

FALL 2023 NEWSLETTER

ANNUAL REPORT EDITION

Dear Friends,

Our Jewish Community Foundation of Greater Mercer is dedicated to cultivating philanthropy for the benefit of the Jewish and broader communities. We serve as a trusted resource – helping families deepen their charitable giving impact, building financial security for beloved Jewish institutions, and providing meaningful enrichment programs.

Highlights from this year include:

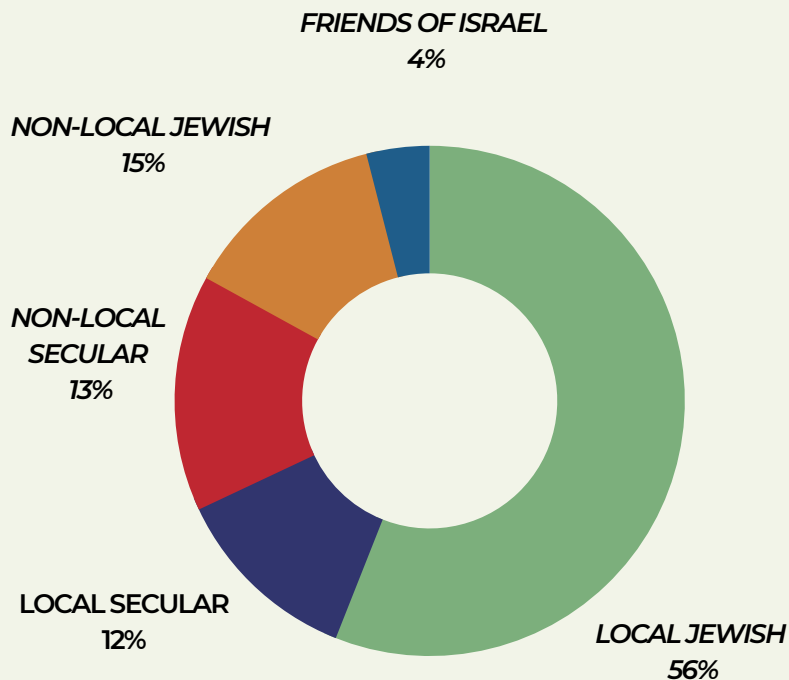
- We administered more than 600 grants to nonprofits, totaling \$1.4 million, of which 68% supported local charities.
- We hosted community webinars and welcomed esteemed presenters including Adina Langer, Ben Dworkin, and Leah Boustan.
- The Foundation co-sponsored Jewish Voices of Princeton, an oral history project preserving the contributions of Jews in Princeton.
- We presented the college book awards and scholarships for study in Israel and, in partnership with the Federation, administered the Mitzvah Match program – a giving and learning opportunity for graduating high school seniors.
- We celebrated our Life & Legacy partners, some of which have participated in this program, dedicated to sustaining our local Jewish heritage, for a decade.

To learn more about the Foundation and how we can support you, please visit www.foundationjewish.org or contact us at 609-240-9511. Best wishes for a happy, healthy and sweet new year!

Chip Loeb, President
Linda Meisel, Executive Director



BREAKDOWN OF GRANTS



- Local Jewish Charities: 56%
- Local Secular Charities: 12%
- Non-local Jewish Charities: 15%
- Non-local Secular Charities: 13%
- "Friends" of Israel Charities: 4%

**WE DISBURSED OVER
600 GRANTS
TOTALING \$1.4 MILLION**
July 1, 2022- June 30, 2023



"We have found a wonderful partner in the Jewish Community Foundation. It is a pleasure to work with them as they educate and help us navigate the Life and Legacy program. We are working together to build for the Jewish future and to make a difference in our community."

*RABBI JAY M. KORNSGOLD
BETH EL SYNAGOGUE*



WHY OPEN A DONOR ADVISED FUND?

"It is a way of communicating that Jewish families locally are deeply committed to the wonderful work being done by nonprofits in our area to strengthen the community."

*SUKI WASSERMAN
SUKI & MATTHEW WASSERMAN FAMILY FUND*

LIFE AND LEGACY

With the ongoing support of the Harold Grinspoon Foundation, our community continues its commitment to sustaining vital Jewish organizations.

- 34 new “Life & Legacy Promises” to a synagogue or agency in the Greater Mercer region
- 673 Promises over 10 years
- Our Somerset, Hunterdon and Warren Counties partners have secured an additional 80 Promises
- All these gifts, whether made today or in the future, will provide critical financial support in the years ahead

And thanks to a grant from the Jewish Federation of Princeton Mercer Bucks, we welcomed Laurie Herrick, who led a workshop series on choosing an abundance mindset when building a culture of philanthropy.

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