

LIFE & LEGACY: PLANTING SEEDS IN A GARDEN YOU NEVER GET TO SEE

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On a beautiful fall day while Peter and I were driving in Massachusetts, I spotted an incredible sight on the side of a busy road — a young tree growing out of a large tree stump. Peter kindly pulled over to enable me to snap the picture accompanying this writing. My cellphone could not do justice to the gift of nature's splendor that I was able to witness.

As I ruminated on this remarkable image of new, blossoming, and continuing growth emerging from an old, sturdy, and solid base, my thoughts turned to The Emanuel and its participation in the LIFE & LEGACY program (to learn more about The Emanuel's participation in the Life & Legacy program, please see page 9 of the September/October 2021 edition of *Everything Emanuel*.) Our vibrant Emanuel community provides new, relevant, and meaningful ways to connect to each other and to G-d as we explore our own personal Jewish journeys, all the while embracing and building on our rich heritage. We are able to thrive as the beneficiaries of the heritage and history built and nurtured by our forward-looking founders and the investments in our future made by the congregants who came before us through the present and legacy gifts they bestowed upon our congregation.

My mind also turned to the lyrics sung in "The World Was Wide Enough" from the musical *Hamilton*. While contemplating his legacy, Hamilton sings, "Legacy, what is a legacy? It's planting seeds in a garden you never get to see." The seeds we plant during our lifetimes may be our ideas, our writings, the ways in which we inspire others, the physical manifestations of our labor, or the planned legacy gifts we make.

I wanted to take this opportunity to share a little bit about the seeds I am in the process of planting. As part of the LIFE & LEGACY program, I have signed a letter of intent to fund a legacy gift to support the following: the capital needs of The Emanuel Synagogue; the safety and security of the Greater Hartford Jewish community; and leadership training for the Greater Hartford Jewish community on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion. I am grateful for the opportunity to take a role in providing funding in the future to The Emanuel and to the larger community.

Please reach out to me or one of The Emanuel's other LIFE & LEGACY campaign team members — Rabbi David Small, Executive Director Kobi Benita, Immediate Past President Melvin Simon, Deborah Zuckerman, Alan Rosenberg, Dr. Donald Miller, or Hollis Dorman – to learn more about the LIFE & LEGACY program and The Emanuel's Menorah Legacy Society. Thank you for your continued generosity and support.



EMANUEL'S B'NAI MITZVAH

Henry Heller, son of Yelena and David Heller, will become a Bar Mitzvah on Sunday, December 5, 2021.

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We extend heartfelt condolences and support to the families of:

Serenie Cohen, mother of Yeshiva Cohen-Cruz (Nery Cruz); grandmother of Simon, Caleb and Noah Cruz; sister-in-law of Joel and Fern Cohen

Marshall Elman, father of Lawrence (Debbie) Elman; grandfather of Jennifer (Wes) Cushman; great-grandfather of Jackson Cushman

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