

Jewish Community Foundation of Central New York

Annual Report 2023



Mission

The mission of The Jewish Community Foundation of Central New York, Inc. is to create endowment funds to ensure the continuity of Jewish life and meet the changing opportunities and needs of both the local and worldwide Jewish community.

Goals of the Jewish Community Foundation of Central New York

- Provide donors the ability to fulfill their philanthropic Jewish interests with opportunities for giving that are simple and meaningful.
- Serve as the local depository of Endowment Funds for the entire Central New York Jewish community.
- Assist donors in identifying programs and organizations that can benefit from endowment funding.
- Create a philanthropic environment to make giving relevant and meaningful to people of all ages.
- Function in a manner consistent with the best principles, traditions, and teachings of our people.
- Operate with support from and support for the Jewish Federation of Central New York.



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To Our Community



It has been my honor and privilege to serve as the Chair of the Jewish Community Foundation for the past seven years. My predecessors, Alex Holstein and Lynn Smith, left big shoes to fill and I strived to live up to the high standards they set.

I also had the good fortune to work with two wonderful directors, Linda Alexander and Michael Balanoff, long-time leaders in our community. The staff of the Foundation, including Amy Bates, Barbara Davis and Don Cronin, have ably served as the backbone of this great organization. The officers and all of our board members represent a cross-section of women and men who not only have served this Foundation well, but have been integral in many other organizations throughout the community.

I can't thank our donors enough for their generous contributions that have allowed us to reach an impressive level of assets under management of roughly 25 million dollars in 21 years of existence.

In addition to providing significant six-figure support for the Federation, the Foundation also has the Linda Alexander Teen Funders group and underwrites teen trips to Israel. All of this is accomplished despite our overhead remaining extremely low as a percentage of total assets compared to other foundations.

I leave my position in good hands with Howard Port who, in addition to serving ably as our Treasurer, has demonstrated keen leadership skills for decades in various roles throughout the community.

We still have much more to accomplish, and although I am stepping down as chair, I remain committed to assisting Howard and the other leaders of this great organization moving forward.

Neil Bronstein Board Chair

Donors make a difference.



Your generosity preserves the past, impacts the present and sustains the future.

As Jews, we are tasked with leaving the world a better place than the one we inherited.

A fund at the Jewish Community Foundation of Central New York provides lasting rewards for you, your family and your community.

To support the causes you're most passionate about, you can create a meaningful charitable gift plan, from a donor advised fund to a permanent endowment fund.

Planting Our Future



Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks, z"l, said, "We achieve greatness by handing our values into the next generation and empowering them to go and build the future." That is the role of the Jewish Community Foundation of Central New York. The Foundation partners with and inspires philanthropists and the community to advance a thriving world. Combining Jewish values with personalized service, the Foundation inspires generosity, supports philanthropists in maximizing their impact and builds a sustainable future for generations to come.

Thanks to you — our passionate community members and visionary leaders — 2023 has been a year of compassion, generosity and collective accomplishments. Thanks to the

shared commitments of the Federation to each other and to each other and to a vibrant and sustainable future, Jewish Central New York continues to care for one another and further Jewish life locally, in Israel and around the world. Thanks to the support of the Foundation, the Federation has been able to act upon the Jewish value of opening our arms and hearts to the stranger, deepen our connections to Israel, celebrate and empower leaders both young and older, strengthen and expand Jewish identity building programs and provide quality education to our community's children. And the list goes on.

We hope you are as proud and inspired as we are by the breadth and depth of our shared accomplishments and encouraged by what lies ahead. We are delighted to have added \$2,400,000 in new funds to our Foundation this year.

Thank you for choosing to connect with purpose by connecting through the Foundation. Our goal for the coming years is to continue to inspire, build and sustain vibrant Jewish life in a changing world by mobilizing our community in common purpose. We are deeply grateful for everything our Board and our donors do to care for, build and create a brighter future for Jewish Central New York.

Michael Balanoff Executive Director

Create Your Legacy.



When you establish a PACE fund at the Jewish Community Foundation of Central New York, you assure that the causes and community institutions you care most deeply about will thrive for future generations.

PACE Funds

PACE funds assure that future generations will have a vibrant and fulfilling life in Central New York. The funds are invested for growth through the careful financial management of professionals and the oversight of the Board of the Foundation. PACE Funds benefit agencies, organizations, programs and synagogues throughout the Jewish community.

Eve Iseley PACE Fund Established in 2001



The Goldye B. Meltzer and Benjamin I. Meltzer PACE Fund Established in 2003.



Julius, Esther and Helene Schrier PACE Fund Established in 2004.



Paula Alexander LOJE PACE Fund Established in 2006.



J. Jeffrey Solomon PACE Fund Established in 2006.



Gershon and Dina Vincow PACE Fund Established in 2006.



Howard and Anita Weinberger PACE Fund Established in 2006.



Allen and Nirelle Galson PACE Fund Established in 2007.

Sanford Lavine PACE Fund Established in 2008

David and Phyllis Poushter PACE Fund Established in 2008



Sandra and Lawrence Gingold PACE Fund Established in 2012.



Bernard and Norma Goldberg PACE Fund Established in 2013.



Frank and Beverly Goldberg PACE Fund Established in 2013.



Neil and Robin Goldberg PACE Fund Established in 2013.



Arlene and Jerome Gerber PACE Fund Established in 2015.



Sid and Donna Lipton PACE Fund Established in 2015.



Marcum Family PACE Fund Established in 2015.



Robert and Ivy Besdin PACE Fund
Established in 2016.



Gerda Friedeman/Ruth Stein PACE Fund Established in 2016.

PACE Funds



Georgina and Paul Roth PACE Fund Established in 2016.

Muriel Rubin PACE Fund Established in 2016



William Serog PACE Fund Established in 2016.



Howard and Ellen Weinstein PACE Fund Established in 2017.



Steven K. Alexander Memorial PACE Fund Established in 2017.



Michael and Jacki Goldberg PACE Fund Established in 2017.



Martin Irwin PACE Fund Established in 2017.



Robert and Diane G. Miron PACE Fund Established in 2017.

Gerald Levy PACE Fund Established in 2018



Kay/Sneider PACE Fund Established in 2020.



Barbara and Leslie Davis PACE Fund Established in 2021.



Jan and Neil Bronstein PACE Fund Established in 2021.



Joshua and Gloria Goldberg PACE Fund Established in 2021.



Gerald and Barbara Black PACE Fund Established in 2021.



Sheldon and Karen Kruth PACE Fund Established in 2021.



Malcolm and Sandy Smith PACE Fund Established in 2021.



Berse Family PACE Fund Established in 2022

CEPP PACE FundEstablished in 2022



Steven and Sondra Goldberg PACE Fund
Established in 2022.



Sid Manes and Amy Zamkoff PACE Fund Established in 2022.



Lynn and Corinne Smith PACE Fund Established in 2023



Mateele and Sheldon Kall PACE Fund Established in 2023

Endowment Funds

Endowment funds can be restricted to benefit a synagogue, agency or organization or can be part of the Foundation's Unrestricted Endowment Fund for disbursement to meet the greatest future needs of our Jewish community.

Only the income of an endowment fund is disbursed annually; the principal is left intact and invested for growth. Permanent funds are the safekeeping our Jewish community needs to ensure its future.

Endowment funds may be established with a minimum gift of \$10,000. These funds are invested for growth through the careful financial management of professionals and the oversight of the Board at the Jewish Community Foundation of CNY.



Steven and Linda Alexander Established in 2021 to continue the work of the Jewish Community Foundation long into the future.

B'nai Israel Fund Established in 2020.

Carol Berendt Memorial Fund Established in 2012 by Carol's children to honor the memory of their mother.

Solly and Belle Cohen Established in 2006 from the remainder of their Donor Advised Fund as an unrestricted endowment fund



Amy Devorsetz Eliezer Fund Established in 2018 as an unrestricted fund.

F.L. Putman
Foundation Fund
Established in 2002 by an out-oftown donor to support
the newly formed Jewish
Community Foundation.



William and Sylvia Cohen Fund Established in 2011 as an unrestricted fund.



Kenneth and Catherine Gale Fund Established in 2005 as an unrestricted endowment.



Edgar and Eva Galson Fund Established in 2023.



Alice Honig Fund Established in 2023.

Sam Pomeranz Fund

Established in 2003 by Sheldon and Mateele Kall, the trustees of the Sam Pomeranz Trust, to provide for needy CNY Jewish agencies.

Abe Shankman Fund

Established in 2012 to support the Federation's annual campaign.



David and Marjorie Marshall Fund Established in 2004 as an unrestricted endowment.



Elliott Meltzer Fund
Established in 2019, Elliott's support for the Federation is a permanent testament to his generosity.

Marilyn C. Miller Fund Established in 2022.



Myrna Rubenstein Fund Established in 2004 as an unrestricted endowment.



Mitchell and Louis Shulman Fund Established in 2019



Lillian Spector Fund
Established in 2016 as
unrestricted support to
benefit the entire Jewish
community.



Warren Wolfson Fund Established in 2017 as a permanent gift to the community.

AGENCY FUNDS AND ENDOWMENTS ESTABLISHED TO BENEFIT THE INDIVIDUAL ORGANIZATION IN PERPETUITY

Congregation Beth Sholom-Chevra Shas
Jewish Federation of CNY
Sam Pomeranz Jewish Community Center of Syracuse
NCJW Greater Syracuse - the Bertha Frendsdorf Fund
Syracuse Jewish Family Service

Syracuse Jewish Cemeteries Association Syracuse Hebrew Day School Temple Beth El Cemetery Temple Concord

Designated Endowment Funds

B'nai Israel Congregation of Auburn

A fund to support the Anne Frank Tree Project at Southern Cayuga School District, Marion Blumenthal Lazan appearance at Auburn Enlarged School District; Jewish camperships for CNY residents, and emergency medical transportation in CNY.



Linda Alexander Teen Funders Fund

Established in 2017 with donations honoring Linda Alexander's years of service to the Jewish Community.



Elad Ben-David Memorial Scholarship Fund

Established in 2012 by a group of community members in Elad's memory. Elad came from Israel during the summer of 1996 to be a counselor at the JCC summer camp. Sadly, he was killed a few years later while serving in the IDF in Lebanon.



Sol and Mildred Blumin Fund Established in 2018 by

Established in 2018 by Marlene Blumin in memory of her parents to benefit Temple Adath Yeshurun and Frumah Packard Cemetery.



Joseph Elman Family Fund for Holocaust Studies

Established in 2010, this fund is dedicated to the memory of Joe Elman's parents, Benjamin and Cyril Elman whom he last saw in January 1943, and who perished along with his sisters, Chaya and Shana in the Holcaust. The fund supports prgrams to educate teens about the horrors of the Nazi regime and will do so for generations to come.



Frances Irwin Brooklyn College Hillel Memorial Fund Established in 2017 to benefit the Brooklyn College Hillel.



Mae & Ben Meltzer Memorial Fund to benefit feeding the hungry in CNY

Established in 2002 in memory of their daughter Anne who believed that many smaller funds can have a large impact on the well-being of the CNY Jewish community. In addition, a legacy gift was added to this fund through a bequest from Anne Meltzer.

Frieda, Morris and Marilyn Miller Fund

Established in 2014 by Marilyn Miller in memory of, and to honor her parents and to perpetuate the family name and values. The fund supports the Food Bank of CNY, and the Kosher Meals on Wheels Program administered by Syracuse Jewish Family Service.



Noah's Care Bags

Established by Noah Satterlee in 2019 to give travel-sized toiletries to children's hospitals for the parents of children who are sick.



Donald and Linda Schoenwald Fund to benefit the American Civil Liberties Union

Established in 2013 to benefit the CNY Chapter.



Dr. William Serog Endowment Fund to benefit the American Friends of DVI and of the Magen David Adom Fund

Established in 2014 by Dr. Serog to benefit American Friends of DVI and American Friends of Magen David Adom.



Teen Taste of Israel Fund to benefit teen trips to Israel

Established in 2012 by Elaine Rubenstein and family to sponsor a community trip of teens to Israel to explore their Jewish heritage and to create positive and lasting connections to both the State of Israel and with the local Jewish communities they meet.

FUND TO BENEFIT THE SYRACUSE JEWISH FAMILY SERVICE



Established in 2021 by Judith and Paolo Huober to benefit the Syracuse Jewish Family Service BeWell in Later Life Scholarship.

TO BENEFIT THE RABBI EPSTEIN SCHOOL OF JEWISH STUDIES

Epstein School/Sam Pomeranz Fund Established in 2006 by Sam Pomeranz Fund trustees to support the High School.

TO BENEFIT TEMPLE ADATH YESHURUN



Hilbert and Miriam Fleischman Philanthropic Fund

Established in 2005 by Mimi to provide aid and assistance in times of need for Temple Adath Yeshurun.

TO BENEFIT KLEZFEST



Established in 2008 by Sid Lipton and Mimi Weiner to ensure the continued presence of the festival in Syracuse to help everyone in the community enjoy and celebrate Jewish culture.

Designated Endowment Funds

TO BENEFIT THE SYRACUSE HEBREW DAY SCHOOL



Barbara Davis Retirement Scholarship Fund Established in 2013 to honor Barbara Davis' retirement as the head of the School.

Endowment Fund Established in 2005 to provide ongoing operating support to the School.

Committee for 50 Fund Established in 2008 to celebrate the School's 50th anniversary in 2010 and to support Judaic studies at the School.



Cindy Martin Library Fund
Emile Martin established this fund
in 2008 in memory of
his wife to support the school
library. Cindy was an avid
reader, a teacer by profession
and a staunch supporter of
the SHDS as an essential
community institution.

Sam Pomeranz Scholarship Fund

Established in 2003 by Sheldon and Mateele Kall, trustees of the Sam Pomeranz Trust, to provide annual scholarships at the school for deserving families.



Rosenzweig Family Syracuse Hebrew Day School Endowment Fund Established in 2022 to help support the Day School.



SHDS Class of 2006 Legacy Fund Established in 2006 to provide scholarships and operating support to the Syracuse Hebrew Day School.



Simona Szafran Memorial Fund Established in 2022 to provide scholarships to SHDS students and for faculty professional development.



Isaac Tenenbaum Memorial Scholarship Fund Established in 2022 to provide tuition scholarships to SHDS students.

TO BENEFIT THE SAM POMERANZ JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER



Baurice and Helen Laffer Memorial Fund For summer camp scholarships to one or more named individuals.



Barry Lewis Fund
Established in 2016 by Barry to
honor the involvement of his
parents, Jesse and Sarah Lewis,
and his deceased wife, Bobbi, at the
JCC, and his fond memories of his
former community.



Marcum Family Fund for JCC Senior Lunch Program Established in 2017 to benefit the Senior Lunch Program at the JCC.



Steven and Jacquelyn Miron Fund for Capital Needs Established in 2012 to provide for the JCC's capital needs.



Dorothy and
Marshall M. Reisman Fund
Established in 2010 by their
trusts to provide both immediate
and long term support for the
JCC and to honor Marshall's
presidency of
the organization.



Michelle Schotz Memorial Fund for reading and tutoring support Established in 2018 by Irv and Cheryl Schotz to honor the memory of their daughter.



Arnold and Miriam Weiner Senior Meals Program Fund Established in 2020 to help support the JCC's senior Meals Program.

TO BENEFIT CONGREGATION BETH SHOLOM - CHEVRA SHAS



Fund for the Future
Established in 2008 to support the congregation in the future.

Congregation
Beth Sholom-Chevra Shas
Endowment Fund
Designated funds to benefit
the congregation.

Legacy Endowment Funds

Legacy Endowment Funds are promised legacy gifts that will be funded through bequests, trusts, life insurance, retirement funds and charitable gift annuities to be realized upon the passing of the donor or donors.



Craig and Karen Atlas Fund A planned gift to continue their support for many charitable organizations.



Nancy and Martin Belkowitz A planned gift to benefit the Jewish community.



Mark and Susan Field
A planned gift from the Field
family to help people with their
basic needs: food, shelter and
health.

Deborah Friedman and Scott Mackler

A planned gift from a founding trustee to benefit their former community.



Richard and Theda Friedman A planned gift to provide support for needy elderly Jews in the former Soviet Union.



Walter and Lillian Gale
A planned gift to benefit the
Jewish community
made through their
charitable gift annuity.



Allen and Nirelle Galson A planned gift to benefit the Jewish community made through their charitable gift annuity.



Charlotte Holstein
A planned gift dedicated to the
Jewish Community Foundation
which they were instrumental in
forming.



Dr. E. Mark and Jeannette Light-Orr/LevinsohnA planned gift to assist charities they support.



Elaine and Mark Matloff
A planned gift to support
the Jewish community for
generations to come through
their charitable
gift annuity..



Lynn and Corinne Smith A planned gift to perpetuate the Smith family's generous support for our Jewish community.

The Jewish Community Foundation is the future strength of our Jewish community.



Your philanthropic goals can be realized through a donor-advised fund. The causes that Foundation donors support through their funds are limitless.

When you open a donor-advised fund at the Foundation, your gift is managed professionally and the assets can grow over time.

Donor Advised Funds

Donor Advised Funds represent a unique opportunity to participate in the grant-making process. Funds can be opened with a minimum gift of \$2,500 and can be named for the donor, the donor's family or as a memorial to a loved one. Donors recommend grants (\$100 or more) to the charities of their choice. The Foundation currently manages over \$5,500,000 in Donor Advised Funds.

Anonymous Anonymous

Steve Barenholtz Family Memorial

Marc and Karen Beckman

Benjamin and Ilana Berinstein

Berse Family

Gerald and Barbara Black

Neil and Jan Bronstein

Joan and Harold Burstyn

A. and J. Dinkin Chesed

Paul S. and Linda T. Cohen

Joshua Ian Davis Memorial

Nicole Engel

Engel Family

Susan and Mark Field

Howard Finkelstein

Wendy Meyerson /Andrew Fox

Family

Gary and Debbie Freeman

Frumah Packard Cemetery

Allen and Nirelle Galson

Adam and Amira Goldberg

Harlean and Leonard P. Goldberg

Irwin and Beth Goldberg

Michael and Jacki Goldberg

Neil and Robin Goldberg

Seth and Leah Goldberg

Steven and Sondra Goldberg

Marvin A. Goldenberg

Ross Greenky

Melissa Harkavy

Alexander and Charlotte Holstein

Philip and Alyse Holstein

Philip L. Holstein Memorial

Martin Irwin

Elaine and Steve Jacobs

Rhea and Daniel Jezer

Kellman Family

Diana Koester

Kolodney Family

Richard and Olivia Kronhaus

M. Louis and Marianne Kruth

Sheldon and Karen Kruth

Mickey Lebowitz and Anne B. Ruffer

Leslie Fund

Arthur and Kathleen Liberman

Erica Liberman Memorial

Natur-Tyme Community

The Nice Fund

Philip C. and Marilyn L. Pinsky

Todd and Sarah Pinsky Family

Pomeranz/Shankman/Martin Central

New York Jewish Community Needs

Pomeranz/Shankman/Martin

Special Needs Funds

Howard and Ann Port

Joseph and Lynne Romano

Rosenbaum Family

Paul B. and Georgina H. Roth

Alan and Ann Rothschild

Erica and Neil Rube

Arnold and Libby Rubenstein

Jeffrey and Abby Scheer

Rubenstein-Riley

William Serog

Barry and Debrah Shulman

Mitchell and Louis Shulman

Sharon and Barry Slosberg

Lillian and Emanual Slutzker Hillel

at Syracuse University

Corinne and Lynn Smith

Solomon Family

John and Ann Sonne

Starlight Fund-

Charlamb/Rubenstein

Hughie and Avery Stone Fish

Syracuse Jewish Cemeteries/

Pomeranz Trust

Syracuse Jewish Children's Fund

Walzer Family

Arnold and Miriam Weiner

Wells Family

Wladis Family Hats and Gloves Fund I

Wladis Family Hats and Gloves Fund II

Sam and Robin Young

Talia Zames

Donor Advised Fund Grant Recipients

ADI Israel Foundation (ALEH)

Advocates, Inc.

ALEPH - Alliance for Jewish Renewal

Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders

Association, Inc.

American Board of Facial Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery, Inc. (ABFPRS)

American Friends of Beit Issie Shapiro, Inc.

American Friends of DVI

American Friends of Magen David Adom

American Friends of Shalva Israel, Inc.

American Heart Association, Inc.

American Home Furnishings Hall of Fame

Foundation, Inc.

American-Israel Friendship League, Inc.

American Jewish Committee

American Jewish Joint Distribution

Committee, Inc.

American Jewish World Service, Inc.

American Red Cross

Amnesty International USA, Inc.

Anti-Defamation League

Ashoka

Aurora of Central New York, Inc.

Babson College

Believe in a Cure, Inc.

Beth Joseph Synagogue

Black Heritage Trail of New Hampshire, Inc.

B'nai B'rith International

Boca Raton Philharmonic Symphonia, Inc.

Bone Health and Osteoporosis Foundation

Boston Children's Hospital

Boys & Girls Clubs of Syracuse

Brady Center

Brigham and Women's Hospital, Inc.

Bright Focus Foundation

Brockport Foundation

Bronx High School of Science Alumni

Foundation, Inc.

Cabarrus Victims Assistance Network

(CVAN)

Cancer Research Institute

Case Western Reserve University

Cazenovia Lake Association, Inc.

Center for Reproductive Rights

Central Fund of Israel

Central New York Community

Foundation, Inc.

Central New York Diaper Bank

Chabad Lubavitch of Central New York

Chai Lifeline

CharterUP, LLC

City of Hope

Clear Path for Veterans

Cleveland Clinic - Lou Ruvo Center for

Brain Health

CNY SNAP

CNY SPCA

Committee for Accuracy in Middle East

Reporting in America, Inc. (CAMERA)

Community Greening

Congregation Beth Sholom-Chevra Shas

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Sisterhood

Congregation Beit Simchat Torah

Conservation Law Foundation, Inc.

Covey Theater Company

Cross Roads House, Inc.

Crouse Health Foundation

Currier Museum of Art

David Horowitz Freedom Center

Diabetes Research Institute Foundation. Inc.

Doctors Without Borders

Dover Adult Learning Center of Strafford

County

Elmcrest Children's Center, Inc.

Embrace Relief Foundation, Inc.

Environmental Defense Fund

ESF College Foundation, Inc.

Everson Museum of Art of Syracuse

and Onondaga County

Exeter Hospital, Inc.

Fayetteville-Manlius ABC Program, Inc.

Federation of Jewish Communities

of the CIS, Inc.

Feed the Children, Inc.

FINCA International

Finger Lakes Area Community Endowment

Fletcher Street Urban Riding Club

FOCUS Greater Syracuse, Inc.

Food Bank of Central New York

Foundation of The State University

of New York at Binghamton, Inc.

Francis House, Inc.

Friends of Bedrock Gardens

Friends of International Students House

London, Inc.

Friends of Kibbutz Lotan

Friends of Taconic State Park

Friends of the Arava Institute

Friends of the Central Library, Inc.

Friends of the Rosamond Gifford Zoo

at Burnet Park, Inc.

Friends of Yad LaKashish/Lifeline for the Old

Friends of Yad Sarah. Inc.

From The Ground Up Therapeutic

Horsemanship, Inc.

Front Row Players, Incorporated

Greenpeace, Inc.

Guttmacher Institute, Inc.

Habitat for Humanity International, Inc.

Harbor Care, Inc.

Harvard Hillel

Harvard University - Alumni

and Development Services

Healthnetwork Foundation

HIAS. Inc.

Hillel Foundation University

of Wisconsin, Inc.

Hillel International

Hospice of Central New York and

of the Finger Lakes

Humane Assoc of Central NY, Inc.

Human Rights Campaign, Inc.

Human Rights Watch, Inc.

ImpactIsrael, Inc.

In My Father's Kitchen

Interfaith Alliance, Inc.

International Fellowship of Christians

and Jews

International Rescue Committee, Inc.

James P. Wilmot Foundation, Inc.

JCAM Charitable Foundation, Inc.

Jerusalem Foundation, Inc.

Jewish Community Center of Syracuse, Inc.

Jewish Community Foundation of

Central New York, Inc.

Jewish Federation of Central New York, Inc.

Jewish Federation of New Hampshire

Jewish Federation of South Palm

Beach County, Inc.

Jewish Institute for National Security

of America

Jewish National Fund. Inc.

Jewish Senior Services

Jewish Women's Archive, Inc.

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Donor Advised Fund Grant Recipients

Jim Marshall Farms Foundation, Inc. KBY Congregations Together, Inc.

Knesseth Israel Synagogue

LeMoyne College

Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, Inc.

Lighthouse Guild

Lilith Fund

Liverpool Little League

Lustgarten Foundation for Pancreatic

Cancer Research

Lysander Youth Hockey, Inc.

Make-A-Wish Central New York

Manlius Pebble Hill School

Marine Biological Laboratory

Mayo Clinic

Mazon, Inc. A Jewish Response to Hunger

McMahon Ryan Child Advocacy Center

Meals on Wheels of Eastern Onondaga

County, Inc.

Meals on Wheels of Syracuse

New York, Inc.

Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center

Mercy Corps

Middle East Media Research Institute, Inc.

Milagro Center

MOST Foundation

Mothers Against Drunk Driving - MADD

Ms. Foundation for Women

National Council of Jewish Women,

Incorporated

National Jewish Health, Inc.

National Jewish Outreach Program, Inc.

National Osteoporosis Foundation

Navy SEAL Foundation, Inc.

New Hampshire Food Bank

New Hampshire Public Broadcasting

New Hampshire Public Radio, Inc.

New Hampshire Theater Project

New Israel Fund

Newmarket Community Church

New York Civil Liberties Union Foundation

NYU Langone Health System

Onondaga Historical Association

On Point for College, Inc.

Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI)

Osteogenesis Imperfecta Foundation, Inc.

Oswego College Foundation, Inc.

Ovarian Cancer Research Alliance

Pancreatic Cancer Action Network, Inc.

Partners in Health

Peabody Essex Museum, Inc.

Pine Crest Preparatory School, Inc.

Planned Parenthood Federation of America

Planned Parenthood of Central and Western

New York, Inc.

Player's Ring Company

Point Foundation

Project Bread

Rabbi Jacob H. Epstein School of

Jewish Studies, Inc.

Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study

RAZOM for Ukraine, Inc.

Rescue Mission Alliance of Syracuse, NY

Rethink the Conversation, Ltd.

Revere and Son Heritage Trust Corporation

Rutgers Hillel

Seacoast Family Promise

Seeds of Peace, Inc.

Sesame Workshop

Shaarei Torah Orthodox Congregation

of Syracuse, Inc.

Sigma Alpha Mu Foundation

Simon Wiesenthal Center, Inc.

Six Seconds

Skaneateles Lake Association, Inc.

Society for New Music

Society for the Protection of New Hampshire

Forests

Southeast Land Trust of New Hampshire

Southern Maine Jewish Cemetery

Association

Southern New Hampshire Services, Inc.

Stand With Us

St. Joseph's Hospital Health Center

Foundation, Inc.

St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, Inc.

Strawberry Banke Museum

Susan G. Komen

Syracuse Chorale, Inc.

Syracuse Community Hebrew School

Syracuse Hebrew Day School

Syracuse Hillel, Inc.

Syracuse Jewish Cemetery Association, Inc.

Syracuse Jewish Family Service, Inc.

Syracuse Stage

Syracuse University

Tanger Hillel Brooklyn College

Technoserve, Inc.

Temple Adath Yeshurun

Temple Concord

Temple Israel

The American Society for the Protection

of Nature in Israel, Inc.

The Arthritis Foundation, Inc.

The Arts Project Syracuse (TAPS)

The Brigid Alliance

The Foundation at Menorah Park

The Friends of Newmarket Rec

The Frumah-Packard Cemetery

The Honey Foundation for Israel

The Jewish Foundation for the

Righteous, Inc.

The Longhouse Council, Boy Scouts

of America

The Loretto Foundation

The Nature Conservancy

The Neighborhood at Central Synagogue

The Salvation Army of the Syracuse Area

The Upstate Foundation, Inc.

Tioughnioga Lake Preservation

Foundation, Inc.

Trustees of the University of Pennsylvania

Trust for Public Land

United Breast Cancer Foundation, Inc.

United Way of Central New York, Inc.

University of Michigan

University of Rochester

University of Vermont Foundation

USA for UNHCR

US Holocaust Memorial Museum

Vera House Foundation, Inc.

WAER

Washington University

WCNY

William J. Brennan Jr. Center for

Justice, Inc.

Wladis Hats and Gloves Foundation, Inc.

Women for Women International

Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution

World Food Program USA

World Jewish Congress American

Section, Inc.

WRVO

Yale University

YIVO Institute for Jewish Research, Inc.

Young Judaea Global, Inc.

Pierson 6 Under 36

The Marjorie Oberdorfer Bronner Pierson and Theodore Pierson Family Endowment for the Jewish Future "Six Under 36" program celebrates six noteworthy Jewish Central New Yorkers, all 36 years old or younger, who make Jewish Central New York and the larger community better by bringing remarkable energy and new ideas to religion, philanthropy, the arts, learning, social action and inclusion. These talented young adults are changing our community for good by building a more just society and creating community in innovative ways. The six award recipients, chosen by a panel of community members from nominations made by the community, received a donor advised fund of \$1,000 at the Jewish Community Foundation of Central New York, to be used to support an organization with which they have worked or a cause they support.



NICOLE ENGEL is a senior at Nazareth College studying communication sciences and disorders (speech therapy). She served as a madricha in the Temple Concord Sunday School, attended the Epstein High School of Jewish Studies, went to URJ sleepaway camps and was confirmed at Temple Concord. A member of Hillel at Nazareth, she helps plan events, most recently a Tu b'Shevat learning seminar, for the campus. She was awarded a Civic Engagement Award by Nazareth for her work with the Rochester School District providing mentorship for kindergarten students as they transitioned to school and giving one-on-one support to struggling students. In January, Nicole went on a Birthright trip to Israel. After returning home, she decided that she wanted to go back to Israel. She was accepted into Onward Israel's Science and Health Tech program for this summer. While there, she will be working with children with special needs. Working in Israel will give her experience working in a different cultural setting and will improve her Hebrew language skills. She hopes to help the Central New York Jewish community by working with those who need speech therapy. She also hopes to help the wider community, not just in Syracuse, but everywhere.



ALEC ERLEBACHER is the founder of SmartAlec Support.com, a business which utilizes his multitalented and multiskilled experiences in all types of photography and other tasks that require support in multiple areas of the complex digital world. Alec went to the Syracuse Hebrew Day School, became bar mitzvah at Shaarei Torah Orthodox Congregation of Syracuse, worked at the JCC summer camp and was for many years its head counselor. He still returns to teach the JCC's rocketry and gaming camps and recently taught computer classes for seniors at the J. Alec has a bachelor's degree from SUNY at Buffalo in media studies and a master of science degree in photography from the Newhouse School at Syracuse University. Alec has done professional portraiture of Jewish clergy. He sits on the Central New York Board of Film Professionals. He assisted and was credited in a major motion picture made in Syracuse by an award-winning Israeli film director. Alec is heavily embedded in helping the Jewish community of Syracuse. He made a video for ECDP parents to see the classrooms during the COVID-19 lockdown. He was here then and is here now and is dedicated to the nourishment of Jewish life in Central New York. He even says that he offers a "tribal discount" in his business.



ROSS GREENKY is an attorney in Barclay Damon LLP's Labor & Employment Practice Area Group. Ross primarily concentrates on labor and employment matters, assisting employers with issues such as workplace discrimination, harassment and retaliation and FMLA compliance. He was named a Rising Star Attorney by Super Lawyers from 2017 through 2021. His nominator for the 6 Under 36 award said, "Central New York is very fortunate to have someone of Ross's background and caliber. He is a true leader in our Jewish community." Ross serves as a member of Barclay Damon's Next Generation Committee and participates in the firm's pro bono program which provides free legal assistance to low-income individuals and organizations that assist them, helping to navigate issues related to immigration, housing, women's rights, prisoners' rights, community building and economic development. Ross has been a member of the Syracuse Hebrew Day School's Board of Directors since 2017 and now serves as vice president. Ross recently won a case against Swiss Village for discriminating against people whose native language was not English. He is quoted on the Barclay Damon website as saying, "It's that every now and then when you get to be a part of justice being done—that really is quite a thrill."



LEAH EVE JEZER-NELSON is a graduate of the Syracuse Hebrew Day School and the Epstein School, where she has taught for six years. She was an officer in USY and vice president and spokesperson of the Teen Funders program for the Jewish Community Foundation and received a Federation scholarship to visit Israel as a high school student with BBYO. At Wells College, she represented the interfaith student community on the President's Council and set up programs which included Jewish holidays. After graduating, she spent a year in Israel teaching underprivileged children as part of the MASA program. Leah currently works at U.Mass, Amherst as a representative of IACT, Inspired Active Committed Transformed, which engages less-affiliated first and second year students, recruits them to join Birthright Israel trips and stewards their involvement in Jewish campus life. Leah recently led a Birthright group of 52 students to Israel. She is a member of the faculty of the Syracuse Community Hebrew School and teaches there remotely. A talented writer, she has contributed to the JO as well as other newspapers, wrote a weekly parsha for the Syracuse Community Hebrew School and edited their newsletter.



ELYSSA ROSENBAUM has been very active with The Maccabiah, the world's largest Jewish athletic competition, which emphasizes the centrality of the State of Israel in the life of the Jewish people. Elyssa competed in the Maccabi Games in Mexico City in 2019. She raced the triathlon, open water swim, half marathon and cycling time trial and won two gold and two silver medals. In 2020, Elyssa helped to manage the experience for other athletes, helping them get to all of their games and practices, supervising/acting as a counselor for the Israel Connect program and generally troubleshooting to make the experience as successful as possible. Elyssa serves on the board of the Jewish Federation. As co-chair of the Young Leadership Committee, she has been instrumental in transitioning Young Leadership into NexGen, rebranding and reorganizing Young Leadership to better reflect the realities of today's young adults. Under her leadership, NexGen has been involved in delivering mishloach manot for Federation, helping pack dozens of boxes of household goods for new immigrants to Syracuse, working at Reverse Tashlich and volunteering at the Everson Museum. She developed a new description for the NexGen group. Her nominator wrote, "Elyssa's love for Israel and the Syracuse Jewish community speaks volumes about how crucial she is to the future growth of the Syracuse



TALIA ZAMES is a senior at the Rochester Institute of Technology, majoring in biomedical sciences. A graduate of the Syracuse Hebrew Day School, Talia attended Christian Brothers Academy where she was active in interfaith programming, served as a peer minister, lead retreats for younger students, organized fundraisers and planned events to educate the student body about important issues of social justice. Her most significant accomplishment was erasing \$6.7 million of medical debt through Project Eraser, a program she developed in conjunction with RIP Medical Debt. In 2021, Talia was selected as one of 200 participants from Jewish communities around the world to take part in the Jewish Federations of North America's Changemakers Fellowship, an online leadership development experience for 20–25-year-olds who want to effect positive change in their community and the world at large. At RIT, she served on the Biomedical Sciences Mentor Program Committee and as a note taker for students with disabilities. During COVID, she volunteered to bring compassionate attention to isolated seniors in rural areas via the internet. In 2022, she received the New York State Assembly Citation for Community Service. She recently coordinated a campus-wide "Tigers Tackling Medical Debt" program at RIT to erase medical debt on the national level. She received an RIT Outstanding Undergraduate Scholar Award, celebrating the top 1% of undergraduates who achieve academic excellence while also giving back to the community.

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Investment Performance Since Inception

Since inception		
2002-03	4.56%	
2003-04	12.95%	
2004-05	9.89%	
2005-06	10.41%	
2006-07	16.50%	
2007-08	5.36%	
2008-09	-25.1%	
2009-2010	9.24%	
2010-2011	24.14%	
2011-2012	4.5%	
2012-2013	6.7%	
2013-2014	19.39%	
2014-2015	8.37%	
2015-2016	-4.75%	
2016-2017	13.21%	
2017-2018	7.6%	
2018-2019	5.72%	
2019-2020	4.73%	
2020-2021	26.69%	
2021-2022	-12.7%	
2022-2023	10.24%	

It has been a remarkable year for your Foundation's portfolio. Despite experiencing the largest rate- hiking cycle in decades, the portfolio has demonstrated strong growth and favorable returns. The portfolio yielded a solid return of 10.24% compared to a representative benchmark's performance of 10.71%.

The portfolio maintains a deliberate allocation strategy and has generated strong performance while mitigating volatility. The portfolio was slightly underweight on stocks, a position that helped manage risk while still participating in market growth. Moreover, the portfolio maintains a shorter bond duration than its index. This provides protection against potential interest rate volatility. Recent inflation data suggests that we are approaching target levels, indicating stability and a favorable environment for investment.

The fiscal year-end allocation consisted of 67% stocks, 31.5% fixed income and 1.5% cash. 14% of the total portfolio is invested in International Stocks.

The Foundation Board, at the recommendation of the Finance Committee, voted to consolidate its holdings under Schwab's umbrella. Schwab will act as a fiduciary, advising on approximately half of the assets which Vanguard had managed previously. Schwab will also house the brokerage account and the American Funds under "one roof." This will provide the committee with consolidated reporting as well as a broader universe of investment products.

The Investment Committee is comprised of local business leaders, attorneys, an accountant and investment professionals with a broad range of experience in financial markets. It meets regularly to assess market conditions, weigh various options and ensure a well-balanced portfolio. This diligent approach aims to capture opportunities while effectively managing risks, keeping the portfolio in line with the Foundation's objectives.

Financial Highlights

Financial Snapshot

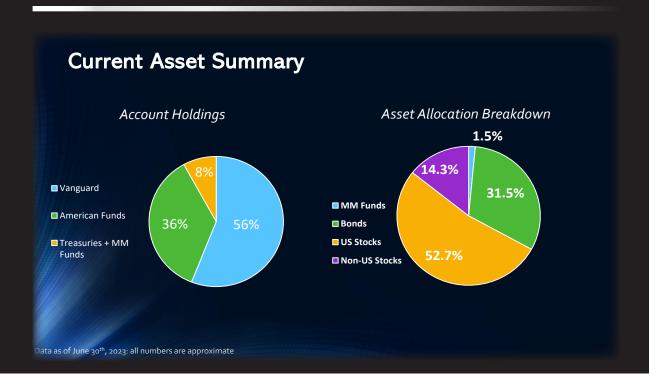
Grants distributed since inception	\$ 25,326,652
Grants distributed this year	\$ 2,516,090
Cash	\$ 74,069
Donor Advised Funds	\$ 5,685,156
Foundation endowment	\$ 2,165,819
Donor designated endowments	\$ 3,485,774
PACE Funds	\$ 4,259,608
Life insurance—cash value	\$ 182,848
Charitable Gift Annuities	\$ 41,375
Charitable Remainder Annuity Trust	\$ 831,096
Agency Funds	\$ 8,197,260
TOTAL ASSETS UNDER ADMINISTRATION AS OF JUNE 30, 2023	\$ 24,923,005

Foundation Highlights

The Jewish Community Foundation of Central New York grew by \$2,400,000 during this fiscal year.

It administers 114 donor advised funds and 86 endowments.

Legacy gifts from 10 donors have been promised through wills, retirement funds or insurance policies that could exceed three million dollars.



Centennial Fund

The Directors' Centennial Fund was established by members of the Foundation's Board of Trustees to provide long-term financial support to the Jewish community of Central New York through the end of the 21st century.

Current and past board members made commitments to fund the community, over and above PACE funding, on both an immediate and testamentary basis. The initial goal of \$2.5 million was successfully achieved and subsequent goals were also met, so that the fund now has \$4-5 million in assets.



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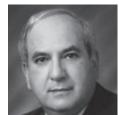
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Teen travel to Israel is one of the most effective forms of Jewish education, transforming the lives of countless young people. Travel to our Jewish homeland, filled with meaningful moments, ignites a passion for their heritage, faith and culture. Twenty-one teens from Central New York recently had memorable and life-changing experiences as they spent their February school break on the Teen Taste of Israel program, run by the Rabbi Jacob H. Epstein School of Jewish Studies. "It was AMAZING!!!!" enthused one of the students. "I learned so much about myself, about Israel and about Judaism," said another. "I have a much stronger connection to Jewish culture and to Israel now. I can't wait to go back!" reported a third.

This is the 14th year that our community has been able to send the teens on this trip. In order to ensure that the lack of financial resources is not a barrier to participation, the cost of the trip is kept extremely low. Financial support is provided by the Foundation and several generous benefactors to the trip fund. Currently, the fund's balance is quite low and would not cover the cost of the next trip, scheduled for 2025. If you would consider making a donation to the Teen Taste of Israel Fund to assure that future trips will be possible, we invite you to contact Michael Balanoff.



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