Tax Efficient Charitable Donations

As we approach the end of calendar year 2026, you may want to consider strategies to make tax advantaged charitable donations.

In addition to providing a larger charitable impact for the recipient, tax efficient charitable donations can lower your federal and state income tax liabilities, as well as your Medicare income related monthly adjustment amounts (IRMAA).

The following are some ways to make tax efficient donations:

Donor Advised Funds (DAFs)

Contribute cash or appreciated assets to a DAF for an immediate income tax deduction, and direct donations to specific charities over time.

Gifts of Appreciated Securities

Gift appreciated assets and deduct the fair market value from a percentage of adjusted gross income to avoid capital gains taxes.

Qualified Charitable Donations (QCDs)

If age 70½ or older, transfer directly from your IRA to a qualified charity, reducing your taxable income and helping to satisfy your RMD (if age 73 or older).

End of Year Donations

Make planned 2027 charitable donations prior to year-end 2026 to apply tax deductions to 2026 taxable income.

Bequest of Assets

Include gifts of assets in your estate documents (wills and trusts) to reduce estate tax liability and income taxes payable by other beneficiaries.

If you are interested in participating in a Zoom meeting for answers to questions about Tax Efficient Charitable Donations, please contact Joyce Resnick at joyres134@gmail.com before November 10, 2026.

If you are interested in making a donation to Temple Beth El, please contact Erica Newman at execdir@tbe.org with your name and email address.

Please consult your own legal and/or financial advisors for professional advice related to any information provided.