Making a Statement

Jewish Community Foundation OF GREATER METROWEST NJ

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Dear JCF Fundholders,

The Jewish tradition of tzedakah calls upon us to turn our values into meaningful action. Through the grants you recommend from your fund at the Jewish Community Foundation of Greater MetroWest NJ, you bring that tradition to life.

Your giving is deeply personal, yet it is also part of something larger. Together, JCF fundholders form a community of givers whose philanthropy cares for people in need, builds vibrant Jewish life, responds to urgent challenges, and invests in a strong Jewish future.

Alongside the grants you recommend through your own fund, JCF stewards charitable resources entrusted to the Foundation by generous donors and community partners who have established endowment funds to support our community's evolving needs. Through these complementary forms of philanthropy, we can address both the causes that matter most to individual donors and the broader priorities that strengthen Jewish life across Greater MetroWest NJ.

We are proud to share the impact we are making together through the Foundation's FY2027 grantmaking. While JCF supports our community through multiple grantmaking programs, including JCF's Unrestricted Fund, advisory councils, scholarships, and donor-directed philanthropy, this message focuses on grants from donors entrusted to and stewarded by the Foundation, which are awarded through JCF's grant making process in designated areas (listed below).

This year, the Foundation's Grant Review Committee has awarded $378,104 in grants from these designated funds, along with funds established by Congregation B'nai Israel of Basking Ridge, which closed its doors in late 2024.

Grants were awarded in the areas of: Care for Older Adults; Jewish Education and Synagogue Engagement; and Israel Partnership Communities. The programs selected reflect the diversity and breadth of our Jewish community, spanning across Greater MetroWest NJ catchment areas, inclusive of all denominations of Judaism, and reflecting every age and stage. We invite you to learn more about the programs being supported this year at jcfgmw.org/grantees.

Thank you for being part of our JCF community. Together, through your philanthropy and the enduring generosity of those who have entrusted charitable resources to JCF, we are caring for people in need, strengthening Jewish life, and helping our community thrive.

If you would like to learn more about any of the grants or opportunities to support specific program areas, please be in touch with our professional staff. We are proud of what we make possible together.

With gratitude,

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PLANNING FOR 2026 YEAR-END DONATIONS

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A donation of stocks or mutual funds is a great way to reduce your taxable estate by adding to a donor advised fund (DAF), strengthening an endowment, or supporting the UJA Annual Campaign. Individuals who are 70½ or older can also make a Qualified Charitable Distribution from their IRA to support the Jewish Community Foundation (JCF) or to fulfill a pledge to Federation. Note: QCD's may not be used to fund a DAF.

Please keep in mind that non-cash gifts may take longer to process due to the individual nature of each financial institution. Listed below are important dates to help you navigate the process for giving to JCF and Federation at year-end.

IMPORTANT DEADLINES FOR 2026

DEC 11: Gifts of Mutual Funds

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For individuals who are 70½ or older

DEC 18: DAF Grant Recommendations
Recommendations received after this date may not be processed until January 2027.

DEC 24: Gifts of Stock

DEC 31: Credit Card Donations 12:00pm Deadline

DEC 31: Check Donations
All 2026 checks must be dated and postmarked by December 31



"I work with the Jewish Community Foundation because they make the impossible happen."

-Stephen Rasch, JCF Fundholder

We are here to assist you!
For any questions, please contact JCF at **(973) 929-3113** or **jcf@jfedgmw.org**

You can also make donations online at **jcfgmw.org/donor-advised-funds/give-to-a-donor-advised-fund/**

We kindly ask that you notify our team ahead of any transfer so that we can credit it to the appropriate fund immediately.

Please note, our offices will be closed November 26–27 and December 25.