

**Life and Legacy Plan: Arizona Jewish Historical Society**

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The Arizona Jewish Historical Society is the only organization dedicated to preserving the rich heritage of Arizona's Jewish communities, educating the public about Jewish contributions to Arizona and American life and promoting awareness of our states diverse history. Through our efforts we promote a positive vision of Jewish identity.

As Jews, we are a historical people, and much of our identity is derived from our shared historical experience. The Arizona Jewish Historical Society celebrates this experience, and provides education through exhibits, films, books, photographs, documents, artifacts, and oral histories that get at the root of what it means to be Jewish.

The Arizona Jewish Historical Society uses culture as a variable for encouraging Jews to engage and participate in Jewish community life. Our home, the Cutler-Plotkin Jewish Heritage Center (Phoenix's original synagogue) encompasses the whole range of Jewish heritage, including history, language, literature, music, theater, comedy, and visual arts.

Through our programs and exhibitions we also teach non-Jews about who we are, what we believe and the ways we have contributed to our larger society. We promote more than just tolerance, but rather friendship, respect, and a common understanding of the diverse cultures which make up our state.

Our legacy donors are individuals just like you who believe that by possessing our past we build our future. Our legacy donors also appreciate the Arizona Jewish Historical Society as a unique, creative and grassroots institution in our community. Please join us in preserving our past for future generations.