The Strength of Community

2021 RECOGNITION REPORT
Dear Friends,

This year, through the ongoing challenges of the pandemic, we have once again shown the strength and resiliency that has kept our Jewish community moving forward for generations.

We found new ways to work together. We innovated at every turn and took care to nurture sparks of creativity to enrich our community.

None of this would have been possible without you.

Powered and inspired by your generosity and commitment, we have accomplished so much — expanding our Mental Health Initiative to better meet the needs of our Jewish community; providing more than $11 million to our community partners to help them navigate the evolving uncertainty of COVID-19; and training Boston’s Jewish organizations and leaders to ensure their facilities, schools, and synagogues are accessible, welcoming, and more secure.

Last summer, with your help, we sent hundreds of college students to experience the miracle of Israel. We rallied in difficult times as rockets fell across southern Israel and beyond. We welcomed Afghan immigrants to Greater Boston with funds to help them start anew. We ensured our Jewish preschools, day schools, and summer camps would continue to connect our children with the beauty of Jewish life and learning. And we invested in technology at our synagogues so that they could still carry on our 3,000-year-old traditions in new and exciting ways.

In the pages ahead, you will read of the ways your support has lifted up our community; helping to build a stronger, more vibrant Jewish People. These stories show how we’ve remained connected to one another, our purpose, and our legacy. These stories are our stories, and they fill us with a sense of possibility, belonging, and meaning — and inspire us to continue to value everyone for their uniqueness.

Thank you for your commitment to the Jewish community and your trust in CJP. Together in strength, we are moving forward to an even brighter Jewish future.

Warmly,

Rabbi Marc Baker
President and CEO
Our Story

Founded more than 125 years ago as the first federated Jewish charity in the United States, CJP was established to support newly arriving Jewish immigrants by providing food, housing, jobs, and community as they started their new lives in the Greater Boston area.

Still anchored to the mission and heritage of our rich past, we continue to care for those in need, carry forward the traditions and history of the Jewish People through education and engagement, and strive to build a healthy, thriving, and sustainable Jewish community.

Today, CJP is more committed than ever to helping ensure a strong Jewish future. We’re working to make better, brighter dreams come true for future generations and the future of the world. We’re dedicated to rising to the changing needs of our diverse and vibrant community, helping to ensure the safety and security of our community, and responding to critical communal challenges here in Boston, Israel, and around the globe.

With your help, we invest, innovate, advocate, educate, and amplify the voices of our community — creating and fostering a network of human beings who, together, are making a bigger difference.

WE FULFILL OUR MISSION BY WORKING WITH OUR PARTNERS TO:

• Create vibrant Jewish life across our community
• Support community members facing vulnerability or crisis
• Strengthen organizational partners and improve the safety and security of our community

In Gratitude

“In this, the second year of the pandemic, we witnessed our generous donors, leaders, and volunteers stepping up to provide their time, resources, and expertise so CJP could help ensure the care of our community when so many were facing burdens exacerbated by COVID-19.”

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Committee on Development, Chair

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“Last year was proof that our community can get through anything together — and come out on the other side, stronger than ever. We know there are challenges ahead, and the creativity, innovation, and flexibility that we honed last year will be needed once again. I’m so grateful to be surrounded by passionate people who care as much as I do about fulfilling CJP’s mission.”

JESSICA R. MYERS
2021 Annual Campaign, Chair
2022 Annual Campaign, Chair

“My experience in Greater Boston’s Jewish community is that whatever you give — whether it’s your time, resources, or energy — it’ll come back to you twofold. I’m so excited to help lead the 2022 Annual Campaign, and to see the new possibilities it will create.”

CAMPE GOODMAN
2022 Annual Campaign, Chair
The Strength of Our Community

Our community of supporters is made up of thousands of individuals — united by their passion for a vibrant Jewish life and a desire to repair the world. On the pages that follow, we’re honored to share a few stories of commitment to CJP and to a bright Jewish future.

Thank you to those featured — and to the entire community.

We’re inspired by your example.

Shortly after Jonathan Lavine became a partner at Bain Capital, he received an invitation from longtime philanthropist and community leader, Myra Kraft (z”l). It was 1998 and Jonathan was 31 years old. Over lunch, he remembers Myra sharing her family’s philanthropic journey and reminding him that he was at the start of his very own.

“Myra was very straightforward,” Jonathan recalls. “She encouraged me — as a young partner at a high-profile firm — to be a leader at work and within the Jewish community. She told me to stand up and be counted.” Myra’s message resonated with Jonathan and his wife, Jeannie, who both grew up with strong Jewish values and were already actively involved in their synagogue, Temple Isaiah of Lexington. Soon after that lunch, they stood up to support the broader Jewish community through a gift to CJP.

That first donation set the stage for what’s become a tradition of strategic giving for the Lavines and their Crimson Lion/Lavine Family Foundation. Most recently, Jeannie and Jonathan made a transformational $9 million gift to CJP, committing $1.8 million annually for five years to support both CJP’s vision and mission, and immersive Israel programs for young adults.

“CJP fits directly into our central philanthropic philosophy of leveling the playing field,” says Jeannie. “If you’re born Jewish, what does that mean if you don’t have the resources to participate in the Jewish community? If you can’t join a synagogue or send your kids to Hebrew School or to Jewish summer camp or to Israel, are you part of the Jewish community? We have always wanted to make these opportunities available to as many people as possible. CJP gives us a platform to expand access to Jewish experiences and what it means to be a Jewish person.”

The Lavines are proud that their multiyear giving allows CJP to support its partners with flexible and impactful multiyear grants that foster strong organizational health, the ability to plan ahead, and the opportunity to be nimble in times of crisis — and they hope to inspire others to do the same.

“With CJP, you feel like you’re part of something bigger,” Jonathan says. “This is a unique, community-based organization, which appeals to us because it’s important to work to really understand the needs of the community, tailor our giving, and support the organizations that are strongest.”

The Lavines are also proud of their longtime relationship with and trust in CJP President and CEO, Rabbi Marc Baker, and his broader management team. “We feel great being deeply connected to CJP,” Jonathan says. “We always feel like we have a voice and that our gifts are being directed toward the most strategic community needs.”

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“We look to invest in organizations like CJP that fulfill our mission and have trusted leadership who we know will make smart decisions,” Jonathan says. “We feel great being deeply connected to CJP.”

Jonathan and Jeannie’s ongoing involvement with City Year led to the couple’s passion for service learning — opportunities for the next generation to learn through hands-on volunteerism and internships. Through CJP, they’ve continued this commitment by supporting Onward Israel, a program that provides Israel internships, academic study, and fellowships for Jewish American young adults.

“I think you learn by doing,” Jonathan says. “Part of philanthropy, service, and engaging in the community comes by instinct, but it’s also learned behavior. Our philanthropic journey began small — with an $18 check and volunteering at a half-day service event. We want to help young adults learn that any amount of time and money can make a difference — and that a single person can make a difference.”

Since the pandemic, Jeannie says the couple has felt called to ensure that CJP — and the other organizations they support — are able to continue changing lives and building a brighter future.

“This is such a difficult period of time in the life of the world and in the life of the Jewish community,” she says. “We give back so we can all move forward as a community. The act of helping others is what gives us hope.”

Stand Up and Be Counted

JEANNIE AND JONATHAN LAVINE
Lifting the Community in a Moment of Need

DEANNA AND SID WOLK

As they considered how to make a lasting impact through their philanthropy, Deanna and Sid Wolk had two priorities: They wanted to partner with CJP and they wanted to help those in the community who were struggling.

For the WOLKS, an investment in mental health was the answer. Recently, the couple made a $2.3 million lead gift to power the continued expansion of CJP’s Mental Health Initiative, a new project to improve access to care for Greater Boston’s Jewish community and destigmatize mental health concerns. CJP is the first Jewish Federation in the country to convene community organizations via a collective impact model to focus on mental health.

“Mental health is a real challenge — and the pandemic exacerbated it,” says Deanna. “We both wanted to do something in an area that was underserved and turn it into something meaningful. We feel good working with CJP because of their expertise and all the different resources they have available. We know CJP can put together a model to focus on mental health.”

It’s been important to Deanna and Sid to pass their values of tzedakah (charity) and Jewish involvement onto the next generation. Their three children, Howard, Jeffrey, and Robin — and their spouses — all invest in CJP and have served in leadership roles throughout the community. The WOLKS’ eight grandchildren are following in the same footsteps, asking for donations to nonprofits in lieu of birthday gifts and getting involved in service projects around poverty.

“We’re so, so proud of our family,” says Sid. “We learned from our parents, and we’re so lucky that now, we’re learning from our children. They all feel a strong allegiance to Judaism and a strong desire to help people overcome adversity. It’s such a cause of joy for us.”

As they began to give back together as a couple, CJP was a natural choice for the WOLKS’ philanthropy.

“With CJP, we know that when they see a need, they follow through and make sure that no effort is spared in achieving their lofty goals,” says Deanna. “CJP does so many wonderful things, both here and in Israel; it’s just very gratifying to be associated with the organization. We loved working with CJP’s former President, Barry Shrage, and how Rabbi Marc Baker is leading the charge for a new era.”

State Treasurer Deborah Goldberg, the first Jewish woman to hold statewide or federal office in Massachusetts, proudly embraces the values of her family and her Jewish heritage. With unwavering and uncompromising dedication, she seeks to create lasting opportunities for people everywhere while combating the inequity and divisiveness that have thrown barriers in the way.

“Being Jewish is critically important to me,” Treasurer Goldberg says. “The fact that we recited the Shehecheyanu [a common Jewish prayer said to celebrate special occasions] in the House Chamber when I was sworn in was incredibly meaningful; a moment in time, a gift to generations of my family. It wasn’t just for me — it was to honor my parents, my grandparents, and my heritage, while making a public statement that my faith is an integral part of who I am. And in this public position, I now have a platform to stand up against the rising antisemitism we are all experiencing.”

Indeed, Treasurer Goldberg’s family’s story is one of barrier-breaking, forward-thinking, and philanthropic action. The (many) examples include her great-grandmother playing a role in founding CJP partner Hebrew Ladies’ Moshav Ze’amin (now Hebrew SeniorLife) at the start of the 20th century, her paternal grandmother’s passion in working alongside Henrietta Szold in the growth of Hadassah; and her family’s relationship with CJP, led early on by her maternal grandfather, which has spanned the entirety of the organization’s 126-year history.

“CJP’s mission to efficiently and effectively address the inequities in the world — both within the Jewish community and the community at large — is in alignment with everything I do and what my family stands for,” Treasurer Goldberg says. “My entire life, CJP has been part and parcel of our commitment to and involvement with the Jewish community, both here and in Israel. It’s a pillar of our being and a pillar of our philanthropy. Giving to CJP is one of the top priorities for my family and always has been.”

For the last 20 years, Treasurer Goldberg has focused her involvement with CJP on The Miriam Fund — a grant-making program led and funded by women and co-founded by her mother, Carol, in 2000. She considers its mission of empowering women and girls compatible with her values and aligned with her Office of Economic Empowerment. This office, created by her in 2014, is the first of its kind in the country. Through public and private partnerships, it strives to close the race and gender wage gap, provide access to financial education, promote racial equality, and ensure that college is affordable, among many other initiatives.

“I like high impact,” Treasurer Goldberg says. “What is unique about The Miriam Fund is that it’s empowering women and girls to be educated and develop their own sense of giving while gaining the skills necessary to achieve these goals. The outcome is one of collaboration and community, resulting in support of programs that in turn, empower other women and girls both within the Jewish and secular worlds.”

Now serving her second term, Treasurer Goldberg lives out her principles through her public service career. She hosts Treasury-wide monthly diversity events, has the most diverse office in state government — including the most women — and implements policies and programs to better serve all people of the Commonwealth.

“Everything I do is designed to carry on the traditions and values established by my family generations ago,” Treasurer Goldberg says. “In this role, I am able to execute the same mission of providing opportunity, creating economic stability, and ensuring that all people, especially those who face structural and cultural barriers, are being acknowledged and taken care of. I have always been passionately committed to what I have learned and experienced through the closeness of my family and our deep desire to positively impact the world. It’s a moral obligation to help others. Then, but for the grace of God, go I.”

Deborah with her parents, Avram and Carol Goldberg.
Leveraging Experience for the Greater Good

MYRA MUSICANT AND HOWARD COHEN

Howard Cohen is one of the newer faces in CJP leadership — serving on the board for just over one year. But Howard and his wife, Myra Musicant, have been active and involved members of the Boson-area Jewish community for decades. From Howard’s professional work developing affordable housing and Myra’s experience as a CPA, they have brought their creativity, business skills, and passion for social justice to the many organizations in which they have been engaged, including the Jewish Arts Collaborative (JArts), Hebrew SeniorLife (HSL), Temple Beth Zion, Solomon Schechter School, and Hebrew College.

As the Founding Board Chair of JArts, Howard brought a new home for Hebrew College in a venture with Temple Beth Israel, serving on the board for just over one year. But Howard and his wife, Myra Musicant, have been active and involved members of the Boson-area Jewish community for decades. From Howard’s professional work developing affordable housing and Myra’s experience as a CPA, they have brought their creativity, business skills, and passion for social justice to the many organizations in which they have been engaged, including the Jewish Arts Collaborative (JArts), Hebrew SeniorLife (HSL), Temple Beth Zion, Solomon Schechter School, and Hebrew College.

Howard says, “The power of CJP is in the collective, and it is extremely well-respected. When it decides to focus on a matter, it can get a lot of attention and mobilization.”

“For me, the decision to join CJP’s board was easy,” Howard explains. “Myra and I saw the effectiveness of CJP’s efforts in our work in the community and I am particularly interested in helping CJP broaden its role in addressing the pressing issues of income inequality. I’ve always believed that a meaningful life revolves around a commitment to involvement in improving the world. It’s fundamental to the future of the Jewish community to look forwards, backwards, and sideways about what we can contribute and how we can collaborate — and that’s what I’ve endeavored to do throughout my whole life.”

Amy and Andy Sucoff weren’t strangers to volunteer work and philanthropy, but their relationship with CJP needed a little nudging.

“We saw CJP as this large organization — partnering with and empowering other agencies, almost like this forest of initiatives, people, programs, and services,” laughs Amy. “And I’m a very tree person.”

After friends encouraged them to participate in a mission trip to Cuba with CJP in 2015, they arrived on the island with suitcases filled with medicine and supplies. Their eyes were opened to CJP’s philanthropic impact — as well as the strength of the Jewish community in a country with a history of religious discrimination under Communist rule.

“We were seeing, firsthand, the impact of this organization,” Andy says. “The real results in terms of boots on the ground — helping people, feeding people, allowing people to discover their Judaism. It changed my view in terms of what CJP did as an organization and how it really did make a difference in the day-to-day lives of Jews around the world.”

“CJP is an incredibly well-run and caring organization,” he continues. “They enable partners to efficiently maximize resources and make the biggest impact.”

Inspired by their first trip, Amy and Andy joined the “baby boomer” mission with CJP to Israel in 2017 that included a visit to Boston’s sister city of Haifa. Referring to it as an “unbelievable experience,” Amy says the mission solidified their relationship with CJP. “The trip to Israel was amazing, and the bonds created with the trip leader and the other participants are everlasting — it created another community for us through CJP’s incomparable way.”

Since then, Andy and Amy have continued to deepen their connection to CJP and their Jewish community. This past year, Amy was asked to co-chair the Women’s Philanthropy Leadership Series, designed to inform volunteer leaders about CJP’s overall mission, including the organization’s work in Israel and its new Mental Health Initiative. She says she was particularly moved by Rabbi Marc Baker’s statements in the final session of the series, and how he seemed to be speaking to her reticence to do something “outside of [her] comfort zone.”

“Marc talks about being in the right place at the right time and saying ‘yes’ — and not necessarily because you’re comfortable,” Amy says. “If you’re doing something that challenges you and makes you a little uneasy, you’re probably doing something right. CJP has helped me find avenues where I can connect and be impactful.”

Amy and Andy have discovered that through CJP, they can still be “tree people” who find satisfaction in seeing the direct impact of their gifts and their actions, while also feeling confident that their efforts are making progress toward larger, strategic goals.

“In addition to all the good work they’re doing — directly and through their partners — I think CJP also works to strengthen the fabric of the Jewish community,” Andy adds. “That’s the forest.”
Continuing a Legacy of Leadership

SARAH RICHARDSON

Sarah Richmond compares her involvement with CJP and the Jewish federations to being part of a family business. “It’s in my blood,” she explains. Growing up, her father was the President of the Jewish Federation of Western Massachusetts, and her mother was the Chair of the Women’s Division (now Women’s Philanthropy), and she remembers their work and volunteer activities being a frequent topic of conversation in their home.

Sarah’s own leadership journey was ignited through The Cynthia and Leon Shulman Acharai Leadership Program at CJP in 2017–2018. With her children grown up and the recent death of her father, Sarah was hungry for the insights and perspective of the Jewish tradition. “It came along at exactly the right time in my life,” she says. The Acharai program is an immersive experience designed to cultivate leaders in the Jewish community through shared experiences, intensive discussion, travel, study, and reflection. There, Sarah met current CJP President and CEO, Rabbi Marc Baker, who was serving as CJP’s Scholar-in-Residence.

“I was an amazing experience spending 18 months learning from Marc and the other scholars, philanthropists, and leaders the program gave us access to,” Sarah remembers. “Our group’s amazing lay leaders, the talented CJP staff, and my peers in the program all shared a deep passion and commitment to the Jewish community that had a huge impact on me. Over that period, I came to fully appreciate the critical role CJP plays and the importance of getting out of my comfort zone and trying to become a leader in the Jewish community myself.”

Now serving her third year on the Women’s Philanthropy (WP) Board and as the Vice President of Leadership, Sarah’s commitment to philanthropy has only deepened.

In addition to establishing a Lion of Judah endowment fund, which continues her gift to CJP in perpetuity, Sarah was one of the three founding Co-chairs of WP’s Mitzvah Monday efforts, a program which started at the beginning of the COVID-19 crisis — and one she’s particularly proud of. The outreach included a winter gear drive for senior citizens so they could stay warm while socializing outside; a community event to write birthday cards for Holocaust survivors; and a partnership with Hope & Comfort to address the issue of hygiene insecurity in Greater Boston.

“For me, it was a way to get people talking about things that I hadn’t thought about before,” Sarah says. “It’s been an incredible experience and one I’ll never forget.”

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“Through my involvement in CJP, I get the benefit of supporting hundreds of Jewish partner organizations in Boston, the country, and around the world,” Sarah says. “And, I get to support all these initiatives and more through a single organization.”

Connecting to a Caring Community

NICOLE AND TAYLOR HORST

Fifteen years ago, as medical students at the Tufts University School of Medicine, Nicole and Taylor Horst attended a CJP health professions breakfast. Over bagels and lox, they listened to the keynote speaker share stories of his time in Ethiopia treating children with spinal tuberculosis.

“We were so inspired that this doctor tapped into his Jewish values to help heal the world,” says Nicole. “I remember thinking, ‘One day, we both want to be like that.’”

Life got busy — with a move to Charleston, South Carolina, for medical residency and the birth of their two sons, Bennett, 8, and Zachary, 5. Now that they’re settled back in Boston and their children are older, the Horsts’ professional passion for serving others and their personal Jewish values of caring for those in need have brought them back to CJP.

“Recently, as we saw our children interacting with the world more, we started thinking about who we are, who we want to be, and what we want to give to our kids,” says Nicole. “We got more involved in CJP to help us connect with others who want to do good. We want to offer our boys a sense of belonging to the Jewish people. It’s our turn to jump in and keep it going for all of us and our children.”

Nicole’s desire to be part of a caring community led her to participate in and feel welcomed at CJP’s virtual events, including a young adult leadership series, a book club, and the Women’s Philanthropy (WP) virtual mission to Morocco, her father’s homeland. As a family, the Horsts made birthday cards for Holocaust survivors through WP’s Mitzvah Monday efforts and deepened their philanthropic commitment to CJP to support community members facing crisis.

“We’re all so busy and buried in our own lives — but CJP makes it easy to feel connected,” Nicole says. “They do all of the groundwork to identify the greatest needs in the community. I can’t wait to dive into more of their work around mental health, which is an area of interest for me. I have so much confidence that no matter what happens in the future, CJP will be there every day doing the best for the community — and making us want to do our best for CJP.”

Through her involvement, Nicole says, she not only was able to help care for others; she found others in the community who cared for her, offering childcare and support to her family. “When Nicole shared the hardships of being a two-physician family during the pandemic, and most importantly to us, as Taylor is on the path to becoming Jewish, the Horsts say they’ve personally felt CJP’s commitment to welcoming everyone with loving compassion.

“We’ve been so welcomed and so accepted,” Taylor says. “The feelings of community and the generosity of spirit here are strong. We love being part of something bigger than us and something that helps so many. It makes you want to invest more and do more.”
Though Daryl Kreindel has designed and created hundreds of intricate quilts over nearly four decades, she is more interested in breaking patterns than in sticking to them.

Her recent decision to create The Daryl and Burton Kreindel Endowment Fund for Children and Families in Need through CJP will help alleviate hardships for lower-income families in the Greater Boston area, enabling them to move beyond the confines of poverty — a struggle Daryl knows only too well.

Daryl’s earliest memories of being a young girl in Worcester reveal a shy, gifted student for whom opportunities were limited. Money was always tight, but the spirit of tzedakah (charity) was instilled in her from the beginning — she clearly remembers the blue and white pushke (tzedakah box) in her home. “Even though my parents didn’t have much at all, on Fridays, we’d drop our change in,” Daryl says. “For Jews, so much of what we believe includes the idea of lifting others.”

Though her school years were made difficult by economic hardship and struggles with self-confidence, Daryl dreamed of a better life for herself while continuing her volunteer work, teaching sewing at the Worcester Girls Club (now Girls Inc.) and serving meals in the local hospital. With scholarships from Clark University and the Girls Club, Daryl was able to go to college and graduate with a degree in math, finding employment as a computer programmer.

Even with a full-time job, Daryl continued to find opportunities to make a difference. In 1985, she began sewing quilts and pillowcases for vulnerable children and families in Dnipro, Ukraine — a partner city of the Boston-area Jewish community supported by CJP’s Global Caring work — as well as making quilts for patients at Massachusetts General Hospital, a hobby which continues to this day. Around her home, scraps of fabric are piled neatly, soon to become a source of comfort for a newborn baby in intensive care or an adult undergoing cancer treatment.

“I had so much help from others along the way,” Daryl says. “It just feels so good to me to give back.”

Through this legacy fund at CJP, Daryl hopes to honor the memory of her late husband, Burt (z”l), and “help others so they don’t have to go through the same thing I did,” she says. Burt and Daryl believed strongly in CJP’s mission and made annual donations for more than 25 years.

“I trust CJP to put the money to work in the best way possible,” Daryl says. “It means so much to be able to support other Jewish families and give them a chance at a better life.”

Crafting a Legacy

DARYL KREINDEL

Strength of CJP’s Endowment

Gifts of all sizes to CJP’s endowment sustain the community today and for generations to come. We’re grateful for the foresight and planning of our legacy donors who, through their philanthropy, ensure that CJP will be here for our community well into the future.

CJP’S ENDOWMENT BY THE NUMBERS

|$211M| total endowment |
|$8.2M| spendable income generated in FY21 |
|200+| named endowment funds |
|287| planned gifts — including bequests, life income gifts, and life insurance policies — will help bolster the endowment, extending a donor’s impact beyond their lifetime |
Investing in Community

Ranked by the Boston Business Journal as Massachusetts’ largest nonprofit organization, CJP is a philanthropic investor and mobilizer of people, resources, and skills that make a bigger difference locally and globally. We focus on making Jewish life and learning accessible to all individuals and families in Boston and beyond. We thoughtfully invest in the care and well-being of all community members and we provide stability and growth to nonprofit organizations and institutions that underpin our community.

As we’ve evolved — from our founding to the present day — we’ve relied on donors like you to be with us. You are part of a community of supporters who have helped CJP drive innovation and programs that deliver meaningful impact in Boston, Israel, and around the world. Thank you for your trust, generosity, and commitment.

OUR COMMUNITY OF SUPPORTERS
By the numbers: supporters in FY21

12,630 individuals, families, and foundations made gifts to CJP

96% of CJP donors renewed their gift

8,831 donors gave between $1–$999

3,799 donors gave $1,000+

915 donors gave for the first time

80% of FY21 donors have given every year for the last two or more years

685 people volunteered through 70 groups

30% of FY21 CJP donors have given for 24+ years

For more information on the impact of your support, visit cjp.org/ourimpact

EXTRAORDINARY INVESTMENT IN OUR COMMUNITY AND BEYOND: $181M

$66M CJP’s community investment and supporting services. With these funds, we provided:

350+ grants to create vibrant Jewish life across our community

310+ grants to assist vulnerable populations and community members facing crisis

300+ grants to strengthen organizational partners and bolster the safety and security of our community

$115M 5,000 CJP Donor Advised Fund (DAF) grants to 2,900 charities:

38% grants recommended by DAF donors that supported broader needs locally and globally including healthcare, the environment, education, and civil rights

62% grants recommended by DAF donors that supported CJP and organizations serving the Jewish community and Israel

CJP’s DAFs are managed and invested by CJP, and assets are subject to CJP’s exclusive legal control. All grants are recommended by individual fund signatories and are reviewed and approved by CJP. Grants support a wide range of donor interests beyond CJP’s areas of focus and may not conflict with CJP’s mission.

739 funds total $1.7B

CJP’s DAF program includes 739 funds that total $1.7 billion. We offer donors at all ages and stages of life a low-cost, easy-to-access opportunity to manage and optimize their giving in ways that significantly benefit the Jewish community and much more.

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CJP strengthens 85 organizations through the Jewish Community Endowment Pool, LLP (JCEP). Nearly all local Jewish educational organizations, social services partners, and synagogues, along with Jewish organizations from across the country and around the world, participate in JCEP.

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For detailed financial statements, please visit cjp.org/fiscal-transparency
“Since Joel’s first gift in 1967 after The Six-Day War, CJP has been a central part of our lives. Many of our closest friendships have resulted from leadership programs, missions, and agencies in which we have participated. Nearly 55 years later, we continue to support CJP’s efforts to build community and to enhance Jewish life in Greater Boston, Israel, and throughout the world.”

Joel and Sue Sherman
Longtime CJP supporters
Past Chair, CJP Board of Directors
Past VP, Jewish Family & Children’s Service Board of Directors

“For more than 80 years, our family has wholeheartedly supported CJP. It is a tradition passed down through four generations, from my grandparents all the way down to my grandchildren. We choose to make CJP a philanthropic priority because we are confident in its ability to care for Boston’s Jewish community and help it thrive. CJP is an expert in strategically identifying areas of need in our community and Israel and maximizing the impact of our philanthropy. We are proud of our family’s longstanding support of CJP, its mission, and its leaders — and proud of the work we have accomplished together.”

Amy Smith Berylson
The Richard and Susan Smith Family Foundation
Emeritus Director, CJP Board of Directors

CJP is fortunate to be supported by more than 10,000 individuals who loyally give to CJP year after year. In addition to contributions of time, and longstanding participation in our community and events, our loyal donors reliably give resources that support a thriving Jewish community and promote opportunities for deeper engagement in Jewish life in Greater Boston. In times of need, both within and outside of the Jewish community, close to home and across the world, our loyal donors’ steady support enables us to direct flexible resources to the areas where they are most needed and will have the greatest impact.

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