

Legacy Profile



Bob and Anne Yudell

Bob and Anne Yudell are among the 287 individuals and families in our community who have created 561 unique legacy gifts to support its future. Please take the time to read their story and thank them for their generosity. It is our hope that you will be inspired and encouraged to think about how you can create your own Jewish legacy.

By Bob and Anne Yudell

The Jewish community in Charlotte was much smaller when we arrived in 1960. To us, Charlotte was the ideal place in which to live and raise our four daughters. Although we didn't know anyone here, we became active in the larger as well as the Jewish community.

Bob grew up in New Bern, NC, a small town with few Jewish families. Without a rabbi living in town, a student rabbi came to lead High Holiday services. There were only a couple of Jewish students in his high school. A strong connection to Judaism was instilled by his parents. He received his undergraduate and medical degrees from Duke University where he met Anne, a UNCG student. After marriage in 1953, Navy internship, and Washington D.C. residency, we moved to Charlotte to open an ophthalmology practice.

We found Charlotte very accepting although at that time there were some neighborhoods

where Jews could not buy homes. Temple Beth El became an important part of our lives. Bob served as president of Temple Beth El and was a Board member for twenty-two years. He was also a member of the Jewish Family Services Board and organized the Maimonides Society for Jewish medical professionals.

Anne was raised in a kosher home in NJ, attended twelve years of Sunday school, sang in the choir and was confirmed before Israel became a state in 1948. Formerly employed by Duke University and General Electric, she later opened ballet studios in Maryland and North Carolina, with proceeds going to Jewish charities. As an opera singer and symphony player of the flute and piccolo, Anne enriched religious services with her chamber orchestra and interdenominational liturgical dancers. Sunday school teaching and fostering interfaith relations were priorities. She sculpted the Psalm lintel stone over Temple Beth El's sanctuary door and the marble cornerstone in the Levine Jewish Community Center.

We feel it is important to assist financially in order to perpetuate the Jewish values and institutions that have served us so well over the years. We remember that the Torah teaches us to leave the corner of the fields for the needy. ✪

Our Jewish Community's Newest Legacy Gifts

There are now 287 individuals/families throughout our Jewish community who have included a local Jewish organization in their legacy plans creating 561 unique legacies. We thank the following individuals/families who have recently informed our community, through Foundation for the Charlotte Jewish Community (FCJC) or one of the ten Create Your Jewish Legacy community partners, that they have created a legacy gift to support the future of Charlotte's Jewish community or added an organization to their legacy plan.

We welcome our newest donors into our community's Book of Life Society:

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- Don and Bobbi Bernstein**
- Jake Jacobson**
- Robert and Leigh Jacobson**
- Michelle Goodman**



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