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Our one hundred years of success was accomplished by each generation enhancing the legacy they inherited from those before them. In every aspect of our lives, change occurs more rapidly today than ever before. The WJC Endowment will finance the innovation and exploration required to help secure our shared spiritual future. The success of the Endowment depends upon you. We all know that in every life endeavor, the efforts we make to secure the future make our present more meaningful. We look forward to strengthening WJC today by giving it the means to remain the steward of our Jewish values and ideals for generations to come.

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As lay leaders and clergy, we approach the task of meeting the needs of our members from a position of reinvigorated purpose. The Endowment Campaign is an important task and one that is ours. The Endowment Campaign will ensure that the Westchester Jewish Center will continue to serve the Jewish community of our region with excellence for generations to come.

It is our duty to pass on the legacy of our synagogues to our children and the generations that follow. The Endowment Campaign provides the tools and resources to create a living legacy. We are committed to supporting our synagogue as it advances into its future and are excited to see what lies ahead.

Consider making an Exemplary, Legacy, Once-in-a-Generation Gift to our Endowment Campaign which will ensure that WJC continues to serve the Jewish community of our region with excellence for generations to come. Make your gift today and help secure the future of WJC.

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As we find ourselves in a deeply polarized society, WJC endeavors to be a gateway to the future. The future of our world will be shaped by young people currently taking on leadership roles at our synagogue – the Westchester Jewish Center – which has served thousands of members and the community at large.

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