

## GET TO KNOW THE FOUNDATION... BY THE NUMBERS!

- In 2018-2019, our Foundation disbursed more than **\$1.5 million** from funds, providing **453 grants** to nonprofits locally and around the country.
- **\$555,000** went directly to area **synagogues and agencies**, including JFCS, Greenwood House, Federation and Abrams Hebrew Academy.
- Our investments continue to be sound and competitive, earning an **interest rate of 9.60%** (January-August 2019).
- Through LIFE & LEGACY, our partners have secured **588 Promises** (or legacy commitments) to date, totaling an estimated **\$32 million** in future gifts to our Jewish community.

*To learn more about giving options through a fund at the Jewish Community Foundation, or how to participate in LIFE & LEGACY, contact Amy at 609-219-0555 or [info@foundationjewish.org](mailto:info@foundationjewish.org)*

## KEEP IN TOUCH!



Have you moved residences recently, or changed your primary home address or email address? Please let us know! We want to be sure you are receiving Foundation invitations to cultural and social opportunities as well as fund holder quarterly statements, holiday greetings and more. Contact us at [info@foundationjewish.org](mailto:info@foundationjewish.org) or at 609-219-0555 with any address, phone or email changes. Thank you!

## JOIN US! LIFE & LEGACY 5th Annual Celebration

### Date

Sunday, November 10

### Time

3:00 - 5:00 pm

### Location

The Jewish Center  
435 Nassau Street, Princeton

### Speaker

Rabbi Julie Roth  
Center for Jewish Life  
Princeton University

### Topic

How Jewish Values Impact  
Our Philanthropy

### RSVP

By November 4 to  
[rsvp@foundationjewish.org](mailto:rsvp@foundationjewish.org)

### Who should come?

All legacy donors and stakeholders invested in a secure future for Jewish life in the Greater Mercer area... in other words, YOU!

LIFE &  
LEGACY  
Assuring JEWISH TOMORROWS

A program of the HAROLD GRINSPOON FOUNDATION



Space still available! Brunch and private tour of ***Notorious RBG: The Life and Times of Ruth Bader Ginsburg***

Sunday, November 24, 11am-1pm  
Nat'l Museum of American Jewish History,  
Philadelphia

Complimentary museum admission and  
private tour, \$18 brunch fee

Register (with names and email addresses of  
all participants) at [rsvp@foundationjewish.org](mailto:rsvp@foundationjewish.org)

Don't wait... register today!

## COMING SOON!

The launch of our new website with more resources for individuals, families and organizations to grow assets, learn about giving options, and sustain our vital local Jewish institutions.

## TRUSTEE SPOTLIGHT

Lifelong Princeton native (and new Foundation Trustee) Michael Feldstein recently admitted that he wished he listened to a friend many years ago. That friend (who happens to be our own Foundation Trustee, Jerry Neumann) advised him to open a Donor Advised Fund at the Jewish Community Foundation. Michael did not immediately act on that piece of advice, but he vividly recalls the conversation and wishes that he acted sooner.

When asked why he and wife Lori eventually opened their Donor Advised Fund, Michael explains all the reasons - both practical and personal. First and foremost, it's a cost-effective way to make charitable donations, and it provides great tax benefits. It's also easy (especially when using one's online account, which also serves as a database for tracking all your giving.) Finally, it's fiscally useful. In other words, your money keeps growing.

On a personal level, Michael and Lori value using a Donor Advised Fund because when they recommend grants to a variety of causes - from a university to a medical research organization to a social service agency - those donations show up as "Jewish dollars." The grants are disbursed as checks from the Jewish Community Foundation of Greater Mercer, reinforcing the Jewish people's commitment to charity (Tzedakah) and repairing the work (Tikkun Olam). It simply reflects positively on our Jewish heritage and culture.

The Donor Advised Fund also provides Michael and Lori with an opportunity to talk with their three kids about the importance of philanthropy. As they actively use the Fund to make grants to causes that resonate with them, Michael and Lori are serving as role models for their children. They are also leaving their kids with a blueprint - a guide for the types of organizations to support that reinforce the family's values and priorities. In short, the Donor Advised Fund is a vehicle for Michael and Lori to leave a Jewish legacy.