

MAKING A STATEMENT

Message from JCF Executive Director Kim Hirsh



Dear JCF fundholders,

Thank you for your generous support of our Jewish community this year. You continue to stand in solidarity with Israel and help us combat antisemitism and anti-Zionism at home while also supporting a myriad of other causes in our Greater MetroWest community.

I hope you will join me in expressing our deep gratitude to Steve Levy, whose tenure as President of our JCF has ended. For the past five years, Steve has guided our JCF with fortitude, heart, and compassion during some of the most difficult times in our history, from COVID to the war in Israel. Steve has played a monumental and critical role in leading, developing, guiding, and soliciting for our historic \$250 million Centennial Campaign. His steady leadership enabled our JCF to continue to fulfill the cherished Jewish precepts of *tzedakah* (charity) and *tikkun olam* (repairing the world) to build a vibrant Jewish community — for today and tomorrow. With Steve at the helm of JCF, it experienced unprecedented growth and long-term sustainability.

Steve will continue to be a leader of our JCF and Jewish Federation and many other areas of our Jewish community.

I am thrilled to welcome Maxine B. Murnick as our new President of JCF.

Maxine has served on the Federation and JCF Boards, their Executive Committees, and is Vice Chair of Targeted Giving for our Centennial Campaign. She has held numerous other key leadership positions, including Women's Campaign Chair and Women's Philanthropy President, UJA Annual Campaign Chair, and Chair of the Unified Allocations Committee. Maxine is also a long-standing member of Congregation Oheb Shalom's Budget and Finance Committee.

In 2020, Maxine and her family created the Theodore R.^{z"l} and Maxine B. Murnick PJ Library Endowment of the JCF to ensure that thousands of children and families from across the Greater MetroWest community receive PJ Library books each month and to support a wide range of programs that engage young Jewish families. The family has also created endowments to support The Murnick Family Library at Kibbutz Erez, in memory of her late husband, Ted^{z"l}, and an endowment that supports our Federation's Rishonim program, bringing young Israeli emissaries to spend a year in Greater MetroWest to spread their passion for Israel across our community.

On the national front, Maxine is a Trustee of The Jewish Federations of North America, serving on its Board of Directors, and is a past member of the National Women's Philanthropy Board. She is also an appointed American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee Fellow and a National Trustee on the National Jewish Health Board in Denver, Colorado. In January, she will receive the prestigious Kipnis-Wilson/Friedland Award from National Women's Philanthropy at the International Lion of Judah Conference.

We are inspired by Maxine's leadership, philanthropy, and unwavering support of our Greater MetroWest community.

With gratitude,



Kim Hirsh
Executive Director

JCF'S GRANTMAKING FY2024

TOTAL GRANTS FROM ALL FUNDS AT JCF

Total to Jewish Federation from JCF (Perpetual Annual Campaign Endowment distribution to UJA and donor directed gifts to UJA and to Federation programs)	\$15,655,581
Grants to JCF Funds and Endowments (JCF Innovations Fund, JWF, Grotta Fund for Older Adults and Centennial Endowments)	\$444,000
Total to Greater MetroWest Partner Agencies	\$5,959,573
Total to Greater MetroWest Synagogues	\$1,707,282
Total to Jewish Organizations outside of GMW (other Federations, Hadassah, Hillel, etc.)	\$12,084,572
Total to Israel & Overseas (partner communities programs, Mack Ness Fund, Friends of Israeli organizations, Jewish Agency For Israel, Joint Distribution Committee)	\$13,271,962
SUB-TOTAL Jewish Causes	\$49,122,970
Grant-making (including secular organizations) TOTAL Percentage grant-making to Jewish/Israel is 82% (secular giving: \$10,736,183)	\$59,859,153