

Steven Schimmel

## A WORD FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

After a period of great challenges, we have emerged stronger and more united, are we doing well as a community. As I have mentioned many times before, our ancestors for centuries faced terrible difficulties across broad swaths of the world. They were persecuted, found no refuge, and often had few resources. Today, the global Jewish community is better positioned than at any time in history to confront the challenges of our day.

At the same time, we find ourselves mired in intercommunal tensions, with strong opinions about the direction of our communities and Israel. Thankfully, locally we are able to come together in meaningful and constructive ways to support one another and continue guiding Jewish life in Central Massachusetts to be ever more vibrant, more active, and larger than ever before.

I am excited that each year new families are welcomed into our community. On average, we add between 20 and 60 new names to our database annually, and we now have more than 500 subscribers (young children) to our PJ Library program all part of our extensive Outreach Program.

At the same time, we must continue to work to ensure that membership in our congregations remains strong and that affiliation with the Jewish community is both appealing and accessible. Lowering barriers to participation in Jewish life is one of Federation's goals and something we hope to focus on even more in the years ahead. Thank you for your continued support.

None of this would have been possible without the deep engagement of our partners, the donors who make our work possible, and the wonderful leaders, both volunteer and professional, who oversee our community's institutions.

This annual report highlights the activities of the past year, made possible by you, our community members. Our commitment to strengthening our local community and fostering connections with Jewish communities worldwide is more crucial than ever. You, our donors, are essential partners in this mission.

The core of our mission remains unchanged: addressing today's challenges while building a resilient future. Once again, we have successfully cultivated new leadership, increased family engagement, and secured substantial support for the future through our LIFE & LEGACY program. We are also actively coordinating with our congregations and institutions, expanding outreach efforts, strengthening security measures, and combating rising antisemitism and anti-Zionism.

Todah Rabbah!

Steven Schimmel  
JFCM Executive Director

## Annual Fundraising

Our community generously contributed nearly \$785,000 in unrestricted gifts to Annual Campaign 2025, along with more than \$150,000 in additional directed giving to partner organizations in our community and around the world.

We thank our tireless Campaign Ambassadors, who worked diligently to connect with community members throughout the campaign.

Total revenue across all of Jewish Federation of Central Massachusetts exceeded \$1.8 million, including gifts to the endowment, grants, designated donations, and contributions to Hillel and Rachel's Table. More information can be found in our publicly available Form 990.

## Endowment

The current value of our endowment grew this year to more than \$15 million, with future commitments through the LIFE & LEGACY Program also estimated at more than \$15 million. The Harold Grinspoon Foundation's support of LIFE & LEGACY has been instrumental in strengthening and expanding our endowment-building efforts.

The endowment is vital to sustaining ongoing programs within our community and ensuring a reliable source of support in perpetuity. It includes donor-advised funds, designated funds, LOJE and PACE Funds, which generate perpetual campaign gifts, and unrestricted funds.

## Allocations

Through our Allocations process, chaired by Josh Robins, Federation provides substantial support across the community, in Israel, and around the world. In recent years, we have refocused our priorities on local needs.

Funding through the Annual Campaign supports the full range of Jewish communal activities in Central Massachusetts, from our congregations' religious schools to programs at the JCC, our largest single recipient. It also supports our Outreach Program, including YAD and Chaverim, Hillel at Clark University and WPI, the Central Massachusetts Jewish Theater Company, PJ Library, Shir Joy, Torathon, and continued funding for The Star, our community newspaper, along with a variety of smaller one-time programs.

The Federation itself is also funded in part through this campaign. We provide summer camp scholarships and other forms of assistance to make Jewish educational and social experiences more accessible.

Approximately 80% of all allocated funds support local initiatives. The remaining 20% supports national and overseas partners, including:

- JFNA
- ORT
- JAFI
- P2G (Afula/Gilboa programs)
- The Shaliach Program (via JAFI)
- Birthright
- Colel Chabad (food insecurity assistance)
- FIDF (Daniel Baker Memorial Scholarship)
- Hadassah (programming in Israel)

The hundreds of thousands of dollars generously contributed by our community members have a tangible impact on Jewish lives around the world.

## Security Initiatives

In this time of heightened risk, the Jewish Federation is more focused than ever on protecting our community. Under the leadership of Community Security Liaison Mark Shear, continued progress has been made in strengthening relationships with regional law enforcement, and the ADL, and Federation has played an active role in supporting our congregations and institutions in their security operations.

We are especially grateful to the Richmond Family, whose substantial gift helped us significantly advance our security initiatives.

## Scholarship Programs

As noted in the Allocations section, through allocations from our Annual Campaign, a generous grant from the Freelander Family Foundation, and support from the Schwartz Foundation, children in our community receive scholarships to attend camp, Israel programs, and other Jewish experiences. These scholarships provide meaningful assistance to families and help ensure access to transformative opportunities.

We are pleased to report a very successful first year participating in the Grinspoon Foundation's One Happy Camper initiative, which provided additional funding for families of first-time campers.

We have seen a growing number of scholarship requests, now totaling more than 50 annually, and we distribute more than \$25,000 each year to support local families.

## Central MA Jewish Historical Society

The Central Massachusetts Jewish Historical Society was established by the Federation to document and preserve the rich Jewish history of our region. This year, plans were developed to establish a permanent exhibition space at Shaarai Torah West.

The group is chaired by Melody Friedenthal, with support from Bernie Rotman, and is coordinated in partnership with Jewish Federation.

## Torathon

Torathon 2025 was an incredible evening of community and learning and soaking up the excitement, revolving around the theme of celebrating Jewish Arts and Entertainment. It truly felt wonderful to focus on all the creativity, fun, beauty and entertainment that Judaism offers to the world and to ourselves.

The evening kicked off with a spectacular program created by Chagigah Radio Host Hal Slifer, which was a lively In-Person, interactive musical journey celebrating the Jewish musical soundtrack of our lives, brought to life with rare videos, fascinating backstories, and plenty of audience participation.

Following Hal's presentation, our amazing rabbis and Jewish educators helped us explore and engage, with courses that were meaningful and informative. Some of these included Israeli Dancing, Biblical Art, Hebrew rounds, Singing to God in good times and in bad, Jewish comedy as an antidote and also comparing two Jewish comedian families (Marx Brothers and The 3 Stooges), and even a class on Jews and Booze! There were many other terrific courses along with these, and we are very grateful for our generous, knowledgeable and talented rabbis and teachers.

As always, we thank Congregation Beth Israel and Scott O'Toole for ensuring a wonderful facility for our evening of learning. We greatly appreciate the invaluable help of JFCM Executive Director Steven Schimmel, Stephanie Lyon, Lisa Thurlow, Mindy Hall, and Edie Ryan, and the passion and commitment of Bernie Rotman. Many thanks to the Jewish Federation of Central Mass. for ensuring that this beautiful, well-attended and very meaningful experience was able to happen once again.

Debbie Fruchtman  
Torathon Coordinator

## Rachel's Table

Rachel's Table is a hunger relief organization that uses volunteers to transport donated food to over 30 food pantries, shelters, group homes, day programs, and soup kitchens in Worcester. The Children's Milk Fund program purchases milk for weekly deliveries to 19 of these agencies that help families. Rachel's Table also buys fruits and vegetables to be added to meals provided by Friendly House Neighborhood Center's summer meal program that feeds children at sites throughout the city when school is closed. Last year Rachel's Table provided over 500,000lbs of food to our shelters last year and 18,592 children received milk. With the increased price of food at present this help is crucial.

Alissa Schimmel  
Rachel's Table  
Executive Director

## Clark Hillel

Jewish Community life is thriving at Clark University. It was a busy and exciting year, with Hillel participation booming. Student leaders made sure Hillel provided endless opportunities for students to connect to their Jewish heritage. There was over 130 Jewish events over the year. Students took part in Jewish study, led special services and held festive and inviting Kosher shabbat dinners every week. All the Jewish holidays were celebrated together which helped to ensure a strong, inclusive center of Jewish life on campus. Our Israeli Shaliach along with our IACT coordinator ensured that Clark U Hillel is a great place to connect students with Israel. Our students traveled to Israel on trips including Birthright and Masa. Many participated in internships and engaged in study semesters abroad. New initiatives included Adama, focusing on ecology as well as new Jewish music and arts programs and an ever strong weekly Tikun Olam programming helping families in need in Worcester.



Hillel continues to be the most active and well attended student organization on campus and has become a model for continuing tradition and building community while staying safe. Thank you to Federation and the community for the support that makes Jewish life on campus possible. Our Hillel students feel so connected participating and even teaching Hebrew school at local synagogues. Looking forward to continued growth and Jewish Joy at Hillel next year under the leadership of our amazing Clark Hillel student Executive board.

Jeff Narod M.S. M.H.S.A.  
Executive Director, Clark University Hillel

## Shaliach Program

In September 2024 we welcomed Maayan Yaacoby as our Central MA Shlichah. Maayan grew up in Raanana with her parents and younger sister. She served in the IDF creating and editing videos which were used to teach various skills to soldiers. As a Shlichah, Maayan worked with our synagogues and their religious schools and on projects with the Jewish Federation and Clark U Hillel. She and her Israeli fiancé, Alex Rosenberg spoke to the community on the first anniversary of October 7th. Alex had just returned from serving in Gaza.

Some of the programs that Maayan led included International Women's Day and a Mimouna celebration after Pesach. As a community project, Maayan had students and adults create "Kalaniot", that were on exhibit for a meaningful Yom Ha'zikaron/Yom Ha'atzmaut program. She was also invited to speak to faculty members at Worcester Academy. Maayan continued to build and strengthen Jewish identity among our community members by representing a diverse and vibrant Israel, promoting Israel experiences, fighting the delegitimization of Israel and much more. Most importantly, she played a leading role in shaping what Israel and Jewish identity can mean for individuals and our community. We are grateful to have had an outstanding year with Maayan. We thank JFCM for supporting this program. SHLICHIM DON'T JUST TEACH ISRAEL, THEY ARE ISRAEL!



Liz Baker  
Shaliach Coordinator

## ***With an Outstretched Arm...***

January 2025 –December 2025 presented another challenging year as Jewish people. With the continuation of the war in the Middle East and the final release of the hostages in Gaza, alive or not, the pain continued in the hearts and souls in all of us. The battle of Jew-hatred continued on and peace did not yet reign. Despite it all, we are fortunate to still see continued growth in our community, and have had so many occasions where we could share the light together. Keeping our spirits nurtured is essential for the strength of our community and to help weather the storm that we still feel around us today. We are so much stronger together.

Mindy J. Hall

JFCM Director of Outreach and Engagement

Community Outreach Overview at a Glance:

- 34 new households listed in our fundraising system with 45 new donors
- 121 newcomer households to our Federation outreach/email list
- 77 new PJ Library subscribers; 21 new PJ Our Way subscribers
- 21 new YADs on our Federation outreach/email list
- 17 new Chaverim on our Federation outreach/email list

(Note: these numbers are not inclusive of all new outreach/members additionally gained through our social media sites which have grown steadily over the years)

## **Jewish Community Concierge/Shalom Newcomer**

Virtual and in-person coffees and conversations have been shared as we strive to build meaningful relationships with new comers, and old comers, working to connect and involve people within the community. JFCM 'concierge' service continues to help people of all ages who desire information and guidance within our Jewish and secular communities. Our work extends from assisting out-of-towners looking to move into the community; helping newcomers settle in and connect once they arrive here; sharing information about Federation and our partner organizations and synagogues; assisting those in crisis and need; or even just an ear to see them through. Our work also serves our existing community, helping create bridges wherever needed whether inside or outside of our Jewish Community.

## **LEAD** Leadership, Education and Development (a program of YAD)

With the support of B'nai Brith Lodge 600 of Worcester and other outreach programming, we continue to build on the success of our LEAD program. The goal of LEAD is to develop the next generation of philanthropic and board leaders for our community. LEAD programs are specially designed to provide high-level content and the opportunity to learn the necessary skills and information to make strong future leaders. This leadership building also includes the ongoing work of our young adult council.

## Young Adult Division (YAD)

With a wide demographic of 22-45, we welcomed many newcomers from a variety of backgrounds and ages. A highly active group with a council that meets every 4-6 weeks, YAD was jam packed with monthly Shabbat Dinners and lunches, monthly Happy Hours, holiday celebrations and dinners, a Passover Seder, hiking, apple picking, Torah on Tap with community Rabbis, movies, bowling, a pool party, cooking events, game nights, and our annual summertime newcomer picnic welcoming all newcomers over the past year.



## Chaverim (40's and up)

Our 45 and over group came together for fun and community-building whether we were solo as a group, or collaborating with other community groups and organizations. From our annual Night Out at the Jewish Film Festival to see "Seven Blessings; an Author Series program "Sesame: Global Recipes and Stories of an Ancient Seed"; a Krav Maga Self Defense Class; Summertime Café Chav-erot; Summertime Vibes Pool Bash; or 3 multi-generational ladies' night out evenings.



## PJ Library & PJ Our Way / Young Jewish Families

With many new families in the area, PJ Library has seen stable growth over the past years. Bringing families together and engaging them in our greater community has resulted in new “chosen” families, a sense of belonging, creating connections and memberships to our synagogues and JCC, and sharing in many events and holidays throughout the year. We also maintained a group of parent ambassadors/connectors who provide an extra event arm for our Outreach Director that attend many of our smaller collaborative early childhood events. PJ moms were also invited out for 3 special community-wide ladies’ night out evenings for Rosh Hashanah, Tu B’Shevat, and Shavuot. This past year we also held another PJ Library Fundraising Craft Fair; participated in ongoing collaborative events with all of our synagogues; Krav Maga class; IEP informational classes; Family Seder; family hike; co-host for our annual Community Hanukkah Celebration; and special story times at WAM Hanukkah.



# Community-Wide Events and Celebrations

Our Central Mass Jewish Community is one active hub. Despite our size, we are both mighty and busy. Whether we were rooting for the home team at Jewish Heritage Day at the Woo Sox and The Railers; celebrating community Hanukkah celebrations at Hanover Theater and Mechanic's Hall; a Purim party at Doherty High School; enjoying a Lag B'Omer Festival; Ladies Nights Out; Shabbat Across Central Mass; kosher chocolate tasting; film festival nights; Torathon; a live performance of the Israeli play "Without an Evil Eye"; celebrating Israel at Yom Ha'Atzmaut; a private screening of "October Hate"; or hosting speakers to educate us to help combat antisemitism given the dark times since October 7th. We spent so much time together with opportunities to keep learn, mourn, celebrate, and build the strength of our community.



# Cultural Arts Programming

JCC Author Series, 2025

We hosted 3 in-person author events in Fall 2025 and 5 on Zoom throughout the fall.

In-person authors included B.A. Shapiro, author of *The Lost Masterpiece*, in collaboration with Worcester Art Museum. 12 attended.

Rachel Simons, author of *Sesame Global Recipes & Stories of an Ancient Seed*, presented a cooking demonstration at Congregation B'nai Shalom, (CBS) in collaboration with Hadassah Greater Boroughs and Worcester Chapters, Congregation B'nai Shalom, Chaverim and Congregation Beth Tikvah, 47 attended. Rachel sold a lot more of her product and almost every book she brought. It was a hit, and a really wonderful evening together.



Rebecca Brenner Graham, author of *Dear Miss Perkins: A Story of Frances Perkins's Efforts to Aid Refugees from Nazi Germany* was at Temple Emanuel Sinai on Sunday, November 2nd at 9:30AM and was co-sponsored by TES Lifelong Learning led by Patti Gould. 25 –30 attended. A delicious brunch was enjoyed, and Rebecca shared fantastic stories about Frances Perkins, and her connection to Worcester. She helped feel we really got to know this important trailblazer.

Virtual author talks were held in partnership with Falmouth Jewish Congregation, an alliance that began during the pandemic. Zoom allows us to host outstanding authors who are not local and we are not dependent on the weather forecast during the winter/spring.

These included Molly Jong Fast, *How to Lose Your Mother*; Elizabeth Hyman



*The Girl Bandits of The Warsaw Ghetto* to commemorate Kristallnacht; Jane Eisner, *Carol King: She Made the Earth Move*.

We hosted Jean Meltzer for the 5th time, in conversation with Rabbi Fellman, discussing *The Eight Heartbreaks of Hanukkah*, Jean's latest romance novel.

Jewish Book Month, now in its 100th year was commemorated in November 2025 with a very special JBC Jewish Book Month 100 One Community Event with Rabbi Angela Buchdahl, *Heart of a Stranger: An Unlikely Rabbi's Story of Faith, Identity, and Belonging*. While this was presented on Zoom across North America, we had a live watch party at the JCC with 20 people present, and more from our community watching remotely.



Hanukkah at WAM

There were approximately 100 attendees at Hanukkah at WAM 2025. The program included dreidel games, a scavenger hunt, the performance by Kourt Hill Klezmer Band, PJ Library story times, beeswax candles and scratch art activities. A highlight was the opening of the Armory exhibit.



# Life & Legacy

## ASSURE JEWISH TOMORROWS

The Jewish Federation of Central Mass would like to honor our local community members who have committed to leaving a legacy gift as part of our LIFE & LEGACY program.

We are proud to present the list of LIFE & LEGACY donors as of June 1, 2026.

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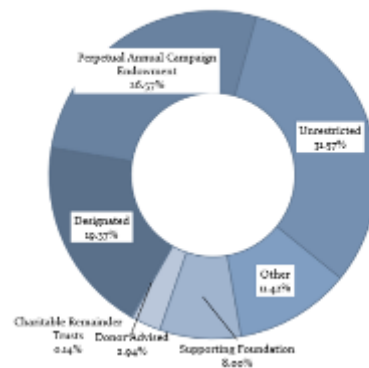
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FOUNDATION ASSETS



Asset Type	Amount
Designated	\$ 24,000,000
Perpetual Annual Campaign Endowment	\$ 4,690,431
Unrestricted	\$ 5,574,431
Other	\$ 2,016,471
Supporting Foundation	\$ 1,411,607
Donor-Advised	\$ 518,703
Charitable Remainder Trusts	\$ 24,000
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$ 39,655,244</b>

**JEWISH FEDERATION OF CENTRAL MASSACHUSETTS, INC.**

**KEY FINANCIAL RATIOS  
FOR THE YEARS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2025**

	<b>2025</b>	
	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>RATIO</u>
<b>1) UNRESTRICTED OPERATING PUBLIC SUPPORT AND REVENUE:</b>		
Public support:		
Grants, contributions and fundraising	\$ 1,488,353	85.5%
Revenue:		
Program income	138,470	8.0%
Investment income appropriated for operations	<u>113,024</u>	<u>6.5%</u>
Total unrestricted operating public support and revenue	<u>1,739,847</u>	<u>100.0%</u>
<b>2) OPERATING EXPENSES:</b>		
Program services:		
Federation	712,095	33.1%
Foundation	81,905	3.8%
Rachel's Table	331,677	15.4%
Clark Hillel	293,694	13.6%
Internal Programs	117,324	5.4%
Other programs	<u>249,294</u>	<u>11.6%</u>
Total program services	<u>1,785,989</u>	<u>83.0%</u>
Supporting services:		
General and administrative	196,668	9.1%
Fundraising	<u>170,433</u>	<u>8.0%</u>
Total supporting services	<u>367,101</u>	<u>17.0%</u>
Total operating expenses	<u>2,153,090</u>	<u>100.0%</u>
<b>3) Changes in unrestricted net assets from operations</b>	<b>\$ (413,243)</b>	
Nonoperating revenue	\$ 1,058,886	
Change in operating net assets	<u>\$ 645,643</u>	
<b>4) Unrestricted Operating Net Assets</b>	<b>\$ 6,272,046</b>	
Average Monthly Expenses	<u>179,424</u>	
Number of months in unrestricted operating net assets	<u>34.96</u>	
<b>4a) Unrestricted Net Assets, excluding property and equipment</b>	<b>\$ 10,713,705</b>	
Average Monthly Expenses	<u>179,424</u>	
Number of months in unrestricted net assets, excluding property and equipment	<u>59.71</u>	

## 2025-2026 Leadership

### JFCM Officers/Executive Committee

Joel Baker, President  
Karen Rothman, Secretary  
Dan Shertzer, Treasurer

### JFCM Governing Board

Wendy Bergman	Jeremy Lurier
Mattie Castiel	Ben Lyons, Past President
Jake Cutler	Dan Margolis
Debbie Fruchtman	Becky Pins
Justin Hollander	Bernie Rotman
Josh Honig	Jonathan Sadick
Tarah Joseph	Mark Shear
Dennis Lindenber	Nina Stoll

### 2023-2024 Committee Chairs

#### Allocations Committee

Josh Robbins, Chair

#### Black Jewish Alliance

Rabbi Michael Swartz, Chair

#### Endowment Investment Committee

Wayne Ushman, Chair

#### Hillel Advisory Committee

Bernie Rotman, Chair

#### Jewish Historical Society

Melody Friedenthal, Chair

#### Nominating Committee

Ben Lyons, Chair

#### Personnel Committee

Jonathan Sigel, Chair

#### Rachel's Table

Jamye Burdett, Chair

#### Security

Mark Shear Committee Security Liaison

#### Torathon

Deborah Fruchtman, Chair

#### The Star, Jewish Newspaper

Carol Goodman Kaufman, Dan Margolis, Karen Rothman, Mike Smith

#### Worcester Jewish Cemetery Improvement Assoc.

Dana Levenson, Chair

*Other committee chairs will be selected at future Federation Board meeting*

### JFCM Staff

Steven Schimmel, Executive Director  
Edie Ryan, Contoller  
Lisa Thurlow, Office Manager and LIFE & LEGACY Coordinator  
Stephanie Lyon, Media Content Editor  
Mindy Hall, Outreach Director  
Rabbi Michael Swartz, Black Jewish Alliance Coordinator  
Liz Baker, Young Emissary Coordinator  
Alissa Schimmel, Rachel's Table Executive Director  
Jeff Narod, Clark Hillel Director

## Social Media

Our social media engagement increases every year with multiple demographic groups and pages that keep our community up to date on all of our events and happenings in the local Jewish community, and news from around the world.

**Have you checked out....**

**Our Jewish Connect site:**

[www.jewishcentral.org](http://www.jewishcentral.org)

**Our website:**

[www.jewishcentralmass.org](http://www.jewishcentralmass.org)



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<https://www.facebook.com/jewishcentralmass/>

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/centralmassyad/>

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/JewishCentralMass/>

<https://www.facebook.com/PJLibraryCentralMA/>

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/chaverimcentralmass/>

## JFCM Mission

**JFCM is dedicated to the preservation and enrichment of Jewish life in Central Massachusetts and throughout the world.**

To carry out our mission we maintain the following objectives:

- To strengthen Jewish identification and sense of community by maximizing the involvement of Jews in Jewish communal life;
- To develop and increase the philanthropic resources and capacity of the Central Massachusetts Jewish Community;
- To assist and promote the contribution of its member, beneficiary, and constituent institutions, synagogues, agencies, and organizations in meeting varied educational, cultural, religious, social, recreational, and welfare needs of the community;
- To recognize our commitment to and interdependence with the State of Israel, and to foster and enhance our eternal link with Israel through cultural, economic and spiritual support;
- To participate and assist in efforts to improve the social, economic, and cultural condition of world Jewry; and
- To maintain and strengthen ties and understanding between the Jewish community and the broader society.