



# Philanthropy NewsQuarterly

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## Improve the Lives of Seniors and Double Your Impact

What would you do if you were isolated, unable to get to the doctor, the grocery store or Jewish community activities? Many seniors face this situation every day due to lack of transportation.

You can help. Join the Jewish community in launching **On the Go**, a senior transportation initiative sponsored by the **Jewish Senior Services Council** and operated by **Jewish Family Service of San Diego**. Senior transportation is the top priority identified in the **United Jewish Federation's** Jewish Community Strategic Plan.

Act by May 31st to address this important community need, and your donation will be matched dollar for dollar. To make a donation or for more information about **On the Go**, contact the Foundation at 858-279-2740.

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## Foundation Connects Donors



  
**Philanthropy  
Connections**

*Ness Tiano and Claire  
Ellman joined 25  
Foundation donors  
at Philanthropy  
Connections' first  
educational event.*

Convene, connect, collaborate – these are the three C's of the Foundation's newest program, Philanthropy Connections, an educational initiative providing donors with opportunities to learn about important community needs and savvy philanthropy strategies in person and online.

The first component of Philanthropy Connections, Third Thursdays, launched on March 20th with a high-level briefing on the top needs of San Diego seniors.

"If you want to make an impact in the community, Philanthropy Connections can help with opportunities to learn and network with like-minded funders," said Jan Tuttleman, Philanthropy Connections chair.

Upcoming topics include:

- *Passover Tables Turned: Stories of Giving from the Next Generation*
- *Ten Ways You Can Help Israel*
- *Small Grants, Big Impact*

In the coming months, the Foundation will introduce a Philanthropy Connections resource section of the Foundation's Web site with interactive opportunities for giving and education.

*For more information about Philanthropy Connections or to receive the monthly e-newsletter, please call Jaclyn Adler at 858-279-2740 or e-mail [jaclyn@jcfsandiego.org](mailto:jaclyn@jcfsandiego.org).*

## Jewish Women's Foundation Convened Experts in Women's Health



In February, the Jewish Women's Foundation's health event at the Salk Institute for Biological Studies in La Jolla featured eight of San Diego's premier physicians and researchers. The day raised awareness about important health issues for Jewish women and girls. Left to right: Debra Rappaport-Rosen; Monica Handler Penner; Marjory Kaplan, CEO; Betty Byrnes, chair, To Your Health; Marcia Hazan, chair, Jewish Women's Foundation; and Phyllis Epstein.

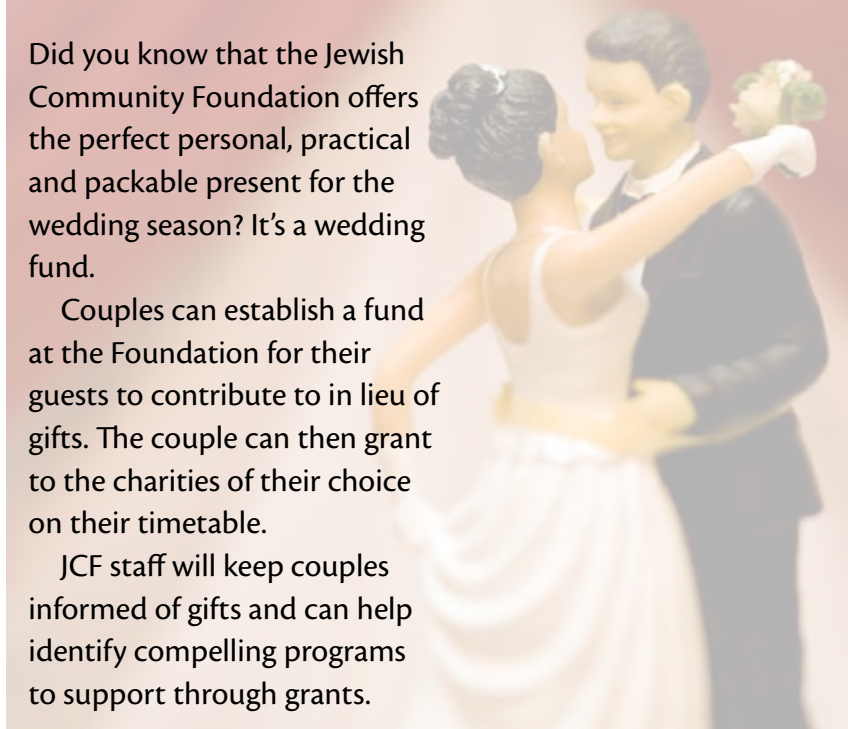
### giving ideas

## Perfect Wedding Presents

Did you know that the Jewish Community Foundation offers the perfect personal, practical and packable present for the wedding season? It's a wedding fund.

Couples can establish a fund at the Foundation for their guests to contribute to in lieu of gifts. The couple can then grant to the charities of their choice on their timetable.

JCF staff will keep couples informed of gifts and can help identify compelling programs to support through grants.



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### Welcome New Funds

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#### Community Funds

Congregation Dor Hadash  
La Jolla Music Society  
San Diego Community Mikvah

### Staff Additions

**Sarah Goldman**, a senior at UCSD, is the new intern for Youth Philanthropy. Sarah brings a youthful perspective and experience in communications.

**Sharleen Wollach** is the new fund development officer for **ChaiSouthAfrica**, administered by the Foundation. ChaiSouthAfrica raises funds from around the world to support vulnerable populations in Southern Africa.

## GLI: Initiative to Strengthen Governance

Building on the remarkable success of the Endowment Leadership Institute, the Foundation will inaugurate a two-year initiative on May 15 to build stronger governance practices by Jewish organizations and synagogues.

“By applying the same positive and collaborative energy to governance, the Governance Leadership Institute (GLI) will inspire confidence in the future, promoting greater philanthropy and endowments,” said Jane Scher, chair of the GLI committee.

Each participating organization will determine the areas of governance it will focus on:

- Providing proper financial oversight
- Ensuring adequate resources
- Improving transparency and accountability
- Ensuring effective strategic planning
- Assuring board succession and assessing board performance
- Building effective partnerships between board and staff

“The participating organizations and the Foundation are eager to share best practices and build from strength to strength,” said Gail Littman, director of endowments.



## Frances Gotkowitz Endowment Honors an Acute Mind and Generous Spirit

Frances Gotkowitz changed the course of many lives during her 45 years.

Frances died in September 2003, but her dedication to improving the lives of young people endures through the **Frances Gotkowitz Endowment for Youth Philanthropy**,

recently established in her honor by her mother, Helen Gotkowitz.

“This wonderful gift is so meaningful because of Frances’ strong connection with youth and her commitment to giving,” said Marjory Kaplan, CEO. “Frances’ experience in education

set the course for the JCF’s Youth Philanthropy program.”

Ten years ago, Frances worked with JCF staff to evaluate the first-ever Community Youth Foundation. Frances conducted interviews with

teen participants to assess the program’s impact. Since then, more than 220 teens have participated in the Foundation’s

Youth Philanthropy programs.

A talented and creative teacher, Frances tutored *B’nai Mitzvah* and other students in Hebrew, taking a special interest in students with learning disabilities. She imbued confidence and self-assurance through her affirming teaching methods.

In her later years, Frances revived long-deferred plans to enter graduate school. In 2001, she was awarded a San Diego Fellowship to join UCSD’s Ph.D. program in Comparative Literature. She was deeply engaged in her studies, and had the unique ability to make every experience, positive or otherwise, a learning experience for others. May her memory be a blessing.

*Frances’ good deeds will continue to be an inspiration to all whom she encountered.*



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Tikkun Olam Camp  
for Jewish Teens This Summer

- Give away thousands of dollars to the community
- Visit and evaluate nonprofits
- Prepare packages in a food pantry to feed the hungry
- Clean up local beaches
- Brighten the day of seniors

*This is what Tikkun Olam Camp is all about – repairing the world!*

Tikkun Olam Camp encourages students to become philanthropists by empowering them with skills to donate effectively and be active through volunteering.

*"The best part of the program was seeing people impacted first-hand, and the potential that our money could have to improve their lives."*

Last year's campers gave the program high marks and especially enjoyed the hands-on nature of the activities. Through volunteer projects and site visits the students met nonprofit staff members and clients who were being served.

Tikkun Olam Camp is open to all students who will be in high school next fall. Registration is now open but space is limited, so apply soon. For more information about Tikkun Olam Camp and to apply, please visit [www.jcfsandiego.org/tikkuncamp.htm](http://www.jcfsandiego.org/tikkuncamp.htm) or e-mail [youthphilanthropy@jcfsandiego.org](mailto:youthphilanthropy@jcfsandiego.org).

## TIKKUN OLAM CAMP DATES

June 23-27 9th &amp; 10th graders

August 11-15 11th &amp; 12th graders



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*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 and general community in San Diego, Israel and around the world.*