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Jewish Community Foundation Welcomes New Board Members

West Hartford, CT – The Jewish Community Foundation of Greater Hartford recently announced the election of Michele G. Kostin, Gideon Rutenberg, and Howard J. Siegal to the Board of Trustees. Joyce D. Mandell was elected Vice Chair. All assumed their positions on September 20, 2006.

Mandell, co-founder and executive vice president of Data-Mail, Inc. and president of the Andrew J. and Joyce D. Mandell Family Foundation, is an active leader in the Greater Hartford community. She co-chairs the Jewish Community Center's Capital Campaign and serves on the Boards of the Jewish Federation of Greater Hartford and St. Francis Hospital. "Joyce's experience as a community volunteer and businesswoman will be very beneficial to the Foundation," noted David H. Fierston, Board Chair.

Corporate counsel to Aetna Inc., Kostin serves on the Board of the Connecticut Bar Foundation. She is an officer of the Jewish Federation of Greater Hartford and chairs its Audit Committee. Residing in West Hartford with her husband, Dane, Kostin has been instrumental to the advancement of the Lion of Judah Endowment Program.

Rutenberg, a real estate developer, is an active volunteer in the Jewish community and currently serves on the Foundation's Development Committee. An ardent champion of the Endowment Challenge to the Community, he was key to Jewish Family Services' success as the first agency to reach its endowment goal. Rutenberg serves on the Board of SummerWood/Life Choices, for which he oversaw the construction of the Hoffman SummerWood Assisted Living Community. He resides in Bloomfield with his wife, Mary.

Siegal is a principal in Edart Truck Rental and is a major supporter of many charities in the Greater Hartford Jewish community. A member of the Foundation's Legacy Society along with his wife, Lois, he has served in leadership capacities on the Boards of the Greater Hartford Jewish Community Center, Hebrew Health Care, Jewish Federation of Greater Hartford and other local Jewish agencies.

Fierston noted that "the Foundation is poised to grow and expand in many different ways over the next few years. I know that our new Trustees will help the Foundation strengthen financial resources for the community for years to come."

For more information, please call 860.523.7460 or visit the Foundation's website at www.jcfhartford.org.

About the Jewish Community Foundation

Since 1972, the Jewish Community Foundation has been at the forefront of charitable gift planning. The Foundation has partnered with individuals, families and community organizations to help them achieve their philanthropic goals and to increase current and future support of a vibrant and secure Jewish community in Greater Hartford and beyond. During the fiscal year ending June 30, 2006, the Jewish Community Foundation distributed \$2.67 million in 519 individual grants to more than 120 charities.

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Joyce D. Mandell, Vice Chair of the Jewish Community Foundation.