

## Jewish Youth Funders Conference

From March 31st to April 3rd, seven Community Youth Foundation alumni attended the first-ever Jewish youth philanthropy conference in Denver, Colorado. Bringing together 100 students from across the United States, the conference schedule included in-depth workshops, training sessions and discussions about philanthropy along with fun activities and entertainment for the teens.

The conference was held simultaneously with the Jewish Funders Network meeting which gathers hundreds of philanthropists each year.

### Student Attendees

Max Einhorn

Amanda Haworth

Ariella Laiken

Tammy Sacks

Aaron Smargon

Aaron Voit

Carli Wittgrove

*"This conference helped me to define my Jewish identity."*

AARON SMARGON

## Community Youth Foundation Grants Funds to the Community



In lieu of skiing, video games, and even the Superbowl, a group of San Diego students recently chose to give up part of their weekends and school vacations to apply the lessons of *tzedakah*. These students, representing all denominations and geographic areas of San Diego, participated in the Community Youth Foundation, a program of the Jewish Community Foundation designed to provide 13 to 15 year-olds with the resources they need to be effective, meaningful givers.

The 24 teenagers, together with nine Hillel students who served as role models and mentors, studied Judaic texts related to giving and



*"I loved learning about how charities work and how to give money wisely."*

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learned about the Jewish values of *tzedakah*, *tikkun olam* and *g'milut chasadim*. They participated in interactive exercises to identify charitable priorities and visited and evaluated local non-profits in both the Jewish and general communities.

The program culminated in a final deliberation session in which the students presented their findings and then negotiated openly and honestly to make final funding decisions.



*"I learned how nonprofit organizations make a difference and how important it is for teenagers to be educated about giving to the community."*

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## Ruth Raskin: An Inspiring Legacy

Ruth Raskin spent her life making the world a more beautiful place for others. For 24 years, she owned and operated a design studio, selling design furnishings, accessories and antiques that she sought out on trips all over the world. And throughout



Ruth Raskin

her life, she helped those in need enhance their lives with a little beauty. In the early 1990s, Ruth attended auctions and purchased furnishings for Soviet Jews starting new lives in her native Omaha. She used the same passion and incredible eye that she did when purchasing items for her own store.

Ruth also established a fund in Omaha to nurture special talents, providing recipients with a chance to think beyond the needs of subsistence and to reach for beauty through music lessons, art classes or a beautiful prom dress.

Moving to San Diego in 1997, Ruth quickly became involved in the community. She often let her own suffering inform her generosity. While she suffered

from chronic, cascading medical conditions, her health troubles were a motivation for funding lectures to UCSD medical students on the patient/doctor relationship. Her legacy to the JCF's Community Endowment Fund will provide vital seed money for new and innovative programs and support proven programs of excellence. In addition, in their mother's memory, Ruth's daughters, **Andrea Booth** and **Betsy Gullickson**, established a fund to support needs of the elderly served by **Jewish Family Service**.

Ruth Raskin lived her life by the principles of *tzedakah* (justice) and *g'milut chasadim* (acts of loving kindness). Through her enduring generosity and compassion, her name will forever be a blessing.

## JCF Thanks Volunteers

On Saturday, March 18th, the JCF welcomed Board and Committee members, the Estate and Tax Planning Council, Leadership Council and other friends to *An Evening at the Symphony* at Copley Symphony Hall. The event was a special thank you for the continued involvement and efforts of the JCF's volunteers. It was also a celebration of the relationship between the JCF and the San Diego Symphony. **Murray Galinson** and **Marjory Kaplan** represent the Jewish Community Foundation on the San Diego Symphony Foundation Board, and the Symphony Foundation holds a substantial part of its endowment at the JCF.

After the concert, more than 100 guests attended a dessert reception where they were welcomed by **Joan** and **Irwin Jacobs** and Music Director and Conductor **Jahja Ling**. The JCF extends sincere appreciation for underwriting support to law firm **DLA Piper Rudnick Gray Cary** and partner **Ellen Whelan**, Chair of the JCF's Estate and Tax Planning Council.

## Thoughts on Tzedakah

**Dr. Andrew Viterbi**, Past President of the Jewish Community Foundation and Founder of the Viterbi Family Foundation, was recently interviewed by *Lifestyles Magazine* about his business achievements and philanthropic pursuits. Below are two excerpts from the article on why Viterbi gives back to the community.

*"I love this country; it accepted my family when we were in dire straits and life-threatening situations. It gave us wonderful opportunities that I don't think any other country would have. Because of this, we practice tikkun olam, the repair of the world."*

*"The importance of education is an imperative, at every level and all over the world. For example, we help bring underprivileged kids from the development towns and the disadvantaged areas of the major cities in Israel into the Technion for a preparatory course so they are prepared for university and can finish their university studies before they go into the army."*

Viterbi also mentioned his oldest grandson **Aaron Smargon's** involvement in the **Viterbi Family Foundation** as an example of *dor l'dor*, passing the values of giving from one generation to the next. For a copy of the complete *Lifestyles* article, please call the JCF.

## Women & Money Builds Knowledge



The JCF and Jewish Women's Foundation's recent two-part series **Women & Money**, attracted more than 120 women from all stages of life. The first session, *Taking Charge of Your Financial Future*, featured **Sheryl Rowling, CPA, PFS** and **Roberta Robinson, Esq.** who used one woman's life as a case study of various financial milestones.

Part Two presented **Stephen Goldbart, Ph.D.** and **Joan DiFuria, MFCC** of the San Francisco-based Money, Meaning and Choices Institute speaking about the values and beliefs that guide money decisions.

Plans are underway to make **Women & Money** an annual event. Special thanks to **Laurayne Ratner**, Committee Chair; lead underwriter **First American Trust (Carol Powers**, Senior Vice President); and underwriters **Dan and Emily Einhorn; Grice, Lund and Tarkington** and **Wurts and Associates**.



Laurayne Ratner, **Women & Money** Chair, and Betty Byrnes, JWF Chair



Claire Ellman and Stacy Mann Smith

## JCF News

### Growth Continues

The Foundation's **assets** stood at their highest level ever at more than **\$230 million** at the end of February. **Grants** from July to the end of February totaled **\$38 million** to more than 700 different Jewish and secular organizations.

### Welcome New Funds

Michelle Cohen Charitable  
Max Einhorn  
Adam and Sara Farish  
Glenda Sacks Jaffe  
Leo Melman Memorial Camp Scholarship  
Laurel Silberman  
Emma Tuttleman  
Sophie Tuttleman

### Welcome New Staff Members

**Jeanne Bruss** recently joined the Foundation team as Staff Accountant. Originally from Cameroon, Africa, Jeanne holds a degree from the University de Yaounde and has prior experience in banking.

**Sarah Hoisington** has assumed the position of Receptionist for the Foundation. New to San Diego, Sarah is a recent graduate from the University of La Verne with a Bachelor of Science in Athletic Training.

### Ideas for Giving

*Ideas for Giving* is now available at the Jewish Community Foundation. The publication features organizations and programs primarily in San Diego and Israel that were reviewed by the JCF's Grants Committee and found to be especially compelling. To request a copy, please call the JCF.



## Strategies for Giving: Charitable Remainder Trusts

Charitable Remainder Trusts offer you the opportunity to receive income for life and create a lasting legacy for the future. Advantages include:

- **Income**—you may select the level of income, to be received monthly, quarterly or annually.
- **Tax benefits**—you may receive a current income tax deduction and avoid capital gains tax.
- **Flexibility**—you may choose the payout and structure that best meets your goals.

If you are interested in this option, it is important to consult with your financial professional to analyze whether a Charitable Remainder Trust can meet your goals. The Foundation is ready to assist with personal and confidential meetings and can provide customized illustrations to help you and your advisors understand this technique.

## Endowment Leadership Institute Forms Second Group

Eight synagogues have joined the Jewish Community Foundation's Endowment Leadership Institute (ELI) and will begin the program in May 2006. This brings the total number of ELI organizations to 20. To date, more than 285 families have stepped forward to promise an estimated \$58 million to more than 50 Jewish and secular organizations. Their vision and commitment will keep the community strong for generations to come.

### New ELI Participating Organizations:

Congregation Beth Jacob	Chabad of University City
Congregation Beth Am	Ner Tamid Synagogue
Congregation Beth El	Ohr Shalom Synagogue
Congregation Dor Hadash	Temple Emanu-El

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