 1900s, The Associated developed and implemented many charitable endeavors that made life in the Jewish community easier for those new to these shores and in need. The Associated was still in its infancy during Hitler's rise to power and the debacle culminating in World War II. Though many in Baltimore opened their homes and used their other resources to provide comfort to Jews escaping the Holocaust, it was not until the post-World War period that The Associated found its voice as a powerful spokesperson engaged in Jewish social and political expression on behalf of its members.

Many who did not live through the Holocaust believe it cannot happen again. I strongly disagree. A strong vital Associated can wield a strong voice, and mobilize powerful resources to stand against the evils of bigotry wherever found. I am leaving my own legacy to assure that The Associated will continue to be here for future generations.

Linda Steel Yaffe

Tzedakah was a major part of the Jewish life of my late husband, Seymour (Sig) Yaffe. He believed that one must *always* give, and the more one gives, the more success one enjoys.

Our children, Amit and Henry Yaffe, and Jonathan and Louise Yaffe Potash, and all of their children know that to Sig giving to Jewish causes, especially Jewish education, was paramount. He felt it was the responsibility of Jews to support their own institutions first.

May we always continue Sig's legacy and profound beliefs in philanthropy and good deeds as a tribute to him.

Michael Yerman

I can pinpoint the exact moment I got involved with Jewish philanthropy generally and with The Associated in particular. I was a young married man with two children and a third on the way, and my wife and I had little to spare.

But the day after the Six-Day War broke out in 1967, we didn't wait to be asked. We cleaned out our savings account and gathered everything we had, even our small collection of silver dollars, and gave it all that day to The Associated.

That was my beginning. When I was 35, I went on my first mission to Israel—a men's mission that included, for the first time, opportunities for younger people of lesser means to join our community leaders and see the Jewish state first-hand. It was a transforming experience for me. I returned, with my wife, the next year and the next. I was beginning to see myself and my relationship to the Jewish people through new eyes.

Although my wife and I later divorced, we remained friends and worked hand-in-hand to give our children a solid Jewish upbringing. I am immensely proud that my three sons and my six grandchildren are all living Jewish lives and giving back to their Jewish community.

Today, I feel that supporting the Jewish community is not only a choice, it's an obligation. Considering our history, we're the luckiest people on earth, just to live here in freedom and to be able to build a Jewish community and support one another. I owe this. It's that simple.

What I love most about our people is that whatever our disagreements and our politics, we take care of one other. No matter what, if you get into trouble there's a place for you to turn to. Leaving a legacy to The Associated is my way of ensuring that it will be as true for future generations as it is for my own.

Sarah and Harold Zalesch

*M*y wife Sarah and I grew up in homes that didn't have much money. My parents never earned much, but there was always money for charity, shul membership, and Jewish aid organizations. We have tried to continue our families' tradition of charity.

The good L-rd has been very generous to Sarah and me. We believe in sharing with our fellow Jews that need help. The Associated Jewish Charities of Baltimore was very helpful when I was growing up in East Baltimore. The Jewish Education Alliance, an agency of The Associated on East Baltimore Street, was my second home. I think that the J.E.A. was one of the finest organizations that The Associated sponsored for the Jewish community of Baltimore.

L-rd willing, Sarah and I will continue the traditions of sharing that our parents taught us.

Margot and Norman Zipper

*O*ur lives started very differently, but happily intertwined when we met in 1950.

Norman's father, Gershon, was born in Russia and came to this country around 1911. His mother, Annie, was the youngest of 10 children and the only one born here. They ran a "mom and pop" grocery store in East Baltimore and raised Norman and his two sisters in a warm, loving, Jewish family. They instilled in their children a love of Yiddishkeit, honesty and duty in the giving of *tzedakah*. Norman spent many happy hours at the old Jewish Educational Alliance.

Margot's parents, Rosa and Aaron Baida, fled Germany in 1935 with two young children, 40 Deutsche marks and little else. Her "Opa" and several aunts, uncles and cousins were killed in the Holocaust. Her parents and brother eventually started a kosher catering business in Baltimore, which became very successful. Margot was raised in an observant home and was taught at an early age that helping the needy was fundamental to living a Jewish life.

We have given to The Associated from the beginning of our marriage, 57 years ago. We would like our legacy to reflect our deep commitment to our community, to Israel, and to our Jewish way of life.

As our parents set a shining example for us, we hope to be a beacon of light for our three children and three grandchildren.

Lisa and Morry Zolet

Lisa and I are so blessed to be able to be a part of such a thriving and strong Jewish community. We are also very fortunate that we can share with our three daughters the values and leadership that we believe in through the act of giving back and *tikkun olam*. The lyrics from the classic song from Tears for Fears, "Sowing the Seeds of Love" express how we feel by making our legacy gift to help make our future a better and more kind community for the next generation.

When you are Sowing the Seeds of Love, you are planting your roots, and traditions in the ground for a strong and fruitful family tree allowing for many new branches to grow.

Dolores of blessed memory and Martin "Marty" Zuckerman

My grandparents emigrated to this country from Hungary in the early 1900's and settled in New York. They learned to speak English, made a modest living, worshipped at their nearby synagogue, and became U.S. citizens. They led simple lives but always saved whatever they could to help those less fortunate. They made it a point to teach my parents and me that giving to others was our duty, an integral part of our life and something we should always make a priority. My wife, of blessed memory, and I carried on where they left off, finding causes and needs to assist throughout the year. We ingrained in our children and grandchildren, through our actions and words, the same importance of giving. In this vein, for my 90th birthday the present from my family was a donation to nine different causes, one for each decade. My grandparents would be proud that from their small villages in Hungary they passed on a family legacy of giving. We feel fortunate that we have been able to do the same.

About The Harry Greenstein Legacy Society

Created in 2002 and named for our beloved executive director of more than four decades, the Harry Greenstein Legacy Society honors individuals during their lifetime who have made arrangements to leave an enduring and meaningful legacy to the Jewish people through bequests and other permanent gifts to The Associated's Endowment Fund. Each member, according to his or her own capacity, helps fulfill a promise...that The Associated will be here for future generations of our people. Members have the opportunity to pass on their values through their personal legacy statements written for the *Endowment Book of Life*.

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