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south hampstead SHul

Surprise us!

(But only after 120 years!)

A small gesture can make a big difference

An elderly member passed away recently. He would sit with a group of friends in shul each Shabbat and enjoy a little chat. In my walkaround I made a point of greeting him and exchanging a few words. He liked the kiddush.

Shortly after his passing his son contacted me. His father had left a handsome legacy to the shul to say thank you for the happy times spent in the community.

I was wonderfully surprised and deeply touched by the gesture. He obviously felt that our community had made a difference to his life, and wanted us to know.

If South Hampstead has made a difference to yours or your family's life, please consider surprising us.

Thank you for being a member of South Hampstead.

Rabbi Shlomo Levin

There are three main ways to make a bequest:

1. If your Will already sets aside a sum for charitable gifts to be specified from time to time by a Letter of Wishes from you addressed to your Executors, please consider South Hampstead Charitable Trust as a beneficiary. Your Letter of Wishes should state how much you wish to give or what percentage of your charitable gifts "pot" in your Will you would like to be donated and to what named causes.

2. Making a new Will
A bequest to the South Hampstead Charitable Trust can easily be incorporated in a new will.

3. If you are not making a new Will soon, please consider making a short Codicil (additional provision to a valid existing English Will). This is quite simple, and whilst to be valid it requires the same formalities of execution as a Will, it is usually just a short amendment and cheaper to prepare. A model Codicil is included for your convenience, but if you wish to make a Codicil it is imperative that you consult with your solicitor, particularly as some members may have complicated family or tax situations or international assets to consider.

South Hampstead Synagogue's bequest suggestion is offered in good faith but without recourse to the South Hampstead Synagogue, Ministers, Employees, the South Hampstead Trust or the contributing author of this note. If anyone is in doubt legal advice should be taken before embarking on any steps for making a Will or Codicil or amending a Letter of Wishes.

Codicil [Keep this safe with your Will]

[Full names] I, _____ (Testator),
[Full address] of _____ , declare this to be [First/Second/Third/Other] a _____ Codicil to my last Will and Testament [write in the date of your Will] dated _____ (my Will).

Additional Legacy

I amend my Will by the addition of a new legacy in the sum of £ _____ which I give free of Inheritance Tax to South Hampstead Charitable Trust (charity number 1052186) absolutely for its general charitable purposes and I declare that a receipt given by the Treasurer or other proper officer from time to time shall be a sufficient discharge to my executors.

Confirmation of Will

In all other respects I confirm my Will and, if any, all existing validly executed codicils to my Will.

Dated: _____day of _____ 20____

Signed by the Testator in our presence and then by us both together at the same time in the Testator's presence:

Testator Signature .....

Witness 1

signature: .....

name: _____
address: _____
occupation: _____

Witness 1

signature: .....

name: _____
address: _____
occupation: _____

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