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## **Charlene Seidle Honored with 2013 J.J. Greenberg Memorial Award**

**San Diego – March 18, 2013** – The Jewish Community Foundation and Leichtag Foundation are pleased to congratulate Charlene Seidle as the 2013 recipient of the J.J. Greenberg Memorial Award. Charlene, Senior Vice President of the Jewish Community Foundation and Executive Director and Vice President of the Leichtag Foundation, accepted the award at the Jewish Funders Network International Conference in Los Angeles on Sunday, March 17. Charlene is the eighth recipient of the J.J. Greenberg Memorial Award and serves on the board of the Jewish Funders Network.

As Senior Vice President of the Jewish Community Foundation, Charlene works with families and private foundations to develop philanthropic strategies and turn their visions for impact into action. She also oversees grant making and donor engagement programs. Marjory Kaplan, Foundation President and Chief Executive Officer and the Miriam and Jerome Katzin Presidential Chair observed, "Charlene blesses us all with her kindness, vast knowledge, and ability to connect funders with opportunities to strengthen communities in San Diego, Israel and around the world. She is truly our trusted voice for philanthropy."

In her role at the Leichtag Foundation, Charlene oversees philanthropic strategies, operations and opportunities, building strong partnerships with organizations in San Diego's North County and Jerusalem. Dedicated to supporting renewal and addressing social and economic gaps in Jerusalem, Charlene cultivates programs that promote quality of life and workforce development. According to Jim Farley, President and CEO of the Leichtag Foundation, "Charlene's creative vision, leadership, and intense commitment to justice are gifts to our local and global communities. She has been the principal designer and architect of our strategic initiatives in Jerusalem that serve to uniquely honor the Leichtag legacy. In every way she has brought importance to, and respect for, our work."

The J.J. Greenberg Memorial Award was established in 2002 to honor foundation professionals age 40 and under who have demonstrated extraordinary leadership in the field of Jewish philanthropy. Created and endowed as a memorial to Jonathan Joseph Greenberg, who served as executive director of the Steinhardt Foundation/Jewish Life Network (JLN) from its inception in 1995, this award recognizes one individual annually who has exemplified the highest of Jewish values and the relentless pursuit of excellence in all aspects of life.

### ***About the Jewish Community Foundation***

*The Jewish Community Foundation partners with individuals, families and community organizations to help them achieve their philanthropic goals. During fiscal year 2011-12, the Foundation awarded and*

*facilitated \$87 million in 5,000 grants to more than 1,300 Jewish and general organizations in San Diego, Israel and around the world. Visit the Jewish Community Foundation at [www.jcfsandiego.org](http://www.jcfsandiego.org) or call 858-279-2740.*

**About the Leichtag Foundation**

*Max "Lee" Leichtag and his wife, Andre "Toni" Leichtag, founded the Leichtag Family Foundation in 1991. From the Foundation's inception in 1991 through March 2013, Leichtag Family Foundation and Leichtag Family Trust grants total more than \$77 million to projects and programs in North County, San Diego, Jerusalem, and around the world. Visit the Leichtag Foundation at [www.leichtag.org](http://www.leichtag.org) or call 760-929-1090.*

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