# Jewish Federation and Foundation of Greater Toledo



Lighting the Way: Inspiring the Jewish Future



### Dear Friends,

Each year, as we reflect on the work of our Jewish Federation and Foundation of Greater Toledo, we are reminded that community is not built overnight. It is kindled—spark by spark—through vision, commitment, and the shared responsibility of generations. This year's annual report, Lighting the Way, Inspiring the Jewish Future, captures the essence of what we have achieved together in 2024 and the direction we are boldly heading.

In a time of global uncertainty and rising challenges to Jewish life, our community has responded with strength, generosity, and resilience. Because of your support, our Federation and Foundation served as a source of light in the lives of thousands—locally, nationally, in Israel, and around the world.

We are invested deeply in Jewish education, security, and leadership. We dedicate significant resources to programming and services for every demographic. And we stand proudly and visibly against antisemitism and hate. In the wake of crises near and far, we mobilized swiftly—offering resources, comfort, and hope.

At the same time, our Foundation's stewardship of endowed resources ensures that this year's impact will echo long into the future. Your gifts—whether through annual support, donor-advised funds, or legacy commitments—are lighting a path for the next generation of Jewish life.

Looking ahead, we are more committed than ever to sustaining a vibrant, inclusive, and dynamic Jewish community. With your partnership, we will create spaces that welcome, programs that inspire, and connections that endure.

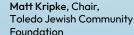
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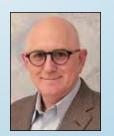
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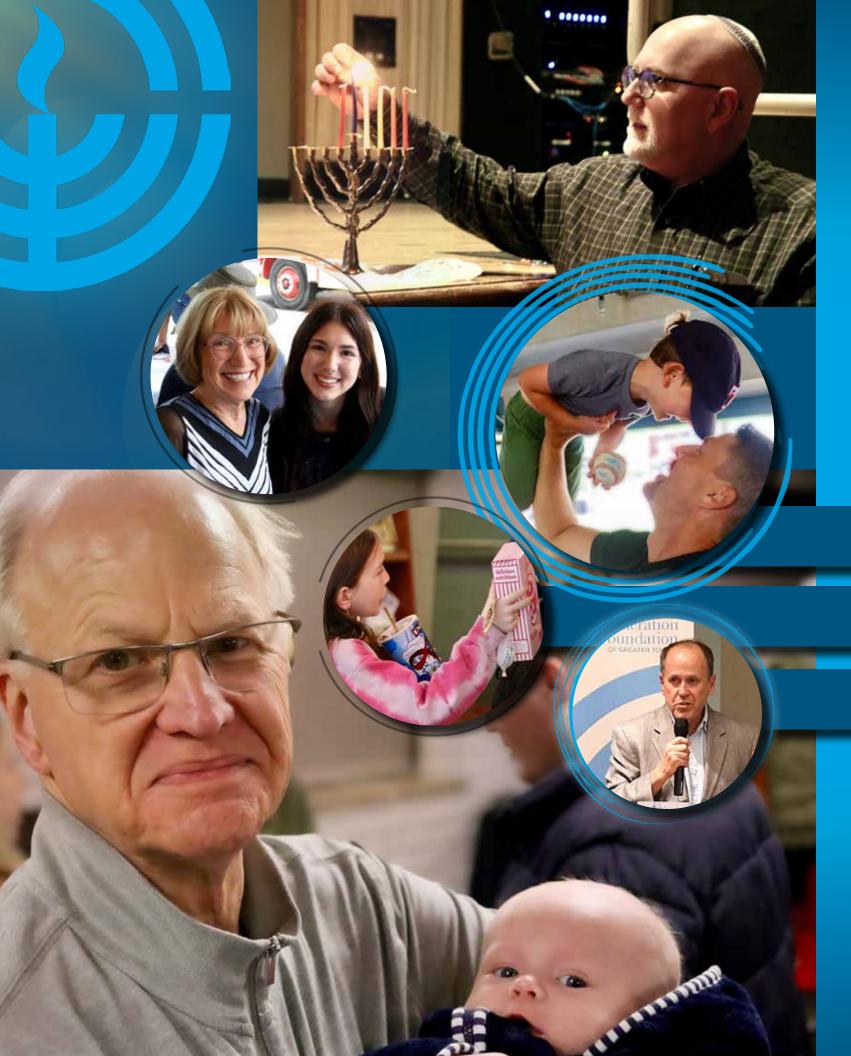
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## Illuminating our Community's Jewish Journey

Jewish Federation & Foundation of Greater Toledo (JFGT) continues to light the way forward for the Toledo Jewish community, offering essential programs and services that empower each person to walk their own unique Jewish path. With purpose and passion, we shine a light on:

- Moments that brighten our community
- Lighting the way for our future leaders
- Nurturing and guiding the changemakers of tomorrow
- Igniting passion for Jewish life
- Offering a beacon of support and care
- Local and global resilience
- Safeguarding our community's institutions
- Ensuring our financial resources reflect and meet evolving **Jewish needs**
- Sustaining our light for generations to come



# Moments that brighten our community



Jewish Federation & Foundation of Greater Toledo fostered connection, tradition, and Jewish pride across every generation in 2024.

1,156 individuals attended events across Greater Toledo.

**36+ baseballs** signed by Jewish former MLB player Ryan Lavarnway served as lasting mementos of Jewish pride and inspiration.

124 hours of Jewish cinema illuminated stories and sparked meaningful conversation.

1200 pages were turned during the Toledo Jewish Book Festival author talks, deepening engagement with Jewish literature and thought.

115+ events reached participants from ages 0 to 96, celebrating every stage of the Jewish journey.



- Jewish Toledo community member



## Lighting the way for our future leaders

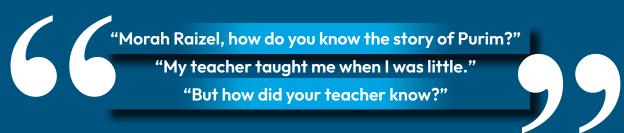


JFGT nurtures and strengthens Jewish identity through meaningful experiences. A spark for Jewish life is kindled, friendships illuminate the journey, community flourishes, and a deep sense of belonging helps Jewish identity shine and grow brighter with each passing day.



#### **Gan Yeladim**

**Brain Power**: Did you know, a preschooler's brain is twice as active as an adult's?



With questions like this, a group of 3-year-olds sparked beautiful conversations about Jewish traditions passed down through generations.

**Heartwarming Moments**: A smile spreads across Leo's face as his friends' voices fill the phone, singing him our special Get Well Song. At Gan Yeladim, when a friend is home sick, our teacher helps us reach out with kindness.

**Little Scientists & Explorers**: "Discovery! Discovery! Come see what I found!" Noam called out excitedly. With his sharp "I Spy" eyes he had spotted a perfectly camouflaged praying mantis blending into a wooden beam. His keen observation turned an ordinary moment into a thrilling nature discovery.

**Kindness & Empathy in Action**: At Gan Yeladim we cherish kindness, empathy, and the warmth of friendship. Sometimes, the smallest acts of care make the biggest difference.

**Looking Ahead**: We can't wait to see new adventures unfold with many questions, discoveries, and friendships growing daily. Maybe our next scientist, artist, architect, Jewish leader, or musician is already in the making!



### Nurturing and guiding the changemakers of tomorrow



JFGT shines a guiding light for families with young children, illuminating a joyful path to Jewish connection through innovative and engaging experiences.

Over 75 hours of family engagement brought 300+ participants together through playdates as well as music, tumbling, art, cultural, and holiday-based programming, lighting the way for Jewish families to connect and grow.

100+ latkes eaten at Latkes and Lights united the community in celebration and tradition.

1,500+ PJ Library books, made possible by the Inspiration Fund, were delivered to 120+ children, offering families stories that inspire a deep and joyful connection to Judaism.

200+ tiny fingers and toes explored Jewish values through PJ Playdates, fostering early curiosity and belonging.

25+ future Jewish leaders from BBYO participated in local. regional, and international programs, strengthening their Jewish identity and building connections that will shine for years to come.

\$71,000+ from the Long-Term Community Needs Fund and \$8,000 from the Jewish Experience Fund helped 44 Jewish Toledo campers attend overnight camp, 8 of them for the first time, igniting lifelong connections to Jewish life.



JFGT's Experience a Memorable Overnight Jewish Initiative (EMOJI) offers children between the ages of 7 and 16 the opportunity to experience a life-changing Jewish overnight camping experience.



## Igniting passion for Jewish life



#### Hillel419

By nurturing the spark within Jewish young adults, Hillel419 has kindled a vibrant, compassionate, and inclusive Jewish future in Toledo. These young adults carry the light of our community forward for generations to come.

**94%** of Jewish students confirmed that being Jewish will continue to be important to them after graduation.

**67 relationships** were built or strengthened with people who work at The University of Toledo (UT) and Bowling Green State University (BGSU).

**222 programs** and **67 on-campus events** at UT and BGSU brought Jewish life to campus and helped inspire more students to create a connection to Jewish life.

**52 weeks** of Friday Hillel419 Shabbat dinners provided a sense of community and belonging. **180+ hours** of community service spread light and kindness.

**150+ cups of coffee** engaged Hillel419 students and cultivated a Jewish community on the UT and BGSU campuses.

14 young adults participated in Alternative Spring Break to Give Kids the World.
23 young adults served in leadership roles. 390 young adults participated in Hillel419 programs. 30 young adults participated in ongoing Jewish learning opportunities.

7 grants were awarded to Hillel419. \$16,936 was raised on Giving Tuesday. \$15,000 was raised during BGSU's One Day - the University's dedicated day of giving. 3 new major donors joined the Hillel419 campaign.

1 Hillel baby was born.



## Offering a beacon of support and care



Jewish Senior, Family & Social Services (JSFSS) provides caring, professional services across greater Toledo, bringing warmth, dignity, and strength to the lives of children, adults, families, and seniors. With every connection, JSFSS is committed to illuminating pathways for those navigating economic and social challenges, standing as an unwavering source of hope, outreach, advocacy, and support for the most vulnerable in our Jewish community.

**2,359** individuals received food, hygiene products, and other pantry services through **876** appointments.

**60+** Jewish individuals and families received at-home technology assistance and small group training. **675+** individuals participated in Jewish-related virtual reality sessions and technology-focused programs.

**250+** meals were delivered to community members in need of short-term nutritional assistance, including more than **\$7,000** in Mitzvah Meals grants to Temple Shomer Emunim.

**5** Create & Relate events embraced **150+** adults interested in improving their mental health and well-being. The 2nd annual Senior Expo shined.

**360** fitness classes welcomed **2,283** attendees.

**300+** Jewish seniors journeyed near and far (Detroit, Indiana, Cleveland), enjoying a connection to theater, sports, and community.

**800+** individuals received assessments, support, subsidies, advocacy, care management, or other vital services through JSFSS.

**500+** home and facility visits by staff and patient advocates ensured no one was left in the shadows.

**250+** rides to doctor appointments, physical therapy, congregational services, community programs, and more provided reliability.



## Local & global resilience



Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC) represents the Greater Toledo Jewish community, Israel, and Jews by illuminating paths of connection with the broader community; building bridges with diverse ethnic, racial, civic, and religious groups; promoting interests through government relations at the Federal, State, and local levels and with the media; and educating/advocating on important issues, seeking consensus while staying true to Jewish values. In June, Amichai Stout became JCRC's new Director. Amichai focused on fostering education and Jewish unity amidst the global rise in antisemitism.

#### Key initiatives in 2024 included:

Welcoming Congresswoman Marcy Kaptur, State Senator Paula Hicks-Hudson, and local leaders to discuss important community matters.

Engaging **500+** attendees in Israel and antisemitism-related educational events, featuring:

- A delegation of IDF soldiers visiting for Yom HaZikaron.
- A community vigil to mark the one-year anniversary of the October 7 attacks.
- Dinner with Chef Uri from the Western Galilee Partnership2Gether region.
- Adina Kanefield, CEO of the National Library of Israel's USA division, discussing the library's efforts to document October 7 and the rise of global antisemitism.
- Hailey Stern from StandWithUs presenting a guide on distinguishing antisemitism from legitimate criticism of Israel.
- Fireside Chat series on topics like Israeli Judaism, the Israeli government, and the complex Israel-Palestine dynamic.

Hosting model Passover seders with **120+** participants.

Presenting the annual Diversity Day, with guest speaker and survivor, Rodi Glass, educating 800+ high school students about the Holocaust.

Ruth Fajerman Markowicz Holocaust Resource Center ol Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo

Rebuilding relationships with the local Muslim community following the October 7 events and engaging in two interfaith panels to discuss Judaism, Islam, and the ongoing Israel-Hamas war.

### Safeguarding our community's institutions



- 141 hours of contracted police protection were provided at 30 JFGT events with additional hours in support of local congregational services, events, trainings, and security updates at the Sekach Building. Congregation B'nai Israel, Temple Shomer Emunim, Congregation Etz Chayim, Chabad House of Greater Toledo, Lourdes University Franciscan Center, and more.
- Security Director Dave Tullis led 12+ trainings for JFGT staff, Chabad, cemetery staff, and community members, covering active shooter response, Stop the Bleed, OSHA compliance, bomb threat and swatting response, DHS and FBI procedures, and ORIC security training.
- JFGT offices were equipped with FLOCK License Plate Readers, Beth Shalom Cemetery installed Verkada cameras and 6-foot spear-top fencing, Eagle Point Cemetery added

similar fencing, and Hillel419 enhanced surveillance and access control with exterior cameras and security-rated doors. These upgrades help keep our spaces safe for worship, learning, celebration, and



## Jewish Federation & Foundation & Foundation



#### **ENSURING THE SAFETY AND SECURITY OF OUR JEWISH COMMUNITY**



In 2024, JFGT launched the first phase of its three-year LiveSecure Matching Security Campaign to enhance Jewish Toledo's safety. With **\$115,000** raised and **\$92,000** pledged, only **\$48,000** remains to meet the \$255,000 goal. Funds support security system upgrades, guards, training, emergency preparedness, and law enforcement coordination.

Over **\$50,000** has already been distributed to local partners, including Chabad of Toledo, Congregation B'nai Israel, Congregation Etz Chayim, and Temple Shomer Emunim.



In response to the dangerous rise in anti-Jewish violence, the Jewish Federations of North America (JFNA) launched LiveSecure.

What is LiveSecure? LiveSecure is an unprecedented \$54 million matching security campaign and initiative to ensure the security and resiliency of Jewish communities across the nation.

Created in collaboration with the Secure Community Network (SCN) - the official homeland security and safety arm of the organized North American Jewish community - LiveSecure will ensure that Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo and every community in the Federation system, will have a quality, best-practice local community security initiative in

Your generosity and commitment to the security of Jewish Toledo, with the funding that a LiveSecure grant provides together with the expertise of SCN, will enable us to have all the necessary resources to support the work of the initiative. But we need your help to make





## Ensuring our financial resources reflect and meet evolving Jewish needs



The 2024 Annual Campaign raised \$1,167,819 from 816 donors (12% more donors than 2023)

- 90% of donations supported local community needs, including:
  - Safety and security for our JFGT campus and Jewish institutions; Jewish Community Relations Council; JSFSS Family Food Pantry; Friendship Circle (in part); Toledo Jewish News; Jewish senior programs; Gan Yeladim Preschool; B'nai B'rith Youth Organization (BBYO); Hillel419; Young Leadership/Professionals; Toledo Jewish Community Cemetery Association; and community programs
- 10% of donations supported charities in Israel and other oversees allocations, including:
  - ORT's YOUniversity program in Matte Asher, which provides STEAM education after school
  - Youth Futures (part of The Jewish Agency for Israel) in Akko's mentorship programs for kids in need
  - JDC-Israel to support a Haredi workforce and mental health programs (Derech Eretz)
  - Dror Israel's Akko Educators Kibbutz program for immigrants from the former Soviet Union (including a one-time gift to Dror Israel for a summer camp organized for Ukrainian refugee children)
  - Western Galilee Partnership2Gether (through the Jewish Agency for Israel)
- 345 Women's Philanthropy Donors
  - 9 Lion of Judah Endowments, gifts in perpetuity currently providing a lasting legacy
    - 52 Lion of Judah Donors, women who give \$5,000+ each year
    - 58 Pomegranates, women who give \$1,800 \$4,999 each year
    - 226 Pearls, women who give \$180 \$1,799 each year









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## Sustaining our light for generations to come



Toledo Jewish Community Foundation (TJCF) serves as a guiding light for Jewish Toledo, empowering individuals and families to build meaningful legacies through philanthropy, investment, and education. Through Donor Advised Funds (DAF), Perpetual Annual Campaign Endowments (PACE), Lion of Judah Endowments (LOJE), charitable bequests, scholarships, and more, TJCF helps ensure a bright and enduring future for generations to come.

"Being active in and supporting the Jewish community was important to our parents. They set a good example for us in this and many other ways."

- Loren Williams and Rachel Bloch, referring to father, Leon, z"I (passed away March 2019), and mother, Ellen "Ellie," z"I. Ellie made planned gifts to the Long Term Community Needs Fund, Jewish Senior Services Supporting Organization, and Leon & Ellen Williams Family Philanthropic Fund, all maintained by TJCF, and also enabled the creation of a new fund—the Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo (JFGT) Fund for Recruiting and Supporting Jews, following her death in October 2024.



(L to R) Loren, Rachel, Leon, and Ellie Williams in Israel, 1986



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#### **LOJE Funds**

Diane Stauber Phillips LOJE Fund Esther Greenfield LOJE Fund Joan Kripke LOJE Fund Julie Romanoff LOJE Fund Kathryn Gallon LOJE Fund Linda Liber LOJE Fund Sandra Romanoff LOJE Fund Sandra Soifer LOJE Fund Stephanie Gersten LOJE Fund

#### **PACE Funds**

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#### **Special Purpose Designated Use Funds**

Alix Greenblatt Memorial Fund for Jewish Leadership
Alvin Levinson Family Scholarship Fund
Ann & Abe Levine Temple Shomer Emunim Fund
Ben & Shirley Schall Spirit of Competition Award Fund
Ben J. Solomon Family Scholarship Fund
B'nai Tzedek Funds (4)
Bobowick Family Fund
Chabad Joanne Geller Rubin Fund
Dr. Aron & Asia Wajskol Fund for Communal Needs
Fanny & Arnold Axilrod Fund
Gerald Getz Fund fbo B'nai Israel Fund
Gerald Getz Fund fbo Etz Chayim Fund
Lynn Balshone Jacobs fbo Toledo Jewish Historical
Society Fund
Marla & Gordon Levine Annual Campaign Designated

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NW OH/SE MI College Scholarship Fund Schonbrunn Memorial Books Fund Schonbrunn Memorial Medical Fund

#### **Special Purpose By Donor**

David S. Stone Foundation Special Needs Fund

David S. Stone Jewish Law Fund **Dorothy & Irvin Mindel Community Service Fund** Dr. A.H. Steinberg-Youth Sports Fund Dr. Louis Ravin Family fbo TJCF College Scholarships Fund Dr. Paul Kahn Youth Program Fund Dr. Richard L. & Sandra S. Schafer Cancer Fund Erwin D. Katz Fund Gerald Getz/Impoverished Israeli Children and Families Fund Indigent Burial Fund Jack and Kathryn Gallon Community Scholarship & **Educational Opportunity Fund** JFGT Fund for Recruiting and Supporting Jews Janet Rogolsky Special Purpose Fund Jewish Federation AHAVA Fund Kids Summer Food Program for JFS Fund Joel & Davie Epstein Charitable Fund Philip and Anne Gaines Memorial Fund Phillip Wasserstrom Fund for Hillel Phyllis Bernstein Scholarship Fund Ross Treuhaft Special Needs Spirituality Fund Ruth Fajerman-Markowicz Holocaust Resource Center Fund Sherwin & Naomi Kripke SKIP Fund Suzanne & Alan Cohn B'nai Tzedek Fund Sydney Mostov Memorial Fund

#### **Supporting Organizations**

Donald L. Solomon Fund
Gary & Andrea Delman Family Foundation
Jewish Senior Services Supporting Organization

#### **Unrestricted Funds to Benefit JFGT**

Dr. Louis Ravin Family fbo JFED
Dr. Louis Ravin Family fbo JFSS
Gerald Getz Fund to JFGT
James Fox Family fbo JCC Fund
James Fox Family fbo UJC Fund
JFGT Reserve Fund
Jewish Senior Services of Toledo Inc. Fund
JSS Agency Endowment Fund

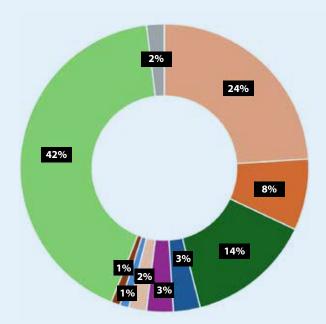
#### **Operating**

Long Term Community Needs Fund (LTCNF)
LTCNF includes funds transferred from the
following funds:
Yale Feniger Fund

Estate of Hugh Friedman
Sylvia Leonard Fund
Harry Lublin Philanthropic Fund
Jay & Esther Shiff Memorial Fund
Dr. A. H. & Elaine Steinberg Philanthropic Fund
Sylvia Thal Family Philanthropic Fund

### Financials fiscal year ending 12/31/2024

2024 Revenue - \$9,278,726 2023 Revenue - \$8,417,908

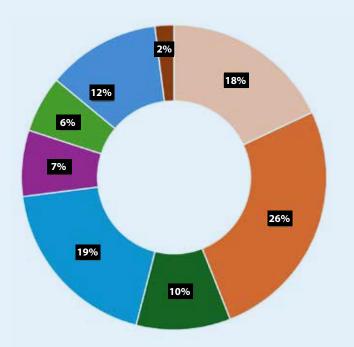


- New Gifts to TJCF/JFGT \$2,216,319 (24%)
- Annual Campaign Pledges Excluding PACE,LOJE & DAF Gifts \$783,220 (8%)
- Interest & Dividend Income \$1,288,189 (14%)
- External Grant \$263,183 (3%)
- Change In Value of Beneficial Interest In Perpetual Trusts \$316,150 (3%)
- Distributions from Perpetual Trust \$192,647 (2%)
- Program Service Fees and Tuition \$123,015 (1%)
- Increase In Cash Surrender Value of Life Insurance & Other \$83,060 (1%)
- Unrealized and Realized Investment Income \$3,857,774 (42%)
- Other (Endowment Agency Fees, Burial Prepayments, *Toledo Jewish News*) \$155,169 (2%)

Perpetual Annual Campaign Endowment (PACE), Lion of Judah Endowment (LOJE) and Donor Advised Funds (DAF) grants to the Annual Campaign totaled \$370,664.

Our 2024 audited financial statements and the 2023 990 Form are available on our website at www.jewishtoledo.org/about-us

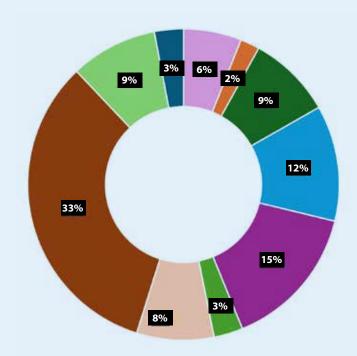
2024 Expenses - \$5,314,302 2023 Expenses - \$5,797,191



- Grants Awarded to External Non-Profits \$968,276 (18%)
- Federation Programs \$1,374,508 (26%)
- Foundation and Financial Development Costs \$532,480 (10%)
- Senior and Family Social Services Programs \$989,577 (19%)
- Education Programs \$350,043 (7%)
- Cemetery Expenses \$314,948 (6%)
- Administrative Costs \$663,762 (12%)
- Building Improvements, Equipment, Property Costs \$120,708 (2%)

#### Toledo Jewish Community Foundation & Supporting Organization

2024 Fund Balances - \$55,190,094 2023 Fund Balances - \$53,912,417



- Congregational Agency Funds \$3,330,269 (6%)
- Agencies by Donors \$1,337,843 (2%)
- Special Purpose Designated Use Funds \$4,774,280 (9%)
- Designated Funds to Benefit JFGT \$6,567,321 (12%)
- Donor Advised Funds \$8,005,295 (15%)
- Restricted Life Insurance Funds \$1,860,276 (3%)
- PACE & LOJE Funds \$4,151,350 (8%)
- Supporting Organizations Funds \$18,074,482 (33%)
- Unrestricted Funds to Benefit JFGT \$5,193,848 (9%)
- Long Term Community Needs Fund \$1,895,131 (3%)

#### **JFGT Highlights - By the Numbers**

JFGT gives back to the local community and to overseas needs with allocations from the annual campaign and supplemental giving.

**\$35,000** to the Western Galilee Partnership for general operations

**\$10,000** to the DROR Israel Akko Educator's Kibbutz for its Chofesh Bitui program

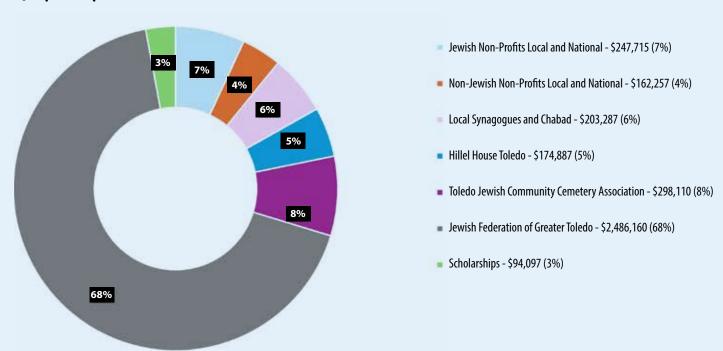
**\$25,000** to World ORT for YOUniversity Mateh Asher and general programming

**\$20,000** to the Joint Distribution Committee for the Derech Eretz & Mental Health Trustee Program

**\$10,000** to the Jewish Agency for Israel Youth Futures Akko program

**\$42,902** to Jewish Federations of North America as our fair share of national dues supporting all of the incredible work of our national parent organization

#### **Toledo Jewish Community Foundation 2024 Grantees -**\$3,666,513 Grants Distributed



We distribute grants to non-profits within the United States and abroad, through U.S. affiliates.

The majority of the TJCF grants go to local Jewish programs and services.

#### **Jewish Non-Profits**

American Friends of Leket Israel, Inc.

American Friends of Magen David Adom

American Friends of Orr Shalom

American Friends of the Hebrew University, Inc.

American Friends of Yeshivat Birkat Moshe

American Jewish Committee

American Jewish World Service

American Society for Yad Vashem

Anti-Defamation League

Berkshire Hills Eisenberg Camp

B'nai Torah Congregation

**CAMERA** 

Chabad House

Chabad Jewish Center of Solon

Chabad of Nanaimo

Chizuk Amuno Congregation

Congregation Beth Yam

Congregation B'nai Israel

Congregation Etz Chayim

**ELEM Youth In Distress In Israel** 

Facts and Logic About the Middle East Inc. - FLAME

Friends of Mayanot Institute

Friends of The Israel Defense Forces

Friends of Yad Sarah, Inc.

Goucher College Hillel

Hadassah

Hand in Hand Harold Grinspoon Foundation HIAS

Hillel419

Indigent Burial Fund

Israel Tennis Centers Foundation

JAFCO Childrens Foundation Inc.

JBI International, Inc.

JCFS Chicago

Jewish Community Center of Metropolitan Detroit

Jewish Community LiveSecure Fund

Jewish Electorate Institute

Jewish Federation Ahava Fund

Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo

Jewish Federation of Palm Beach County

Jewish Federations of North America

Jewish National Fund

Jewish Senior, Family & Social Services

Jewish United Fund Of Metro. Chicago

JSF&SS Myron Edelstein Food Pantry Fund

Kids Summer Food Program for JFS Fund

Kulanu, Inc.

Long Term Community Needs Fund

MAZON A Jewish Response to Hunger

Michigan Hillel

Michigan State University Hillel

MSU Hillel

Ohio University Hillel

One Israel Fund, LTD

**ORT** America

**Shalem Foundation** 

Sherwin & Naomi Kripke SKIP Fund

Simon Wiesenthal Center, Inc.

**Temple Shomer Emunim** 

The Forward Association, Inc.

The Ratner School The Tikvah Fund

Toledo Jewish Community Cemetery Association

Toledo Jewish Community Foundation

United States Holocaust Memorial Museum

**UT Hillel House Foundation Fund** 

Weitzman National Museum of American Jewish History

World Jewish Congress - American Section

Worldwide Friends Foundation/Israel Friends

**Zamir Choral Foundation** 

Zionist Organization of America – ZOA

#### **Non-Jewish Non-Profits**

**ACLU Foundation** 

ALS Therapy Development Institute

Alzheimer's Association

**American Cancer Society** American Heart Association, Inc.

American Red Cross

American Red Cross Northwest Ohio

**Autism Speaks** 

Avenues for Autism

**BGSU** Foundation Inc.

**BallenIsles Charities Foundation** 

BEAR

Bella Vita Network

**Bethany House** 

Bittersweet Farms

Black Swamp Bird Observatory

Black Swamp Conservancy

Bread for the City

Bread for the World Institute, Inc.

CanCare, Inc.

Cellmates on the Run Foundation

**Cherry Street Mission Ministries** 

Connecting Kids To Meals Inc.

Crohn's & Colitis Foundation Southern Texas Chapter

**Davis Phinney Foundation** 

Defenders of Wildlife

Desert Foothills Land Trust Inc.

Family House of Toledo

**Farther Foundation** Feed The Children

Feeding America

FINCA International, Inc.

Friends of the Cornell Lab of Ornithology, Inc. Friends of the Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge

Hospice of Northwest Ohio

Interfaith Blood Drive

International Rescue Committee

Jason Learning

JDRF Illinois

Justice for Sierah Inc.

Leadership Toledo

League of Women Voters of Ohio Education Fund

Leslie Shankman School Corporation

Make-A-Wish Ohio, Kentucky & Indiana Maumee Valley Habitat For Humanity

**McCord Parent Organization** 

Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center

Mercy Corps

Mercy Health Foundation

Metroparks Toledo Foundation

Michael J. Fox Foundation For Parkinson's Research

Mobile Meals of Toledo **NAMI Greater Toledo** National MS Society

Nationwide Children's Hospital Foundation

New Pathways for Youth Inc. Northwest Baptist Church

Northwest Ohio Classical Academy Foundation

Old Newsboys Goodfellow Association Parkinson Foundation of NW Ohio

Planned Parenthood Federation of America

Planned Parenthood Gulf Coast Inc. Planned Parenthood of Greater Ohio

Pro Bono Network Project Hope

Read For Literacy Inc.

Rheumatology Research Foundation

Rocky Mountain Conservancy

Sierra Club Foundation

Southern Poverty Law Center

St. Jude Childrens Research Hospital, Inc.

St. Michael's in the Hills Episcopal Church Sylvania Community Arts Commission, Inc.

The Fort Meigs Association

The Library Legacy Foundation

The Nature Conservancy

The Ohio University Foundation

The Salvation Army

The University of Toledo Foundation The Valentine Theatre

The Victory Center

Toledo Alliance For The Performing Arts Toledo Humane Society

Toledo Museum of Art

Toledo Northwestern Ohio Food Bank

Toledo Opera Association

Toledo Symphony Triangular Processing Inc.

United Cerebral Palsy, Inc. United Way of Clark, Champaign & Madison Counties

United Way of Greater Toledo

Volunteers of America Ohio & Indiana Washington University in St. Louis

WGTE Public Media

World Central Kitchen, Inc.

YWCA Northwest Ohio

### **Leadership Awards**



#### Harry Levison Young Leadership Award

Created in 1962, the Harry Levison Young Leadership Award rewards exceptional service from young adults of outstanding promise and leadership ability who exhibit an active interest in Jewish Federation and Foundation of Greater Toledo (JFGT) and the community Annual Campaign.



#### **Rosemary Chaban**

Rosemary Chaban is a Sylvania native and Northview High School graduate. She currently practices as a General Dentist in Sylvania, with a focus on TMJ disorders and orofacial pain alongside her partner. Rosemary began her service with the Jewish Senior, Family & Social Services (JSFSS) board and now serves as Chair. She has been an active volunteer with the Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC) for four years and leads modified yoga classes. In 2025, she will join the JFGT executive board as Secretary. Rosemary volunteers with dental organizations on both local and national levels. She currently serves as Secretary of the Access to Continuing Care (ATCC) Committee within the American Academy of Orofacial Pain (AAOP). Together with her husband, Ido Rottem, she looks forward to expanding their community involvement and developing new programs.

#### **Shining Light Awards**

Created in 2019 to recognize outstanding community volunteers who find meaning and reward in giving of their time and energy for the greater good of Jewish Federation and Foundation of Greater Toledo (JFGT).



#### Gary Franks

Gary Franks, a retired SSOE engineer, has been a dedicated volunteer with the Wood County Genealogical Society and Toledo Jewish Community Cemetery Association (TJCCA) for over a decade. In 2014, he documented over 3,600 burials in 14 inactive cemeteries and helped recover lost records for Eagle Point Cemetery after a system crash. He recovered more than 170 previously unrecorded Lucas County burials from 1868–1940, delivering updated records and maps to TJCCA in 2015. In 2017, Gary co-founded the Lucas County Cemeteries Historical Association (LCCHA) and serves as its official cartographer. He created over 700 maps covering 67 of Lucas County's 77 cemeteries and reconstructed lost burial records for Forest and Swan Creek Cemeteries, dating as far back as 1825. In 2023, Gary helped research and map Beth Shalom Cemetery in Oregon, Ohio.



#### Jodie Goldstein

Before having children, Jodie Goldstein spent ten years teaching religious school. Later she co-taught the Temple Tots program at Temple Shomer Emunim for several years. A few years ago, her family hosted a ShinShinim (Israeli year-of-service participant) who visited Toledo while spending a service year in Cleveland. Jodie currently serves on the Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo's Book Festival Committee and will join the Board of Trustees at Temple Shomer Emunim this fall. For several years, she and her husband, Marshall, have volunteered together at St. Paul's Community Center on behalf of Temple Shomer Emunim. She concluded her tenure as BBYO City Director in December 2024. Jodie is an Intervention Specialist and the Special Education Department Chair at Larchmont Elementary School. She has served as the school's Claire's Day representative for the past five years and actively supports political action initiatives through the Toledo Federation of Teachers. She is also in the process of becoming a foster for the Ability Center's Assistance Dog Program.

#### Marjorie Siegel Jewish Communal Service Award of Excellence

Established to recognize an outstanding Jewish communal employee or volunteer for their leadership in promoting Jewish values and improving Jewish life.



#### **Laurie Gross**

Laurie Gross, President of Gross Electric and 3rd generation business owner, is celebrating the 115th year of her company, founded in 1910. An MBA graduate of the University of Michigan, she has helmed the company since 1993, working in various positions at the organization for most of her life. She has exhibited leadership on behalf of women in the industry, appointing women to lead both Gross Electric's lighting showroom and electrical supply divisions. Laurie has chaired the board of trustees for The Sight Center of Northwest Ohio, served on the Toledo Jewish Community Foundation Board, and been president of Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo (JFGT). She received the 2023 American Lighting Association (ALA) Women in Lighting Leadership Award and, in early 2025, was named interim President and CEO of the ALA. In June, she was honored as the National Association of Electrical Distributors (NAED) Trailblazer Award Winner.

#### Nancy Newbury Spirit of Jewish Family Service Award

Each year, in its role as the social services and safety net for Toledo's Jewish community, Jewish Senior, Family & Social Services (JSFSS) recognizes a volunteer who embodies the spirit and compassion of the JSFSS mission.



#### **Jerry and Ann Lumbrezer**

For Ann and Jerry Lumbrezer, the abundance from their family farm is a chance to give back. They regularly donate fresh produce from their half-acre garden and fruit trees to the JSFSS Family Food Pantry, helping provide healthful food to community members in need. Jerry has served as a volunteer firefighter and EMT with the Richfield Township Fire Department for 48 years, while Ann, a retired nurse, continues to offer massage therapy. The couple deeply appreciates JSFSS's generosity and feels grateful that Jewish Toledo helps distribute their excess harvest to those who need it most.

#### **Bob Wick Community Service Award**

Established in 1998 to recognize Robert Wick, a great friend and supporter of the Jewish community, the award recognizes businesses, corporations, and companies that provide exemplary support to Jewish Toledo.

#### Guardian Angels Home Health Care, Inc.

Guardian Angels is a local, women & veteran-owned business. For many years, Guardian Angels has supported the Toledo Jewish community by providing professional caregivers in times of need. Guardian Angels works with Jewish Senior, Family & Social Services (JSFSS), taking the time to provide thorough assessments to therefore make appropriate matches between client and caregiver. Time and time again, Guardian Angels has stepped outside of the box to go above and beyond for our community members.



Lami Azizi (L) and Sharee Youssef (R), Guardian Angels founders

#### **Young Volunteer Awards**

Established in 1999, the High School Leadership Award recognizes exceptional high school students from each local synagogue, the local BBYO chapter, and Friendship Circle.

#### Ellery Freed. Friendship Circle

Ellery Freed will begin her sophomore year at Southview High School this fall. She spends her summers at Camp Wise and is actively involved in BBYO and Friendship Circle. In the coming year, she plans to serve as a Sunday School teacher at Temple Shomer Emunim. At school, Ellery plays clarinet in the Southview marching band and is a member of the girls soccer team. She also joined Team Ohio and competed in the 2024 JCC Maccabi Games in Detroit. Ellery is deeply committed to living a meaningful Jewish life as she grows, drawing inspiration from her mother, Hallie Freed, whom she credits for encouraging her strong sense of community involvement.



#### Cayden Greenblatt, Temple Shomer Emunim

Cayden Greenblatt recently graduated from Toledo School for the Arts (TSA), where he majored in acting. This fall, he plans to pursue a degree in education at Eastern Michigan University. At TSA, Cayden served as the Marketing Intern, Portal Intern, and Arts Administration Intern. As the Marketing Intern, Cayden helped evaluate and shift the social media aspect of TSA's marketing and, earlier this year, he and his classmates created a viral video featuring choreography from the *Wicked* movie, which aired during the "Countdown to the Oscars" with Robin Roberts. Cayden has been involved in the Jewish community since birth; from Sunday School to Friendship Circle, Judaism has been a huge part of his life. For the past four years, Cayden has been a teacher at Temple Shomer Emunim's religious school. Cayden started as a participant of Friendship Circle, and for the past two years served on the teen leadership board. A multi-instrumentalist, he also spends his summers at Camp GUCI, this year working on camp as Assistant Maintenance Director and Songleader.



#### Dylan and Harris Merer, Congregation B'nai Israel

Dylan and Harris Merer will begin 11th grade at Perrysburg High School this fall. Both were members of the Perrysburg junior varsity hockey team that brought home the school's first state title in February. They are active participants at Congregation B'nai Israel, where they volunteer with Connecting Kids to Meals and recently celebrated their Confirmations. In middle school, Dylan represented Perrysburg Junior High at the National History Bee and International History Competition. He sees the Torah as a vital part of history and looks forward to deepening his understanding of its teachings. Harris, a skilled violinist, is a member of the Toledo Youth Symphony Orchestra and values being part of Jewish Toledo's close-knit community. The Merer family is also known for their compassion, adopting senior dogs to provide them with a loving and comfortable home in their later years.





Harris Mere

#### Jacob Payne, BBYO

Jacob Payne served as president for Toledo's chapter of BBYO and was recently elected to join the regional board for Ohio Northern Region of BBYO at the Cleveland Regional Convention in April. As Regional Moreh, he can continue his duties on a larger scale, serving as Vice President in Charge of Membership in his Toledo AZA chapter; he is responsible for education of the entire chapter, as well as the Alephs in Training (AIT), spearheading the recruitment of the chapter, and the retention aspect of current members in the chapter. Outside of BBYO, Jacob is active in his school's lacrosse team and student government. He also earned an academic award for maintaining a GPA above 4.0 throughout the school year. His favorite Jewish tradition is lighting the menorah candles, and he appreciates Jewish Toledo for its smaller size, which allows for deeper and more meaningful connections within the community.



#### Julia Rhodes, BBYO

Julia Rhodes volunteers with Friendship Circle, serves on the board of the Toledo BBYO chapter, and attends Sunday School at Temple Shomer Emunim. She loves hosting Passover seders at home with friends and family. Her favorite thing about Jewish Toledo is participating in the EMOJI program and getting to spend each summer with her friends at Camp Wise. She plays soccer for Pacesetter Soccer Club and saxophone in band, and she is looking forward to being a freshman at Southview High School in the fall as well as continuing to volunteer with Friendship Circle and maintaining a leadership role with BBYO.



#### 2024 JFGT Boards and Committees

Mark Greenblatt, President \* David Berland, Vice President \* Tamara Green, Secretary \* Chad Kripke, Treasurer \* Laurie Gross, Immediate Past President of Federation \* Matt Kripke, Chair of the Toledo Jewish Community Foundation \* Ross Chaban, President of Jewish Senior Services \* Mike Tamor, Congregational Committee Representative Marcy Kuehnle, At Large Member Lindsay Folkerth, At Large Member Rosemary Chaban, At Large Member

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Tom Kasle, At Large Member

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\*Denotes members of Executive Committee

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#### **Donald Solomon Supporting Organization**

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#### **Toledo Jewish Community Foundation**

Julie Kalniz **PAST CHAIRS** Matt Kripke, Chair Allie Berns Bruce Klinger Daniel N. Steinberg Gary Delman Chad Kripke Donald L. Solomon, z"l Joel Epstein Jeff Mann Frederick J. Treuhaft Mark D. Greenblatt Rich Rusgo Harley J. Kripke Tom J. Jaffee **Daniel Steinberg** Gordon I. Levine, z"l Mindy Kairis Mark Zyndorf Marvin Kobacker, z"l

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Lisa Shall **Daniel Steinberg** Mark Zyndorf

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#### **Delman Family Supporting Organization**

Andrea Delman Fred Treuhaft Marci Klumb

#### **Outgoing Board Members**

Lindsay Folkerth Laurie Gross

#### **Outgoing Officers**

Mark Greenblatt, President David Berland, Vice President Tamara Green, Secretary Chad Kripke, Treasurer

#### JFGT Staff (as of July 2025)

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Madison McQueen

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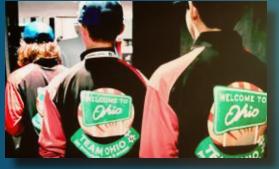
Elizabeth Lane **Executive Director** 

Hannah Kramer Director of Student and Community Engagement

Gan Yeladim Preschool Art Teacher

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