

Jewish Women's Foundation Annual Meeting



More than 70 women gathered recently at the beautiful La Jolla home of JWF Board member **Barbara Bry** for the [Jewish Women's Foundation annual meeting and luncheon](#). JWF Chair **Elaine Galinson** reported on a strong year that included:

- Membership reaching nearly 100 including the renewals of the first 16 founding members and 12 new members this year.
- Critical support to some of the most vulnerable families in the community through Project SARAH and Supporting Jewish Single Parents, both programs at Jewish Family Service.



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- Special projects to make a difference in the community through the Hands-On Committee.
- A comprehensive needs assessment to explore the issues, promote community awareness and help develop potential new granting opportunities for Jewish teen and pre-teen girls in the San Diego community.
- Progress toward many of the goals set forth in the JWF strategic plan adopted last year, which continues to function as the JWF's road map.

Kathi Diamant, SDSU adjunct professor and television personality, was the guest speaker and gave a compelling presentation on the lost writings of literary genius, Franz Kafka.



**Lynn Pechet-Bruser
Hilary Isakow
Sheryl Rowling**

**Karen Helrich
Craig Lambert
Emma Tuttleman**

Thank you so much to our newest members for joining!

If you or anyone you know is interested in becoming a member, or for more information, please email **Barbara Marcus** at barbara@jcfsandiego.org or [click here](#).

Welcome New Members!

JWF Conducts Teen Research

In early 2009, the Jewish Women's Foundation in conjunction with the Jewish Community Foundation of San Diego, convened a series of focus groups with rabbis, educators and community leaders to identify critical needs among Jewish women and girls in the community. While many opportunities and challenges were identified, the needs of teenage young women were identified as the highest priority of almost everyone who participated in these conversations.

To take action and assess the teen needs in greater detail, a subcommittee was formed including JWF members and others in the community with significant experience in the field to oversee the research.



The committee conducted one-on-one interviews and focus groups with teen girls, facilitated discussions with a Teen Advisory Council, attended local workshops and events designed for teen girls, engaged in discussions with professionals who work with teens, and conducted an on-line survey with Jewish leaders, educators, and administrators who work with teens in the San Diego Jewish Community.

The research has concluded and the [Jewish Women's Foundation](#) is now committed to raising community awareness of these important issues. A comprehensive public awareness campaign will follow the request for proposal and awarding of grants to organizations by fall 2010.

Thank You JWF Chair Elaine Galinson and Welcome Jennifer Levitt

Elaine Galinson has led our organization for the last two years, guiding us in an winning combination of growth, depth and impact. We've added new members while retaining our founders; engaged members of all ages and backgrounds; and truly improved the lives of women and girls in our community and beyond. Thank you Elaine for all your hard work and efforts.

Jennifer Levitt assumed the role of Jewish Women's Foundation Chair on July 1st after being an active member since December 2005. Previously, Jennifer has served on the JWF Board and Grants Committee, and chaired the Teen Empowerment Initiative. Stay tuned for the announcement of Jennifer's installation event in the fall of 2010.

