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Stay tuned for a list of upcoming educational opportunities in our next issue.

Partnering with the Community

Foundation Awards 2003 Community Grants

The Jewish Community Foundation awards annual Community Grants to superb programs that reflect the diversity and vibrancy of Jewish San Diego. The following programs received a total of \$285,640 this year from the Foundation.



San Diego's Jewish community provides opportunities and innovative programming for all ages and backgrounds.

- **Agency for Jewish Education**
Back to School Workshops for Educators, Coaching for New Teachers, Hebrew Teachers Workshops, Pathways to Judaism for Unaffiliated and Interfaith Families
- **Hillel of San Diego**
College Student Internships in the Jewish Community
- **Jewish Cultural and Services Center**
Senior Wheels
- **Jewish Family Service**
Foodmobile, Jewish Healing Center for the Terminally Ill and Caregivers, Mood Disorder Treatment Programs, North County Inland Senior Center, Project SARAH for Victims of Domestic Abuse, Senior Transportation, Substance Abuse Recovery Programs
- **Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center**
Astor Judaica Library, Camp Jaycee Judaic Specialists, Inclusion for Children with Physical and Developmental Disabilities, Jewish and Single in San Diego, Maccabi Games Scholarships, Shalom Baby for Outreach to New Parents
- **San Diego Wexner Leadership Development Program**
- **Seacrest Village Retirement Communities**
Senior Fitness
- **United Jewish Federation Summer Residential Camp Scholarships**

In addition to the Community Grants, the **Jewish Community Foundation distributed more than \$4.5 million to the local Jewish community** through the more than 300 families who rely on the Foundation to facilitate their giving. The programs listed are representative of the many opportunities that exist in Jewish San Diego to change people's lives through *tzedakah*. For ways you can help the local Jewish community, please call the Foundation at 858-279-2740.

Legacies Plant Seeds for Community

"I did not find the world desolate when I entered it. And as my parents planted for me before I was born, so do I plant for those who will come after me." –Talmud

At the Jewish Community Foundation, each day brings with it a certain magic. Over lunch and coffee, at the office or at homes, scores of community members work with us to make the world a better place for future generations. The legacies they create ensure vibrant Jewish life in San Diego now and for many years to come.

Mort Vogelson, an active member of the Jewish War Veterans of San Diego, taught religion for many years at a residential treatment center for emotionally disturbed children at the Edenwold Center in Pleasantville, New York. Although he was a teacher and administrator in the New York City Schools, Mort said he received the most gratification teaching Judaism to these children, many of whom could not afford this education. Mort passed away in February of 2003, but his memory will live on through his endowment funds for **Jewish day school education**.



Mort Vogelson

Sara (name changed) is a mother of young children in her late thirties who was deeply affected by a first-time visit to Israel eight years ago. Participating in a Federation mission, she was touched by her instant connection with the Israeli people and especially by the social service projects she visited that were funded in partnership with Diaspora Jews. The endowment she established will enable **San Diego teens to travel to Israel** on organized peer group trips and support **Ethiopian immigrants at an educational advancement center** in the low-income community of Kiryat Malachi.

These are just two stories of seemingly "ordinary" individuals impacting the community and the future in an extraordinary manner. The power to carry out the traditions of *tzedakah* and *dor l'dor* exist for us all. For more information, please call the Foundation.

Strategies for Giving: Bequests

The tradition of one generation caring for the next starts within the family and extends to the community at large. A bequest in your will is an uncomplicated way to leave a lasting legacy to the Jewish community. It can be specific sum, a percentage of your estate, or the remainder of your estate after expenses and gifts to loved ones. Bequests can include cash, securities, real estate, houses, and personal property. Your bequest to any Jewish organization or synagogue also makes you eligible to sign the **Book of Life**.



Save the Date: Sunday, December 7, 2003
Book of Life Signing
Congregation Beth Israel

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Generations of Givers

The Foundation recently sponsored a program entitled **Inspiring Philanthropy Through the Generations**. Featured presenters included **Joan Jacobs, Gary Jacobs, Laura Galinson** and **Murray Galinson**. While the two families have two very different ways of giving, one thread of similarity was clear: the Jewish values that have been passed from generation to generation.

In order to facilitate this transfer of values within your own family, here are a few discussion questions:

What is our family history and how has tzedakah played a role?

It's a long way from the shtetl to Southern California. How and why did your family make that journey? What is each family member's earliest memory of tzedakah?

What are our hopes for the world, nation and community...20, 30, 50 years from now?

Ask your family to imagine their ideal community. Discuss what you can do now to support programs you care about – both in the Jewish and wider communities.

Do we volunteer our time with particular organizations or causes?

Do you want to choose a project that you can all work on together? Volunteering can be a way to clarify what's really important to you and your family.

Families who hold these discussions often find that their philanthropy becomes more thoughtful and proactive. In addition, the discussion allows younger generations to interact with your charitable values – and learn and grow in their own giving. The Foundation can be your resource in family philanthropy. Please call us for more ideas.

Mission: *To promote philanthropy through meaningful partnerships with donors and community organizations in achieving charitable goals; to increase current and future support for a vibrant and secure Jewish community in San Diego, Israel and around the world.*