

Special Annual Report Issue

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Year in Review

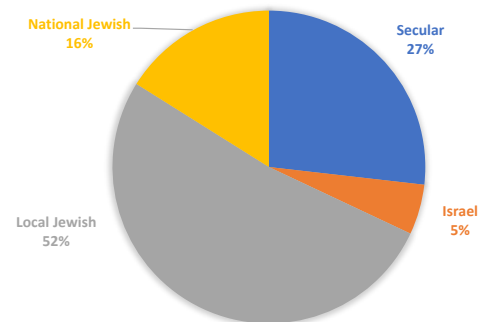
We are pleased to share with you the following **highlights** from **2019-2020** focused on our work supporting local fund holders, partner organizations and legacy donors.

- We awarded more than **450 grants** totaling nearly **\$1.5 million** to local and national, Jewish and secular nonprofits. (See pie chart detail to the right)
- We concluded the year with a new total of **606 LIFE & LEGACY Promises** (after-lifetime commitments) to sustain our vital Jewish organizations in the local community.
- We **worked closely with fund holders**, assisting with contributions and processing of grants and administered restricted programs including the annual college Book Awards and an Israel travel scholarship.
- We enhanced relationships with our financial institutions, securing an outside **professional investment manager** and relationship manager at Vanguard.
- We were upgraded to **Silver Participant** status by GuideStar Exchange, a key indicator of transparency and accountability in the nonprofit community.
- **Rabbi Julie Roth** (Center for Jewish Life, Princeton University) led a teaching session on Judaism and philanthropy at our LIFE & LEGACY Year 5 Celebration.
- We launched a new **website** (www.foundationjewish.org) and **FaceBook page**, increasing visibility for prospective fund holders. Like/Follow/Share JCFGM on Facebook!
- We hosted a brunch and private tour of the **Notorious RBG/Ruth Bader Ginsburg** exhibition at National Museum of American Jewish History in Philadelphia.
- We gave all legacy donors the gift of **My Legacy Story**, a booklet to collect family history and personal details to share with your children and grandchildren.

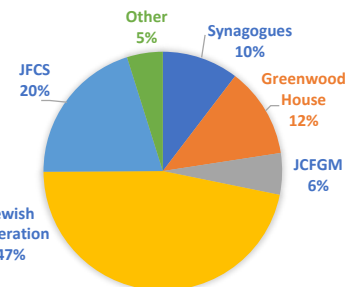
A Closer Look: Distribution of Grants

The Jewish Community Foundation manages 121 funds including Donor Advised Funds and Restricted Funds (as well as Custodial, or Organizational, Funds). Fund holders have the opportunity to recommend grants to any registered nonprofit organization in the US. These pie charts provide an overview of the grant recipients receiving disbursements in 2019-2020. **If you don't already have a fund and want to open one at JCFGM this year, please contact us at 609-524-9914. We can get you started!**

FY20 TOTAL GRANT DISTRIBUTION



FY20 GRANTS TO LOCAL JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS*



* FY20 Grants to Local Jewish Organizations totaled \$740,500

Installation of New Board of Trustees

At our Annual Meeting in June, the following Board slate was approved, and we're pleased to welcome a new President and Treasurer and three new Trustees. Thank you to outgoing Trustees, Morton Cohen, Florence Kahn and Lisa Smukler, for their years of service. Congratulations to Cohen and Kahn who now become Emeritus Trustees.

Curtis (Chip) Loeb, President
 Martin Schwartz, VP Investment
 Joanne Snow, VP Development
 Miki Krakauer, VP at Large
 Joyce Kalstein, Treasurer
 Joshua Waldorf, Secretary
 Scott Schaefer, Immediate Past President

Daniel F. Brent
 Howard Cohen
 Susan Falcon
 Michael Feldstein
 Harvey Fram
 Donald Leibowitz
 Michael Manning

Jeffrey Miller
 Jerry Neumann
 James Schragger
 Alex Simanovsky
 Marc Wisotsky
 Brenda Zlatin

L'Dor V'Dor Charitable Giving from Generation to Generation

After the sudden passing of Rabbi James S. Diamond, his family wanted to do something meaningful in his memory. Judy Diamond recalled learning that one doesn't have to be wealthy to open a donor advised fund. She previously managed a fund in memory of her parents at the Jewish Foundation of Manitoba. By creating a fund in Jim's memory at the Jewish Community Foundation of Greater Mercer, Judy set out to achieve three goals: provide grants to organizations with which Jim identified, encourage friends to contribute, and create a philanthropic tradition that will span the generations.

Judy established the Rabbi James S. Diamond Memorial Fund with her children. In the years since the fund was established, Jim's family and friends have marked special occasions by making contributions to add to the fund. This spring, with the onslaught of the Coronavirus pandemic, Judy challenged her grandchildren to identify nonprofits in need. They took the assignment seriously and recommended three organizations to receive grants.

One set of grandkids recognized that months of quarantine have led to a sharp uptick in reports of domestic violence. They researched organizations in their area and recommended a grant to My Sister's Place in Washington, DC, which shelters, supports and empowers survivors of domestic violence.

Other grandkids chose to support Pantry Packers, a program of Tzedakah Central/Colel Chabad, which delivers crates of food and necessities to the neediest households in Israel. The family had celebrated a Bar Mitzvah by serving as Pantry Packers four years ago. Now, their donation will feed hungry families touched by the pandemic.

A third grant was suggested by grandson Eli who joined his grandfather Jim years ago while delivering Kosher Meals on Wheels. That experience made an impression, and he recommended a grant to Greenwood House in support of life-sustaining meals for homebound seniors.

Judy Diamond could not be prouder of her grandchildren. As granddaughter Rebecca said, "It's a privilege that we have a fund set up to make donations. If you have the ability to give back, you should - now, more than ever."



Pictured: Rabbi Jim and Judy Diamond with their kids and grandkids on a 50th anniversary trip to Israel in 2010

To learn more about opening a Donor Advised Fund at the Jewish Community Foundation, please contact us at 609-524-9914 or send an email to info@foundationjewish.org. You can also visit www.foundationjewish.org.