



JEWISH FEDERATION
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2008
ANNUAL
REPORT



Just call us a pillar of the community.

Jewish Federation strengthens
our community through four
pillars of support:

PILLAR 1 |

COLLABORATIVE COMMUNITY PLANNING

We work together with our partner agencies to identify community needs, and strategically allocate financial resources for effective responses.

PILLAR 2 |

FINANCIAL RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

Federation generates funds through the Annual Campaign and the Jewish Community Foundation's endowment program to meet needs in our community, in Israel and around the world.

PILLAR 3 |

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

Federation nurtures and prepares emerging leaders for their future roles within our community.

PILLAR 4 |

ISRAEL AND OVERSEAS CONNECTIONS

We foster and strengthen our community's ties with Israel and other overseas communities.

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Rising to the challenge

It is no surprise or secret that 2008 was a challenging year on many fronts. We began the year celebrating a record achievement in the 2007 Annual Campaign of \$7.5 million, but closed out our 2008 campaign with a 4% decline in the face of the economic downturn. We sang and danced last spring in celebration of Israel's 60th anniversary, but rang out the year with Israel's southern region under extensive rocket attacks before and during Operation Cast Lead.

The downturn and its impact on our national and regional economies, and therefore on our charitable programs, has been front and centre for much of the year. Our board has focused on "rising to the challenges of our times" at each of its monthly meetings. Many organizations in both business and charitable sectors are learning the value of focusing on their core strengths and areas of responsibility, and your Federation is no different.

Since our founding in 1986 Federation has been defined by our four pillars – Collaborative Community Planning; Financial Resource Development; Leadership Development; and Israel and Overseas Affairs. These

areas define our work. The focus of this report is on how we delivered value to our community in each area in 2008.

Consistent with the current economic challenges, we've opted this year to economize by delivering this report electronically, saving significantly on printing and distribution costs. We recognize the risk that comes with letting go of a tangible report you can hold in your hands. However, for both economic and environmental reasons we feel we've made the right decision for our times.

Our campaign theme this past year was Live Generously: Together We Do Great Things! Even with fewer resources it is no less true. Our focus has become

sharper and our priorities clearer. And by working as a catalyst to bring our community together in both good times and bad, we are fulfilling our community building mission.




Garry Zlotnik, Board Chair




Mark Gurvis, Chief Executive Officer



Pillar 1

Collaborative Community Planning



Jewish Federation works with our partner agencies and community leaders to identify new and emerging needs, prioritize key directions and recommend effective responses. Through a variety of approaches including planning think tanks, community research, agency relations and specialized reports, Federation serves as a resource and catalyst, supporting and assisting volunteer leaders and community professionals as they respond to changing times and the growing diversity of the community.



Food Bank: Volunteers pack food hampers with fresh fruit to supplement kosher non-perishable goods at the Jewish Food Bank. 14% of our community lives in poverty, and hundreds of our community members accessed the Jewish Food Bank in 2008 (left).

Official opening of Dany Guincher House May 2008: The official opening of Dany Guincher House, our community's first affordable housing project for those at risk of homelessness, was made possible by a generous gift from the Guincher family, in memory of Dany who died in the 1973 Yom Kippur War. Their gift enabled Tikva Housing Society to obtain matching funding through BC Government's Provincial Homeless Initiative, and other community donors provided the necessary start-up capital and remaining dollars required to secure the property (right).



Think Tanks

Federation facilitates community planning to identify needs and determine responses that keep our community strong now and for the future. This year we facilitated three planning think tanks in 2008 to address these priority areas: serving vulnerable populations, Jewish education and identity, and engaging the next generation and outreach to the unaffiliated. Information was gathered from partner agencies, from professionals and from community members. Through this process a better understanding of the community's views emerged. The recommendations generated through these think tanks were captured in the *Planning Council's 2008 report*, which guided the 2008-09 allocations process.

Mental Health Issues & Youth-at-Risk

The cornerstone of Jewish Federation's collaborative community planning process is working with volunteer leadership, agency professionals and content experts. Together we developed reports in two key areas: mental health and youth-at-risk. *Determining the Needs of Jewish Adults with Mental Health Issues* was developed in collaboration with the Yaffa Housing Society, and *Promoting Healthy Choices Among Jewish Youth* was prepared in consultation with the youth-at-risk committee. Key learnings from the reports are already providing direction for future program development, and potential funding of programs and services to address needs in these areas.

Security Grants

Security is an ongoing concern for the Jewish community, and 2008 was the first time security was addressed as a community-wide issue. Federation partnered with Canadian Jewish Congress—Pacific Region to pioneer a comprehensive security initiative that will positively impact every institution in our community. Canadian Jewish Congress—Pacific Region facilitated security audits for a broad array of local Jewish facilities. Federation created a grant program through which community organizations could access funds. In addition, Federation secured matching funds from the Federal government. Beneficiaries include local synagogues, day schools, day care centres, the JCCGV and the Louis Brier Home and Hospital.



Pillar 2

Financial Resource Development



Federation generates the financial resources to support community needs, and build programs and services. Through collaborative community planning we identify our community's needs, and through financial resource development Federation raises the funds to make possible the programs and services that address those needs. Federation has a multi-faceted approach to financial resource development:

1. Federation Annual Campaign;
2. Special campaigns and unique funding opportunities to address critical needs;
3. Endowment funds through the Jewish Community Foundation to provide a permanent base of support for the community.



Choices: Anita Diamant, best-selling author of *The Red Tent*, inspired over 500 women at Choices in October 2008 (left).

Laugh Generously: Event Co-Chair David Newman welcomed comics Michael Gelbart and Jamie Foxx at Men's Philanthropy's Laugh Generously event (right).



Federation Annual Campaign

Funds raised during the 2008 Annual Campaign were directed to three priority areas:

1. Serving Vulnerable Populations
2. Jewish Education and Identity
3. Engaging the Next Generation

Serving Vulnerable Populations

Federation provided constituent agencies with funding for:

- Emergency assistance and basic support such as food, clothing, medical needs and transportation for clients of Jewish Family Services Agency;
- Completion of a needs assessment through the Yaffa Housing Society to better meet the housing, employment and social interaction needs of adults with mental health issues;
- JFSA's housing coordinator, who helped over 160 clients in their search for affordable housing;
- Coordination of programs and services at the Kehila Society of Richmond;
- Home-support services that enabled 100 seniors to remain in their homes;

- Food parcels and hot meals through the Joint Distribution Committee to nearly 200,000 impoverished and elderly Jews in the Former Soviet Union;
- Assistance and social services to immigrants to Israel from France, Russia, Ethiopia and elsewhere;
- The JCCGV's Bagel Club, which offers social assistance and recreational support to participants with developmental challenges and mental illness;
- The L'Chaim Adult Day Centre, which provides critical support to frail and vulnerable members of our community, as well as support to family caregivers;
- Shalom BC, which served 290 new immigrants, and responded to more than 5,000 information queries;
- Programs for youth-at-risk in the periphery of Israel, designed to strengthen the self-esteem of disadvantaged youth, and help high school drop outs get back on track;
- Rental subsidies for residents of Dany Guincher House.





Pillar of Torah Award: Vancouver Hebrew Academy honoured Jewish Federation in 2008 with the Pillar of Torah award in recognition of Federation's efforts on behalf of Jewish education in our community (right).

Hillel: Through creative and effective programming, Hillel engaged more than 1,000 students at UBC, SFU and UVic during a year in which anti-Israel activities became more prevalent on Canadian campuses (right).



Jewish Education and Identity

Federation provided constituent agencies with funding for:

- Camperships for over 100 youth to attend Jewish summer camps;
- Operating funds and tuition assistance for 390 students to keep our five Jewish day schools accessible;
- Professional development opportunities for our community's educators;
- Organizing the annual High School Debates and Public Speaking Contest, which connected youth from grades 4 – 12 with their Jewish roots;

- A central location for the two supplementary high school programs
- Yom Ha'atzmaut celebrations at the Chan Centre, which brought together 2,500 community members to celebrate;
- Israel @ 60 festivities, in partnership with the JCCGV, which brought 7,500 community members in Stanley Park to celebrate Israel's 60th birthday;
- Outreach activities to engage Jewish children and their families in holiday celebrations.

Engaging the Next Generation

Federation provided constituent agencies with funding for:

- EIDAN, a year-long leadership training program at the JCCGV for teenagers who want to make a difference in the world;
- Helping Hillel to engage more than 1,000 students at UBC, SFU and UVic during a year in which anti-Israel activities became more prevalent on Canadian campuses;
- Co-sponsoring the Hillel Young Jewish Urbanites Professional Division, strengthening the network of young Jewish students and professionals;
- Organizing programs for students, teens and young adults through the Israel and Overseas Affairs Department;
- Opportunities for Birthright alumni to network and stay connected.





Southern Israel Relief Fund: Our community raised \$75,000 through the Southern Israel Relief Fund for special projects in Beersheva and S'derot, two of the communities most affected by rocket attacks from Gaza during Operation Cast Lead (left).

A lifelong plan: In 2007, Robert and Marilyn Krell established their field of interest fund to provide camperships to Camp Miriam with a gift of securities and cash. As Marilyn says, "We want to strengthen Jewish identity by enabling children to attend Camp Miriam." Rob explains, "It's also a wonderful way for them to forge lifelong connections to Israel" (right).



Endowment Funding through the Jewish Community Foundation

The Jewish Community Foundation is Federation's endowment program. The Foundation administers individual and institutional funds, the capital of which is derived from bequests, cash donations and gifts of life insurance. Grants are distributed from the income generated by the investment of funds and provide permanent resources to support a broad range of community programs and services. This year, nearly \$1 million in grants from the Foundation's restricted and unrestricted funds were distributed in our local community and in Israel.





Pillar 3

Leadership

Development



Today's young people are the future leaders of our community. By providing participants with a broad range of social, educational, volunteer and philanthropic opportunities, Federation's leadership development programs connect young adults and empower them to become active in our community.



Insights Into Philanthropy: Gordon and Leslie Diamond shared important insights about the value of philanthropy with members of the Ben-Gurion Society (left & right).



Insights Into Philanthropy

Ben-Gurion Society (BGS) is an international organization recognizing young philanthropists. This year BGS continued its Insights Into Philanthropy program, which connects young donors with veteran community philanthropists to learn more about the impact and importance of their giving.

National Ben-Gurion Society Mission

Stephen and Shari Gaerber represented Vancouver on the 2008 National Ben-Gurion Society mission. BGS members from across Canada traveled to Morocco and Israel to see first hand the work that Federation supports overseas through the Jewish Agency for Israel and the Joint Distribution Committee.

Young Leadership Award

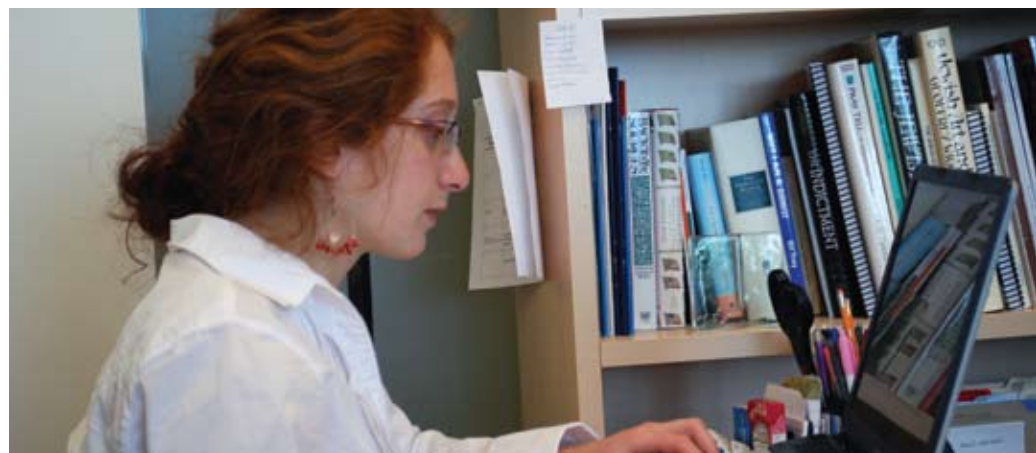
Kara Mintzberg (right) was the 2008 recipient of the Jewish Federation of Greater Vancouver (JFGV) Young Leadership Award. Nominated by Hillel Vancouver for her work with the Young Jewish Urbanites, Ms Mintzberg has also held volunteer roles with Jewish Federation and the Maccabi Games. Ms Mintzberg's experiences have taught her that "If you will it, it is no dream."

Board Development Training

Recognizing that many boards in the community are experiencing similar challenges in recruiting and retaining new directors, managing programs with fewer resources and fulfilling funders' requirements to be more accountable, a five-session board development program was designed and delivered to a wide variety of community agencies. Topics included the art and skill of governance, skillful communication, meeting management, recruiting and mentoring new leaders, decision making and conflict resolution.

Synagogue Board Leadership Retreat

In our role as a community resource, Federation facilitated a retreat in February 2008 for our community's synagogue leadership. The retreat was designed to develop strategies to manage the unique issues experienced by synagogues such as board/clergy relationships, institutional stability, governance and retention of key professionals. With funding from Federation, the Jewish Community Foundation and the participating synagogues, the retreat was facilitated by a leadership consultant.





Pillar 4

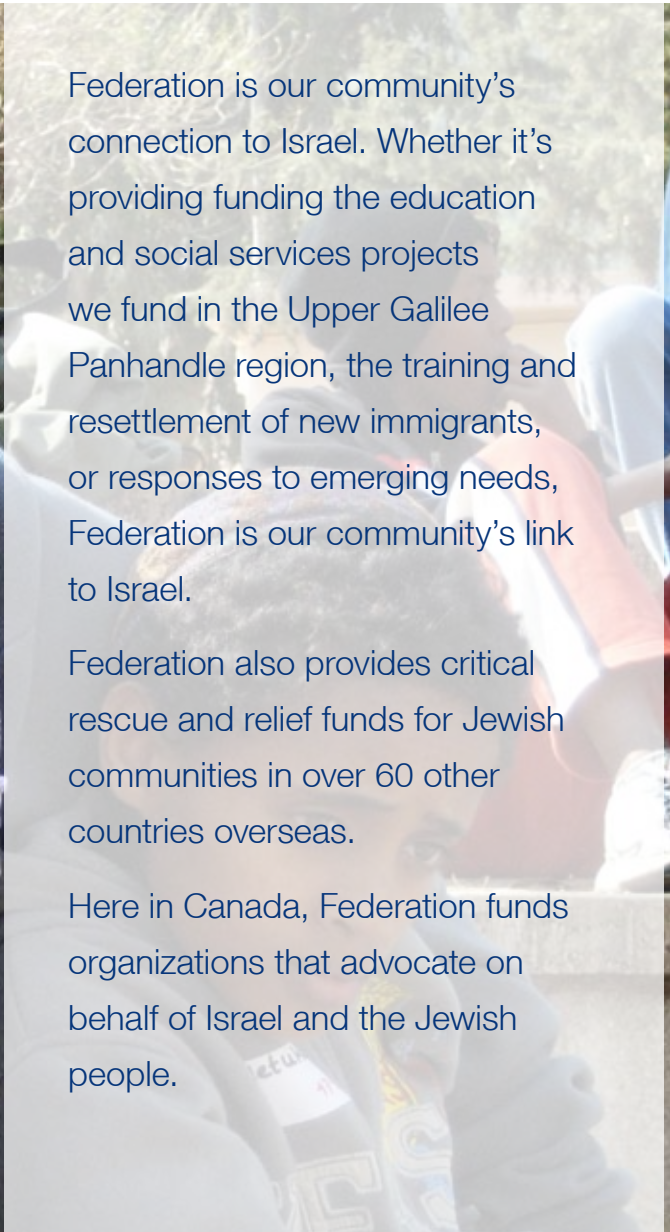
Israel and Overseas Connections



Federation is our community's connection to Israel. Whether it's providing funding the education and social services projects we fund in the Upper Galilee Panhandle region, the training and resettlement of new immigrants, or responses to emerging needs, Federation is our community's link to Israel.

Federation also provides critical rescue and relief funds for Jewish communities in over 60 other countries overseas.

Here in Canada, Federation funds organizations that advocate on behalf of Israel and the Jewish people.





Yom Ha'atzmaut: Over 2,500 members of our community celebrated Yom Ha'atzmaut and Israel's 60th birthday at the Queen Elizabeth Theatre (left).

Joint Distribution Committee (JDC): Emergency relief supplies are delivered to an elderly woman in Gori in the Former Soviet Union. While the JDC's food and medical programs are helping Jews in their day to day survival, the establishment of Hesed welfare centers and the ground-breaking strides the JDC is making in the field of social welfare in the FSU are helping to ensure the community's long-term survival (right).



Israel and Overseas

Federation provides funds to meet urgent, ongoing humanitarian and social services needs of Jews worldwide.

Funds are directed to nongovernmental organizations (NGOs) such as the Jewish Agency for Israel (JAFI) and the Joint Distribution Committee (JDC).

Jewish Federation directs more funds annually to Israel than any other organization in Greater Vancouver. JAFI is a key partner, ensuring the successful integration of new immigrants, and providing effective emergency response in times of crisis. The JDC is our partner in addressing critical rescue and relief needs in more than 60 other countries around the world, and particularly in the Former Soviet Union (FSU).

Federation provided funding for programs that include:

- Training and resettlement of new immigrants and refugees in Israel;
- Enrichment programs for youth-at-risk;
- Educational and social welfare resources for communities in the periphery of Israel;
- Living Bridge programs that connect our community with those in the Upper Galilee region;
- Food packages and communal meals for needy elderly and children in the FSU;
- Support services for Jews in dire need, and renewal of Jewish community life in the FSU.

National Advocacy Funding

Here in Canada, Federation contributes to the following national organizations, which advocate on behalf of Israel and the Jewish people:

- The Canadian Council for Israel and Jewish Advocacy
- Canada-Israel Committee
- Canadian Jewish Congress
- National Jewish Campus Life



Financial Highlights

This statement includes the results of the 2007 Annual Campaign and the activities of Jewish Federation of Greater Vancouver and Jewish Community Foundation of Greater Vancouver for the period September 1, 2007 through August 31, 2008.

The 2007 Annual Campaign raised \$7.51 million (2006 - \$6.81 million). In addition, during the fiscal year the Federation raised an additional \$698,434 in miscellaneous contributions to local and international Jewish charities (2007 - \$626,463) and \$379,012 for Tikva Housing Society (2007-\$417,768).

The Foundation continued to experience new contributions of \$2.1 million for the period, (2007 - \$2.3 million). At August 31, 2008 the Foundation's net assets amounted to \$23.75 million (2007 - \$23.24 million).

During the fiscal year allocations and distributions to local, national, and overseas agencies and programs amounted to \$8.33 million (2007 - \$8.0 million). Of this amount, \$7.37 million (2007 - \$7.1 million) was allocated from Annual Campaign funds and miscellaneous contributions and \$961,138 (2007 - \$892,656) was distributed from the Jewish Community Foundation.

For more details, on the financial statements of the Federation, please refer to the full audited statements (available online at jewishvancouver.com).

Condensed Statement of Financial Position and Operations

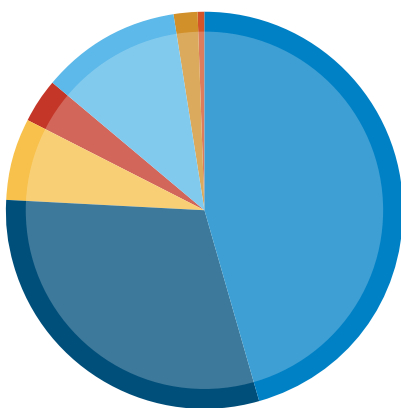
Year ended August 31, 2008

	General Fund 2008	Foundation Fund 2008	Total 2008	Total 2007
FINANCIAL POSITION				
Assets				
Cash	\$832,356	\$101,536	\$933,892	\$1,950,582
Pooled Investments	0	23,379,986	23,379,986	22,320,930
Bonds and Mortgages	56,779	679,038	735,817	739,038
Pledges Receivable	1,343,152	0	1,343,152	2,376,183
Other Receivables and Prepaids	1,155,902	2,360	1,158,262	113,848
Interfund Balance	85,133	(85,133)	0	0
Capital Assets	123,635	0	123,635	61,913
TOTAL	\$3,596,957	\$24,077,787	\$27,674,744	\$27,562,494
Liabilities & Net Assets				
Accounts Payable and Accrued Liabilities	\$422,426	\$0	\$422,426	\$395,843
Grants Payable	55,000	327,000	382,000	233,263
Deferred Revenue	934,900	0	934,900	1,916,904
Net Assets	2,184,631	23,750,787	25,935,418	25,016,484
TOTAL	\$3,596,957	\$24,077,787	\$27,674,744	\$27,562,494
OPERATIONS				
Revenue				
Annual Campaign Pledges	\$7,509,676	\$0	\$7,509,676	\$6,811,886
Israel Emergency Campaign	0	0	0	452,312
Grant income	631,884	0	631,884	349,561
Interest, Dividends, and Miscellaneous	1,274,353	665,580	1,939,933	1,725,775
Realized and Unrealized Gain in Value of Investments	0	(1,054,810)	(1,054,810)	399,285
	\$9,415,913	(\$389,230)	\$9,026,683	\$9,738,819
Expenditures				
Fundraising	\$1,163,598	\$244,739	\$1,408,337	\$1,118,943
Administration	271,493	163,160	434,653	310,978
Foundation expenses paid by General Fund	202,842	(202,842)	0	0
Allocations and Grants (local, national, overseas)	7,366,207	961,138	8,327,345	8,001,325
	\$9,004,140	\$1,166,195	\$10,170,335	\$9,431,246
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	\$411,773	(\$1,555,425)	(\$1,143,652)	\$307,573
Net Assets, beginning of year as restated	\$1,772,858	\$23,243,626	\$25,016,484	\$22,405,032
Contributions	\$0	\$2,062,586	\$2,062,586	\$2,303,879
Net Assets, end of year	\$2,184,631	\$23,750,787	\$25,935,418	\$25,016,484

These financial statements for the fiscal year ending August 31, 2008 are derived from the audited financial statements on which our independent auditors, Wolrige Mahon LLP, have expressed an unqualified opinion. The complete set of audited financial statements is available online at jewishvancouver.com.



Distribution of Annual Campaign Funds 2007 – 2008



- Local Funding: \$3,367,087
- Israel & Overseas Funding: \$2,231,645
- National Advocacy Funding: \$498,720
- Plus Giving (formerly CJA+): \$275,000
- Campaign Expenses: \$832,289
- Collection Expenses (including unpaid pledges): \$140,500
- Contingency Funds (for emergency community needs): \$25,000

Local Funding: \$ 3,367,087

Nearly \$3.4 million from the Annual Campaign was allocated to local programs and services provided through Jewish Federation and its partner agencies.

The organizations listed below received funding in 2007/2008.

Local Constituent Agencies

Beth Israel Hebrew School * Beth Tikvah Hebrew School * Burquest Jewish Community Association * Camp Gan Israel * Camp Hatikvah * Habonim- Dror Camp Miriam * Hillel Vancouver * Jewish Community Centre of Greater Vancouver * Jewish Family Service Agency * Jewish Historical Society of BC * Jewish Seniors Alliance * Kehila Society of Richmond * King David High School * North Shore Hebrew School * Or Shalom Religious School * Pacific Torah Institute * Peretz Centre for Secular Jewish Culture * Richmond Jewish Day School * Schara Tzedek Mesorah School * Shalom BC * TAG Supplementary Community High School * Temple Sholom Religious School * Vancouver Hebrew Academy * Vancouver Holocaust Education Centre * Vancouver Jewish Film Festival * Vancouver Talmud Torah Elementary School * White Rock / South Surrey Community Centre



To learn more about how Annual Campaign funds were allocated, download a pdf of our **2008 Annual Campaign Report to Donors**.

Funding Category	Funds Generated by Annual Campaign
Jewish Education	\$1,041,727
Social Services	\$1,020,372
Community Building	\$900,598
Youth	\$305,628
Arts and Culture	\$98,761

Israel & Overseas Funding: \$2,231,645

BeYahad * Partnership 2000 – Galilee Panhandle * Isracorps * Joint Distribution Committee * Jewish Agency for Israel * Keren Hayesod

National Advocacy Funding: \$498,720

Canadian Council for Israel and Jewish Advocacy * Canada – Israel Committee, Pacific Region * Canada Israel Experience * Canadian Jewish Congress, Pacific Region * Jewish Immigrant Aid Society * National Jewish Campus Life Board * United Israel Appeal Federations Canada



Board of Directors and Committee Chairs 2008 – 2009

Officers:

Board Chair	Garry Zlotnik
VC Allocation	Robert Greenwald
VC Financial Resource Development	Jeffrey Goldberg
VC Israel and Overseas Affairs	Stephen Gaerber
VC Leadership Development	Harvey Dales
VC Planning	Janice Loomer Margolis
Secretary	Herbert Silber
Treasurer	Michael Fugman

Executive Committee:

Board Chair	Garry Zlotnik
Immediate Past President	Bernard Pinsky
Jewish Community Foundation Board Chair	Isaac Thau
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