



Shalom Park was a major factor in our family's move to Charlotte. We moved here and promptly got involved. We became members of the JCC. Our children started out at the Charlotte Jewish Preschool. We joined a temple, where our children attend religious school and Annie became a Bat Mitzvah. After Harrison's parents and grandmother moved to Charlotte, we were grateful for Jewish Family Services' offerings. Most recently, Harrison's grandmother joined his grandfather in the Hebrew Cemetery. In almost eight years of involvement, we have seen just how much it takes to keep the community balanced. So, we both work on committees, sit on boards, and volunteer every year for Federation's Super Sunday.

We want to do everything we can to keep Charlotte's Jewish community thriving. We can't imagine Charlotte without Shalom Park; we want this special place to be around for every Jew who arrives in Charlotte. The Create Your Jewish Legacy program offered us the perfect opportunity to give beyond our current means, and even beyond the time when we are physically able. With this final act of tzedakah, we hope to leave a Jewish legacy, not only for our community, but as an enduring example for our children. ✡

(Harrison and Annie Lord are among the 337 individuals and families in our community who have created 697 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 join them to help sustain our Jewish community by creating your own Jewish legacy.)

By Annie Lord

Harrison and I come to Judaism from opposite ends of the Jewish spectrum. Harrison and his sisters were the only Jewish kids in Harnett County, North Carolina. His parents, both from New York, worked hard to keep their Jewish identity strong. The whole family was active in their synagogue in Raleigh; his father even served as

president of the congregation. The drive to temple was an hour each way, but for years they were there three times a week. Building and maintaining a Jewish community has always been a priority for his family.

On the other hand, I wasn't active in any part of Miami, Florida's Jewish community. My mother was a southern Jew from Montgomery, Alabama and my father was born to Russian Jewish immigrants in Boston, Massachusetts. Both grew up engaged in their Jewish communities; but in a city the size of Miami, Jews seemed to be ever-present creating less need to search for community. It wasn't until I joined NFTY (North American Federation of Temple Youth) in high school that I started learning more about Judaism. My involvement in NFTY took me to Camp Coleman as a counselor where I met Harrison.



Our Jewish Community's Newest Legacy Gifts

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. There are now 337 individuals/families throughout our Jewish community who have included a local Jewish organization in their legacy plans creating 697 unique legacies. Charlotte's Jewish community now has estimated future gifts of more than \$24 million.

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

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