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2020–2021 ANNUAL REPORT

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Letter from President



Marc Snir

Dear Friends.

We are coming to the end of our fiscal year—a year that has not been easy. Each of us had to cope with the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic that curtailed many of our regular activities and kept us away from our loved ones. We saw a sharpening of racial conflicts and ensuing violence after the killing of George Floyd. We had a very divisive election cycle that culminated with the unprecedented storming of the US Capitol in January 6th. We saw a growth in the number of anti-Semitic incidents in the US. And we closed this fiscal year with renewed violence in the Middle East, with a new round of fighting between Israel and Hamas, and unprecedented violence between Israeli citizens of different nationalities; violence that spread to the US and other parts of the world.

Nevertheless, there is hope. We seem to be overcoming the Pandemic of the Body—namely Covid-19. And increasingly many people realize the need to fight the Pandemic of the Spirit, namely, the hate of the other.

I am hopeful because of the way our community has handled the challenges of this year. CUJF exists to provide help for those in need in our community. When Covid-19 touched us, we organized a special campaign that provided extra help to community members in need. You generously contributed over \$8,000 that were partially matched by a JFNA grant. In addition, thanks to Lynn Wachtel, we organized repeated phone calls to our senior members to check on their needs and reduce their loneliness. You will find more information in the report from the Human Services Committee.

CUJF exists for our community to express its solidarity with the Jewish community in Israel. While our views on Israeli policies may diverge, we all care when fellow Jews are under sustained attacks. We organized a special campaign in order to help victims of these attacks and, in a few days, you contributed close to \$6,000 that was augmented by a \$5,000 contribution from our emergency funds and transferred to two humanitarian organization in Israel. This is in addition to our regular allocations that support eight different humanitarian organizations in Israel. They are listed in the Allocation Committee report.

CUJF exists to help us cope with increased anti-Semitism. We expanded the activities of our Holocaust Education Center to address contemporary antisemitism.

CUJF exists to strengthen Jewish Life and Identity in our Community. The replacement of in person meetings with Zoom meetings was actually a blessing in disguise, as we, and our partners at Hillel and the Jewish Culture and Society Program, could significantly increase the number of events and the quality of the speakers or performers. From the unique experience of listening to Ambassador Dan Shapiro, to the ongoing Film Festival, CUJF organized about 35 events and supported many others that were organized by our partners. You find more details in the report of the Outreach Committee on community events.

Key to strong Jewish Life is Jewish Education. CUJF increased its PJ Library activity, as detailed in the report of our Executive Director; it continued to support Jewish education at Sinai and Chabad.

There is more that is happening: We are upgrading our decrepit IT infrastructure to more modern and reliable cloud-based systems; we are updating our Bylaws and many of our policies; and reorganizing the activities of our various committees.

All this is made possible by your generous contributions to CUJF; by the dedicated work of CUJF's officers and volunteers; and by the dedicated work of CUJF's staff. Please continue to give generously; and please consider volunteering for CUJF service.

תכלה שנה וקללותיה, תחל שנה וברכותיה

May this year and its troubles be over; may next year and its blessings start.

Marc Snir

President

Executive Director Report



Linda Bauer

As you know, the past few months have been challenging for all of us. But the pandemic also gave us new ideas on how to do things.

CUJF held many virtual events, raised money for a special Human Services fund and involved young families from our PJ Library program in small group activities.

The highlight of our virtual events was CUJF's Annual Dinner. Our guest speaker was Daniel Shapiro, former US Ambassador to Israel who grew up in Champaign-Urbana. Shapiro spoke from Israel, where it was in the early hours of the morning. But think of the time and expense it would have taken to bring in a speaker like him! Virtual events allow us to go beyond the boundaries of a banquet hall or meeting room.

We had many events attended by our community members and we had a successful fundraising campaign. A grant for our PJ Library activities brought young families together virtually during the pandemic.

What I am especially proud of is the service that CUJF was able to do this year for those in need. Our Human Services committee provided many in our community with assistance for mortgage and rent payments, medical bills, gift cards for food, and other emergency expenses. We also helped with scholarships to Jewish summer camp for families that needed financial assistance.

We had a matching grant for Human Services from Jewish Federations of North America. You rose to the occasion. More than \$17,000 went to people in our Jewish Community who needed help. Thank you, our donors, for helping make this possible.

Many of you also responded to our appeal for assistance to people in Israel who had been affected by the recent bombings. CUJF provided a match from our emergency funds and we were able to send \$11,000 to JFNA and the Jaffa Institute. Again, thank you, our generous, caring donors!

Read through Annual Report to learn about the other accomplishments and activities of CUJF this past year.

In the coming year, we plan to continue to aid, education and celebrate our Jewish community. Thank you for your support!

Linda Bauer

Executive Director

2020–2021 Board of Directors and Current Staff

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Marc Snir, President (2020–2022)
Lynn Wachtel, VP, Allocations (2019–2021)
Alex Scheeline, VP, Campaign (2020–2022)
David Scherba, Secretary (2019–2021)
Ella Slavin, Treasurer (2019–2021)

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Allen Avner (2019–2021)
Marissa Barlaz (2019–2021)
Yael Gertner (2020–2022)
Tania Ionin (2020–2022)
Barry Isralewitz (2019–2021)
Deborah Katz–Downie (2019–2021)
Paula Kaufman (2020–2022)
Diana Lenik (2019–2021)
Natalya Matatov (2020–2022)
Julia Robinson (2020–2022)
Robert Silverman (2020–2022)

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Yael Gertner, Community Engagement
Brian Kahn, Holocaust Education
Michael Langendorf, Human Services
Lee Melhado, Chevra Kadisha
Djavid Novrouzov, New Americans
Julia Robinson, Nominations
Alex Scheeline, Campaign
Lynn Wachtel, Allocations

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS

Rabbi Dovid Tiechtel, Chabad
Art Siegel, CU Jewish Endowment Foundation
Erez Cohen, Illini Hillel
Dara Goldman, Program in Jewish Culture and Society at UIUC
Rabbi Alan Cook, Sinai Temple

CURRENT STAFF

Linda A Bauer, Executive Director
Djavid Novrouzov, Financial Officer
Andrea Aguiar, Program Coordinator
Elena Kiselev, Communication Coordinator

2021–2023 Slate of Nominees

CUJF recognizes the dedication and commitment of all of our Champaign-Urbana Jewish Community members who work together to ensure that our welcoming, vibrant, and thriving Jewish Community continues to grow for future generations.

This year's committee was chaired by Julia Robinson and co-chaired by Deborah Katz-Downie. Other committee members were Faye Lesht and David Scherba.

The CUJF Nominations Committee strives to nominate Board Members to reflect the diversity of our Champaign-Urbana Jewish Community and we present below the Nominees for CUJF Members of the Board:

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Marc Snir, President (2020–2022)

Tania Ionin, President Elect (2021–2022)

Mitch Harris, Treasurer (2021–2023)

Rob Silverman, Secretary (2021–2023)

Alex Scheeline, VP Campaign (2020–2022)

Lynn Wachtel, VP Allocations (2021–2022)

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Yael Gertner (2020–2022)

Paula Kaufman (2020–2022)

Natalya Matatov (2020–2022)

Julia Robinson (2020–2022)

Marissa Barlaz (2021–2023)

Arne Fliflet (2021–2023)

Barry Isralewitz (2021–2023)

Jess LeRoy (2021–2023)

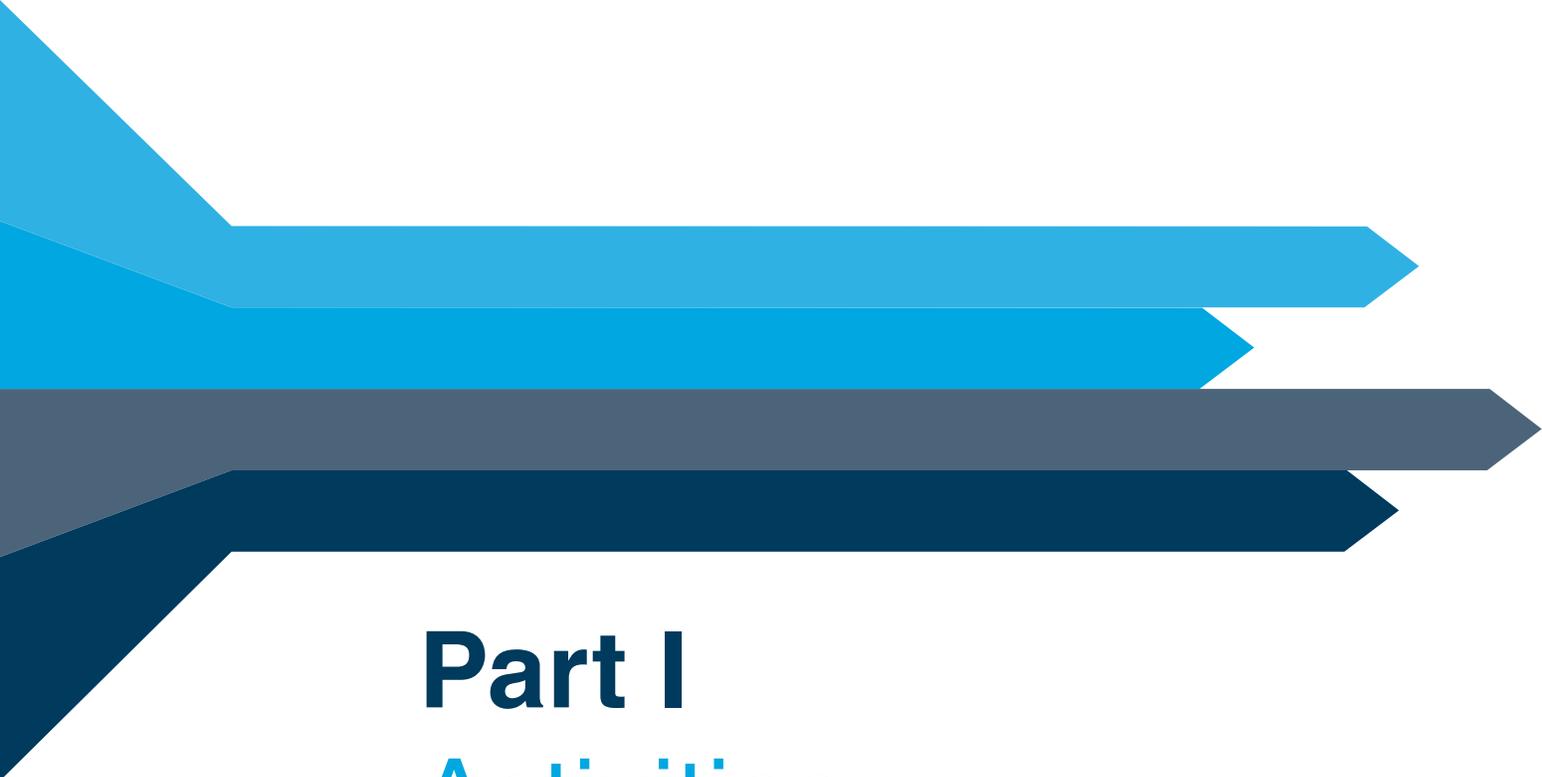
Richard Ross (2021–2023)

Arielle Weinstein (2021–2023)

Thank you to Barry Isralewitz and Marissa Barlaz for accepting a second term on the Board. Also, Tania Ionin will serve as President Elect and Rob Silverman will be the new Secretary.

A special thanks to our departing Board Members: Deborah Katz-Downie, Ella Slavin, Allen Avner, and Diana Lenik. We greatly appreciate your service.

And last, but not at all least, thank you to President Marc Snir and continuing Board members for the important work you did this past year for CU Jewish Federation.



Part I

Activities

2020–2021 Activities

■ COMMUNITY IMPACT

CUJF provides programs and services for our local community in the areas of education, support for those in time of need, and community engagement. Staff and volunteers work together throughout the year to host events, share information, and distribute funds, following the mission of CUJF and the priorities defined in the financial allocations (budget) process for the current fiscal year.

Holocaust Education Center

Chair: Brian B. Kahn



Brian B. Kahn

Trying to teach tolerance in the time of Covid was the main theme of our work this past year for the Holocaust Education Center. When the lockdown came in March 2020, this essentially ended our work in the schools—and also cancelled our annual *Through Their Eyes* student Holocaust exhibit. Our main goal for this past school year was to find as many ways as possible to reach out to educators in more nontraditional manners. Zoom quickly became the instrument of choice, along with other online professional development opportunities offered by the Anti-Defamation League and the Museum of Jewish Heritage, among others.

In response to our needs, Bob Lehmann, with Brian Kahn co-hosting, arranged a Zoom conference for area teachers to present current information regarding teaching contemporary genocide along with the Holocaust, thus helping teachers to meet the Illinois state mandate. Fifteen area teachers participated in three Zoom sessions (one of six hours and the other two for three hours each). Graduate students and the current president of Gratz College in Philadelphia gave the presentations. Teachers were provided with information regarding several genocides, including Rwanda, Central America, Bosnia, Cambodia, and Armenia. The sessions took place in August, October, and January—all on Zoom—and for a closing activity, all participants were expected to create a lesson plan or unit for their students based upon their new learning experience. The reflections indicate that the sessions were very informative and provided teachers with a new level of motivation to continue to develop their Holocaust and genocide units. We plan to offer this Zoom conference again for the coming school year. A selection of these lesson plans is posted on the CUJF/HEC website.

Several Zoom sessions were presented to teachers by Bill Gingold (Uni High and Next Generation) and Brian Kahn (International Prep Academy, Sullivan High School, Academy High)—both committee members shared personal stories of family and Holocaust. Bill's Zoom presentation is wonderful and so filled with personal memories and photographs—you can view this at the CUJF/HEC website.

As chair of the HEC, I assisted Executive Director Linda Bauer in arranging Zoom presentations by the ADL in Chicago—both of which addressed current issues of antisemitism in the United States.

The HEC loaned classroom materials this year to three schools by request (Unity Junior High, International Prep Academy, and Next Generation 5th grade). As teachers and students were faced with the many issues of remote learning, it is understandable that we had fewer requests for materials. Our hope is that we will all be back on track starting in the fall of 2021 with plenty of loanable materials to share from the HEC library collection.

Thanks to CUJF's Communication Coordinator Elena Kiselev, we have been posting many documents, announcements, and events on the website www.cujf.org/programs-and-services/holocaust-education-center as a primary way to reach teachers. We regularly alert teachers to online Holocaust learning experiences (most are free) that are held Zoom style from around the country.

Due to the pandemic, our *Through Their Eyes* student exhibit this past April was virtual. As a total labor of love, Don Francisco created a YouTube video presenting images of student work created during their Holocaust units. Students from Barkstall Elementary, Southside Elementary, Unity Junior High, and Academy High shared their work with the HEC. The video is still available to watch at the CUJF/HEC website. Again, a special thanks to Don Francisco for all his time and expertise that went into creating this special document. In addition, Tamra Gingold created an incredible unit for her orchestra students at Urbana High School. The completed unit is available to view on our website. Tamra's video includes musical performances by her students as they shared compositions that were written in concentration camps. Also included are reflections by each student after completion of the unit. This was Tamra's first foray into Holocaust curriculum, and I cannot say enough about all of her efforts to make this happen, especially during this time of the pandemic. Mazel Tov, Tamra!

Chevra Kadisha (Jewish Burial Society)

Chair: Lee Melhado

Members: Anonymous by tradition

Founded in 1993, the CUJF Chevra Kadisha provides preparation of the dead for traditional burial, education about Jewish death and mourning practices, and respectful, low-cost burial for the indigent. All work is performed by volunteers who give their time anonymously as an act of true loving-kindness. Costs are covered entirely by contributions from families served.

Since 2000, the Chevra Kadisha has participated in approximately 90 burials. Normally, about 100 volunteers serve as shomrim (those who watch over the deceased from death until burial) and nearly 40 serve on tahara teams (those who wash and dress the deceased and place the body in a casket).

During fiscal year 2020–2021, the ability of the Chevra Kadisha to operate was severely affected by the current pandemic. Due to the considerable risks posed by Covid-19, in March 2020, the Chevra Kadisha regretfully decided to temporarily stop providing shomrim and performing tahara. This difficult decision followed the guidelines of Kavod v'Nichum, the organization that provides information and training to Jewish burial societies throughout North America. Now that effective vaccines are widely available and substantial portions of the local population have been vaccinated, the Chevra Kadisha hopes to resume normal functioning over the summer.

In the meantime, the Chevra Kadisha remains active in as many ways as possible. Despite Covid restrictions, for example, volunteers provided traditional shrouds and instructed funeral home personnel on their proper use for three burials. A virtual tahara was performed once and information and/or counseling were extended to five bereaved families. Finally, one volunteer has registered to attend training through the Kavod v'Nichum, mentioned above, in June of 2021. Anyone interested in volunteering, especially in assisting the Chevra Kadisha to resume its normal activities, is encouraged to contact Lee Melhado (leemelhado@gmail.com).



Lee Melhado

PJ Library

PJ Library is an international program that sends monthly free Jewish children's books to families with kids ages 6 months to 8 years old. PJ library is funded by the partnership of Harold Grinspoon Foundation and local Jewish organizations.

Champaign Urbana Jewish Federation sponsors the monthly PJ Library subscriptions in our community. PJ Library provides an opportunity for young Jewish families to learn about our holidays and traditions through age—appropriate books and activities, regardless of family background, affiliations, or observance. PJ Library has served 158 children in our community since the program started, and currently provides monthly Jewish books to more than 60 children from 44 families in our area.

In 2020, CUJF applied for a PJ Library Parent Engagement grant. The grant funded activities planned by our PJ parents who served as "Parent Connectors." We had three parents who created their "pods" of 5–6 families. We purchased arts and crafts supplies, plus snacks, and the families had concurrent activities at home and shared over Zoom. Sixteen families took part in the group activities.

This provided support that was especially important during the COVID lockdown. Some parents were working from home without the availability of day care or pre-school. With our PJ "Pods", their children had a Jewish peer group to connect with and to play and socialize with.

■ COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Community Events

Program Coordinator: Andrea Aquiar
Board Events Committee Chair: Yael Gertner



Andrea Aquiar

The Champaign Urbana Jewish Federation's goal is to help sustain, strengthen, and creatively engage our vibrant local Jewish community. CUJF Events Committee's role is to create opportunities for bringing individuals together to connect with Jews locally and around the world, while learning about, celebrating, and enjoying our rich and diverse Jewish history, culture, and traditions.

This year we organized 35 virtual events tailored to the interests of different groups in our community—seniors, families with young children, women, teens, and the community at large. Events varied from book discussions and conversations with small groups of community members about their personal histories and experiences, to presentations for larger audiences about topics in the arts, politics, and society. CUJF offered film showings followed by Q&A with experts, a teen musical theater production, three musical concerts by professional Jewish musicians, musical workshops for teens and for seniors, virtual tours of Jewish communities in NYC and Argentina, storytelling for young audiences by an award-winning author, and community dancing and singing. As space is limited, we have selected to describe three programs to illustrate the breadth of events and how they tie into our mission.

The Champaign Urbana Jewish Film festival, in partnership with JCC Chicago and UIUC Program in Jewish Culture & Society, featured four films each followed by a discussion with an expert which allowed the audience to gain a deeper understanding and appreciation of current Jewish themes. We are grateful to several local families and CUJEF for sponsoring complimentary tickets to community members.



Yael Gertner

An enlightening presentation by the CEO of Hand in Hand K12 (www.handinhandk12.org) described how this organization is using education to bring together Arab and Jewish citizens of Israel. Hand in Hand is a network of public, bilingual, multicultural, K through 12th-grade schools, where Jewish and Arab children learn together. Attendees felt uplifted to hear about how such a project can be a powerful and effective agent of positive change in the Israeli community.

As part of the Chai Seniors program, community members from diverse backgrounds were able to share about how being Jewish impacted their life journeys. The goals of these conversations were twofold: 1) to highlight how our small local Jewish community is actually quite diverse, and includes individuals from a variety of backgrounds and with a variety of perspectives, experiences, customs, life causes and passions; and 2) to demonstrate how this very diversity can enrich, and bring excitement and a broader understanding to our daily lives.

The programming committee is composed of Andréa Aguiar, Yael Gertner, Tania Ionin and Natalya Matatov who always welcome community members' feedback and suggestions.

Campaign

Chair: Alex Scheeline

Committee Members: Allen Avner, Paula Kaufman



Alex Scheeline

The campaign committee enables community members to do many mitzvot through a generous donation to a single local Jewish organization that allocates contributions based on long and deep understanding of community needs. Donors typically cannot easily determine how to allocate their available funds among local, necessarily anonymous individuals in need, Federation activities, and other causes in our Jewish world.. Our task is to encourage financial donations so that those in need are adequately served with dignity, confidentiality, and dispatch.

Our first step is to convince donors that their priorities are well served by CUJF and for us to understand generational differences in philanthropic priorities. To that end, CUJF has undertaken a multi-year project of “friend-raising,” which involves having conversations with community members to increase our mutual insights. This year, we spoke with about 1/10th of the community. We plan to continue such conversations through the summer and into next year.

COVID19 eliminated all but a few in-person meetings. Zoom and telephones enabled some personal interaction, but few individual solicitations were feasible. In addition to our annual campaign, we ran a mini-campaign for Human Services needs, matched by national funding from the Jewish Federations of North America and CUJF also solicited support for individual programs. Our Annual Dinner was Zoomed to the community and featured former Ambassador to Israel Dan Shapiro, Champaign native, discussing the evolving situation in and near Eretz Yisrael.

For CUJF to flourish, a new generation of donors must step forward. The estate of Arthur Robinson provides 1/6 of campaign income, but this will not last past the mid 2020's. This year, no living donor contributed as much as \$15,000; in by-gone decades, several donations over \$30,000 were not unusual. Only with increased commitment from donors and volunteers can CUJF face the challenges ahead.

Table 1 Programs (All expenses are for the 11 months July 2020 – May 2021)

	Budget	Revenue	Expenses	Surplus/ Deficit	Prorated Salaries
EDUCATION					
Holocaust Education	\$9,826.08	\$0.00	\$5,549.39	\$4,276.69	\$7,020.55
Pj Library	\$4,950.00	\$5,004.00 ¹	\$4,752.01	\$5,201.99	\$7,442.28
Camp Scholarships	\$4,000.00	\$0.00	\$5,350.00	-\$1,350.00	\$2,717.08
Subtotal Education	\$18,776.08	\$5,004.00	\$15,651.40	\$8,128.68	\$17,179.91
HUMANITARIAN SERVICES					
Human Services	\$13,802.33	\$5,044.63 ²	\$11,949.66	\$6,897.30	\$10,031.17
Chevra Kadisha	\$7,534.00	\$387.50 ³	\$0.00	\$7,921.50	\$741.69
Subtotal Humanitarian Services	\$21,336.33	\$5,432.13	\$11,949.66	\$14,818.80	\$10,772.86
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT					
Seniors	\$533.16	\$2,905.11 ⁴	\$1,406.28	\$2,031.99	\$2,218.13
Communications	\$6,500.00	\$0.00	\$3,066.98	\$3,433.02	\$8,042.10
Community Events	\$5,280.00	\$2,700.00 ⁵	\$3,497.84	\$4,482.16	\$13,296.92
Subtotal Community Engagement	\$12,313.16	\$5,605.11	\$7,971.10	\$9,947.17	\$23,557.15
Total Programs	\$52,425.57	\$16,041.24	\$35,572.16	\$32,894.65	\$51,509.92

*Notes:*¹ PJ Library Grant² JFNA grant & special campaign³ Earmark⁴ CUJEF grant⁵ CUJEF grant**Table 2 General Administration** (All expenses are for the 11 months July 2020 – May 2021)

	Budget	Revenue	Expenses	Surplus/ Deficit	Prorated Salaries
Audit & Accounting	\$5,575.00	\$0.00	\$5,229.34	\$345.66	
Duplicate/Printing	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$137.50	\$112.50	
Miscellaneous	\$1,000.00	\$2.07 ¹	\$45.00	\$957.07	\$20,840.70
Office Supplies	\$420.00	\$0.00	\$237.89	\$182.11	
Postage	\$550.00	\$0.00	\$142.05	\$407.95	
Telephone&Internet	\$1,400.00	\$0.00	\$901.00	\$499.00	
Travel	\$550.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$550.00	
IT (Technology Fund)	\$6,000.00	\$0.00	\$4,139.93	\$1,860.07	\$1,189.66
Total Administration Costs	\$15,745.00	\$2.07	\$10,832.71	\$4,914.36	\$22,030.36

*Notes:*¹ Tax refund

Table 3 Campaign (All expenses are for the 11 months July 2020 – May 2021)

	Budget	Revenue	Expenses	Surplus/ Deficit	Prorated Salaries
Campaign	\$8,500.00	\$1,027.00 ¹	\$2,523.53	\$7,003.47	\$10,765.49
Allocation	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,260.49
Total Campaign	\$8,500.00	\$1,027.00	\$2,523.53	\$7,003.47	\$14,025.98
Reserves/Emergency/ Unalloacted	\$78,922.00 ²	\$14,600.00 ³	\$11,500.00 ⁴	\$82,022.00	

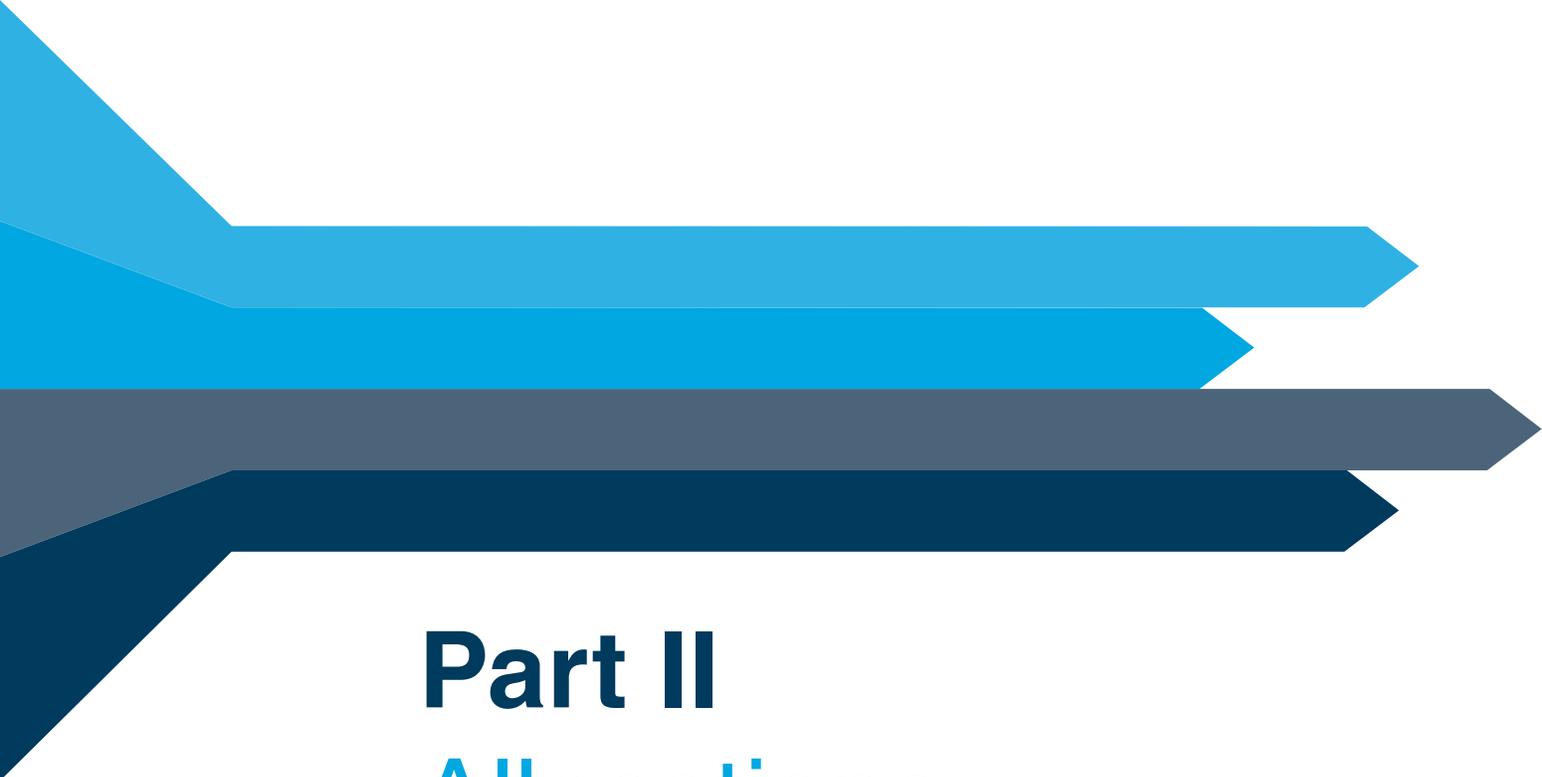
Notes:

¹ Sale of mementos and Amazon payments

² Includes \$35,000.00 of Emergency and Reserves kept in CUJF PACE

³ Refund of camp scholarships and \$6,000.00 of Israel Emergency Campaign

⁴ Emergency support to Israel and trip subsidy to Israel by a local youth



Part II

Allocations

2020–2021 Allocations



Lynn Wachtel

Chair: Lynn Wachtel

The Allocations Committee is tasked with the responsibility of reviewing both our past grants and new requests for funding and suggesting to the Board of Directors the allocations to approve for the following year. We presented our report to the Board in May of 2021.

The following served on the Allocations Committee for the 2020–2021 year:

Chair: Lynn Wachtel

Members: Allen Avner, Yael Gertner, Faye Lesht, Lee Melhado, Julia Robinson, Rob Silverman

Ex Officio Members: Marc Snir, *President*, Ella Slavin, *Treasurer*, Linda Bauer, *Executive Director*

The members of the committee brought many years of knowledge and experience to our discussions, and I thank my volunteer committee for their work.

The Allocations Committee met monthly, or twice monthly, beginning in September. Due to the Pandemic, we met via Zoom, which proved to be an efficient vehicle.

- This year we connected with each of the Israeli organizations we fund, via Zoom or other means: The Jaffa Institute, Yad Sarah, Save A Child's Heart, No2Violence, BINA, Aviv For Holocaust Survivors, and The Friends of IDF. We had conversations to understand and track how our money is spent and to review the full range of the organization's activities. We discussed if there are additional ways, other than monetary funding, that our community can help with their work, and how each organization is impacted by the Pandemic. We were satisfied with each conversation, and often awed by the work of these organizations. Past Allocations Committees have done their research carefully and chosen wisely.
- We listened to the suggestions of members of CUJF, researching additional Israeli projects. We added one additional project to our funding: HandInHandK-12. HandInHand is authorized within the Israeli Public School System, and educates the children of Jewish, Arab and Christian citizens of Israel together. The children learn both Hebrew and Arabic, and the curriculum includes the study of the cultures, holidays, and history of all the children in the schools.
- The Allocations Committee reviewed and suggested the funding levels for all of the CUJF Committees, as well as the three important local organizations that we help to fund: Sinai Temple, Hillel and Chabad. Immediately beginning in the 2012–2022 year, we will begin more in-depth discussions with these local organizations about our funding and collaboration going forward, in order to understand and clarify the best way to address future needs.
- Our committee reviewed and revised the CUJF rules for Earmarking a contribution. Within the rules of this policy, an Earmarked gift to CUJF can be designated to any organization or committee to which CUJF has made an allocation in the last three years. The complete, updated policy and rules are posted on our CUJF Website. If there are questions about the policy, please send inquiries to me, Lynn Wachtel, at wachtel@comcast.net.

As always, we thank you, the Champaign-Urbana Jewish Community, for your donations of both money and time to the Champaign-Urbana Jewish Federation. Your support makes our work possible.

Table 4 Allocations (for FY 2022, earmarks included)

MEMBERSHIPS	\$7,824.00	2.5%
Jewish Federations of North America	\$7,824.00	
LOCAL AGENCIES	\$70,268	22.9%
Chabad Jewish Center	\$8,150.00	
CUJEF	\$350.00	
Hillel Foundation at UIUC	\$38,750.00	
Sinai Temple Religious School	\$23,018.00	
CUJF COMMITTEES <i>(includes pro-rated portion of salaries devoted to CUJF programs and services)</i>	\$118,529.90	38.6%
Allocations Committee	\$3,784.36	
Campaign	\$19,757.28	
Chevra Kadisha	\$8,789.17	
Community Events	\$22,852.60	
Director's Discretionary Fund	\$1,000.00	
Holocaust Education	\$17,282.99	
Human Services	\$22,909.60	
Camp Scholarship	\$12,131.20	
PJ Library/Leadership Development	\$12,197.98	
Gift of Israel	\$2,353.98	
Seniors (CHAI)	\$2,986.71	
ADMINISTRATION	\$56,012.74	18.3%
Communication	\$13,793.03	
Technology	\$6,618.71	
Staff Salaries	\$24,126.00	
Other Administrative Expenses	\$11,475.00	
RESERVES & EMERGENCY FUND	\$26,965.00	8.8%
TOTAL	\$306,857.00	100%



Part III
Champaign-Urbana
Jewish Endowment
Foundation

2020–2021 CUJEF

Co-chair: Arthur Siegel

Co-chair: Barry Weiner

A subsidiary of CU Jewish Federation, the CU Jewish Endowment Foundation is dedicated to enhancing and preserving the quality of Jewish life in our community by establishing and maintaining a secure financial base for the wide range of programs and services designated by its individual funds. So as to secure long-term support for Jewish organizations and individuals in the Champaign-Urbana area, CUJEF was established to receive, hold, invest, and manage contributions and to utilize the earnings accordingly. It acts semi-independently to manage and administer endowments and to provide all members of our community with the means to arrange for long-term support of Jewish programs and institutions, either through donations to an existing endowment or creation of a tailored one. The majority of CUJEF investments are in a well-diversified pool of low-expense stock and bond index funds. Earnings are allocated monthly to each endowment in proportion to its share of total funds managed. All funds are audited annually by an independent certified accounting firm. CUJEF disperses funds through quarterly reviews of proposals submitted to its Board.

Board members are: Benjamin Fox, Hagit Itzkowitz, Paula Kaufman, Ira Levenson, L. Lee Melhado, Julia Robinson, Randy Rosenbaum, Alexander Scheeline, Arthur Siegel, Maury Topolosky, and Barry Weiner. Linda Bauer, and Jake Sosnoff are ex-officio members of the board.

At the end of FY21, funds entrusted to CUJEF total **\$2,803,156.02**. The operating and investment costs for the year were **\$28,921.01**, or 0.64% of the current market value of the CUJEF.

The following disbursements totaling **\$125,081.27** were made throughout the year:

CUJF Annual Campaign (including disbursement from Robinson Quasi-Endowment)	\$59,323.54
Sinai Temple (including disbursement from Robinson Quasi-Endowment and Klein Funds)	\$30,155.82
<i>In support of programming for specific purposes:</i>	
New equipment at Hillel (Hillel Director's Fund)	\$1,149.11
Cohen Center maintenance (Hillel Robinson Building Fund)	\$3,000.00
Support programming at Hillel (Hillel Robinson, Allen & Weiner Funds)	\$7,145.19
Finance the CUJF-run CHAI program for seniors (Golberg-Gordon-Yairi Fund; Libby and Harry Miller Memorial Fund)	\$2,905.11
Augment rabbinic salary (Sudman Rabbinic Fund; Smith Rabbinic Fund)	\$7,441.49
Support CUJF Human Services Committee (Guttenberg Fund)	\$516.47
Support program with Rabbi Mark Glickman at Sinai Temple (Marco & Steineberg Funds)	\$1,000.00
Music programs at Sinai Temple (Small Fund)	\$750.00

CUJF's Hanukah singing event with Zach Mayer (Small Fund)	\$400.00
CUJF's Annual Film Festival in February/May 2020 (Small Fund)	\$600.00
CUJF's ZOOM Singing events (Small Fund)	\$800.00
CUJF-administered Gift of Israel program (Lynn and Ira Wachtel Gift of Israel Fund)	\$540.69
Camp Scholarship & educational programming at Sinai Temple (Shapiro, Lewis, Loeb and Youth Funds)	\$7,353.85
Support of educational trip to Israel of two local children (Gottheil Fund)	\$2,000.00

Sustaining and developing a vibrant Jewish community depends on visionary investments by its members. If you are interested in starting a fund or have questions about CUJEF, please contact Art Siegel at art.siegel@comcast.net or the CUJF office at cujf@cujf.org.

■ CUJEF FY 2020–2021 CUMULATIVE DONATED CAPITAL

Supporting Community Cultural Program

Dr. Samuel and Sadie Small Fund for Jewish Arts and Culture	\$88,144.00
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Supporting CUJF

CUJF PACE Fund	\$256,956.00
Allen and Elaine Avner PACE Fund	\$50,125.00
Dan and Frances Bloomfield PACE Fund	\$30,921.00
Lebenson PACE Fund	\$10,000.00
Helen and Ezra Levin PACE Fund	\$15,000.00
Lefkovitz-LeRoy PACE Fund	\$9,798.00
Eli Benjamin Mandel PACE Fund	\$10,864.00
Lee Melhado PACE Fund	\$18,550.00
Jack Simon PACE Fund	\$61,000.00
Leo and Anne Weisel PACE Fund	\$18,108.00
Arthur Robinson Quasi Endowment	\$376,337.00 <small>(current market value)</small>

Supporting CUJF Human Service Committee

Guttenberg PAGE Fund	\$50,000.00
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Supporting Educational Enrichment for Youth

Josh Gottheil Youth to Israel Fund	\$70,827.00
Michael and Elizabeth Shapiro Camp Scholarship Fund	\$10,540.00

Sinai Sisterhood Camp Scholarship Fund	\$17,379.00
Lynn and Ira Wachtel Gift of Israel Fund	\$13,545.00
Ehud and Janie Yairi Fund for Tel Aviv University	\$82,104.00

Supporting the University of Illinois Hillel Foundation

Susan Linowes Allen Memorial Fund	\$124,978.00
Hillel Director's Fund	\$28,836.00
Hillel's Kiddush Fund	\$11,050.00
Hillel Robinson Building Fund	\$88,992.00
Arthur Robinson Fund for Hillel	\$75,553.00
Torah Fund	\$10,050.00
Weiner Fund	\$29,284.00

Supporting Holocaust Education and Memorials

Jack and Sadye Marco Holocaust Fund	\$61,882.00
Harry Nelson Memorial Award	\$2,597.00

Supporting Sinai Temple

Cohen Garden Fund	\$4,649.00
Joli and Donald Ginsberg Library Fund	\$13,505.00
Glaser Concert Fund	\$27,226.00
Hamburg Childhood Education Fund	\$16,498.00
Korry Confirmation Fund	\$18,088.00
Lewis Family Fund	\$19,883.00
Clarence and Adele Libman Religious School Fund	\$49,970.00
Linowes Bequest	\$50,000.00
Loeb Education Fund	\$23,679.00
Arthur Robinson Sinai Quasi Endowment	\$76,506.00 <small>(current market value)</small>
Sudman Rabbinic Salary Fund	\$158,722.00
Smith Rabbinic Salary Fund	\$18,632.00
Sinai Avner Fund	\$200,000.00
Sinai Board Discretionary Fund	\$15,715.00
Sinai General Endowment Fund	\$200,422.00
Marvin Steinberg Scholar-in-Residence Fund	\$32,939.00
Blanche and Seymour Sudman Rabbi's Discretionary Fund	\$24,764.00

Stanley and Joan Levy Youth Leadership Fund	\$12,001.00
Zimmerman Lecture Fund	\$11,064.00

Supporting Program for Seniors

Goldberg-Gordon-Yairi Fund for Seniors	\$26,699.00
Libby and Harry Miller Memorial Fund	\$11,154.00

Unrestricted

General Fund	\$66,735.00
Checking Account	\$223.92

Market Value of CUJEF Funds

General	\$222,702.24
Total Designated	\$3,796,859.92
Robinson Quasi Endowment	\$513,787.19
Klein Quasi Endowment	\$9,000.24
Total	\$4,533,349.35