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Solomon Schechter Day School Meets its Endowment Challenge Goal in Gifts and Pledges

West Hartford, CT – Solomon Schechter Day School recently announced that it has met its endowment challenge goal of raising \$75,000 in gifts and pledges to meet the matching requirements of the Endowment Challenge for the Community, a three-year philanthropic initiative of the Jewish Community Foundation offering matching grants up to \$825,000 to 13 beneficiary agencies of the Jewish Federation of Greater Hartford.

“We are delighted that so many of our donors are participating in the Challenge and new philanthropic dollars are going to work for Solomon Schechter Day School,” said Neil Kochen, President of Solomon Schechter. “This is really just the beginning for us- we plan to build the school’s endowment so we can continue to provide a quality day school educational experience for our children and grandchildren.”

The Solomon Schechter Day School of Greater Hartford offers an excellent dual-curriculum education for children in nursery school, elementary school, and middle school. Students receive outstanding, integrated instruction in both Judaic studies and general studies. The overall goal of a Schechter education is to develop skilled and discerning individuals actively committed to the Jewish community and to the society in which they live.

“We could not be more pleased with the accomplishments of the Solomon Schechter Day School and all of the Endowment Challenge participants,” said David H. Fierston, Chair of the Jewish Community Foundation. 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.

Established in 1972, the Jewish Community Foundation is the central resource for Jewish philanthropy in the Greater Hartford area, with assets of almost \$70 million. In 2004, the Foundation and individual donors distributed over \$2.4 million in charitable grants to a broad range of charitable organizations.

For more information, about the Endowment Challenge, please call the Foundation at 860.523.7460 or visit our website at www.jcfhartford.org.