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DESIGNATED ENDOWMENT FUNDGive to your favorite cause or organization in perpetuity







SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENT FUND Help students pursue their academic dreams and career goals

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Embracing a New Chapter



Gavle W. Temkin. Trustee and former Board Chair: Kathryn Gonnerman, President & CEO; and Walter L. Harrison, Board Chair

Philanthropy is an expression of belief and hope.

Every gift is a vote for the world we wish to see.

At the Jewish Community Foundation, we are privileged to witness the resilience and tenacity of the Greater Hartford Jewish community in every grant made and every project undertaken by our partner agencies and synagogues. We see remarkably creative, strategic, nourishing examples across every sector we serve.

This report showcases just a fraction of those investments in the future.

The work we support is made possible by donors past, present, and future. For those who established endowed funds and are no longer with us, their names live on through their legacies in action today and in perpetuity. Our current donors establish and direct their funds to bring their philanthropic goals—and their values—to life. Our future donors have committed to leaving a gift as part of their

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estate plans, ensuring that their legacies will fuel the community's future. These are legacies in action, and we are proud to be their stewards.

As a Jewish community, we are called to consider the many challenges we face at home and around the world. The past year has marked a time of transition on many fronts—for our organization, as we welcomed new leadership, and for the global Jewish community as it grapples with tectonic societal shifts, war, and violence. At the Foundation, we are prepared to meet this moment with urgency and humility, anchored in our mission and inspired by all of you.

As we reflect on this year and look ahead to the next chapter, it is the Foundation's privilege to partner with all of you. No matter the challenges we face, we are guided by our Jewish values of tzedakah, the commitment to charity; chesed, the virtue of loving kindness; and tikkun olam, the duty to repair the world.

President & CEO

Board Chair

Trustee and former Board Chair

FY'25 Grants: Building Momentum for Our Strong Future

Every grant tells a story of hope and new possibilities, while leaving a legacy of generosity. In FY'25, the Foundation awarded 1,494 grants totaling nearly \$7 million, reflecting the vision and values of our donors. These grants brought new ideas to life and strengthened programs that touch lives in Greater Hartford, across the nation, in Israel, and around the world.

\$1.6 Million to the Jewish Federation of Greater Hartford



\$3.0 Million to local Jewish organizations

\$2.2 Million to national Jewish organizations and to Israel, national, international, and secular organizations



\$6,843,300 Million

2025 Legacy Community Celebration: An Evening of Jewish Pride



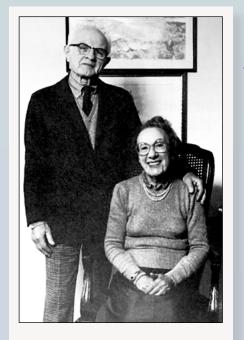
What an Unforgettable Evening!

On June 25th, more than 115 guests gathered at the Mark Twain House to celebrate our shared love for—and commitment to—building our vibrant Jewish community through the generous act of leaving a legacy intention.

Our Community Legacy Celebration was filled with joy and gratitude as donors reflected on the individuals and families who laid the foundation to shape and inspire our community, and honored those who continue to carry that legacy forward.

A Look Back at Legacies in Action

During our June 25th celebration, we displayed legacy stories and photos; here are just a few highlights. To read more legacy stories, visit our Book of Life at www.jcfhartford.org.



■ **Dr. Isidore and Rebekah Geetter** (z"l)

Perhaps best known for their leadership at Mount

Sinai Hospital, **Dr. Isidore** and **Rebekah Geetter** (z"l)

endowed their lifetime commitment to Greater

Hartford's Jewish community in 1994 by making

an unrestricted bequest to the Foundation from

their estate.



To celebrate their father's 60th birthday in 1997, the daughters of **John** (z"l) and **Kathy Suisman** worked with other relatives to establish a Donor Advised Fund for the family to support their broad philanthropic interests.





After 50 years of involvement with the Jewish Federation and the wider Greater Hartford Jewish community, Rose and Gary Bernstein (z"l) opened a fund at the

Foundation and made plans in their estates to endow their contributions to the Jewish Federation's annual campaign.

FY'25 Grants

Thanks to the generosity of our donors, Foundation grants have the power to transform lives, spark creative ideas, and address vital needs across the Jewish and secular communities. The Foundation made nearly 1,500 grants from all of our funds during FY'25.



Arts & Culture	\$	284,100
Community Building	\$2	2,063,600
Education	\$1	,264,000
Human Services & Health	\$1	.,308,000
Israel & Overseas	\$	163,400
Religion & Spiritual Development	\$	808,500
Seniors	\$	193,600
Outreach	\$	138,000
Other	\$	620,100

FY'25 Total: \$6,843,300

Donors Support New Community at the Mandell JCC

Rock Steady Boxing (RSB), a 20-year-old, nationally recognized program that helps people with Parkinson's disease slow the progression of their symptoms, has been available in communities nationwide, but not in Greater Hartford west of the river-until the Mandell Jewish Community Center (JCC) launched it in 2025.

When Donor Advised Fund holders found out about the program, they responded with their generosity. Grants from Debbie and Steve Kleinman, in memory of Benjamin Kleinman, and the Gail and Jeff Adler Family Charitable Fund, are now funding RSB classes that allow participants to find strength, camaraderie, and confidence.

"Being diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease can feel isolating and scary," explained Lindsey Brush, RSB Head Coach at the Mandell JCC. "When our boxers are in class together, there is a team community feeling that everyone is facing similar challenges. I've watched boxers walk in the door dragging, feeling tired, but after a few minutes in class there's laughter and a vibrance that appears,' she continued. "They leave class taking this energy with them."



JCC's Rock Steady Boxing classes allow participants to find strength, camaraderie, and confidence.



Mehlman presents a check symbolic of a \$10,000 grant to Ayelet Connell, Operations and Education Manager at Healing Meals Community Project.

Lillian Fund Grants Support **Health Programs for Moms**

The Lillian Fund, the Foundation's giving circle, awarded a \$10,000 grant to Healing Meals Community Project in Simsbury and a \$5,000 grant to Orr Shalom in Israel for programs that nurture the health and well-being of expectant and new mothers.

"We are deeply honored to stand with mothers and their children—both here in Greater Hartford and in Israel—as they navigate challenging times and pursue more fulfilling futures," said Carly Norman, Development Officer. "Through these grants, the Lillian Fund hopes to offer not just support, but a message of hope, strength, and solidarity to families when they need it most."

The Lillian Fund awards grants to programs that empower women and children to pursue their greatest potential. To learn more, please contact Carly Norman, Development Officer, at 860.523.7460 or cnorman@jcfhartford.org.

FY'25 Community Grants

Unrestricted Funds support our Community Grants Program, enabling the Foundation to award grants to local Jewish organizations for their urgent needs and opportunities for growth. Together with our donors and Trustees, we're inspiring our community every day.



Beth David Synagogue

Simchat Torah A Capella Singers

Beth El Temple

Chanukah Menorah for front entrance

Beth Sholom B'nai Israel

Membership outreach

Chabad Friendship Circle

Director of Operations and Strategy

Congregation Beth Israel

Shabbat Coordinator

Congregation P'nai Or

High Holiday Rabbi

Eruv Committee of West Hartford

Eruv in the digital age

Hartford Historic Cemetery Restoration Fund

Endow the ongoing maintenance of historic Jewish cemeteries in Greater Hartford

Jewish Federation of Greater Hartford

Los Angeles Fire Relief Fund Community Shaliach

JFACT Fund

Connecticut Israel Business Exchange

JTConnect

Student fellowship

Mandell Jewish Community Center

Summer Shlichim

New England Jewish Academy

Dean of Students

Solomon Schechter Day School

Intensive Institutional Development Training

Temple Beth Torah

Torah scroll cover and breast plate

Temple Sina

Youth lounge renovations

The Emanuel Synagogue

Phone and IT upgrade

Young Israel of West Hartford

Building expansion project

Grants Help Temple Sinai Raise Awareness and Increase Member Engagement



Temple Sinai members enjoy tasty global Jewish cuisine together, one of the many activities offered at the synagogue.

Temple Sinai provides its members with dynamic, spiritual experiences, from tasty lessons in global Jewish cuisine to a lively parlor concert held at Cantor Lipton's home, from Temple Tots activities for kids ages one to four, to FoodShare fundraisers that support neighbors in need. To increase awareness and engagement surrounding its unique offerings, Temple Sinai used Jewish Community Foundation grants for strategic marketing counseling.

"Our new branding and messaging helped us attract unaffiliated families to our synagogue and re-engage existing members," said Brett Esterson, President of the Board of Trustees at Temple Sinai.

The grants allowed Temple leaders to hire experts who worked together to create storytelling and marketing tools, as well as a new membership portal and new website. Since launch, approximately 50 percent of members have used the internal portal

for things like online donations, which have increased financial support for the Temple's operating budget. In addition, the Temple has seen a significant increase in website traffic.

"Our greatest strength is the spiritual connection from the clergy to the membership. Thanks to these Foundation grants, we took a giant step forward in sharing that strength," Brett explained.

Endow Hartford 21 Exceeds \$3 Million

Endow Hartford 21 (EH21), a matching gift endowment program initiated by the Zachs Family Foundation, has successfully garnered \$3,111,860 to help secure the strong and sustainable future of 62 nonprofits across Greater Hartford. This total includes all dollars received since EH21's inception in 2021 and matches on eligible gifts. Approximately \$464,000 remaining in matching funds was evenly distributed among all participating EH21 agencies.

The impact of the program is already happening!
Organizations have received their first grants, and

the endowments provide a long-term resource that helps organizations sustain their missions during periods of revenue fluctuations.

The Foundation is proud to be an Administrator managing funds for the program in partnership with the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving.



Grants in Action

Beth El Explores Diverse Education Models for Students

Thanks to a grant from the Foundation, educators at Beth El Temple in West Hartford participated in a transformational professional development initiative for the faculty at SULAM, the synagogue's religious school. This opportunity allowed them to explore diverse education practices for Jewish students within a Jewish supplemental school environment.

As part of the program, participants engaged with Devash magazine, a publication from The Hadar Institute, to help students connect more deeply with the weekly Torah portion. They also explored

Community members and staff at Beth El Temple take a break from professional development sessions, including exploring diverse education practices for Jewish students. The learning activities were supported with

unique educational models through a series of workshops.

"The LGBTQ+ workshop, led by professionals from Keshet, equipped our SULAM staff with valuable tools to ensure our learning environment is inclusive and welcoming," said Dr. Eliyahu Krigel, Director of Education and Family Engagement at Beth El. "The Al workshop empowered us to work smarter, not harder, by teaching us how to integrate technology in meaningful ways."

Campers Deepen Connections to **Judaism**

Camp Laurelwood is creating an outdoor learning space and garden to deepen campers' connection to Judaism and foster environmental stewardship, thanks in part to a JCF community grant. The initiative includes a grow dome, a controlled environment that allows for yearround gardening, and space for campers to engage in Shabbat services and display art projects they completed during Jewish programming.



Camp Laurelwood received a community grant through the generosity of donors who established Unrestricted Funds through JCF. These funds allow the Foundation to award grants to support the stability and growth of local Jewish organizations.

Grants Elevate Programming at Jewish Day Schools

Grants awarded to both Solomon Schechter Day School and New England Jewish Academy are enhancing social-emotional learning initiatives, empowering teachers to create supportive classroom environments and expanding student support services—all grounded in Jewish values.

"The Foundation is proud to be expanding this important work at both schools through our community grants program," said Michael Elfenbaum, Vice President of Community Engagement.





Students and teachers at Schechter (top) and New England Jewish Academy (above) learn together in supportive classroom environments.

The Emanuel Synagogue Expands Membership

As more religiously and culturally diverse families seek spiritual connection and community, the leadership of The Emanuel Synagogue recognized an opportunity—and a responsibility—to extend a deeper sense of belonging to all who walk through their doors. A series of conversations and updates, and grants from JCF, allowed the leadership to pursue these important goals.

The Emanuel engaged a consultant, Rabbi Phil Warmflash, to facilitate small group discussions, recommend action steps to support diverse families, and advise on necessary updates to the synagogue's governing documents.

"The consultant allowed our people to express themselves and feel heard. He helped our leadership plan for the long-term vitality of the congregation in a manner that gave voice to many different people," said Rabbi David Small.

"The series of conversations, combined with other programs and a visiting scholar, created a context of informed decision-making," said Rabbi Small. "The changes we made helped us become even more inclusive in our life-cycle celebrations, give standing to everyone who wishes to belong, and encouraged us to elevate our commitment to lifelong Jewish learning."

Following the engagement of Rabbi Warmflash and another consultant, The Emanuel successfully changed its bylaws and constitution to be more welcoming and inclusive. Since the changes took effect, The Emanuel has welcomed 75 new households, including many young families with about 78 children and numerous family members of different backgrounds, and the Religious School has doubled in enrollment.

New Funds

From Vision to Legacy: Sustaining Young Israel for Generations



Bob and Evelyn Harris established a Designated Fund, which will provide an annual grant to Young Israel of West Hartford in perpetuity.

When Bob and Evelyn Harris moved to West Hartford 60 years ago, they wanted to contribute to the growth of the local Modern Orthodox community. This commitment led them to become founding members of Young Israel of West Hartford.

Today, thanks in part to their vision and dedication, Young Israel is thriving—welcoming new families and continuing to grow as a cornerstone of Jewish life in West Hartford.

Bob and Evelyn think of Young Israel as their spiritual home and enjoy celebrating their values and beliefs with synagogue members; they practically raised their children in the synagogue.

Now, through their newly established Designated Fund for Young Israel, Bob and Evelyn are ensuring that the synagogue's future remains strong. The endowed family fund will provide an annual grant to support the synagogue in perpetuity by funding religious services, educational programs, social events—and more.

"Young Israel serves an important purpose in supporting the growth of Modern Orthodox Judaism and is an integral part of the Jewish community," said Bob. "The synagogue has done so much for us, and we want to continue supporting it so it can do even more for the community."

Bob had a distinguished medical career and served in several leadership positions in Jewish education. Evelyn's real estate work and years of devoted volunteerism, and their philanthropic generosity, have left an indelible mark on the community. Their family legacy has grown to include their five children, 13 grandchildren, and 14 great-grandchildren.

> "Partnering with the Foundation was a match made in heaven for my charitable estate plan."

ED KLEINMAN

Our donors open funds that invest in the future of their favorite organizations. Here's a sample of inspirational stories about donors and their new funds. We are inspired by their values and generosity.

Philanthropy Rooted in Legacy: The Kleinman Family's Century-long Commitment to Giving

Philanthropy has long been a cornerstone of the Kleinman family, tracing back to 1905 when Gittel Cassiff Fox (z"l) emigrated from Ukraine with her two children. According to family lore, Gittel was a descendant of a disciple of the Baal Shem Tov, the founder of Hasidic Judaism. Gittel's deep belief in charity and helping those in need was evident: her kitchen pantry was lined with tzedakah boxes.

Gittel's daughter, Ida Fox Gladstein (z"l), and her husband Milton (z"l) continued this tradition by establishing two charitable funds at JCF in the late 1990s, instilling the family's philanthropic values in their sons, Ed and Steve Kleinman.

Ed Kleinman recalls Gittel telling him, "When you die, the only thing you leave is your name." That sentiment inspired him to open two funds at the Foundation in his name. Among the beneficiaries is Disabled American Veterans in Rocky Hill, CT, which is a heartfelt tribute to his father, a proud veteran of World War II.

"My life has been a blessing," explained Ed, a retired scientist from Pfizer who now volunteers his time and talent working in chemical education. "I want to be remembered as being loyal to my parents, and grateful to the people in my life and the institutions I've attended. I want to pay it forward."

Steve Kleinman guided Ed through the process of charitable estate planning, including leveraging tax advantages* by using his Required Minimum Distribution from his retirement account to establish his Designated Fund at the Foundation.

"Partnering with the Foundation was a match made in heaven for my charitable estate plan," said Ed. "I have enormous peace of mind that my estate will be managed wisely and used to serve my charitable interests in perpetuity."

For Ed. tzedakah is more than charity. It represents righteousness, a cherished family legacy, and an obligation to live as a loyal and compassionate human being.

*This information should not be construed as legal, tax, or financial advice.





Top: Gittel Cassiff Fox (z"l), circa 1905, with her two children.

Above: Brothers Ed and Steve Kleinman celebrate Rosh Hashanah 5786 together.

FY'25 New Foundation Funds

Ben Bronz Academy Endowment Fund Ben Bronz Academy Michael Wolf Scholarship Fund

Chameides, Chase, Dodd, Konover/Coppa, Lazowski and Weiner/Temkin Holocaust Dignity Fund

Endowment Fund for Solomon Schechter Day School

Patricia Kane Gibeley Memorial Fund

David M. Goldfarb Memorial Fund

The Ellen Jeanne Goldfarb Learning Center at Congregation Beth Israel Endowment Fund

Bob and Evelyn Harris Endowment Fund

JCSO Hans and Alma Bodenheimer

Memorial Fund

JCSO Cion-Zucker Chanukah Fund

JCSO Eisenbaum Family Fund

JCSO Feinberg Bequest Fund

JCSO Feld, Sklar, Greenberg and

Sherman Families Fund

JCSO Rita Ackerman Felsenfeld

Memorial Fund

JCSO General Fund

JCSO Abraham and Bertha Goldberg
Chanukah Fund

JCSO Charlotte Hirst Scholarship Fund

JCSO Margaret N. Kahn Fund

JCSO Mostow/Flaxman Fund

JCSO M. Joseph, Renee and Leonard Neikrie Campership Fund

JCSO Ida and Sam Rosen Fund

JCSO Malcolm and Lilo K. Snyder Fund

JCSO Eva Weinberg Stoltz Campership Fund

JCSO Sue's Shopping Spree Fund

JCSO Wise Fund

JCSO Solomon and Katie Wohl Fund

Edward F. Kleinman Donor Advised Fund

Koteen Family Fund for the Mandell JCC

Kruger Lewinter Family Schechter Endowment Fund

Anna and Feliks Levin Fund

The Mandell JCC Community Choir Fund

Leta and Alby Marks Fund

Now and Forever Combatting Antisemitism Fund

Now and Forever Community Security Fund

Now and Forever Jewish Leadership Fund

Packer Family Endowment Fund

Rabb Family Fund

Jerry, Judy and Amy Selzer Family Fund

Marshall I. Soltz Fund

Carolyn and Elliott Tertes Unrestricted Fund

To open a new fund, please contact Michael Elfenbaum, Vice President of Community Engagement, at 860.523.7460 or melfenbaum@jcfhartford.org.

A Legacy of Laughter and Love: Lois Koteen's Gift to the Mandell JCC

When Lois Koteen reflects on why she opened a fund to support the Mandell JCC, wonderful memories come rushing back.

She recalls the Nursery School where her children made lifetime friends. She remembers all the Sundays her husband, Chuck (z"l), took the kids to swim so she could catch a nap. And then there's Flopsy the rabbit, whose first home was at the Nursery School until the JCC wanted to find a "family" willing to provide a less chaotic

place for the bunny to live. The Koteens gave "him" a home for 10+ years.

The JCC was where Lois learned the "joys and oys" of working out, an activity she continues to this day. Add in the countless movies viewed during film festivals and other special events attended in the theater, plus bringing her grandchildren to the playscape, and it all adds up to a home away from home

"The JCC is a welcoming place that embraces people of all ages, races, and religions," said Lois. "It offers a true sense of belonging for so many people." For Lois and children Sarah and Jake, opening a family fund at the Foundation to benefit the JCC was a meaningful way to live their values.

"I feel at home every time I walk in the door — the staff all knows your name and greets you with a smile; troubles seem to fade into the distance," Lois said. "For me, opening this fund was a natural."

In addition to her philanthropic work, Lois is an active volunteer and passionate advocate in the Jewish community. She worked with the Commission on Jewish Education & Leadership's "La'atid: Synagogues for the Future" program, served as President of Beth El Temple and as a member of Beth El's Endowment Board, and currently chairs the Federation's Jewish Leadership Academy.



Lois and Chuck (z"l) Koteen and their grandchildren: Aubrie, Ansley, Addie Koteen. Sam (upper) and John (lower) Barr.

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New Fund Honors the Spirit of David M. Goldfarb

David M. Goldfarb (z"l) dedicated his life to providing educational experiences that positively affected both students and teachers. As a loving tribute to honor David's gracious heart and keep his spirit alive, his father Bill Goldfarb established the David M. Goldfarb Memorial Fund.

"David loved helping kids learn," said Bill.

"He took that same passion for students and extended it to young teachers by advocating for them and nurturing them through their careers."



David M. Goldfarb

Throughout his life, David was deeply engaged in education-focused initiatives. He was an active member of *Learning Forward*, an organization committed to professional development for educators, and a founding member of the nonprofit *Hope Rising*, that raised funds for causes close to his heart.

Bill's daughter-in-law Allison Goldfarb, and daughter Paula Resh, serve as advisors to the family's new Donor Advised Fund. Together, they will award grants to causes that David would be proud of, especially those that empower aspiring students and teachers.



The Levins enjoy a family vacation hiking together in Utah.

A Legacy of Learning and Values: The Levins Invest in Jewish Education

Sheryl and Boris Levin established a Designated Fund for Solomon Schechter Day School not only to reflect their values, but also as an investment in the history and heritage of Judaism for the next generation.

"We believe in the impact of Jewish education on students and want to make sure that Solomon Schechter is financially sustainable in the future," said Sheryl.

As parents, Boris and Sheryl fondly remember their children's joyful experiences—dancing around the room during ReLish, discussing timely topics in small groups, and sledding through the fluffy winter snow on tiny lunch trays.

"Our kids loved what they learned about Judaism at the school," said Boris. "You want your children to have critical thinking skills, confidence, and a strong foundation of who they are—and Schechter provides this incredible education."

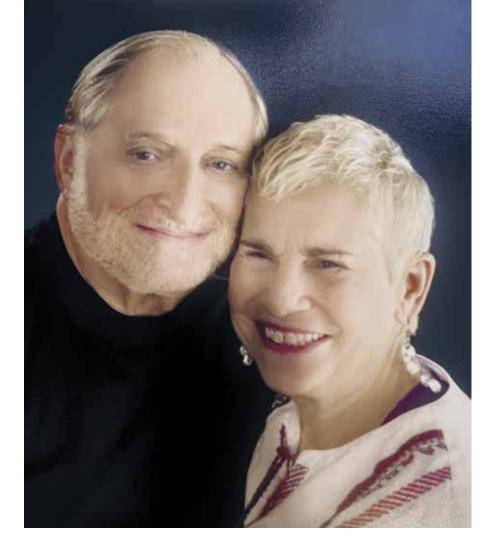
Let Us Honor Your Legacy: Join Our Book of Life

The Foundation's Book of Life honors our donors' planned gift commitments to their favorite community organizations. It is an online collection of photos and meaningful reflections—written by donors—about their legacy intentions.



If you promised a future gift to a Jewish organization in Greater Hartford, please submit your story and photo to www.jcfhartford.org/book-of-life/

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Elliott and Carolyn (z"l) Tertes: What Our Legacy Means to Us

"For us, our work with the Foundation has been about more than just a gift, more than just seeing great things happen, it's been the ability to be part of that work. We are so proud of the Foundation and our community. Hartford will always be home to us."

ELLIOTT AND CAROLYN (Z"L) TERTES

May Carolyn's memory be for a blessing.

Unrestricted Funds

Unrestricted Funds allow donors and leaders to support local community priorities — now and forever — by capitalizing on promising opportunities and addressing challenges to strengthen the Jewish community. By entrusting the allocation of these endowment funds to JCF's Trustees, donors ensure that their philanthropic vision for a vibrant Jewish community will be in good hands for generations to come.

Your Funds Are Repairing Our World

We appreciate your partnership and trust. We are proud to help you create funds that will achieve your philanthropic goals.

The funds listed on the following pages are those valued at \$5,000 or above as of June 30, 2025.

Unrestricted Funds

Sidney Abel Fund Norman and Helene Alisberg Fund Flora G. Arons Family Fund Flora G. Arons Fund in memory of beloved mother Pauline Gale Beatrice Fox Auerbach Foundation Unrestricted Fund Eleanor and Robert Balgley Fund Arlyn and David Bamberger Youth Fund Cecelia and Goodman Banks Memorial Fund Gertrude and Jack Baskind Fund Bluma and Mark Bassevitch Fund Edward Beirponch Memorial Fund Frances F. and Samuel B. Bell Fund Marilyn and Seymour Benson Fund Holly and Jeffrey Bergen Family Fund Rose and Gary Bernstein **Unrestricted Fund** Samuel "Sy" Birnbaum Fund Louis, Ida and Richard Blum Fund Esther Blumenthal Memorial Fund Joan and Morton Blumenthal Fund Freda Cohn Brassard Fund Dr. Sidney and Charlotte T. Brick Fund James and Zelda R. Brodey Family Fund Judith R. and Harold M. Brodsky Fund Harry and Mildred Bronson Fund Robert and Janet Bruner Fund Harold C. Buckingham, Jr. Fund Eleanor and Jerome Caplan Fund Gertrude D. and William H. Caplan Fund Charles E. and Florence Carples Fund Cartin Family Foundation Fund

Samuel and Tillie D. Cheiffetz Fund Lillian A. and Abraham S. Cohen Fund Michael and Naomi Cohen Unrestricted Fund Ruth H. Cohn Fund Congregation Bess Israel Fund Helen and Phineas Connell Fund The Cornell Fund Morton and Dinah Danseyar Family Foundation Fund Harold W. and June G. Davidson Fund Wilfred E. Diamond and Mae S. Diamond Fund Micki and Hy Dworin Fund Robert Eisner Fund Mark L. Elansky Unrestricted Fund Morton and Marilyn Elsner Fund Frances Solomon Feingold Memorial Fund Frances and Philip Feltman Fund James Ferris Family Fund I. Martin and Janet M. Fierberg Fund David and Rochelle Fierston **Unrestricted Fund** Sylvia S. Finkelstein Fund Barbara and Ivan Finkle **Endowment Fund** Fischman Family Unrestricted Fund Abraham and Goldie Fish Fund Hinda N. Fisher Unrestricted Fund Sheila and Moe Fisher Fund Stanley Fisher Memorial Fund Tutti and Herbert B. Fishman Fund Sarah and Michael Fleischer Fund

Albert A. Fox Family Fund

Beth and Joe Fox Family Fund Estelle Fraidowitz Memorial Fund Abraham M. Frank Fund (in memory of Helen Frank and Bessie Finkelstein) George L. Gans Fund Dr. Isidore S. and Rebekah Geetter Memorial Fund Esther Geisinger Fund Bertha Gerber Memorial Fund Beth and Glenn Gerber Fund H. Joseph Gerber Family Fund Donald Gershman Family Fund Evelyn and Charles Gershman Fund Harry and Minnie Gershman Memorial Fund Isadore N. Gershman Fund Rochelle and Zane Gershman Fund Evelvn and Herbert Gilman Fund Irving and Evelyn B. Gilman Fund Milton and Florence Gilman Fund Lina G. Gilston Memorial Fund Goldie Issner and S. Leonard Ginsberg Fund Blanche and Steven Goldenberg Fund Harry E. Goldfarb Family Foundation Fund Sadie "Syd" L. Goldfarb Memorial Fund Shirley Goldman Unrestricted Fund Grant/Weisman Family Unrestricted Fund Arnold C. and Beverly P. Greenberg Fund Leonard E. and Phyllis S. Greenberg Fund Bernard and Anne Greenspon Fund

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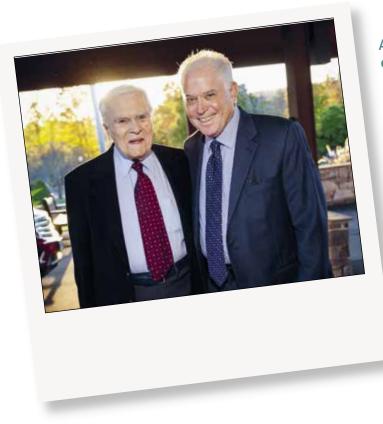
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Arnold C. Greenberg, a former JCF trustee and a close and dear friend of mine for 27 years, passed away in March 2025 at the age of 91. He was a civic leader and philanthropist; his Jewish identity and values were always his guideposts.

Arnold and his wife Beverly supported both the Jewish Federation and the Jewish Community Foundation, among many charitable organizations in the Greater Hartford region and beyond. The couple also created and provided the initial funding for the Maurice Greenberg Center for Judaic Studies at the University of Hartford, which serves as a center for Jewish learning for both the University and the greater community.

Arnold was always thinking of others and always looking to help Hartford reach its potential; as in so many things, he set that example for me.

Walter Harrison, JCF Board Chair

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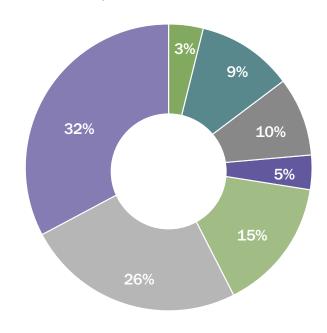
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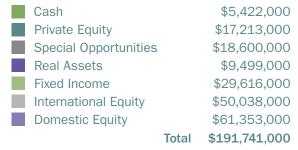
JCF's assets are managed in a commingled investment pool. While certain net asset classes are deemed short-term, thereby requiring some degree of liquidity, the investment policy for the pool adheres to long-term endowment investing strategies to ensure that charitable dollars entrusted to JCF are available in perpetuity. Thoughtful and strategic diversification is critical to successful investing. The portfolio includes domestic and global equity and fixed income positions, as well as alternative investments, including private equity, venture capital, private credit, and emerging markets. This diverse mix can tolerate short- and intermediate-term volatility.

Community foundations must produce a stable and predictable flow of revenue for grant-making and custodial distributions, which is why Consumer Price Index (CPI) + 5% is one of the benchmarks used to assess investment performance, with 5% being the annual target spending rate. Investment performance during fiscal year 2025 fluctuated as external pressures, both domestic and international, put pressure on global markets. By the end of the fiscal year, the pool had exceeded the CPI + 5% benchmark and mirrored the others. JCF also uses customized benchmarks for each asset class to provide additional targets and oversight.

Asset Allocation

As of June 30, 2025





Investment Performance

as of June 30, 2025

	1 YEAR	3 YEAR	5 YEAR	10 YEAR	15 YEAR
Total Managed Portfolio (annualized returns, net of investment fees)	12.0%	10.5%	9.9%	7.5%	8.2%
COMPARISON CPI + 5%	7.7%	7.9%	9.7%	8.1%	7.7%
Overall Market Benchmark with Cambridge PE	12.2%	11.4%	10.2%	7.6%	8.4%
60% MSCI AC World/40% Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate	12.1%	11.3%	7.9%	6.9%	7.5%

Financial Highlights

For the Fiscal Years Ended June 30, 2025 and 2024 (\$ in 000s)

JCF invests its assets in a pool that acts like a true endowment but provides liquidity for grant-making and operations. Custodial Funds, which are owned by various agencies and local synagogues, and therefore reported as liabilities, increased approximately \$460,000.

Unrestricted Funds are available for general purposes. A portion of the income earned on Unrestricted Funds is allocated annually to JCF's Unrestricted Community Grants Fund and is awarded through a competitive application process.

ASSETS	2025	2024
Investments and Cash	\$ 191,741	\$ 172,000
Contributions and Other Assets	402	540
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 192,143	\$ 172,540
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
Grants Payable and Other Liabilities	\$ 1,059	\$ 930
Custodial Funds Held for Other Organizations	26,448	25,593
TOTAL LIABILITIES	27,507	26,523
Net Assets:		
General Purpose (Unrestricted) Funds	40,839	37,190
Donor Advised Funds	59,751	51,392
Designated and Donor Restricted Funds	 64,046	57,435
TOTAL NET ASSETS	 164,636	146,017
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	\$ 192,143	\$ 172,540
PUBLIC SUPPORT AND REVENUES		
Contributions	\$ 9,838	\$ 4,974
Net Investment Return	17,173	13,510
Net Assets Released from Restrictions	15	_
Other Revenues	 290	328
TOTAL PUBLIC SUPPORT AND REVENUES	27,316	18,812
GRANTS AND EXPENSES		
Grants and Distributions (net)	6,845	7,242
Net Assets Released from Restrictions	15	_
Operating Expenses	 1,837	 1,903
TOTAL GRANTS AND EXPENSES	 8,697	 9,145
INCREASE IN NET ASSETS	18,619	9,667
Net Assets — Beginning of Year	 146,017	 136,350
Net Assets—End of Year	\$ 164,636	\$ 146,017

The summary financial statements are based on the audited financial statements for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2025 and 2024, and can be found on www.jcfhartford.org

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