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Major Gift Establishes the Miriam and Jerome Katzin Presidential Chair At the Jewish Community Foundation of San Diego

The Jewish Community Foundation of San Diego announces the establishment of the Miriam and Jerome Katzin Presidential Chair, a gift that will support and name in perpetuity the president and chief executive officer's position at the Foundation.

"The Foundation is proud and honored to accept this historic gift," said Murray Galinson, chair of the Foundation. "The Katzins inspire us all through their generosity and commitment to the community."

Miriam and Jerome Katzin have had a donor advised fund at the Foundation for many years. Mr. Katzin is a past Foundation board member, serving as board chair from 1988 to 1990 and currently serves on the Foundation's investment committee.

"Miriam and I are proud that Marjory Kaplan will hold the Miriam and Jerome Katzin Presidential Chair," said Mr. Katzin, a trusted advisor of the Foundation and a former investment banker and lawyer. "Her leadership has transformed the Foundation and the community."

The Katzins are significant contributors to major San Diego Jewish organizations including Congregation Beth El, Jewish Family Service of San Diego, Seacrest Village Retirement Communities and United Jewish Federation of San Diego County. Globally, the Katzins support the Jewish Theological Seminary and the Schechter Institute of Jewish Studies in Jerusalem.

The Katzins are also longtime supporters of the University of California, San Diego, where they named a chair in the Judaic Studies program. They provided major funding to UCSD's Moores Cancer Center, where the Katzin Research Laboratories recognizes their generosity. Mr. Katzin has also served as a trustee of the San Diego Foundation since 1993. The San Diego Association of Fundraising Professionals honored the Katzins in 2007 as Philanthropists of the Year.

"We are so pleased to be able to strengthen the philanthropic work of the Jewish Community Foundation," said Miriam Katzin, a former teacher and community volunteer.

The Miriam and Jerome Katzin Presidential Chair is the only named executive position in San Diego's Jewish community.

“My greatest hope is that this gift will encourage other philanthropists in the community to name a chair at a Jewish organization or synagogue,” said Marjory Kaplan, president and chief executive officer of the Foundation.

Marjory Kaplan has served as the Foundation’s President and CEO for 15 years, building the organization from \$15 million in assets to \$208 million. During her tenure, annual grants awarded have grown from \$2 million to \$63 million, topping the list as the most generous grant maker and the second largest foundation in the region.

About the Jewish Community Foundation of San Diego:

Since 1967, the Jewish Community 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. Visit the Jewish Community Foundation at www.jcfsandiego.org or call 858-279-2740.

Note to editors: A high-resolution image is available. Please contact Jamie Zander, marketing and donor services officer, at jamie@jcfsandiego.org.



Left to right, Marjory Kaplan, president and chief executive officer of the Foundation; Murray Galinson, chair of Foundation; Miriam and Jerome Katzin.