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The cover features community members coming together to launch our Campaign for Jewish Needs at our Super Sunday Kick Off event. The Campaign represents our community's shared commitment to a thriving and vibrant Jewish Cleveland. Of the funds raised in our 2025 Campaign, over \$1.1 million came from endowed Campaign funds. These funds were created by generous donors who wanted their gifts to support our community forever. If you would like to learn more about endowing your gift to the Campaign, please reach out to anyone on our team.

A message from

DANIEL N. ZELMAN *and* ERIKA B. RUDIN-LURIA



When Hamas terrorists brutally attacked Israel on October 7, 2023, Jewish Cleveland was able to respond immediately – thanks, in part, to the visionary leadership, passionate commitment, and generous support of the generations who came before us. Not only did they lay the foundation for our strong and vibrant local community, but they also helped to create the sturdy safety net we depend upon in troubled times.

Just as the depth and range of services we support in Cleveland, Israel, and around the world have been shaped by previous generations, so too will our actions today impact the lives of the generations that follow. Through the generosity of selfless community members like you who have endowed funds with Federation, future generations will be well-equipped to create innovative programs based on evolving needs, live Jewishly without fear, and continue to care for the most vulnerable in our community.

On behalf of all those you help today with your annual gift and all those you will help by creating your own Jewish legacy with permanent endowment commitments, thank you. Because of you, we are able to build a stronger Jewish future and continue to be HERE FOR GOOD.

Daniel N. Zelman
Board Chair

Erika B. Rudin-Luria
President



Cleveland Stands with

Every day since October 7, 2023, our Jewish Cleveland community has demonstrated an unwavering commitment to the people of Israel by delivering immediate help and hope for the future.

As news of the terrorist attacks that day reached our community, the Jewish Federation of Cleveland leapt into action, quickly creating our community's Israel Emergency Campaign to support Israel in this time of crisis. Our Endowment Fund Committee and Board of Trustees quickly allocated funds from the unrestricted endowment to help support victims of terror, assist with evacuations, rebuild damaged infrastructure, provide temporary housing, and address the unprecedented levels of trauma caused by these horrific attacks. Together, our community has raised and distributed more than \$33 million – and counting.

In January 2024, the Federation expanded upon our community's Israel emergency response efforts by establishing a new partnership with Kibbutz Kissufim, one of the 22 communities in the Gaza Envelope that was attacked on October 7. The partnership was facilitated by the Jewish Agency for Israel's expansion of its Partnership Communities2Gether program to connect Diaspora Jewish communities with the most devastated Israeli communities in the south.



Far left: One year commemoration event for October 7

Left: Lee Kohrman and Ella Caspi speaking with teens from Kibbutz Kissufim

wanted the chance to play outside, meet other teens, and have a carefree summer. Thanks to generous Cleveland donors, sixteen teens from Kibbutz Kissufim traveled to the United States and participated in a summer camp experience – ten teens were at Camp Wise and six at a camp in New York. This experience provided each teen the opportunity to reinforce their resilience, reestablish their social connections, and regain confidence and self-esteem.

In addition, as the Kissufim community is settling in Omer, they have asked for help integrating the children from the kibbutz into their new school system, and supporting their recovery from the

trauma of October 7. Based on these needs, we have enlisted our long-time partner Youth Futures, a national organization that offers support, guidance, and targeted intervention to disadvantaged Israeli families through the activities of trained, professional mentors. Through Youth Futures we aim to bring three full-time mentors to help all the children from the kibbutz process their trauma, be a source of support and advice to parents, and guide them in accessing other community resources to help their family.



Barry Feldman enjoying a day at Camp Wise with teens from Kibbutz Kissufim

Jared Miller, chair of the Kibbutz Kissufim partnership Subcommittee of the Overseas Connections Committee (OCC) shared, “It has been a privilege to connect and develop strong relationships with the people of Kissufim, and our hearts and minds are with them. We know that it will take time to rebuild their community, but we have been helpful

with their emotional well-being, local leadership, providing professionals for informal education and social frameworks for their youth. Cleveland intends to be there for the long haul.”

Drawing upon the Jewish Federation of Cleveland’s experience in our sister community of Beit Shean/Valley of Springs for 30 years, this new partnership will bring both Cleveland and Kibbutz Kissufim together to work towards a future of healing and rebuilding.

Israel *and with Kibbutz Kissufim*

Kibbutz Kissufim was established in 1951 by members of youth movements from the United States and South America. Situated in the northwestern Negev desert in southern Israel, the kibbutz is located about 1.5 miles from the Gaza border. The main income for the kibbutz is derived from agriculture, including dairy and poultry farming, citrus groves, and an avocado orchard.

As a multigenerational community, Kissufim is guided by the values of cooperation, equality, and democracy. Many members were “peaceniks” who believed in a shared society and helped their Gazan neighbors. Since then, the Kissufim community was evacuated to a hotel complex at the Dead Sea and in August 2024, they began moving into temporary residences in Omer, outside of Beersheba to create a Kissufim neighborhood. After living in a hotel for 11 months and all the tension that has caused, moving to temporary housing is a huge step in the community’s recovery.

The Kissufim community is working to understand their needs and together the Jewish Federation and the Kissufim community are determining the unique role the Federation can play without duplicating efforts.

For example, the residents of Kibbutz Kissufim expressed interest in having their teens travel to a Jewish summer camp abroad for respite, rehabilitation, and Jewish connection. Teens

JFSA's College Financial Aid Program

Jewish Cleveland has a strong tradition of supporting education through providing scholarships to those in need. In fact, one of the oldest known legacy gifts to the Jewish Federation of Cleveland was a bequest from the estate of Mrs. H. Black, who left an endowment gift to “aid deserving students in their higher education.” This bequest, among many others, provided core support for lower- and middle-income Jews to enroll in higher education. Starting in 1905, the Jewish Educational Loan Committee began distributing these grants to eligible students.

One donation to the scholarship program was a surprise bequest received in 1988 from Mortimer Max Weisberg. Mr. Weisberg owned and ran Weisberg and Co., a manufacturer and wholesaler of meat products, for 60 years. Upon his passing in 1986, Mortimer left instructions for both an unrestricted bequest to the Jewish Federation of Cleveland

as well as leaving the remainder of a charitable trust for the purpose of supporting “needy and worthy students in undergraduate and graduate studies.” At the same time, Maurice Friedman was working with the Federation to create the Sadie and Maurice Friedman Endowment Fund for Jewish Welfare to endow \$8.5 million for various causes, one of which was college scholarships. Together, these gifts helped significantly expand the College Financial Aid Program – all of which contributed to the robust program that exists today.

Today, all scholarships supporting Jewish students are consolidated and managed under the auspices of the Jewish Family Service Association of Cleveland (JFSA). The College



“I am currently chief resident in plastic & reconstructive surgery at Cleveland Clinic and will finish my six years of training in June. I plan to practice in Cleveland with a focus on cosmetic and reconstructive surgery. With the length of training and schooling, it is a huge investment to become a physician, and JFSA has definitely helped me get there.”

~ Morgan Fish

JFSA administers scholarships, grants, and interest-free loans to students in the greater Cleveland area enrolled in accredited institutions of higher education.



Scholarships are awarded in competition with other students who have met application requirements. Some scholarships are renewable. Grants and loans are based on need and available funds. Funds are intended to be used toward tuition and education expenses. All students must reapply each year.

For details, call 216.378.3429

Financial Aid Program (CFAP), as it is now known, provides need-based grants, interest-free loans, and scholarships to full-time Jewish students in Greater Cleveland. Providing college education fosters successful employment as a cornerstone of individual empowerment and family stability.

CFAP provides funds specifically to Jewish students after funds from all other sources, both public and private, have been obtained and also assists students in accessing those funds. Each year, JFSA's staff reviews all applications to determine eligibility and ensures that all requirements are met. In partnership with a volunteer-led committee, all eligible scholarship applications are reviewed and award recipients are selected.

"College affordability is a national crisis," said Cindy Bruml, chair of the CFAP. "At its heart, JFSA's College Financial Aid Program's mission is to reduce the burden of college debt and increase access to higher education. The program consists primarily of grants and scholarships through the generosity of endowments held at the Federation and from individual family donors, and most recently the Jack, Joseph and Morton Mandel Foundation and the David and Inez Myers Foundation. I feel privileged to be part of a dedicated committee of volunteers that reads through hundreds of applications annually to assist with this vital program."

The committee also functions to ensure a rigorous, fair process for selecting the candidates that receive named scholarship awards.

This essential program has touched the lives of countless Jews in Cleveland. Through the generosity of endowed funds, our community will continue to provide this support for students in need for another 120 years.

Core Program Eligibility Guidelines

- High school senior, college undergraduate, or graduate student who identifies as Jewish
- Full-time student
- Attending an accredited 4-year college (no online programs)
- Resident of Cuyahoga, Summit, Portage, Geauga, Medina, Lorain or Lake counties
- Has applied to or exhausted other sources and still needs additional finances to complete education
- 2.5 GPA minimum



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A recent recipient, Isa Wiegand, shared that this program has *"allowed me to be able to attend my dream school and pursue my dream career. I am now a first-year medical student at the Ohio University Heritage College of Osteopathic Medicine at the Cleveland campus. I am honored for the chance to train to become a doctor and hopefully help many people in my upcoming years. Working with JFSA and the College Financial Aid Program taught me that it is OK to depend on your community. My hope is that I will be able to give back to my community in the future, as this community has given so much to me."*

Honoring a Tradition of Caring for Her Community: *Miriam C. Katz*

Born and raised in Cleveland, Ohio, Miriam C. Katz inherited a tradition of caring for her community. Miriam recalls, “My parents were not wealthy. However, they always said that ‘it is more important to support people, even when we have very little.’” Miriam remembers how her mother used to give her a nickel every week to take to Hebrew school, and how the money that was collected was sent to children in the new State of Israel. Her parents taught her that she had an obligation, a *mitzvah*, to give to those in need.

Miriam’s family not only gave when they could, but they also actively participated in the Jewish community. Her maternal grandmother and mother were life members of Hadassah, and her paternal grandmother was one of the founders of AMIT (Mizrachi Women of America), and their engagement paved the way for Miriam to do so in her own life. Miriam is the fourth generation of her family giving back to the Cleveland community.

Miriam was just a young college graduate when the Six-Day War broke out. She was one of thousands of young Jewish people who went to Israel to help with the war effort and the aftermath. After four months of *ulpan* (Hebrew language immersion), Miriam was hired by the Israeli government to help people find jobs and applicable trainings.



Miriam, Julius, Hannah, and David Katz

Once back in Cleveland, Miriam worked for the U.S. Department of Labor. After getting married, she shifted to volunteer work. She was the president of AMIT women, started a Torah nursery in her basement, taught at Solomon Schechter (now Gross Schechter Day School), and held various other roles in the community.

One of Miriam’s proudest and most significant contributions was establishing the Holocaust

Survivor Support Services program at Jewish Family Service Association. This was one of the earliest programs established in the country, which was funded by the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany (the “Claims Conference”). She created Café Europa, also funded by the Claims Conference, a weekly gathering where local Cleveland Holocaust survivors can be together. Miriam also provided outreach to help survivors apply to receive reparations from the Claims Conference.

Miriam has been a member of the Lion of Judah Society since 2006, originally in Youngstown, Ohio. There were very few women, especially observant women, involved, and she saw it as a great way to meet people. She is inspired by being with her fellow Lions, learning from them, and hearing their stories. She wears her Lion Pin proudly in hopes of inspiring other women to join.

As a decades-long donor to the Federation’s Campaign for Jewish Needs, Miriam felt that it was the right time to endow her Lion of Judah gift. As one of the 88 women who have made this commitment, she finds great joy in knowing that her gift will help support her beloved Jewish Cleveland community, Israel, and other Jewish people around the world, forever.



Miriam’s parents, Leonard and Adeline (Seltzer) Climo



Miriam C. Katz with her late husband, Julius A. Katz

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***as of October 1, 2024*

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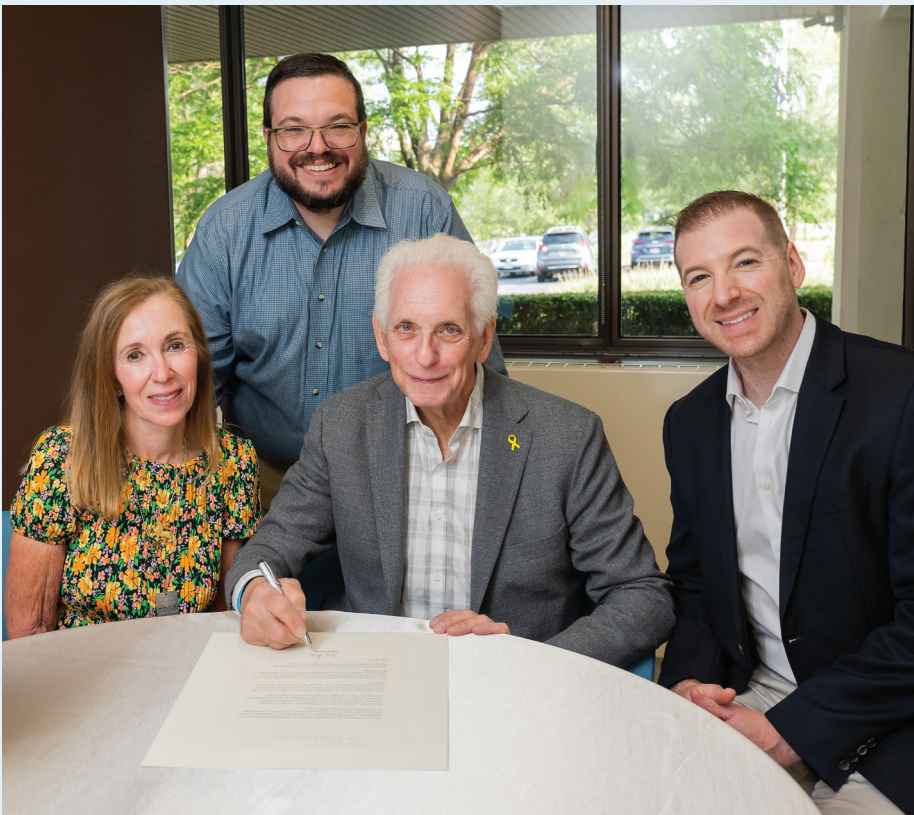
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We regret the omission of any names.

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FROM GENERATION TO GENERATION

The **Endowment Book of Life** is a collection of personal statements written by donors who have made commitments of \$100,000 or more to the Federation's Endowment funds. Donors are given the opportunity to sign their statements at a special dinner with their families preceding the Legacy Society event.



The Jewish Federation of Cleveland has provided me tremendous opportunities to see firsthand the work our Federation does every day for our local community, in Israel, and around the world. These experiences are a part of why I chose to add my name to the Federation's Endowment Book of Life. As a member, and later as chair, of the Federation's Overseas Connections Committee, I was fortunate to see the renewal of the St. Petersburg Jewish community and the construction of the YESOD building. In Israel, we strengthened our ties to Beit Shean and helped underserved segments of Israeli society. There is no better way to perpetuate your legacy than a contribution to the Federation's Book of Life, and I'm blessed to have that opportunity.

Larry Kadis

We are so grateful to continue our family legacy by supporting the Jewish community of Cleveland in creating the Richard & Wendy Halle Endowment Fund. The generations who came before us set the example of supporting the Cleveland Jewish community since the 1800s, and over time have supported numerous organizations including Bellefaire JCB, the National Council of Jewish Women, and Jewish Family Service Association. We feel fortunate to be able to continue this long legacy of helping people in need and strengthening families. We make this gift in honor of our parents, James and Marion Halle, and all those who came before us.

Wendy & Richard L. Halle



When I was a child, my mother used to give me a nickel every week to take to Hebrew school. The nickel was for the *tzedakah* box, and the funds were sent to children in the new State of Israel. My parents taught us that we had an obligation, a *mitzvah*, to give to those in need. That was the law prescribed in the Torah. When I joined Jewish Federation's Lion of Judah Society in 2006, I was delighted to be part of an organization whose mission was to raise funds for Jewish people everywhere. It has been rewarding to be a part of Lion of Judah and to be able to give an endowment to such a worthy cause.

Miriam C. Katz

Our legacy gift to the Jewish Federation of Cleveland perpetuates our commitment to the Jewish communities in Cleveland, Israel, and around the world. We have been blessed to live in this extraordinary Jewish community that has facilitated a deeply textured, multidimensional Jewish life for our family. As our parents and grandparents before us, we have raised our children with a dedication to Torah-based Jewish values and traditions including *tzedakah* and love for the Land of Israel and the Jewish people.

Michal & Steven Soclof





Jono and Alix with their daughter, Quinn

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“Traveling to Israel in 2019 was one of the most meaningful and impactful experiences of my life.”

Leadership from Generation to Generation

As he grew up in the Cleveland area and attended the Joseph and Florence Mandel Jewish Day School (formerly known as Agnon), the concept of *tzedakah* was instilled in Jonathon (Jono) Nisenbourn's day-to-day life by his family and broader Jewish community. Jono recalls how his parents emphasized the gift of giving and the importance of giving back to the community. At the time, he did not realize how blessed he was to be surrounded by such a strong and welcoming Jewish community.

In college, Jono started volunteering and joined a business fraternity and an accounting fraternity, which further fueled his commitment to helping others and giving back. When he was 22, Jono had not yet visited Israel and was eager to make the trip. Jono reflects that “traveling to Israel in 2019 was one of the most meaningful and impactful experiences of my life.” After the trip, he reached out to his friends who connected him to the director of the Federation's Young Leadership Division

(YLD). From that meeting, he became more involved in YLD and joined LEADS (a program that introduces young professionals to the work of the Jewish Federation and the greater community). This inspired him to become further engaged, and he joined the YLD board.

Being Jewish is important to both Jono and his wife, Alix, especially since becoming parents. They want their two young children to grow up with pride in their Jewish heritage and to understand what being Jewish means. It is vital to them that their children have a close connection with Cleveland's Jewish community, and they feel lucky that Cleveland offers so many options to engage in Jewish life and learning, including many Jewish day schools.

As the grandson of a Holocaust survivor, Jono grew up with pride in being Jewish and a



Jono and his grandmother, Goldie

Jono & Alix Nisenbourn

deep understanding of the profound responsibility to build a resilient and vibrant Jewish community. His grandmother was only 13 years old when the Holocaust began. She and five of her siblings survived, finding each other in Germany after the war. She also met her husband in Germany, and their first son was born there before the family moved to Lorain, Ohio.

For Jono and Alix, the October 7 attacks on Israel played a big role in their decision to leave a legacy gift to the Federation. Seeing how the community rallied together in the past year reinforced how lucky they feel to be in Jewish Cleveland.

“We love Cleveland, and we love that Cleveland is a place Jews can feel safe and comfortable with their kids being Jewish,” Jono said. “We want Cleveland to be strong forever, especially after we are gone.”

They hope their gift will inspire other young leaders to leave their own legacy gift to ensure a vibrant Jewish future in Cleveland for generations to come.



Big sister Quinn with little brother, Spencer



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Jewish Federation of Cleveland's Young Leadership Division

YLD is the home for Cleveland's vibrant, diverse, and welcoming Jewish community. It provides a place for young adults ages 22-45 to meet and network through social, volunteer, leadership, and philanthropic activities. YLD's flagship annual events include YLD Big Event: an unforgettable night of community and philanthropy, Summer Soirée: summer kick-off celebration where YLDers reunite with old friends and make new ones, and Newish and Jewish: a celebration to bring together people who are new to the Cleveland Jewish community in a variety of ways. YLD also offers leadership opportunities including: the LEADS Program, joining a YLD committee, joining the YLD Board and the National Young Leadership Cabinet.

Opportunities for Engagement Include:

- The Big Event
- Summer Soirée
- Hands-on Volunteering
- Mission Trips to Israel

Please reach out or scan the QR code below to learn more!



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THE LEGACY SOCIETY

Jewish Cleveland has an extraordinary philanthropic history. We are fortunate that those who came before us had the foresight, imagination, and wisdom to create the infrastructure supporting our ability to live full Jewish lives today.

You can create a legacy in many ways. Here are just a few to consider now or in the future to support the Federation and/or our beneficiary agencies.



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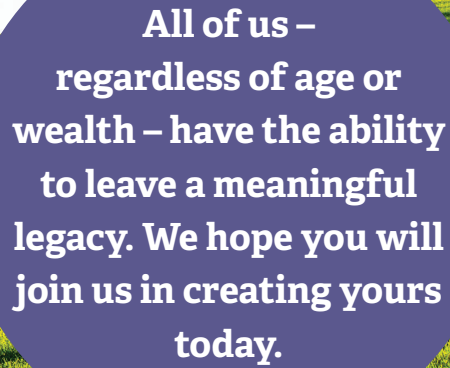
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Give an existing policy that you no longer need or give a newly created policy.



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Set up a Charitable Gift Annuity to support the Jewish community while providing consistent income for the rest of your life.



Noreen Koppelman-Goldstein and Barry D. Goloboff



Jessica Semel and Nancy W. Bell



A Special Evening of Gratitude



Erika B. Rudin-Luria and Stephen H. Hoffman

A LEGACY SOCIETY THANK YOU EVENT

In July 2024, the Jewish Federation of Cleveland hosted a special event to recognize our Legacy Society's contribution to our community's future. The evening featured President Erika B. Rudin-Luria and President Emeritus Stephen H. Hoffman in a conversation reflecting on the Federation's 120 years of being HERE FOR GOOD. Their remarks highlighted how Jewish Cleveland's philanthropic leaders work together to make meaningful, lasting change here at home, in Israel, and around the world. Welcoming remarks were delivered by Shari and Michael Perlmutter.

Members of our Legacy Society are the lifeline of our community – because of their generosity we are able to take care of our Jewish and general community, today and in the future.

Thank you to our Legacy Society.



Amy Hoffman, Sandra and William Lieberman



Shari and Michael Perlmutter



Danielle and Jeff Wild, Michal and Steven Soclof



Judy and Steven Willensky



Terri and Stuart Kline



Penny Greenberger with her mother, Eleanor Schwartz, and Shari Perlmutter with her mother, Eileen Sill



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- Provide an enduring and stable source of funding to meet the vital needs of our community in times of crisis and calm
- Become a member of the Legacy Society

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