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ENDOWMENT WORKSHOP HELD

Jewish Community Foundation continues endowment education for local Jewish organizations

More than 50 lay and professional leaders from 20 local Jewish organizations, schools and synagogues joined together on November 3, 2005 for an endowment workshop at the Jewish Community Foundation. The session was led by noted fundraising trainer Edward C. Schumacher. Schumacher is President of Third Sector Consulting in Seattle—one of the premier fundraising consulting firms in the nation—and has taught fund raising for the Center on Philanthropy at Indiana University and at the University of Washington.

Schumacher's workshop discussed the importance of developing and implementing a plan for endowment solicitations from current and prospective donors before making the request for donations. As he humorously stated, "Prepare, prepare, prepare, *ask*."

Since the Endowment Challenge inception in September 2004, approximately 80 individual families have designated over \$600,000 in gifts and pledges to strengthen the Greater Hartford Jewish community.

"The success of the program has exceeded all our expectations. Our community has been extremely generous and supportive," said Doreen Fundiller-Zweig, Jewish Community Foundation's Executive Director.

Jewish Family Services has met its \$75,000 endowment goal and received its match from the Foundation. The Jewish Historical Society and Solomon Schechter Day School have met their endowment goals in gifts and pledges.

Endowment Challenge participating organizations include:

Federation Homes	Jewish Association for Community Living
Greater Hartford Jewish Community Center	Jewish Family Services
Hebrew High School of New England	Jewish Historical Society
Hebrew Health Care	Bess and Paul Sigel Hebrew Academy
Hillel at Trinity College	Solomon Schechter Day School
Hillel Foundation at University of Connecticut	Yachad Greater Hartford Community
Hillel—University of Hartford	Jewish High School

For more information about the Jewish Community Foundation or the Endowment Challenge, visit our website at www.jcfhartford.org or contact us at 860-523-7460.

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About the Jewish Community Foundation

Since 1972, the Jewish Community Foundation has been at the forefront of charitable giving in Greater Hartford. The Foundation has partnered with individuals, families and community organizations to help them achieve their philanthropic goals and to increase current and future support for a vibrant and secure Jewish community in Greater Hartford, Israel and around the world. During fiscal year 2005, the Jewish Community Foundation distributed more than \$2.5 million in grants to more than 100 different charitable organizations.

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