

2023-2024 Leadership

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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.

Have you checked out....

Our Jewish Connect site:

www.jewishcentral.org

Our website:

www.jewishcentralmass.org



<https://www.facebook.com/JewishFederationCentralMass>

<https://www.facebook.com/jewishcentralmass/>

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/centralmassyad/>

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/JewishCentralMass/>

<https://www.facebook.com/PJLibraryCentralMA/>

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/chaverimcentralmass/>

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.



ANNUAL REPORT 2023

A WORD FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Steven Schimmel

Our Jewish community has faced numerous challenges and moments of difficulty over time. The modern iteration of our organization, Jewish Federation, dates back more than eight decades. Through the years we've led this community through change- decline, rebirth, and expansion. But since the October 7th attack, we have experienced a period of extraordinary difficulty. Antisemitism has risen dramatically, we have felt abandoned by many of our friends and allies, we have suffered through protests, and threats, and we have faced unjustified hostility. Thankfully we have come together in meaningful and special ways, we have supported our friends and families in Israel with generosity and care, and we have launched evermore serious initiatives to address our security needs, all the while not losing focus on the continuing needs and concerns of our people. None of this would have been possible without the generous engagement of our partners, the donors who make our work possible.

This annual report highlights the achievements of the past year, made possible by your generous contributions. Our commitment to strengthening our community and fostering connections with Jewish communities worldwide is more crucial than ever, and you, our donors, are essential partners in this mission. While addressing current challenges, we remain focused on building a resilient future. We have successfully cultivated new leadership, increased family engagement, and secured substantial support for the future through our LIFE & LEGACY program. Moreover, we are actively coordinating initiatives, expanding outreach efforts, bolstering security measures, and combatting rising antisemitism. Let's continue this journey together, fostering growth and making a lasting impact. Your ongoing generosity drives our commitment to serving you and the broader Jewish community.

Steven Schimmel
JFCM Executive Director

Annual Fundraising

Our community generously gave more than \$781,562 to Annual Campaign 2023. We thank our tireless Campaign Ambassadors who worked very hard to reach out to our community members. We also raised an impressive \$450,000 related to Israel Emergency support. 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 rose this year to over \$13,000,000 with future promises through the LIFE & LEGACY Program estimated at over \$15 Million, from over 463 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. This past year we are partnering with the Grinspoon Foundation to endow our PJ Library program. 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 2023

Allocations

Through our Allocation's Process co-chaired by Steve Sosnoff and Josh Robbins Federation can 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 Shaliach Program, transportation for Metrowest Jewish Day School students, and The Star, our new newspaper, 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 for the FIDF Daniel Baker Memorial Scholarship, 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 continue to rely on a strong and supportive partnership with law enforcement. This past year Federation arranged both webinar and in-person trainings and provided leadership with emergency information through email alerts. We thank the Richmond Family for leading our security funding needs with an exceptional gift to help us provide for our community's security through this period of increased threats.

Scholarship Programs

Through allocations made from our Annual Campaign, a generous grant from the Freeland 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.

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 held several events this year at Shaarai Torah West including a wonderful program highlighting the Jewish history of New England. The group is chaired by Melody Friedenthal with support from Bernie Rotman, and with coordination and partnership from Jewish Federation.



JEWISH FEDERATION OF CENTRAL MASSACHUSETTS, INC.

KEY FINANCIAL RATIOS FOR THE YEARS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2022

	2022	
	AMOUNT	RATIO
1) UNRESTRICTED OPERATING PUBLIC SUPPORT AND REVENUE:		
Public support:		
Grants, contributions and fundraising	\$1,587,947	93.4%
Revenue:		
Program income	18,165	1.1%
Investment income appropriated for operations	94,490	5.6%
Total unrestricted operating public support and revenue	1,700,602	100.0%
2) OPERATING EXPENSES:		
Program services:		
Federation	633,059	32.8%
Foundation	164,615	8.5%
Rachel's Table	285,913	14.8%
Clark Hillel	161,061	8.4%
Life and Legacy	52,208	2.7%
Other programs	350,280	18.2%
Total program services	1,647,136	85.4%
Supporting services:		
General and administrative	145,131	7.5%
Fundraising	136,191	7.1%
Total supporting services	281,322	14.6%
Total operating expenses	1,928,458	100.0%
Contributions, grants and allocations	576,055	29.9%
Salaries and related, net of contract labor	576,397	29.9%
Occupancy	57,767	3.0%
Other	718,239	37.2%
	1,928,458	100.0%
3) Changes in unrestricted net assets from operations	\$ (227,856)	
4) Unrestricted Operating Net Assets	\$4,269,195	
Average Monthly Expenses	160,705	
Number of months in unrestricted operating net assets	26.57	
4a) Unrestricted Net Assets, excluding property and equipment	\$6,876,401	
Average Monthly Expenses	160,705	
Number of months in unrestricted net assets, excluding property and equipment	42.79	

** 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

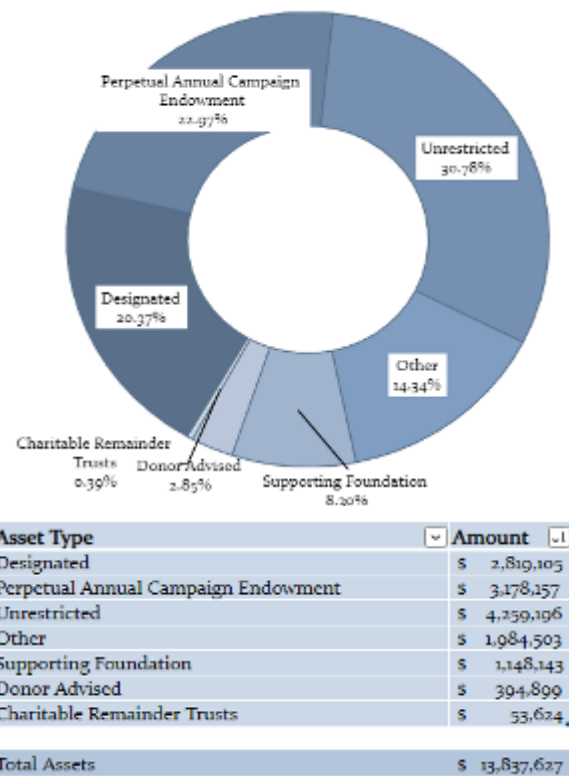
Supporting Foundation

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

FOUNDATION ASSETS



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 added 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

Alissa Schimmel
 Rachel's Table
 Executive Director

Torathon

Torathon this year went out of the box!! In conjunction with the 100th anniversary of Cong. Beth Israel, Torathon 2023 presented: The Wonderful World of Jewish Music. All courses were musically themed, starting with a fabulous concert and historical overview of klezmer music, thanks to the incredible talents of the members of The Jack Soref Klezmer Quartet.

Following the concert, many of our rabbis and Jewish educators did an incredible job bringing Jewish music to life for us! We learned about Jewish composers of Broadway hits and the music of Leonard Cohen, we visited favorite and beautiful songs of the prolific Debbie Friedman, as well as other beloved Israeli songs, old and new. We explored Chasidic Niggunim and female drummers. We even were able to participate in our own musical healing circle. Evaluations were positive and so was the energy of the evening. Music fills our hearts, connects us together, and especially made a difference this year, as we were mourning the tragedies unfolding in Israel.

Torathon is a powerful way for our community to come together, and for us to remind ourselves that we are a village. As always, we thank Congregation Beth Israel and Scott O'Toole for ensuring a wonderful facility for our evening of learning. We greatly appreciate the invaluable help of JFCM Executive Director 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.

Debbie Fruchman
 Torathon Coordinator

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

Cultural Arts Programming

Worcester JCC Author Series

The JCC Author Series which just completed its 17th season, is a celebration of books, authors, and the power of the written word! It features works on Jewish themes and topics, works by Jewish authors or from a Jewish perspective, along with works by local authors. Our “new normal” includes both in-person and virtual events, but it should be noted that 2023 marked the first in-person author talks since the pandemic. Ten book events took place this past year, five in-person and five virtual. Attendance varies but the range is from 20-75 at each of our programs. Highlights included, Rosanne Leipzig, *Honest Aging*; Elizabeth Graver, *Kantika*; Daniel Levin, *Violins and Hope: From the Holocaust to Symphony Hall*; Andrew Lawler, *Under Jerusalem: The Buried History of the World’s Most Contested City*; David de Jong, *Nazi Billionaires: The Dark History of Germany’s Wealthiest Dynasties*, and local author Judy Ferrara, discussing her biography of Worcester poet, Stanley Kunitz’s mother, Yetta Dine.

There is no question that the JCC Author Series is a signature and much anticipated community program.

Central Mass International Jewish Film Festival 2023

After two years of showing films virtually with the JCC of the North Shore in Marblehead, 2023 marked the first in-person film events since 2020. The 2023 festival featured three movies to test the willingness of the public to return to live, in-person events. This was a modified offering, as festivals of yore have included five or six films, shown over a period of a few weeks. That said, it was thrilling to sit amongst a real live audience to view these films!

The festival opener was “iMordecai”, co-sponsored by Chaverim of JFCM and Hadassah Greater Boroughs Chapter. This film was the winner of the Audience Favorite Award at the Miami Jewish Film Festival and was shown at Founders Hall at St. John’s High School in Shrewsbury. 120 attended, which was really heartening as a first in-person film event since 2020.

An encore showing of the documentary “Fiddler: A Miracle of Miracles”, took place at the Worcester Senior Center. This film looked at the ongoing relevance and resonance of the beloved musical, *Fiddler on the Roof*, which opened on Broadway in 1964.

The third film was the “The Automat”, a documentary about the Horn and Hardart restaurant chain in NYC and Philadelphia, shown at the Worcester JCC. The turnout was unexpectedly strong with nearly ninety in attendance and it was a real crowd pleaser!!



Tapper Charitable Foundation Righteous Gentile Award

The second recipient of the Tapper Charitable Foundation Righteous Gentile Award is former Lt. Governor Karyn Polito. Lt. Gov. Polito was selected for her extraordinary support of the commonwealth’s religious institutions through a period of increased threats, ensuring that safety and security measures were well-funded by making grant monies available to groups throughout Massachusetts, and advocating for legislation supporting these efforts. The Righteous Gentile Award which was presented on September 6, 2023 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)

In September 2022 we welcomed our Shlichah, Tommy Ben Basat to Central MA. After graduating from high school and before coming to Central MA, Tommy spent a gap year volunteering in a Jewish Peoplehood pre-army program in English, which included Israelis and non-Israelis. Following her gap year Tommy served in the IDF’s air force in the combat F15 Squadron from 2019-2021.

Tommy spent her Shlichut (2022-23) in Central MA working with our synagogues and their religious schools and on projects with the Jewish Federation and Clark U Hillel. She collaborated and taught with our representative from StandWithUs in the Hebrew High Schools. She also co-hosted Israeli Culture programs. Programs ranged from a comprehensive session on the national election in Israel to Israeli wine tasting to learning about the Road to Recovery organization. For Yom Hazikaron Tommy successfully initiated an Israeli program called “Running in Their Memory” where participants learned about the lives of deceased Israeli soldiers and terrorist victims from our partnership area, the Afula/Gilboa region in Israel. Tommy also collaborated with the Mishkan Art Museum at Kibbutz Ein Harod, for our Yom Ha’atzmaut event, celebrating Israel’s 75th birthday at Mechanics Hall. We exhibited about 100 pieces of art work that were created by our religious school students under Tommy’s guidance. The theme was “Happy 75th Birthday Israel”. Tommy 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, she played a leading role in shaping what Israel and Jewish identity can mean for individuals and our community. Meeting for coffee and taking walks with community members who are not regularly involved also became a favorite activity of Tommy’s. We are grateful to have had an outstanding year with Tommy and will miss her energy, spirit, knowledge and company.

We look forward to hosting our new Shaliach 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 rooting for the home team at Jewish Heritage Day at the Woo Sox, a huge and much needed Hanukkah party at Polar Park, Purim Party at Off the Rails, a Lag B’Omer festival, film nights, Torathon, or a special 75th Yom Ha’Atzmaut Celebration at Mechanic’s Hall, we enjoyed so much time together with opportunities to keep building the strength of our community. In the latter part of the year, we held various community gatherings and speakers to help us through the dark times since October 7th, bringing all sects and denominations of our Jewish community as one.



With an Outstretched Arm...

January 2023 –December 2023 was quite a year. What started off with community business as usual including many opportunities for connection with a big celebration of Israel’s 75th, no one could have predicted how this year would take a huge turn. October 7th came, with the unexpected barbaric terrorist attacks on Israel and a hostage crisis which pained the hearts and souls in all of us. We are still in the midst of it all today.

To talk about the growth and joy in our community over the past year may seem strange right now, but we know that tapping into the light and keeping our spirits nurtured is essential for the strength of our community. Positive feelings and moments of joy and celebration gives us hope and allow us to keep going forward. We have found a sense of renewed cohesion and comradery as we recognize this is not just about Israel, but Jews everywhere around the world. We turn to each other for support (and hugs) despite the everyday mishegas we encounter, even with each other. The need to be here for each other has never been as critically important as it has been since October 7th. So we will keep going... find joy... keep building community...and remain steadfast in our commitment to each other.

Outreach Overview at a Glance

- 51 new households in our fundraising system with 66 new donors
- 192 newcomer households to our Federation outreach/email list
- 81 new PJ Library subscribers; 11 new PJ Our Way subscribers
- 42 new YADs on our Federation outreach/email list
- 19 new Chaverim on our Federation outreach/email list

(Note: these numbers are not inclusive of all new outreach additionally gained through our social media sites which have grown steadily over the years)

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.

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

With the support of B’nai Brith Lodge 600 of Worcester, we continue to build on the success of our LEAD program. The goal of LEAD is to develop the next generation of philanthropic and board leaders for our community. LEAD programs are specially designed to provide high-level content and the opportunity to learn the necessary skills and information to make this group strong future leaders.

Young Adult Division (YAD)

With a wide demographic of 22-45, we welcomed many newcomers from a variety of backgrounds. A highly active group with a council that meets every 6 weeks, YAD was jam packed with monthly Shabbat Dinners and lunches, monthly Happy Hours, holiday celebrations and dinners, a Passover Seder, hiking, apple picking, Torah on Tap, movies, pool party, pottery making, game nights, and our annual summertime newcomer picnic welcoming all newcomers over the past year.



Chaverim (40's and up)

Our 40's and over group came together for fun and community-building whether we were solo as a group, or collaborating with other community groups and organizations. From our annual Night Out at the Jewish Film Festival to see Mordecai ; to the film Au Revoir Les Enfants with the Catholic Diocese; Summer Happy Hour at Broken Creek Vineyard; Summertime Café Chaverot; Central Mass Jewish Theater Company's production of Marrano: A Tale of the Inquisition; an Author Series program with Elizabeth Graver on her Sephardic upbringing; and our annual Welcome in the New Year party for Rosh Hashanah.



PJ Library & PJ Our Way / Young Jewish Families

With many new families in the area, PJ Library has seen consistent growth over the past 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 and holidays throughout the year. PJ moms were also invited out for a special evening for Rosh Chodesh learning the art of mixology along with some food 'n schmooze. This past year we also held 2 PJ Library Craft Fairs and our first Teen Hanukkah Party to benefit our PJ Library Endowment.





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 eight of the LIFE & LEGACY program. 9 partner organizations continue to participate. This translated into 463 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 December 31, 2023.

Names in bold have indicated a legacy gift for JFCM.

An * indicates a Lion of Judah endowment.



Col. Irving Yarock
Post 32 Jewish War
Veterans
Benjamin Joseph
Cynthia Kalish
Judy Zeprun
Kalman
Frank W.
Kanserstein
Gerald & Shelley
Kashuk
Cheryl & Gary
Kasof
Carol Goodman
Kaufman
Joel M. Kaufman,
MD
Dr. David Krasnow
Eli & Iris Kraus
Elliot Krefetz
Sharon Krefetz
Anna M. Krendel
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Nancy B. Leavitt
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Van Leichter &
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Vincent Librandi
Howard & Thelma
Lockwood Z"L
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Marion & Isador
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Cara Lyons
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Manning
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& Amy Rosenberg
Judith K.
Markowitz
Stacey & Stephen
Marmor
Deborah Martin
Florence
Medlinsky Z"L
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Orenstein
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Matthew Ostrow
Sondra Padow
Melvin Pelletz
Glenn & Pamela
Penna
Marlene & David
Persky
Marlene Persky*
George and Becky
Pins
Barcy Proctor
Elizabeth
Raphaelson
Jonathan
Rappaport
Ghodrat & Lida
Refah
Mary Jane Rein
Toby Richmond
Z"L *
Harriet & Jordan
Z"L Robbins
Barry Robins
Suzanne Robins
Emily & Martin
Rosenbaum
Martha
Rosenblatt*
Irving & Marian
Rosenblum Z"L
Rachel and Myron
Rosenblum
Barbara Rossman
David & Sandra
Roth
Bernie Rotman
Benita Rotman
Ida Rotman Z"L
Allen Rubin Z"L
Hope Rubin
Ruth Rubin
Adam Sachs

Jonathan & Anne
Sadick
Victor Saffrin
Blossom & Jules
Saide Z"L
Larry & Eileen
Samberg
Yael Savage
Roberta Schaefer
Steven Schimmel
Paul & Zelda
Schwartz
Samuel Shanberg
Z"L
Benson & Norma
Shapiro
Mark & Debra
Shear
Rachel & Philip
Sher
Eva Sherman Z"L
Carl P. Sherr
Dan Shertzer
Allan Shriber
Judy Shriber
Debra L. Shrier
Richard Shrier
Fred Shuster
Marcy Shuster
Edward & Merna
Siff
Jonathan & Lisa
Sigel
The Sigel Family
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Bonnie & Richard
Silver
Ronald J. Silver
Richard P.
Silverman
Carol Sleeper*
Michael & Carol
Sleeper
Harold & Myra
Slovin Z"L
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Slovin
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Smith
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