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Jewish Community Foundation Welcomes New Board Members

The Jewish Community Foundation of San Diego recently announced the appointments of Elaine Chortek and Joseph Cohen to the Board of Directors and of Sheila Potiker as Foundation Chair. All assumed their positions on July 1, 2006.

"Sheila's experience as a community volunteer and businesswoman will be very beneficial to the Foundation," noted Edgar Berner, Immediate Past Chair. "We are poised to grow and expand in many different areas over the next two years, and I know the Foundation will be in good hands as we help strengthen the community and take the organization to the next level of service."

Residing in Fairbanks Ranch, Chortek is an active leader in the Jewish community and currently chairs the Lion of Judah Endowments program for the Women's Division of United Jewish Federation. She is also the Development Chair and a Board Member of the Agency for Jewish Education as well as a member of the American Technion Society Board.

Cohen is currently a trustee for the Reuben H. Fleet Science Center and a volunteer for the Orcas Island Community Foundation. He serves on the Board of Directors for San Diego American Technion Society and has worked with the Jewish Community Foundation for the past three years on the Endowment Leadership Institute Committee.

When questioned why he has taken on volunteer roles and leadership assignments, Cohen stated, "I enjoy working in organizations where there is leverage potential in using knowledge and wisdom that I am able to contribute- particularly in the areas of philanthropic planning by donors."

Chortek noted that it is "important to work for a strong, vibrant and cohesive Jewish community. Not just for today but for the future and to set an example for our children and theirs that with privilege comes responsibility."

[caption: Sheila Potiker, Chair of Jewish Community Foundation]

For more information, please contact the Jewish Community Foundation at 858.279.2740 or www.jcfsandiego.org.

About the Jewish Community Foundation

Since 1967, the Jewish Community Foundation has been at the forefront of charitable giving in San Diego. The Foundation has partnered with individuals, families and community organizations to help them achieve their philanthropic goals and to increase current and future support for a vibrant and secure Jewish community in San Diego, Israel and around the world. During fiscal year 200/2006, the Jewish Community Foundation distributed almost \$53 million in 3,900 separate grants to more than 700 different charitable organizations.

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