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### **Ten Federation Beneficiary Agencies Meet Endowment Challenge Goal**

West Hartford, CT – Ten local Jewish Federation beneficiary agencies have met their fundraising goals for the Endowment Challenge for the Community one year ahead of schedule. Each has received or will receive a dollar-for-dollar match, up to \$75,000, from the Jewish Community Foundation:

- ❖ Bess and Paul Sigel Hebrew Academy
- ❖ Federation Homes
- ❖ Hartford Hillel Foundation
- ❖ Hillel at the University of Connecticut
- ❖ Jewish Association for Community Living
- ❖ Jewish Family Services of Greater Hartford
- ❖ Jewish Historical Society of Greater Hartford
- ❖ Mandell Jewish Community Center of Greater Hartford
- ❖ Solomon Schechter Day School of Greater Hartford
- ❖ Trinity College Hillel

Thirteen agencies are participating in the Challenge, which formally ends in December 2007.

“We are delighted that so many of our donors are participating in the Challenge and new philanthropic dollars are going to work for our community,” said Denis Geary, Executive Director of the Jewish Association for Community Living. The Association improves quality of life and encourages independent living for local individuals with developmental disabilities. “This is really just the beginning for us—we plan to keep building our agency’s endowment so that we can continue to provide our clients with quality care, long into the future,” Geary added.

The Endowment Challenge for the Community has stimulated endowment growth across the Jewish community. Beyond the actual dollars raised, this initiative has shown an overwhelming commitment by community leaders, staff and donors to make sure that our Jewish institutions remain strong, long into the future.

For more information, about the Endowment Challenge, please call the Foundation at 860.523.7460. A new gift of \$1,000 and more to one of the participating agencies qualifies for the program.

### **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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Sarah Laub of Hartford Hillel Foundation, donor Henry Zachs, and Doreen Fundiller-Zweig of the Jewish Community Foundation of Greater Hartford celebrate Hillel's successful completion of the Jewish Community Foundation's Endowment Challenge to the Community. Hillel has received a matching grant of \$25,000 for its endowment.