

Community News



Legacy Story
Jennifer and Leon Golynsky

Jennifer and Leon Golynsky are among the 346 individuals and families in our community who have created 713 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 and others, who have created legacy gifts to help sustain our Jewish community.

By Jennifer Golynsky

I was born in Cleveland, Ohio, surrounded by family and friends

who were active in ORT, Hadasah, B'nai Brith, and Temple. When I was 11, we moved to Charlotte and became members of Temple Beth El. I studied with Mr. Wallace and Rabbi Krantzler and was the first female on either side of my family to become a Bat Mitzvah. I continued through confirmation and was active in BBYO, serving as Chapter President of Chaverim and North Carolina Council S'ganit (Vice President). At UNC Chapel Hill, I joined Hillel while pursuing undergraduate and graduate degrees

in Public Policy and Public Administration. The JCC remained a part of my life, spending summers as head lifeguard and swim team coach.

Leon was born in Minsk, Belarus where being Jewish was almost impossible. His family left the former Soviet Union when he was 10, and with the help of HIAS and the local Jewish community, settled in Dayton, OH. His family joined Beth Jacob synagogue where he became a Bar Mitzvah and joined BBYO. Leon attended Hillel Academy then moved to public high school. He continued his studies at the University of Cincinnati, earning an undergraduate degree in Business Administration and his Master of Hospital

Administration from Xavier University. He spent a year of Residency in Kenosha, WI before moving to Charlotte on his birthday in January 1995.

We met in May 1997, when a mutual friend invited both of us to his Memorial Day cookout. That summer, we both attended a Jewish Singles rafting trip and were able to get to know each other better. We attended Jewish Singles events, temple services, and community lectures together. Our Judaism provided a great common ground on which to build and sustain a lasting relationship. We are proud graduates of the Bernstein Leadership Group Class VII, and took the lessons to heart, volunteering and serving on boards and

committees with Temple Israel, Jewish Family Services, and the Federation.

Our Jewish heritage and being a part of the thriving Charlotte Jewish community are important to us. Our Judaism has supported us when celebrating simchas with family and friends, as well as the loss of loved ones. We believe in the preservation of the institutions that help Judaism prosper here in Charlotte and throughout the world, where the challenges are far greater. We are proud to follow my mother's lead in leaving a legacy gift. ✨

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 346 individuals/families throughout our Jewish community who have included a local Jewish organiza-

tion in their legacy plans creating 713 unique legacies. Charlotte's Jewish community now has estimated future gifts of more than \$24.8 million.



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

Anonymous (1)

- Jennifer Cohen Golynsky and Leon Golynsky**
- Chaim Burke**
- Fern T. Sanderson**
- Mike and Andie Taylor**
- Richard J. Osborne**
- William and Angela Zimmern**

Acknowledging all who "TRI"ed with us!

Levine JCC

Kids' Triathlon

June 5, 2016

Congratulations to over 190 Young Participants (ages 5-14)!

The day was a HUGE SUCCESS...

We couldn't do this without your support!

More than \$90,000
...to be donated to LCH and ASAP (that's \$21,000 more than last year!)

Top 3 Fund Raisers

- Mason Kendrick
- Cody Frieser
- Jake & Spencer Davids

Thank You to more than 65 volunteers who helped make this event possible!

SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR GENEROUS SPONSORS!

Former Carolina Panther Muhsin Muhammad attended the event — he took photos with participants, signed autographs and handed out medals to participants after crossing the finish line!

Words of Praise from our "Tri" Parents:

"I just wanted to say 'thank you' for an awesome event on Sunday. It was well organized, and ran so smoothly. Our family & friends had a great experience. My daughter still hasn't washed off her numbers yet!"

"An amazing day for my four kids. We are so proud to be part of the LJCC that does such amazing things for the entire community."

"Thanks for doing a GREAT JOB on this year's Kids Triathlon. It's the best organized race we do; all of the volunteers are so helpful and warm and you do a great job with the fundraising motivation as well as day of logistics."

"What an amazing, fun and inspirational race. The entire team should be so proud!"

"This is always one of our favorite events. So a huge 'thank you' to all of you for not only organizing a great fundraiser, but an event that our kids look forward to every year!"

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