



## **Jewish Community Foundation of Greater Hartford Kicks Off Year-long 50th Anniversary Celebration with Mosaic Art Project**

### **Community Members Invited to Help Tile Unique Piece of Art, March 30 – April 6 at the Mandell JCC**

The Jewish Community Foundation of Greater Hartford will kick off its year-long 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration with a series of events, beginning with a Mosaic Art Project, March 30 – April 6, at the Mandell Jewish Community Center. The celebration will culminate October 20 with a reception paying tribute to its generous donors and honoring all former Board Chairs.

“The people who built the Foundation envisioned a strong and thriving Jewish community – supported in perpetuity – through the power of endowment,” says Jacob Schreiber, President and CEO of the Jewish Community Foundation of Greater Hartford. “Thanks to their leadership and hard work, and the backing of so many leaders, the Foundation is - and will always remain - a reliable, vital source of community support and innovation.”

“During our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary, the Foundation will celebrate all of our donors, who partner with us to achieve their charitable goals while ensuring the vibrant future of our Jewish community,” says Schreiber.

The Foundation’s 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations include the Mosaic Art Project, March 30 – April 6; the LIFE & LEGACY Reception, June 12; and the Anniversary Donor Reception, October 20.

The Mosaic Art Project will bring hundreds of community members together. Through a series of fun, hands-on tiling sessions, people will gather in small groups and help create a special work of art – piece by piece. The project will be led by Joani Rothenberg, a nationally renowned artist, whose work includes illustrations, Judaica art, murals and landscape paintings.

Community members met with Rothenberg in West Hartford and shared their thoughts and emotions about Greater Hartford’s Jewish community, which informed Rothenberg’s artistic rendering. The final mosaic will be unveiled later this year and permanently displayed at the Mandell JCC.

“Everyone can gather and celebrate our special community as we build this unique piece of art together,” says Gayle Temkin, the Foundation’s Board Chair and Chair of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee. “It is the Foundation’s gift to the community crafted by the people of the community.”

Individuals and groups can sign up [here](#) to join a 45-minute Mosaic Art Tiling session, March 30 – April 6, at the Mandell JCC. For questions, contact Madison Leighty at [mleighty@jcfhartford.org](mailto:mleighty@jcfhartford.org).