



YEAR 4 CELEBRATION!

Celebrating You — Our Letter of Intent Signers!



Celebrate the success of our participant organizations as they receive 2019 grant awards!

- ◇ Live music from the *Old World Folk Band*
- ◇ Israeli style hors d'oeuvres
- ◇ Beer & Wine
- ◇ Glat Kosher dairy dietary laws observed
- ◇ Business casual dress

**RSVP to rebecca@pajewishendowment.org
or call her at 717-409-8220 (x2)**

WHAT: Year 4 Celebration

WHO: Letter of Intent signers/spouses/guests

WHERE: JCC, Mary Sachs Auditorium
3301 N. Front St, Harrisburg, PA

WHEN: Thursday, 2/20/2020—6pm

The Jewish Community Foundation of Central PA sponsors our community wide legacy initiative. Our Legacy Program is a success thanks to the collaboration of our participating organizations and **YOU** our LOI signers!



SAVE THE DATE

Annual Donor Recognition Dinner
(formerly Tzedakah Society Dinner)

Thursday, May 14, 2020

Join us as we

- ⇒ **Honor those who are working to secure the future of our Jewish communities in Central Pennsylvania.**
- ⇒ **Recognize those who have reached a level of support to be included in the community Tzedakah Society.**
- ⇒ **Present the distinguished Endowment Achievement Award for exemplary efforts to build Jewish endowments.**

Mark you calendars now and watch for more information in the *Community Review!*



IRA Charitable Rollovers:

Important Pension Law Changes Effective in 2020

Late last month, the President signed appropriations legislation into law that included provisions contained in the **SECURE Act**, the first major revision in pension laws in almost 15 years.

Although there was no direct changes in the rules involving the IRA charitable rollover (qualified charitable distributions (QCDs) of up to \$100,000 per year for those individuals age 70 ½ and over made directly to a charity—other than a donor-advised fund, supporting organization, or private foundation), there are several important provisions in the **SECURE Act** that can impact this proven charitable giving incentive. A QCD counts toward a taxpayer's required minimum distribution (RMD) from the taxpayer's IRA.

CHANGES MADE BY THE SECURE ACT INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

Increase in the starting age for RMDs:

The age for RMDs from IRAs (and other tax-qualified retirement plans) is increased from 70 ½ to 72 for individuals reaching that age after 12/31/2019.

Observation: An individual can continue to make QCDs after reaching age 70 ½ even though there is no requirement that the individual take an RMD until age 72. This can be especially beneficial for those who do not itemize their deductions due to the increase in the standard deduction enacted in 2017 or who derive no state tax benefit from charitable contributions.

Bottom line: Individuals between the age of 70 ½ and 72 may have an incentive to make QCDs, even though they need not make RMDs.

Elimination of the maximum age for IRA deductible contributions:

Starting in 2020, there is no *age* limit for making tax-deductible contributions to traditional IRAs by qualified individuals (Roth contributions are not deductible), generally, those who are not covered by another qualified retirement plan at work, (although an income limit may apply if a spouse has a qualified retirement plan at work). It is important to note that if an individual makes a deductible contribution to his/her/their IRA at age 70 ½ or over, any potential QCD would be reduced by those deductible amounts. The rollover amount that does not qualify for a QCD may be eligible for an income tax charitable deduction. *But don't forget:* you need earned income to contribute to an IRA — either a traditional or Roth.

Reduction in time to liquidate an inherited IRA:

Prior to the SECURE Act, a non-spousal heir to an IRA could stretch payments over his/her life span (this does not apply to a Roth IRA). Under the new law, beneficiaries must liquidate the IRA within 10 years (exempted are spouses and minor children).

Withdrawals from traditional IRAs are subject to income tax in the year the money is distributed. This could be a big tax hit for an adult child who inherits an IRA in his/her high earning years.

Alternative 1) Contributing IRA to a charity and leaving other estate assets to your heirs.

Example: An individual in his/her 80's leaves an IRA to a 50 year old child. Prior to SECURE Act, the 50 year old could spread the distributions out over his/her expected life span. After the SECURE Act, they would need to liquidate the IRA within 10 years. Resulting in larger distributions in a time when a taxpayer is in his/her prime earning years, which may push the taxpayer into a higher tax bracket.

Alternative 2) Converting a traditional IRA to a Roth so your heirs won't owe taxes on distributions (this may mean a tax bill for the IRA owner, so consult a financial advisor).

How Do We Ensure Never Again?

Antisemitism is like a multi-faceted virus that is reaching pandemic levels throughout the world. It knows no boundary, no political affiliation or socio-economic group. It cannot be ignored. Stopping it will require unwavering diplomacy, advocacy and education. We must stand vigilant in our fight to protect and defend Jews and Israel.

As Jews, we understand all too well what can happen when anti-Semitism and hate take over the minds of our vulnerable youth and others, and interfere with rational thinking.

With the help of the Jewish Community Foundation of Central PA, a number of endowment funds have been created by passionate individuals who care about teaching lessons of the Holocaust. It is their hope that never again would truly mean, never again. These funds are invaluable resources for providing Holocaust related educational experiences to the community.

See the *Community Review* for more details on Foundation Funds supporting varied Holocaust Education initiatives.

Will you help us in this battle?

A new, **Holocaust Education Endowment: Never Again** has been created, seeded by a gift from Phil and Abby Goldstein, designed to support new and future Holocaust education initiatives.

There are several efforts underway designed to educate the educators – teach teachers. Providing teachers a standardized curriculum that will better prepare them to teach Holocaust lessons.

With input from Jewish educators from our region and others, **Penn State University Park**, has designed a comprehensive curriculum. They will present a five day seminar for teachers in June.

Penn State Harrisburg, where the Linda Schwab Holocaust Library is housed, is planning a stepped up Holocaust Education Initiative.

Chisuk Emuna Congregation, presented a film, *Who Will Write Our History*. Plans are under way to present a short version with an accompanying workbook, to educators in local schools, as a Holocaust education teaching tool.

Each of these initiatives will be seeking funding from you and other sources.

The **Holocaust Education Endowment: Never Again** fund was created to support these and other Holocaust education efforts. It will ensure that there are checks and balances in place, including a Jewish oversight committee. Jews will always be involved in making the decisions regarding grants to support Holocaust education programming.

We must recognize the need to ensure that effective Holocaust education is always available. We must also ensure that the money we invest in such programs is used as we intend – today and in the future.

Give your Holocaust Education gifts through the Jewish Community Foundation of Central PA to build our **Holocaust Education Endowment: Never Again** fund and you will ensure that your gift is *always* used as you intended.

Your generosity in supporting the **Holocaust Education Endowment: Never Again fund**, will ensure that we accomplish the goal of providing quality Holocaust education to our children, their educators and the community – now and in the future.

If not us - then who? If not now - then when?

Call the Jewish Community Foundation of Central Pennsylvania for more information at 717-409-8220.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE:

PA Act 70 recommends that Holocaust education be part of the curriculum in every school. However, this important Act that was passed under the Corbett administration did not establish a standardized curriculum, provide funding, or mandate Holocaust education. Hank Butler, of the PA Jewish Coalition, along with supporters, Elliott Weinstein, of York, who serves on the Foundation Board, and others, along with the support of Governor Wolf, were instrumental in the development and passage of recent state legislation that does provide a funding source for Holocaust education.

Deborah Kravitz, of Harrisburg, Elliott Weinstein, and others have also been involved in the development of a standardized Holocaust Education curriculum. Efforts are under way to ensure that Holocaust, Genocide and Human Rights education become part of the curriculum in every school in Pennsylvania. Penn State is part of the initiative and has been instrumental in developing teaching tools for educators that will hopefully be used as a state wide — and potentially national — model for Holocaust education. Chisuk Emuna is involved efforts to distribute a curriculum that they hope will become a local model for Holocaust education. They are using the film, *Who Will Write Our History* and it's accompanying workbook.

In January a national Never Again Holocaust Education act passed the U.S. House on Holocaust Remembrance Day, the anniversary of the Liberation of the Auschwitz and Birkenau concentration camp. It provides significant funding for Holocaust education.

TIDBITS AND REMINDERS FOR OUR DONOR ADVISED FUNDHOLDERS

Notify the Foundation of any planned gifts of stocks or securities, so we can be on the watch for them and ensure that the proceeds are properly applied to the fund or endowment of your choice.

Minimum Grant Distribution

Although there is no minimum to create a Donor Advised Fund, there is a minimum requested distribution amount. Minimum distribution requirement for funds is \$100. From time to time the Foundation may allow smaller distributions as tributes for Simchas and other life cycle events. B'nai Tzedek Youth Philanthropy Funds are exempted from this minimum.

Distributions from funds are made twice a month: on or around the 1st and the 15th as personnel scheduling permits.

Family Philanthropy Guidance

The Foundation will assist families with family philanthropy planning strategies to encourage generations of the same family to work together toward their philanthropic impact goals.

Charitable Gifting Options Research Assistance

Donors may request assistance from the Foundation in researching and vetting new charitable causes and fields of interest that they may be interesting to them.

Please include the Jewish Community in your Legacy plan with a gift through your will, trust, retirement account or life insurance policy. Contact Paulette Keifer to discuss how the Jewish Community Foundation can help you to develop your personal Legacy plan.

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IRA Rollovers can be a tax savvy way to contribute to an Endowment Fund or directly to your favorite qualified charitable organization. IRA Rollovers are IRA distributions of up to \$100k annually, that are available through a Federal Tax Code exception passed by Congress. The rollover may only to be made by Donor(s) age 70 1/2 or older and are not taxable to those Donor(s) when used for direct charitable gifts. However, they may not be used to fund a Donor Advised Fund, Private Foundation, Supporting Organization or to create a Charitable Trust or Charitable Gift Annuity.

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