

TESTIMONIALS FROM TEMPLE EMANU-EL MEMBERS

“The Health Care Proxy is a wonderful instrument that, if you haven’t already signed one, most of us should consider doing so. As we age, none of us knows with any level of certainty what eventuality may occur in our lives, especially at this time of the Covid-19 crisis. Signing a Health Care Proxy gives one the peace of mind and above all, the assurance that if we are unable to make our own decisions concerning our health care, that our preplanning in the form of the Health Care Proxy ensures that the type of care we want will be carried out by those we appointed for that purpose and not entirely by others in the medical profession however well-intentioned they may be.”

“After completing my Health Care Proxy, I had a strange feeling. Not only was I relieved, but I felt happy. The happiness came from knowing that my wishes would be honored, and my family not burdened by choice. I also knew that my hand-picked surrogate would feel free of any responsibility since the person was just carrying out my wishes and did not have to guess at my intent.”

“Life is unpredictable; having completed a Health Care Proxy has given me, my husband, and my doctor one less thing to worry about.”

“I have stood in an emergency room staring at a doctor who wanted to put his patient on a respirator and wanted me, as the named Health Care Agent, to agree to that and although I was the patient’s attorney, I had no idea what the patient wanted. We had never talked about Health Care Proxies or end-of-life decisions. I made my decision that day based on the facts I was given, but I don’t know if I made the decision that my client would have wanted. You wouldn’t want your loved ones to live with that kind of uncertainty. Let your Health Care Agent know what kind of decisions you want them to make.”