

Hunger Games – A Great Night for Jewish Teen Coalition

The Charlotte Jewish Teen Coalition (BBYO, Consolidated Hebrew High, Temple Israel, Temple Beth El, and Levine JCC), along with the Levine-Sklut Library, Jewish Family Services, and the Jewish Federation of Greater Charlotte, sold out the prescreening of the "Hunger Games Catching Fire" on November 21 at the Regal Cinema Stonecrest. Over 300 teens and

adults attended and donated 800 pounds of canned goods for the food pantries at Jewish Family Services and Loaves and Fishes. It was a great night beginning with a brief presentation about hunger awareness by the youth leadership from all the partner agencies, followed by the movie which was fascinating and captivating. ☆



Charlotte BBYO Sweetheart Beau Dance

One hundred seventy elegantly dressed teens attended Charlotte BBYO's annual Sweetheart Beau Dance held in December. The theme of the night was "Winter Wonderland" and teens attended from across Eastern Region. A special ceremony was held to honor all Charlotte seniors that are members of BBYO with a special poem written for each honoree. At the end of the evening the 2014 chapter Beaux and Sweethearts were crowned. Congratulations to Danny Johnson, Marissa Uri,

Natalie Berman, and Zach Rabinowitz on being selected by their peers. Many thanks to Talia Stier, Jared Birnberg, Brianna Bernstein, and Zach Rabinowitz for serving as youth coordinators for this year's event. ☆



From left to right: Natalie Berman, Danny Johnson, Zach Rabinowitz, and Marissa Uri

Community News

Harold Grinspoon Foundation's Challenge: Incentive Grants Provide Immediate Financial Support \$180,000 Available to Charlotte Jewish Organizations over the Next Two Years

Create your Jewish legacy before March 2014 and help your favorite Jewish organization qualify for a cash incentive grant courtesy of the Harold Grinspoon Foundation's (HGF) Life and Legacy program. Your lasting legacy as part of your will, a future gift of retirement assets, or life insurance proceeds provides immediate cash support for Charlotte's Jewish organizations.

Last year, a special Hanukkah gift was presented to Charlotte's Jewish community with a matching grant of up to \$180,000 from the Harold Grinspoon Foundation's (HGF) Life and Legacy program. This grant, in support of our own Create Your Jewish Legacy (CJL) initiative, will award up to \$90,000 this year (and again next year) to 10 participating community partner organizations provided they meet benchmarks established in collaboration with HGF. You have an opportunity in the first quarter of

2014 to make a gift at no current cost to you. This could translate into a matching grant to support the current needs of Charlotte's Jewish organizations.

Arlene Schiff, National Director, Life and Legacy, visited Charlotte in December reconfirming HGF's \$20 million commitment to engage up to fifty communities in North America in legacy building. Charlotte was one of the first seven Jewish communities selected.

Now you can support your favorite organizations by providing for the future of our Jewish community and helping the institutions qualify for current unrestricted operating funds. Below is a list of the participating community partners. Each of the partners has a legacy team, comprised of volunteers and professionals committed to this initiative. Over 200 legacy commitments have been made as a result of their efforts. It is their goal and ours to make



legacy giving part of our community's culture.

Charlotte Jewish Day School; Charlotte Jewish Preschool; Congregation Ohr HaTorah; Foundation of Shalom Park; Hebrew Cemetery Association; Jewish Family Services; Jewish Federation of Greater Charlotte; Levine Jewish Community Center; Temple Beth El; Temple Israel.

For more information on creating a Jewish legacy, please contact one of our ten participating CJL community partners or call Nancy Kipnis at 704-973-4554, Phil Warshauer at 704-973-4544. ☆

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Scott is a long time community volunteer, leader, and sponsor in the Jewish community since 1985. Both he and Tricia, along with their dental team, volunteer their time and expertise to make a positive impact in our community.

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FAQs About Create Your Jewish Legacy

What is Create Your Jewish Legacy?

Create Your Jewish Legacy (CJL) is an initiative led by the Foundation for the Charlotte Jewish Community (FCJC) to build community endowments through legacy gifts.

What are legacy gifts and why are they important?

Unlike annual giving requiring gifts of disposable income or current assets, legacy gifts utilize retirement assets or lifetime assets. A legacy gift provides the opportunity to create gifts at little or no cost today that will be realized by an organization at a future date. Legacy giving creates endowments that will financially support the future of our Jewish organizations.

How do incentive grants work?

The Harold Grinspoon Foundation's (HGF) Life and Legacy program has established a two-

year partnership with the Foundation for the Charlotte Jewish Community's (FCJC) to provide financial support for our community's Create Your Jewish Legacy initiative. This support enables us to provide incentive grants to our community partner organizations for obtaining legacy commitments. These grants provide unrestricted gifts of cash for reaching pre-determined annual legacy goals. The grants also motivate donors to make legacy commitments today enabling organizations to receive these unrestricted legacy grants. (See article above about HGF's Challenge) The Harold Grinspoon Foundation has committed up to \$20 million nationwide to provide communities with matching grants in support of the legacy initiatives.

What are the most common ways for me to establish my legacy gift?

Everyone has a unique family and financial situation. Your legacy gift of any size can be designed to match your personal circumstances. Some of the easiest ways to create a legacy gift are:

- * A will
- * Qualified retirement plan
- * Life insurance policy
- * Charitable remainder trust

Who are candidates for Jewish legacy giving?

Everyone who has a passion for the future of our Jewish community and its organizations. ☆

