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JCF Overview to Build Endowment – Day Schools

Greater MetroWest is one of the leading communities in North America for the development of permanent endowments to support Jewish day school education.

At the core of this effort is the JCF's Herskowitz Society, which recognizes donors making commitments of \$100,000 or more to a Jewish day school endowment or long-term fund within our community. These funds support affordability and excellence and provide a foundation for long-term sustainability of day school education in our community.

To date, more than 100 donor families have pledged more than \$70 million in permanent gifts and long-term commitments to Jewish day school funds. This includes funds for individual schools, as well as a Community Day School Fund that supports a nationally renowned collaborative among our four denominationally diverse schools. Gifts of less than \$100,000 to day school endowments are welcomed and recognized at the school level.

The Herskowitz Society is named after family members of Jerry z'l Gottesman, who, with his wife, Paula, first envisioned and then led our community's groundbreaking initiatives in day school education. The Herskowitz Society recalls the memory of Sadie Herskowitz Gottesman and Abraham S. and Molly Herskowitz, the mother and maternal grandparents of Jerry Gottesman. The Society represents the legacy of the Herskowitz family's firm commitment to the continuity of the Jewish people. Jerry Gottesman passed away in September, 2017. Paula continues to carry on this legacy of visionary support for and leadership of day school education across the community.

For more about the Herskowitz Society, please contact Kim Hirsh, Director, Center for Strategic Philanthropy of the JCF, at 973-929-3026, or khirsh@jfedgmw.org. For more information on the groundbreaking Greater MetroWest Day School Initiative, please visit our website: www.njdayschools.org or contact Rebecca Hindin, Director, at 973-929-2962, or rhindin@jfedgmw.org.