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Social Media

Our social media engagement increases every year with multiple demographic groups and pages that keep our community up to date on all of our events and happenings in the local Jewish community, and news from around the world.

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www.jewishcentral.org

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www.jewishcentralmass.org



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Steven Schimmel
Executive Director



ANNUAL REPORT

2022

A WORD FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Steven Schimmel

Above all else we owe a great deal of thanks to this special community. This annual report highlights the programs, projects and priorities of this past year, none of which would have happened without your generous support. Our work strengthening, securing, and stabilizing our community and Jewish communities around the world is more important than ever, and you, our donors are wonderful partners. While we must focus on addressing today's concerns we have also been working hard to ensure a strong future- we have had success in getting young people to take on leadership roles and to give to campaign, more families are choosing to be involved in the community, and our LIFE & LEGACY program has resulted in millions of dollars in future support. We also continue to work tirelessly to better our community today by coordinating the activities of our institutions and organizations, extending our reach to all of the Jewish families in our area, and we've been proactive in ensuring the security of our institutions, and responding to rising antisemitism- most importantly we are building and growing. Please continue to give generously and we will continue to work hard on your behalf and on behalf of the Jewish community together as your partner.

Steven Schimmel
JFCM Executive Director

Annual Fundraising

Our community generously gave \$817,120 to Annual Campaign 2022, this is an increase of \$27,000 from Campaign 2021. We thank our tireless Campaign Ambassadors who worked very hard to reach out to our generous community. This year we continued the trend of securing directed gifts, and brought in an additional \$204,107 to support a variety of local and international causes including \$44,369 to the Emergency Campaign for Ukraine. The total revenue for all of Jewish Federation's departments was \$1,702,165, and continues to trend upward. The work of our volunteer fundraisers and your support are greatly appreciated, especially during these uncertain times.

Endowment

The current value of the Endowment Fund is \$12,494,000, with future promises through the LIFE & LEGACY Program estimated at over \$11 Million, from over 415 LEGACY promises through Harold Grinspoon Foundation's support of our LIFE & LEGACY Program. The endowment is essential for supporting ongoing programs within our community and to ensure a steady flow of dollars in perpetuity for the future. The endowment is comprised of a number of donor advised funds, designated funds for special purposes, LOJE and PACE Funds - which generate perpetual campaign gifts, and unrestricted funds. For those who are part of Central MA's LIFE & LEGACY program they are our L'dor V'dor Circle. Looking to the future the long term stability and success of our community will in large-part rest on endowment. We urge you to contact our LIFE & LEGACY Coordinator Leah Shuldiner at Federation for more information on how to set up a fund- anyone can do it and everyone should!

A YEAR IN REVIEW
2022

Allocations

Through our Allocation’s Process co-chaired by Steve Sosnoff and Josh Robbins Federation is able to provide substantial support across the community, around the world and in Israel. In recent years we have refocused our priorities on local needs so that our congregations and institutions have the resources they need. Funding is provided for the entire array of Jewish communal activities in Central MA, from substantial funding for our congregations’ religious schools, to programs at the JCC [our largest single recipient of allocations], our Outreach Program, Hillel at Clark University and WPI, Central MA Jewish Theater Company, Shir Joy, Torathon, the Young Emissary & Shaliach Program, and the Jewish Ledger, along with other one-off smaller programs that we also fund. Of course the funds raised also support the direct work and operation of Federation which includes our partnership with Rachel’s Table and their vital work. These local allocations account for approximately 80% of the total dollars allocated. The remaining 20% is allocated to national and overseas programs including JFNA, ORT, JAFI, P2G [Afula/Gilboa programs], Birthright, Colel Chabad [for food insecurity assistance], JCPA, FIDF, and Hadassah. The impact of the hundreds of thousands of dollars that are given so generously by our community members is felt around the world, helping to positively impact the lives of Jews everywhere.

Security Initiatives

Jewish Federation is focusing efforts to secure our Jewish community with leadership from Community Security Liaison Mark Shear. Our congregations and institutions continue to prioritize security, and we have developed a strong and supportive relationship with law enforcement. This past year Federation arranged both webinar and in-person trainings, and provided leadership with emergency information through email alerts.

SNEC / Partnership2Gether

The Afula-Gilboa partnership has been in existence since 1994. Our partnership with Afula-Gilboa through the Southern New England Consortium [SNEC] strengthens our living bridge with Israel by funding organizations and programs locally like the cherished Young Emissary & Shaliach Program. This year's partnership projects included continued funding for: Emek Medical Center, Beit Slinger, Haifa Rape Crisis Center - Afula Branch, Afula Crowns, Project ZUG, and other organizations. The SNEC Consortium was also focused on development of a large-scale project funding opportunity in Afula, and considerations for changing the partnership to better adapt to evolving needs. Central MA allocated \$17,500 this year to support these programs along with more than \$40,000 to support the Shaliach program.

Scholarship Programs

Through allocations made from our Annual Campaign, a generous grant from the Freelanders Family Foundation, and a grant from the Schwartz Foundation, children are awarded scholarships to attend camp, Israel programs and other Jewish experiences. These scholarships are essential in providing aid to families in our community. Studies show that these experiences are vital to cultivating strong Jewish identities in our young people. We have seen a growing number of requests for scholarships- numbering over 50 a year, and we distribute more than \$25,000 to aid local families.

JEWISH FEDERATION OF CENTRAL MASSACHUSETTS, INC.

KEY FINANCIAL RATIOS
FOR THE YEARS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2021

	2021	
	AMOUNT	RATIO
1) UNRESTRICTED OPERATING PUBLIC SUPPORT AND REVENUE:		
Public support:		
Grants, contributions and fundraising	\$1,604,655	93.8%
Revenue:		
Program income	9,410	0.6%
Investment income appropriated for operations	96,053	5.6%
Total unrestricted operating public support and revenue	1,710,118	100.0%
2) OPERATING EXPENSES:		
Program services:		
Federation	543,135	30.4%
Foundation	166,819	9.3%
Rachel's Table	416,935	23.3%
Clark Hillel	102,494	5.7%
Life and Legacy	100,325	5.6%
Other programs	209,695	11.7%
Total program services	1,539,403	86.1%
Supporting services:		
General and administrative	143,706	8.0%
Fundraising	103,909	5.8%
Total supporting services	247,615	13.9%
Total operating expenses	1,787,018	100.0%
Contributions, grants and allocations	641,773	35.9%
Salaries and related, net of contract labor	531,371	29.7%
Occupancy	62,355	3.5%
Other	551,519	30.9%
	1,787,018	100.0%
3) Changes in unrestricted net assets from operations	\$ (76,900)	
4) Unrestricted Operating Net Assets	\$6,124,823	
Average Monthly Expenses	148,918	
Number of months in unrestricted operating net assets	41.13	
4a) Unrestricted Net Assets, excluding property and equipment	\$8,470,173	
Average Monthly Expenses	148,918	
Number of months in unrestricted net assets, excluding property and equipment	56.88	

** Not adjusted for internal revenues and expenses.

Jewish Community Foundation

We Thank all those who have established funds with us.

Total Designated Funds

Dorothy Benjamin Women's Leadership Fund
Sulamith & Irving Blackberg Fund
Joseph & Miriam Casdin Charitable Fund PACE
Cemeteries Fund
Clark Hillel Endowment Fund
Samuel M. Cooper Memorial Fund PACE
Samuel M. Cooper Restricted Fund
Harold Cotton Memorial Endowment Fund
Harold & Phyllis Cotton PACE
Melvin S. Cutler PACE
Allan Farber PACE
Merrill & Lillian Farber PACE
Harriet Feinberg Memorial Fund
Saul & Bea Feingold Fund for Seniors
DFA Fund for Elder Care & Support (Debbie and Dan Fins)
Irving & Beatrice Fins Philanthropic Fund
Edith Fisher Lion of Judah
Freelander Family Charitable Trust PACE
Joseph & Edith Freilich PACE
Haskell & Ina Gordon Charitable PACE
Henry & Rita Grace PACE
Barbara Greenberg Lion of Judah Endowment
Miriam & Burte Guterman PACE
Barry Jaffe PACE
L’Dor V’Dor Legacy Circle Fund
Landgarten Fund
Howard & Thelma Lockwood PACE
Marion & Isador Lubin Fund PACE
Sidney & Florence Medlinsky Philanthropic Fund PACE
Sidney & Jeffrey Medlinsky Memorial Fund
Dr. Adolph & Pearl Meltzer Fund PACE
David A. & Marlene Persky Campaign PACE
Marlene Persky Lion of Judah
Presidents Leadership Endowment Fund
Toby S. Richmond Lion of Judah Endowment
Toby Richmond Memorial Leadership Fund
Norman Robbins Fund
Martha Rosenblatt Lion of Judah & PACE
Rosenblum Family PACE
Barbara Rossman Lion of Judah
Allen Rubin PACE
Jules & Blossom Saide PACE
Senior Adult Services Endowment Fund
Samuel Shanberg PACE
Siegel Family Cultural Fund
Carol J. Sleeper Lion of Judah Endowment
Myra E & Harold W. Slovin Memorial Fund
Bernard & Nita Trugman Educational Fund
Rosalie & Wallace Wolf PACE
Irving J. Yarock PACE
Samuel & Evelyn Zaritt Fund

Total Donor-Advised Funds

Jay & Myra Aframe
Chaifetz Family Fund
Lois & Bernard Edinberg Philanthropic Fund
David I. & Elaine C. Feingold Charitable Fund
Robert & Elizabeth Frem Philanthropic Fund

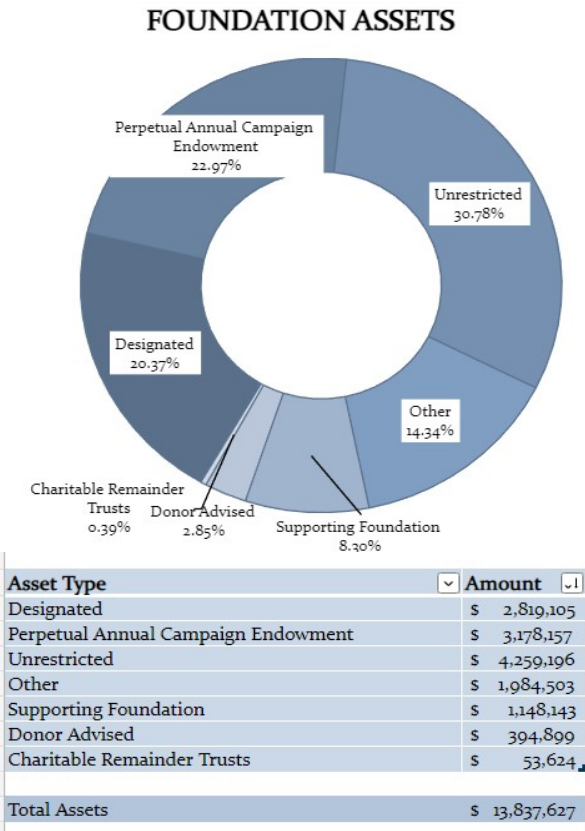
David & Sylvia Glick Philanthropic Fund
Harry Goff Family Foundation
Gotz Family Fund
JFCM General Unrestricted Fund
Dorothy & Howard Lurier Family Philanthropic Fund
Melvin Rosenblatt Family Fund
Bernard Rotman Family Fund
Sheftel Philanthropic Fund
Lisa & Jonathan Sigel Charitable Fund
Saul & Reena Slovin Philanthropic Fund
Stoll Family Charitable Trust

Supporting Foundation

B’nai Shalom Endowment Fund
B’nai Shalom Investment Fund
Beth Tikvah Endowment Fund
Leo H. Rudnick Family Trust
Shaarai Torah West Endowment

Other

Ethel & Harry Chaifetz
Doug Cutler
Michael & Carol Sleeper
Elizabeth A. Tapper



Rachel’s Table

Rachel's Table is a hunger relief organization that uses volunteers to transport donated food to 30 food pantries, shelters, group homes, day programs, and soup kitchens in Worcester. The Children's Milk Fund program purchases milk for weekly deliveries to 20 of these agencies that help families. Rachel's Table also buys fruits and vegetables to be add-ed to meals provided by Friendly House Neighborhood Center's summer meal program that feeds children at sites throughout the city when school is closed. Last year Rachel's Table provided over half a million pounds of food and milk. 20,000 children were helped by the Children's Milk Fund. With the increased price of food at present this help is crucial.



Rachel’s Table collections

Carla Szymanski
Rachel's Table Director

Torathon

Torathon this year was a very happy reunion, back in person at Beth Israel Synagogue in Worcester!! We were absolutely thrilled to be together again, and operations were smooth and seamless.

Our rabbis and Jewish educators did an incredible job, as always, bringing Jewish History, Bible, language, literature and more to life for our community. This year’s theme: TORATHON: How Judaism influences our lives, lent itself to many interesting topics and classes. Courses such as, “Is it the law, or just a custom”, “Jewish themes in science fiction”, “The thin line between Anti Zionism and Anti Semitism”, “Lo Bashamayim He; It is not in the heavens...or is it?”, “God’s love language”, and “Sacred Drum and Chanting”, to name a few, enticed participants to learn about a wide variety of thought-provoking courses and personal and physical engagement. Evaluations were positive and so was the energy of the evening.

Torathon is a special, incredible way for our community to come together and for us to remind ourselves that we are a village. We greatly appreciate the invaluable help of Steven Schimmel, Stephanie Lyon, Lisa Thurlow, Mindy Hall, and Edie Ryan, and the passion and commitment of Bernie Rotman. Many thanks to the Jewish Federation of Central Mass. for ensuring that this beautiful, well-attended and very meaningful experience was able to happen once again, especially in person!

Debbie Fruchtmann

Clark Hillel

Jewish Community life is thriving at Clark University. It was a busy and exciting year, student leaders made sure Hillel provided endless opportunities for students to connect to their Jewish heritage. Students took part in Jewish study, led special services and held festive and inviting Kosher shabbat dinners every week. All the Jewish holidays were celebrated together while huge late night bagel brunch gatherings helped to ensure a strong, inclusive center of Jewish life on campus. Our Israeli Shlichah along with our IACT coordinator ensured that Clark U Hillel is a great place to connect students with Israel. A contingent of our students traveled to Israel on trips including Birthright, Masa, and Alternative Spring Break. Many participated in internships and engaged in study semesters abroad. Students reached out weekly and fed hundreds of those in need in the Main South neighborhood with monies raised from the community. Hillel continues to be the most active and well attended student organization on campus and has become a model for continuing tradition and building community while staying safe. Thank you to Federation and the community for the support that makes Jewish life on campus possible.



ClarkU Hillel

Jeff Narod M.S. M.H.S.A.
Executive Director, Clark University Hillel

Worcester Black-Jewish Alliance

The Worcester Black-Jewish Alliance, a partnership of the Federation and the Worcester NAACP, is entering its sixth year. In the past, the Alliance has sponsored Unity Seders, with participation from a number of public officials and community leaders, including Congressman Jim McGovern, State Senator Michael Moore, Mayor Petty, Fred Taylor (President of the Worcester NAACP), and Reverend Clyde Talley (President of the Worcester Black Clergy Association). A number of students from Clark University Hillel also participated. The Alliance continues to be a vehicle for strengthening the relationship between the Jewish and Black communities. A few new initiatives are planned for this coming year.



Rabbi Michael Swartz
Cotton Leadership Coordinator

Central MA Jewish Historical Society

The Central MA Jewish Historical Society was established by Jewish Federation to document and preserve the rich Jewish history of our community. The group continues plans for establishing a permanent location at Shaarai Torah West to display historical items, and to hold more programs periodically including film screening, excursions and presentations. The group is chaired by Melody Friedenthal. Items related to local Jewish history have been documented and stored with assistance from Worcester Historical Museum.



Worcester Jewish Cemetery Improvement Association

With Dana Levenson's leadership and the generosity of a large number of donors substantial work has taken place to beautify and improve our three local Jewish cemeteries; B'nai Brith, Chevra Kadisha, and Worcester Hebrew. This past year the grave-finder website was refined, the burial information database was corrected and completed, donor recognition plaques were placed at the cemeteries, and dignified markers were placed to delineate the "enfant section" at B'nai B'rith Cemetery. GPS mapping is now complete, and security upgrades are planned.

JFCM Mission

JFCM is dedicated to the preservation and enrichment of Jewish life in Central Massachusetts and throughout the world.

To carry out our mission we maintain the following objectives:

- To strengthen Jewish identification and sense of community by maximizing the involvement of Jews in Jewish communal life;
- To develop and increase the philanthropic resources and capacity of the Central Massachusetts Jewish Community;
- To assist and promote the contribution of its member, beneficiary, and constituent institutions, synagogues, agencies, and organizations in meeting varied educational, cultural, religious, social, recreational, and welfare needs of the community;
- To recognize our commitment to and interdependence with the State of Israel, and to foster and enhance our eternal link with Israel through cultural, economic and spiritual support;
- To participate and assist in efforts to improve the social, economic, and cultural condition of world Jewry; and
- To maintain and strengthen ties and understanding between the Jewish community and the broader society.

Tapper Charitable Foundation Righteous Gentile Award

The inaugural recipient of the Tapper Charitable Foundation Righteous Gentile Award is Worcester Police Chief Steven Sargent. Chief Sargent has been extraordinarily supportive of Worcester's religious institutions, ensuring that safety and security measures are coordinated with the assistance and guidance of Worcester Police Department. In particular, his attention to addressing the rise in incidents where religious institutions are targeted has been of great help to all religious communities in Worcester. He has dedicated countless hours and attention to this issue and his commitment to this work is deserving of the Righteous Gentile Award which was presented on June 14, 2022 at the Worcester JCC.

The Righteous Gentile Humanitarian Award sponsored by Tapper Charitable Foundation will be presented annually to a righteous gentile in the greater Central MA region who has made meaningful and substantial contributions to the betterment of communities outside of their own heritage and faith.

Shaliach Program (Formerly Young Emissary Program)

From the minute Aviv Jerbi arrived in September 2022, he hit the ground running. Aviv had been one of our Young Emissaries 8 years ago. We invited him to return as our post army Shaliach and found it to be the best decision for our program!

As Shaliach, Aviv lived in his own apartment, as opposed to living with host families as he did as a young emissary. He had the advantage of already knowing our community members, Rabbis and educators. He knew where to drive for his weekly Covid tests as well! Aviv worked with our Central MA synagogues and their religious schools, and on projects with the Jewish Federation. He worked with our representative from StandWithUs in the Hebrew High Schools. He also led his Israel Culture Series on Zoom each month. Programs ranged from "Israeli Whiskey Tasting" to "What motivates Israeli teens to join the IDF". There were also Zoom Café Ivrit classes that met on Thursday nights.



Some of the year's highlights included Shakshuka in the Sukkah, Clark Hillel Café Ivrit and Krav Maga programs, Mimouna with the Torah Center, a joint Yom Hazikaron program with the Rhode Island Shaliach, and Yom Ha'atzmaut Federation/Israel Bond event. Aviv also visited local public schools to teach about Israeli culture and history. For Pride Month, Aviv organized a special zoom program on Challenges in the LGBTQ community in Israel which was also very well attended. Aviv continued to build and strengthen Jewish identity among our community members by representing a diverse and vibrant Israel, promoting Israel experiences, fighting the delegitimization of Israel, teaching Hebrew, promoting Jewish social activism and much more. Most importantly, he played a leading role in shaping what Israel and Jewish identity can mean for individuals and our community. Over the summer Aviv continued his Shlichut at our JCC summer camp.

Upon his return to Israel Aviv will be working for the Jewish National Fund (JNF) as the General Manager of Travel and Tours. He will also be starting his higher education degree part time.

We are grateful to have had an outstanding year with Aviv and will miss his energy, spirit, knowledge and company. We look forward to hosting our new Shlichim this coming year and thank JFCM for supporting this meaningful program.

SHLICHIM DON'T JUST TEACH ISRAEL, THEY ARE ISRAEL!

Liz Baker
Shaliach Coordinator

Community-Wide Events and Celebrations

Though we may be a smaller community, we are as busy as some of our larger partner communities. Whether it was a Night Out at the Jewish Theater to see Oasis, or rooting for the home team at Jewish Heritage Day at the Woo Sox; from big Hanukkah and Purim celebrations at Polar Park; Seder in the Box for Passover; or fun festivals for Lag B'Omer, and Yom Ha'Atzmaut, we enjoyed so much time together. Our community was invited to participate in all of our LEAD programs noted above as well.



With an Outstretched Arm...

It's hard to believe that in November 2022, I hit a major milestone with my B'nai Mitzvah as Federation's Director of Outreach and Engagement. When I began, it was a newly created position to help re-build our Central Mass Jewish Community. Once a very thriving community, Central Mass had gone through a major downturn in the 90's and early 2000's as the Jewish population was rapidly shrinking. The older, very engaged community members moved away while others sadly passed away. Young adults headed to bigger cities while temples were struggling with membership. The City of Worcester itself needed new development and job opportunities in order to attract newcomers to the area. It was a critical time for action, community outreach, and revitalization. Thankfully, the leaders of our Jewish Community had the wisdom and foresight to see this in our Federation community.

The good news is that was then, and this is now. Since 2009, our Jewish Federation Community has grown by the thousands! Although we are still relatively small in size compared to our neighboring communities, we are a very vibrant community all around, collaborating together in so many ways. We have created bridges with many more young adults and young families, filling the void before our eyes. Needles in haystacks have been discovered in the surrounding areas, with more to uncover. This past year alone, our JFCM community has experienced significant growth again with approximately 259 new households in our database, steady growth in the number of new donors, over 81 new subscribers to our PJ Library program, over 35 new YADs, 26 new Chaverim, 61 new donors to Federation, and over 140 new individuals (all ages) engaged through our social media outreach. Let's keep the work going and look forward to another great year ahead for Jewish Central Mass.

Mindy J. Hall

JFCM Director of Outreach and Engagement

Jewish Community Concierge/Shalom Newcomer

Virtual and in-person coffees and conversations have been shared as we strive to build meaningful relationships with newcomers, and old comers, working to connect and involve people within the community. JFCM 'concierge' service continues to help people of all ages who desire information and guidance within our Jewish and secular communities. Our work extends from assisting out-of-towners looking to move into the community; helping newcomers settle in and connect once they arrive here; sharing information about Federation and our partner organizations and synagogues; assisting those in crisis and need; or even just an ear to see them through. Our work also serves our existing community, helping create bridges wherever needed, and to create bridges with organizations outside of our Jewish Community.

Chaverim (40's and up)

Our 40's plus group came together for fun and community-building. We kicked off the New Year with a "Sweet New Year Dessert Reception". In keeping safe distances during the winter months, Chaverim ventured outdoors with a few hikes and some snowshoeing; tasted some Israeli whiskey in a virtual tasting with our Shaliach Aviv; participated in multiple community-wide events such as Polar Park Hanukkah, Yom Ha'Atzmaut; and Night Out at the Jewish Theater: Oasis. Throughout the summer, Café

Chaverot met for daytime breaks including an outdoor picnic lunch and coffees at a café. Plans have already been set in motion for the upcoming year including our New Year kick-off event.

Young Adult Division (YAD)

Despite the setbacks of Covid again, YAD was as busy as ever with a committed YAD Council. We picked apples, blueberries, peaches, and took a hike. We celebrated Rosh Hashanah, Sukkot and, as weather permitted, Shabbat lunch, all al fresco. Hanukkah was a blast with a “Mask”erade celebration and gift exchange at the Whitcomb Mansion. As the cold weather came upon us, our events went virtual with Shabbats and Stitch ‘n Schmooze. Spring came and Passover lunch was shared; Mimouna by the fireside; outdoor Shabbats; happy hours; ice cream meet-ups; a summer pool party bash; a YAD newcomer picnic brunch in the park; and much, much more including community-wide celebrations and LEAD programs.



LEAD Leadership, Education and Development (a program of YAD)

With the support of B’nai Brith Lodge 600 of Worcester, we held 3 LEAD programs this past year. In collaboration with Federation’s Black-Jewish Alliance, we heard from African- American Rabbi Capers Funye, and his sacred journey to Judaism. We also enjoyed a talk with journalist and author Thomas Friedman, and chatted with World Ort President, Dr. Conrad Giles, on the subject of challenges in the Jewish world.

PJ Library & PJ Our Way / Young Jewish Families

With many new families in the area, PJ Library has seen consistent growth over the years. Bringing families together and engaging them in our greater community has resulted in new “chosen” families, a sense of belonging, creating connections to our synagogues and JCC, and sharing in many events throughout the year. This past year we celebrated PJ Library’s Book Mitzvah, 13 years in Central Mass. It was an amazing day of carnival -like outdoor activities with all of our partner organizations participating and local community businesses supporting this special day. It was a magical day with a special activity organized by some of our original PJ Library kids who have since graduated from PJ Our Way. We also held our Sukkot newcomer event, Fall pumpkin painting, multiple Hanukkah celebrations including Latke making with Shrewsbury Library, Storytime at WAM and, of course, our big celebration at Polar Park. In May, we had a month long Story Walk in partnership with the Shrewsbury Library and, throughout the year, we created multiple event collaborations with our synagogues and Metro West Day giving our families a chance to experience our greater community. We also held our first successful annual Craft and Vendor Fair, raising money for PJ Library with another fair set for March 12, 2023.



LIFE & LEGACY



LIFE & LEGACY™ is a partnership of the Harold Grinspoon Foundation (HGF) and the Jewish Federation of Central Massachusetts that promotes after-lifetime giving to benefit local Jewish entities. Through training, support and monetary incentives, LIFE & LEGACY motivates Jewish organizations to integrate legacy giving into their philanthropic culture in order to assure Jewish tomorrows. Central Massachusetts is now in year six of the LIFE & LEGACY program. 9 partner organizations continue to participate. This translated into 457 pledged gifts from 331 donors with an estimated value of over \$14.8 Million!

The Jewish Federation of Central Mass would like to honor ALL of our local community members who have committed to leaving a legacy gift. This list indicates donors who have informed LIFE & LEGACY of their legacy intentions by September 1, 2022. **Names in bold have indicated a legacy gift for JFCM.** An * indicates a Lion of Judah endowment.

Barry Aframe	Deborah Bunker	Robyn Lori Bernstein	Steven Goldstein & Sharon
Myra & Jay Aframe	Barbara Callahan	Donati	Brown Goldstein
Susan & Howard Alfred	Eric Capellari	EJ Dotts	Jennifer & Sam Goodman
Abbe Allexenberg	Joseph Casdin Z"L	Howard Drobner &	Ina Gordon Z"L
Michael Allexenberg	Robert & Shari Cashman	Maxine Garbo	Larry & Cora Gordon
Benita Amsden	Ethel K. Chaifetz	Shelley Dubin & Dennis	Harvey & Patti Gould
William Amsden	Mark & Julie Chapleau	Lindenberg	Rita & Henry Grace Z"L
Anonymous (69) (11 JFCM)	Alberta Chase	Victoria Dubrovsky	Carole & Mark Grayson
A. Averbach	Lori Chastanet	Rabbis Joe & Lisa Eiduson	Jeffrey Greenberg
Brad Avergon	Paul Chastanet	Donna & Joel Elfman	Joel N. Greenberg
Cynthia Avergon	Michelle V. Cochran	Gary Englander	Barbara Greenberg Z"L *
Robert Bachrach	Alysa & Mitch Cohen	Allan Farber Z"L	Minna & Ira Gregerman
Mike & Anita Z"L Backer	Janice & David Cohen	Lillian Farber Z"L	Jamie Grossman
Robin Baer	Jonathan Cohen	Marlene Farbman	Rabbi Rachel Gurevitz
Bernard Bailin Z"L	Lisa Cohen	Saul Feingold	Gary Gurwitz
Elizabeth & Joel Baker	Rabbi Valerie Cohen	Geraldine Feldman, MD	Dr. Burte Guterman Z"L
Margot Barnet	Alan Cooper	Deborah Fins	Rabbi Debra Hachen &
Jacqueline Becek	Sanuel Cooper Z"L	Irving Fins Z"L	Peter Weinrobe
Cara Berg Powers	Phyllis Cotton Z"L	Edith Fisher	Mindy Hall
Jordan Berg Powers	David Coyne	Everett Fox	Steven & Debra Heims
Nita Bindman Z"L	Reva Capellari	Joshua Franklin	Family
Mark Birnbaum & Meg	Herb Cremer in memory of	Jody Fredman	Peter Herman and
Hoey	his beloved parents, Dr.	A & R Freeland Z"L	Stefanie Bradie
Patricia Bizzell	Samuel and Eva Cremer	Joseph Freilich Z"L	Sarah & Neil Herzig
Rabbi & Mrs. Yakov	Jonah Cuker	Jason & Laurie Fromer	Ilene S. Hoffman
Blotner	Douglas Cutler	Ethel Gaffin Z'L	Emily Holdstein
Robert & Stacey Blumberg	Melvin Cutler	Stuart Glass	James Holdstein
Lydia Borenstein	Herbert K. Daroff	Norman Glick Z"L	Joshua Honig
Morton & Lorraine Z"L	Judy & Stu Deane	Lillian Glixman Z"L	Bernard Z"L & Beverly
Brond	Evelyn Dolinsky	Marcia Goff Z"L	Hurwitz
David Bunker			Martha Hurwitz



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