



Champaign-Urbana[®]
JEWISH FEDERATION

2019–2020 Annual Report



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Letter from President



Rebekah Noven

Dear Friends,

As we come to the end of our fiscal year and my final days as president of the board, who could have guessed the circumstances we now all find ourselves in? To say that this year has been unusual is an understatement, and at this point, almost a cliché! But despite all of the challenges accompanying a global pandemic, I am so proud of our staff, board, volunteers, donors and friends who have helped CUJF survive—and thrive—during these strange times. We have moved events online, checked in (virtually) on community members, financially supported those in our community who faced challenges, continued to fundraise for next year's critical programming. Thanks to everyone who played a part in the success of this past year!

Even before the COVID-19 shut down, CUJF tried some new things this year - thanks to the innovative approach of board members, committee chairs, staff and volunteers. Our annual meeting provided guests with an opportunity to attend the dinner and a concert featuring some amazing local talent or just the concert. We forged a partnership with the JCC in Chicago on our Jewish Film Festival, drastically minimizing the leg-work on our end. And after the surprise closing of the Art Theater, we pivoted to holding the Film Festival at the Spurlock Museum. We invited experts from the local Jewish community to share their expertise and insights in a panel format during our CHAI Seniors luncheons this winter. And we gathered with different cultures to dance and celebrate freedom in a community-building event.

One of our biggest accomplishments of this year has been revising our bylaws to allow meeting and voting by conference telephone or other means of communication (like Zoom!) where all participants can hear each other. We sincerely hope that this will be the last pandemic of our lifetimes, but this provision will come in handy for the next polar vortex or other unanticipated event, and will allow board members to participate in meetings while traveling or when ill, etc. Further revisions to the bylaws, last updated in 2000, will be made as the board continues to work on better defining the current mission and vision of the organizations.

Serving as president of CUJF for the past 2 years has been a great privilege - thank you for this incredible opportunity. I have been honored to meet and work with so many incredible individuals throughout C-U. I hope that my leadership has been a net positive for CUJF. I know the organization will remain in the very capable and passionate hands of our executive director, Linda Bauer. And with Marc Snir at the helm of the board, the organization will continue to have a profound impact on this community.

Rebekah Noven

President

Executive Director Report



Linda Bauer

2019–2020 started well for the Champaign-Urbana Jewish Federation, but then we were faced with the challenges of the Coronavirus pandemic.

In looking at all the varied committees, budget items, activities, grants, scholarships, events, outreach, etc. of the Federation, it seemed to me we needed to summarize CUJF's mission in a brief, meaningful statement. Here it is:

We aid those in need, educate through programs and scholarships and we celebrate our Jewish culture and community.

We carry out this mission in these ways:

- An important part of Jewish tradition and responsibility is Tzedakah (justice, charity) and also through Tikkun Olam (healing the world). CUJF provides emergency financial aid to those in need, not only to our Jewish Community, but to the community at large. We helped people in the community with past due rent or power bills so they could stay in their homes. This spring, CUJF donated \$1000 to the East Central Illinois Food Bank, to assist the many people in Champaign-Urbana who found themselves without jobs because of the pandemic.
- For the past many years, CUJF has promoted education through camp scholarships. Unfortunately, camps closed for the summer, so our young people were unable to attend Jewish camps in 2020. However, we have put that money in reserve and hope the camp experience will be available in 2021, in person or virtually.
- CUJF also provided interesting speakers at our Chai Seniors events, including members of our own Jewish community who described their vocations. We were able to provide activities and learning opportunities for all ages, including PJ Library/ KidDush Club activities with Sinai Temple, the speaker at our Annual Dinner, Teen Movie night with Jewish themed movies, support for Schmooze get-togethers for Young Professionals, and more.
- Holocaust Education provided learning materials for our schools and provided a portion of the funding for a Holocaust survivor to speak at the Urbana Public Schools.

Read further in this Annual Report to learn about Committee activities in 2019–2020.

I especially want to thank Rebekah Noven, President of the CUJF Board, Yael Gertner, Jewish Film Festival coordinator and Andrea Aguiar, Events Coordinator, who planned and implemented a variety of events and activities for our CU Jewish community.

Also thanks to Elena Kislev, our Communications Coordinator, who designed and created content for the CUJF website and weekly and special emails to promote not only CUJF activities, but those of our fellow Jewish organizations in Champaign-Urbana.

Also a big thank-you to Djavid Novrouzov, who manages the finances of CUJF, helping set the budget, writing the checks, manning the office, and more, so that everything else goes smoothly.

And finally, thank you to all our generous donors who made it all possible. Together, we do good, heal the world, and strengthen our Jewish Community!

Linda Bauer

Executive Director

2019–2020 Board of Directors and Current Staff

BOARD

Rebekah Noven, President (2018–2020)

Marc Snir, Vice President, Allocations (2019–2021)

Yael Gertner, Vice President, Campaign (2019–2021)

Ella Slavin, Treasurer (2019–2021)

David Scherba, Secretary (2019–2021)

GENERAL BOARD MEMBERS

Allen Avner (2020–2022)

Marissa Barlaz (2019–2021)

Inbal Elazar (2018–2020)

Barry Isralewitz (2019–2021)

Deborah Katz-Downie (2019–2021)

Diana Lenik (2020–2022)

Faye Lesht (2018–2020)

Lynn Wachtel (2019–2021)

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS

Rabbi Dovid Tiechtel, Chabad Jewish Center

Ira Lebson, Chabad Jewish Center President

Art Siegel, CU Jewish Endowment Foundation Chair

Barry Weiner, CU Jewish Endowment Foundation Chair

Erez Cohen, Hillel Director

Dara Goldman, Jewish Culture and Society, UIUC Director

Rabbi Alan Cook, Sinai Temple Rabbi

Jake Sosnoff, Sinai Temple President

CURRENT STAFF

Linda A Bauer, Executive Director

Djavid Novrouzov, Financial Officer

Andrea Aguiar, Program Coordinator

Elena Kiselev, Communication Coordinator



Part I

Activities

2019–2020 Activities

■ COMMUNITY IMPACT

CUJF provides programs and services for our local community in the areas of education, support for those in time of need, and community engagement. Staff and volunteers work together throughout the year to host events, share information, and distribute funds, following the mission of CUJF and the priorities defined in the financial allocations (budget) process for the current fiscal year.

Jewish Film Festival

Yael Gertner, CUJF Board Member and Festival Coordinator

For our Jewish Film Festival in 2020, we showed three of the movies we planned to show and we were unable to show the fourth movie because Spurlock closed due to the Covid pandemic.

We had a great turnout of 90 people for each movie. The first film was Sustainable Nation, a documentary about how Israeli technology helps with sustainability. Our guest speaker was Professor Evan H. DeLucia, director of Sustainability at the University of Illinois. The second movie was Leona. Dr. Dara Goldman from the University of Illinois Jewish Studies program was our speaker. Jewish Studies also had a reception before the film and helped us reserve the location. It was very helpful to partner with them and we hope this will grow into more collaboration in the future. The final movie was Children of the Inquisition and the director, Joseph F. Lovett, joined us on Skype.

For the festival we also partnered with JCC Chicago in terms of them helping us publicize and get the films in terms of accessibility and reduced cost. We hope to partner with them in the future.

For the first time we held the festival at the Spurlock museum. This on-campus location was very convenient. Their team was very professional. The movies were free and the overall cost of the festival was less than last year.

The Human Services Committee

Michael Langendorf, CUJF HSC Chair

The Human Services Committee (HSC) continued to make basic financial support available to members of the CU community. The Committee helped with utility bills, prescriptions, rent, food, camp scholarships and support for our local food bank. Unfortunately, due to COVID19 the camp scholarships may not be utilized this Summer. The Committee dispersed about \$7,000 to campers in camp scholarships. In CU community focused help, the Committee allotted about \$600 a month (on average) to help with financial issues confronting our fellow CU residents. The Committee sees it is primary help to be made available to single parent families and fellow Jewish members of the community.

Special thanks to Linda and Djavaid for the awesome job they do in screening calls for help and assistance.

Holocaust Education Center

(Formerly known as Holocaust Education Committee)

Brian B. Kahn, Chair, Holocaust Education Center

We began the year with completion of a Parkland College AMP Grant, which provided student and faculty guidance as we rebranded the work and the publicity materials of the committee. A special thanks to Robin Goettel for attending and providing transportation to all of the meetings at Parkland. We had planned for several professional development sessions to be provided by the Anti Defamation League but both were canceled due to lack of teacher registration. In speaking with the ADL by phone, this was and continues to be an issue across the country as many schools do not allow teachers to be absent from school due to lack of PD funds and a substitute crisis. We plan to arrange at least one session for the coming academic year to be presented by the ADL.

The following lists the Holocaust speaking engagements completed for this academic year: 1) Robin and Brian presented at Westville High School on two different occasions this year in Bob Lehman's room and also for the entire school. We presented on Jewish traditions and holidays, as well as Robin demonstrating Jewish folk dancing (a local news article was published and video posted on the CUJF website. 2) Bill Gingold presented his story for the first time at Uni High School in a level three German language class. 3) Brian did his annual presentation for Valerie Prescott's 5th grade students at Barkstall Elementary School in Champaign (fifteen years running...). 4) At the start of the pandemic, Bill Gingold presented a Zoom session to Ann Quakenbush's 5th grade class at Next Generation School. 5) Brian and Bob presented at Rantoul High School – all freshman English classes – as they completed the reading of Night. This was a two-day affair, three hours per day. 6) Brian presented to two different classes at Countryside School for the social studies and English classes. 7) Brian and Bob did a Zoom presentation for students at Sullivan High School, arranged by committee member Rebecca Lawson. 8) Bob and Brian also presented two sessions at the Urbana Teacher Institute held in February at Urbana Middle School.

The eighth grade students at Franklin Middle School presented their Virtual Holocaust Museum just before the closing of the schools. A number of members of the Jewish community attended as well as parents and school administrators from across the district. Many of the student projects were also to be shared at the Through Their Eyes exhibit during Yom Hashoah commemoration but that, too, was held via Zoom.

The HEC also held an open house at the library in Sinai temple in November and materials were loaned to five area teachers to be used in their classrooms as they completed their Holocaust units.

Chevra Kadisha (Jewish Burial Society)

Lee Melhado, Chair

Members: Anonymous by tradition

Founded in 1993, the Chevra Kadisha provides preparation of the dead for traditional Jewish burial, education about Jewish death and mourning practices, and respectful, low-cost burial for the indigent. All work is performed by volunteers who give their time anonymously as a hesed shel emet, an act of true loving-kindness. Costs of materials, such as the traditional shroud, are covered by contributions from families served and by CU Jewish Federation.

Since 2000, the local burial society has participated in 85 burials, five of them during fiscal year 2019–2020. Currently, nearly 100 volunteers serve as shomrim (those who watch over

the body from death to burial) and 37 serve on tahara teams (those who wash and dress the deceased and place the body in a casket). Additional volunteers are needed and welcome (367-6592, leemelhado@gmail.com). Training is provided.

In keeping with the wide range of ritual observance in the local Jewish community, the Chevra Kadisha offers several options to bereaved families: 1) providing people to sit with the deceased, 2) preparing the body for burial, 3) both shomrim and tahara and 4) neither. Whatever choice the family makes, the Chevra Kadisha is available to help plan and coordinate arrangements and to send community email announcements that include information about the deceased; the time and location of the funeral, burial, meal of consolation, and shiva; and where to send condolences and memorial contributions.

In March 2020, due to considerable risks posed by the new coronavirus, the Chevra Kadisha regretfully decided not to provide shomrim or to perform tahara until further notice. This difficult decision follows the guidelines of Kavod v'Nichum, the organization that provides information and training to Jewish burial societies throughout North America. Once a vaccine and/or effective treatment and appropriate personal protective equipment becomes readily available, the Chevra Kadisha will resume these sacred activities.

In the meantime, the Chevra Kadisha has strengthened its educational mission. Copies of the book *Health and Safety Precautions for Tahara* were purchased and distributed to all members who perform tahara. Links were shared to a Kavod v'Nichum webinar and its weekly discussions about the impact of Covid-19 on Jewish burial societies. In June 2020, two members of the Chevra Kadisha attended the 18th Annual North American Chevrach Kadisha and Jewish Cemetery Conference, which was conducted online this year for the first time, owing to the coronavirus. When it is safe to resume holding in-person meetings, the local Chevra Kadisha plans to host a training, demonstration, and question session on health and safety issues affecting taharah. This will include, among other things, demonstration and practice donning and doffing personal protective gear and a discussion of vaccinations recommended for taharah volunteers.

Educational outreach to the larger CU Jewish and non-Jewish communities continues. During FY 2019–2020, the chair of the committee spoke about Jewish death and mourning practices to members of the confirmation class at Sinai Temple in February 2020, to students in the School of Social Work at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in November 2019 and February 2020, and privately to several families in Champaign-Urbana making funeral plans in advance of anticipated need.

PJ Library

PJ Library is an international program that sends monthly free Jewish children's books to families with kids ages 6 months to 8 years old. PJ library is funded by the partnership of Harold Grinspoon Foundation and local Jewish organizations. Champaign Urbana Jewish Federation is sponsoring the monthly PJ Library subscriptions in our community. PJ Library provides an opportunity for young Jewish families to learn about our holidays and traditions through age – appropriate books, music CDs and activities, regardless of family background, affiliations or observance. PJ Library has served 158 children in our community since the program started, and currently provides monthly Jewish books to more than 60 children from 44 families in our area. Children ages 8 to 11 years can also subscribe to a PJ Library program "PJ Our Way" that send out Jewish themed chapter books.

This year, PJ Library activities included a Magic Show for families with Magician Danny Dubin—a great time was had by all! Also, PJ Library and Sinai Temple's Kiddush Club hosted a trip to the Miller Park Zoo in Bloomington.

We welcomed a new PJ Library director, educator Rebecca Swartz. She implemented PJ Library Passover Pals – a new way to celebrate Passover, by matching up PJ Library and PJ Our Way children with members of CUJF's Chai Seniors group to exchange Passover greetings via phone or email.

CUJF's PJ Library and Sinai Temple also hosted a Passover Song and Story Share via Zoom Video Conferencing.

■ COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

We welcomed a new Program Coordinator, Andrea Aguilar, who provided new ideas for events and programs, such as Chai Seniors luncheons.

Seniors Programs (CHAI)

The CHAI Seniors program is funded by grants from the Goldberg-Gordon-Yairi Fund for Seniors and the Libby and Harold Miller Memorial Fund (both of the CU Jewish Endowment Foundation) and donations from participants. CUJF provides program coordination, publicity, postage, accounting, transportation, supplies, organization, and support. The programs are held about 6 times per year and are attended by about 30 people. Usually, Chai Seniors meet at Sinai Temple for lunch, then a program. When we were no longer able to meet in person, CHAI Senior programs were virtual. We did deliver lunch to those who signed up for one of the programs.

Topics for this year's luncheons were Klezmer music, featuring Frances Harris; a discussion with local writers and scholars about books, writing, society and culture; and a conversation with local artists about their art, lives, and businesses. We also heard from Lisa Ainsworth about Preparing Agriculture for Global Climate Change. The Chai Seniors took part in a discussion of the Netflix series, Unorthodox, led by Liat Maggid Alon of the Jewish Studies Department at the University of Illinois.

Besides luncheon programs, CUJF provided 25–30 holiday gift bags on Rosh Hashanah, Chanukah, Purim and Passover to seniors and individuals who were ill or bereaved. The bag includes holiday information, food, and greeting card. Home and hospital visits have also been a service of the CHAI program but were suspended due to the Covid pandemic this year.

Community Events

We hosted a community pool party in July, 2019. Then, in preparation for summer camp, CUJF and Champaign Outdoors hosted a shopping trip for students going to summer camp. Thank you to Champaign Outdoors!

CUJF and our Holocaust Education Center sponsored a reception prior to the showing of Broken Glass by the Penny Dreadful Players at Hillel. The play was performed in honor of the Anniversary of Krsitallnacht in November.

In February, 2020, we held a National Freedom Day Dance Party sponsored by CUJF, featuring multi-cultural dance and instruction at the Urbana Dance Company.

Because of the pandemic CUJF and local organizations did not have an in-person Yom Hashoah observance. We did provide links to local and national online Yom Hashoah observances.

Campaign

Our 2019–2020 Annual Campaign Dinner honored Janis and Maury Topolosky, December 15, 2019 in the Hillel Building. It also featured a concert of Jewish music performed by local talent:

String Quartet led by Tamra Gingold, Arielle Weinstein on flute, and vocals by Jamie Sergey. What a pleasure to recognize our long-time supporters, Janis and Maury, and to hear the beautiful music from our talented performers!

In early March, the pandemic was taking hold. Business as usual was no longer possible. But CUJF continued to serve our community with virtual programming. We recruited volunteers to call those who were isolated and to help pick up groceries and other needed items for those who couldn't go out. We also raised funds to assist members of our Jewish Community who are affected by the virus, plus CUJF donated \$1000 to the Eastern Illinois Foodbank.

Our Annual campaign continued, and we actually had a successful fundraising effort. Donors recognized the importance of our work in the community. Our campaign raised \$252,231.00 from 227 donors. Thank you for your continuing support!

These are difficult times. We don't have a road map. But we are a strong and caring community and CUJF is here to help our community through the uncertainties of the coronavirus outbreak.

TABLE 1 Expenditure by Committee 2019–2020

	REVENUE	EXPENSES	NET EXPENSES	BUDGET	SURPLUS/ DEFICIT
EDUCATION					
Gift of Israel	0	0	0	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Holocaust Education	0	\$1,292.96	\$1,292.96	\$9,796.08	\$8,503.12
Leadership Development	0	\$231.76	\$231.76	\$600.00	\$368.24
Leadership Development: Kiddush Club	0	\$125.10	\$125.10	\$125.10	0
Leadership Development: Pj Library	\$3,379.00	\$4,628.59	\$1,249.59	\$3,850.00	\$2,600.41
Total Leadership	\$3,379.00	\$4,985.45	\$1,606.45	\$4,575.10	\$2,968.65
Human Services: Camp Scholarships	0	\$8,636.00	\$8,636.00	\$7,000.00	-\$1636.00
Human Services: Ta'am Israel	0	\$2,700.00	\$2,700.00	\$2,700.00	0
Subtotal Education	\$6,758.00	\$22,599.86	\$15,841.86	\$29,646.28	\$13,804.42
HUMANITARIAN SERVICES					
Human Services	\$5,512.08	\$5,570.94	\$58.86	\$7,750	\$7,691.14
Chevra Kadisha	\$1,822.00	\$1,212.51	-\$609.49	\$6,924.91	\$7,534.40
New Americans	0	\$39.00	\$39.00	\$60.00	\$21.00
Subtotal Humanitarian	\$7,334.08	\$6,822.45	-\$511.63	\$14,734.91	\$15,246.54

TABLE 1 *continued*

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT					
Seniors (CHAI)	\$347.00	\$2,551.02	\$2,204.02	\$2,737.18	\$533.16
Communications	0	\$5,292.62	\$5,292.62	\$6,400.00	\$1,107.38
Community Events	\$2,322.00	\$2,170.45	-\$151.55	\$4,286.00	\$4,437.55
Jewish Community Relations (JCRC)	\$200.00	0	-\$200.00	0	\$200.00
Subtotal Engagement	\$2,869.00	\$10,014.09	\$7,145.09	\$13,423.18	\$6,278.09
TOTAL	\$16,961.08	\$39,436.40	\$22,475.32	\$57,804.37	\$35,329.05

	SALARIES	NET EXPENSES	TOTAL COSTS
EDUCATION			
Gift of Israel	\$426.33	0	\$426.33
Holocaust Education	\$3,549.80	\$1,292.96	\$4,842.76
Total Leadership Development	\$3,375.20	\$1,606.45	\$4,981.65
Human Services: Camp Scholarships	\$2,164.36	\$11,336.00	\$13,500.36
Subtotal Education	\$9,515.69	\$14,235.41	\$23,751.1
HUMANITARIAN SERVICES			
Human Services	\$8,470.92	\$58.86	\$8,529.78
Chevra Kadisha	\$630.77	-\$609.49	\$21.28
New Americans	\$1,499.98	\$39.00	\$1,538.98
Subtotal Humanitarian	\$10,601.67	-\$511.63	\$10,090.04

TABLE 2

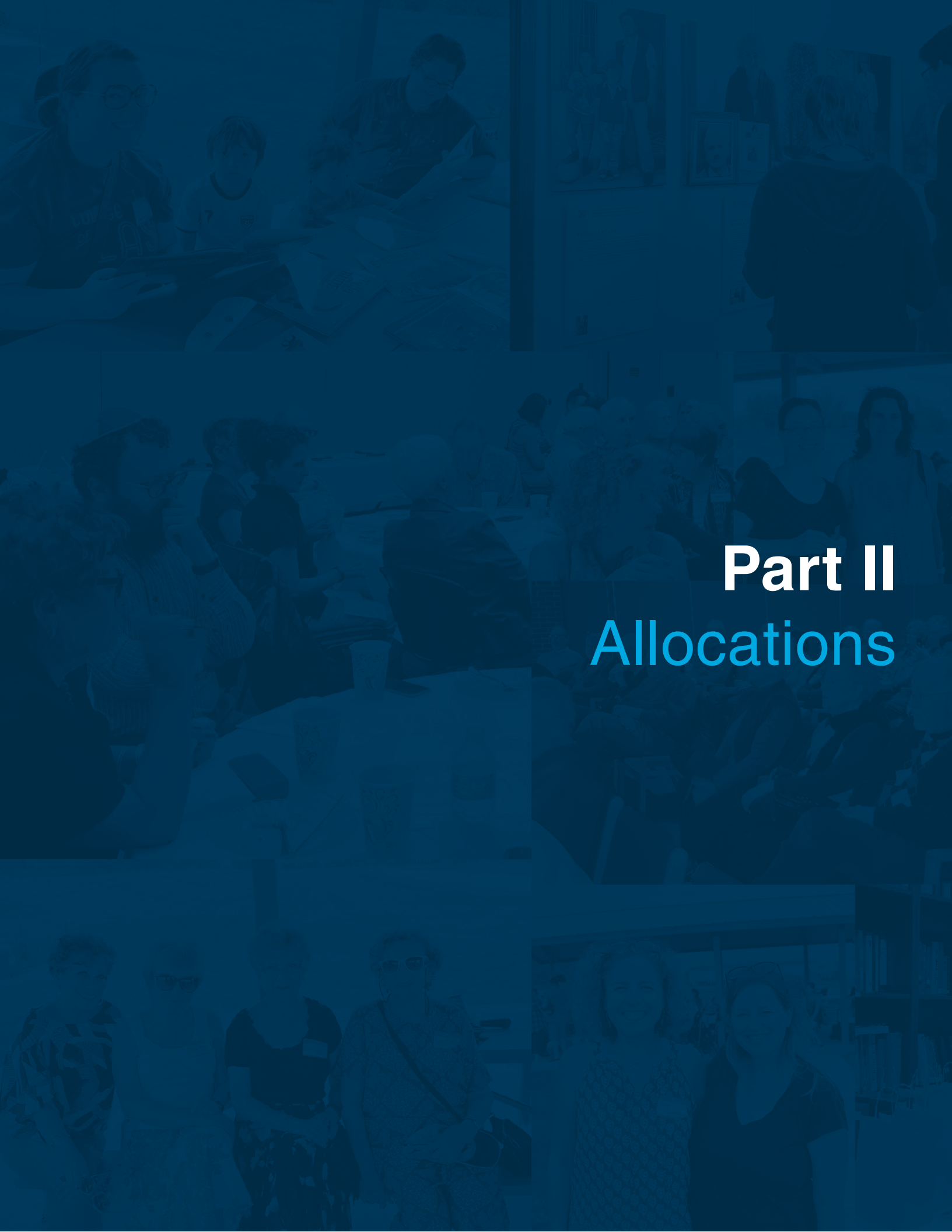
	REVENUE	EXPENSES	NET EXPENSES	BUDGET	SURPLUS/ DEFICIT
GENERAL ADMINISTRATION					
Audit & Accounting	0	\$5,346.21	\$5,346.21	\$5,442.00	\$95.79
Annual Meeting	0	0	0	\$500.00	\$500.00
Duplicate/Printing	0	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$350.00	\$200.00
Miscellaneous	\$149.45	\$256.41	\$106.96	\$1100.00	\$993.04
Office Supplies	0	\$485.84	\$485.84	\$380.00	-\$105.84
Postage	0	\$1,106.61	\$1,106.61	\$550.00	-\$556.61
Telephone & Internet	0	\$1,100.13	\$1,100.13	\$1,400.00	\$299.87
Travel	0	\$176.11	\$176.11	\$550.00	\$373.89
TOTAL ADMINISTRATIVE	\$149.45	\$8,621.31	\$8,471.86	\$10,272.00	\$1,800.14

	SALARIES	NET EXPENSES	TOTAL COSTS
Total Administrative Salaries	\$13,083.82	\$8,471.86	\$21,555.68

TABLE 3

	REVENUE	EXPENSES	NET EXPENSES	BUDGET	SURPLUS/ DEFICIT
Campaign	\$1,440.60	\$2,857.43	\$1,416.83	\$7,000.00	\$5,583.17
Expenses are mostly to donor event, revenues are sale of donated items (pens, etc.)					
Dinner	\$9,240.43	\$6,378.49	-\$2,861.94	0	\$2,861.94
Revenues are dinner tickets and proceeds from the silent auction					
Allocation	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	\$10,681.03	\$9,235.92	-\$14,45.11	\$7,000.00	\$8,445.11

	SALARIES	NET EXPENSES	TOTAL COSTS
Campaign	\$21,967.43	\$1,416.83	\$23,384.26
Dinner	0	-\$2,861.94	-\$2861.94
Allocation	\$1,785.22	0	\$1,785.22
	\$23,752.65	-\$1,445.11	\$22,307.54



Part II

Allocations

2019–2020 Allocations

Marc Snir, Allocation Chair

Dov Cohen, Allocation Committee
Yael Gertner, Allocation Committee
Hagit Itzkowitz, Allocation Committee
Michael Jay, Allocation Committee
Rebekah Noven, Allocation Committee
Julia Robinson, Allocation Committee
Ella Slavin, Allocation Committee

The committee met virtually first, to discuss the general policy for external allocations and next to discuss the allocated amounts. The general approach was that allocations should serve (1) to partner with and support local activities that are part of the mission of CUJF, but are provided more efficiently by other organizations in town; and (2) to support, as a community rather than as individuals, non-profit Israeli organizations that engage in noteworthy social outreach programs. It was agreed that allocations to local organizations will focus on supporting Jewish education programs (at Sinai and Chabad) and on social activities involving young community members and on interaction between the Jewish student community and the local Jewish community (at Hillel); those activities will be advertised as supported by CUJF.

The final external allocations, inclusive of earmarks, are as follows:

TABLE 4

ORGANIZATION	MISSION	AMOUNT
Birthright Israel (via JFNA)	Subsidizes trips to Israel by young adults	\$2,807.00
Friends of IDF	Social services for IDF soldiers and support for the families of the fallen and wounded	\$2,500.00
JAFFA Institute	Assist severely disadvantaged children in Jaffa, South Tel Aviv and Bat Yam	\$2,000.00
BINA	Jewish movement for social change emphasizing Jewish culture and values of tikkun olam	\$2,360.00
Aviv for Holocaust Survivors	Helping Holocaust survivors realize their rights	\$1,500.00
No2Violence	Save women and children suffering from domestic violence	\$1,800.00
Yad Sarah	Enable chronically ill, disabled, infirm, and terminally ill people to live at home.	\$1,800.00
Save a Child's Heart	Brings Palestinian children and children from Africa for heart surgery in Israel	\$7,500.00
Total Israel		\$22,267.00
Chabad	Support for the Jewish Learning Institute program and for invited speakers and lectures	\$8,150.00
Hillel	Support activities of the Hillel engagement associate involving graduate students and young professionals; support communal activities involving students and community members.	\$38,750.00
Sinai	25% of personnel expenses for religious school	\$22,900.00
Refugee Center	Assist immigrants, political asylees, and refugees in Champaign-Urbana	\$976.00
Total Local		\$35,876.00
TOTAL EXTERNAL ALLOCATIONS		\$93,043.00

Comments:

- The allocation committee is not cognizant of earmarks as it discusses allocations.
- It is unlikely that any of the allocations will have unanimous support in our community. Our aim is to support causes that are important to a large fraction of our members.
- The present pandemic situation limited our interaction with the Israeli recipients of our grants. We intend, in the course of the coming year, to contact them, with the aim of learning more on their activities, establishing, where possible, personal relations, and making better informed decisions next year. We welcome the help of community members in establishing such relations.



Part III
Champaign-Urbana Jewish
Endowment Foundation

Arthur Siegel, Co-chair

Barry Weiner, Co-chair

A subsidiary of CU Jewish Federation, the CU Jewish Endowment Foundation is dedicated to enhancing and preserving the quality of Jewish life in our community by establishing and maintaining a secure financial base for the wide range of programs and services designated by its individual funds. So as to secure long-term support for Jewish organizations and individuals in the Champaign-Urbana area, CUJEF was established to receive, hold, invest, and manage contributions and to utilize the earnings accordingly. It acts semi-independently to manage and administer endowments and to provide all members of our community with the means to arrange for long-term support of Jewish programs and institutions, either through donations to an existing endowment or creation of a tailored one.

The majority of CUJEF investments are in a well-diversified pool of low-expense stock and bond index funds. Earnings are allocated monthly to each endowment in proportion to its share of total funds managed. All funds are audited annually by an independent certified accounting firm.

CUJEF disperses funds through quarterly reviews of proposals submitted to its Board. Board members are: Benjamin Fox, Hagit Itzkowitz, Paula Kaufman, Ira Levenson, L. Lee Melhado, Julia Robinson, Randy Rosenbaum, Alexander Scheeline, Arthur Siegel, Maury Topolosky, and Barry Weiner. Linda Bauer, and Jake Sosnoff are ex-officio members of the board. Thanks go to the many people through whose foresight and generosity our community has been able to meet countless needs that would otherwise go unfunded. Thanks also go to Financial Officer Djauid Novrouzov, whose financial acumen and hard work ensures the integrity and well-being of the funds under CUJEF's responsibility.

At the end of FY20, funds entrusted to CUJEF total **\$3,707,024**. The following disbursements totaling **\$120,838.48**, were made throughout the year:

New equipment at Hillel (Hillel Director's Fund)	\$1,218.31
Cohen Center maintenance (Hillel Robinson Building Fund)	\$2,341.53
Support programming at Hillel (Hillel Robinson Fund & Weiner Fund)	\$2,086.94
Support Hillel's programs (Kosher meals, Sukkot interfaith, etc, Allen Fund)	\$5,430.00
Hillel Kikapoo camping (CUJEF General Fund)	\$700.00
Finance the CUJF-run CHAI program for seniors (Golberg-Gordon-Yairi Fund; Libby and Harry Miller Memorial Fund)	\$2,317.00
Augment rabbinic salary (Sudman Rabbinic Fund; Smith Rabbinic Fund)	\$7,192.11
Support CUJF Human Services Committee (Guttenberg Fund)	\$376.14
Concerts of klezmer music by Veretsky Pass (Small Fund)	\$2,000.00
Interfaith Event "Cultivating Hope in Anxious Times" (Small Fund)	\$2,500.00
CUJF PJ Library Magic Show	
(Small Fund)	\$599.00
CUJF's Annual Dinner in December 2020	
Small Fund)	\$1,500.00
CUJF's Annual Film Festival in February/March 2020 Small Fund)	\$2,000.00

ZOOM Concert by Dan Nicols	
(Small Fund)	\$200.00
CUJF-administered Gift of Israel program	
Lynn and Ira Wachtel Gift of Israel Fund)	\$522.23
Support of Ta'am Israel, educational trip to Israel of two local children (Gottheil Fund)	\$4,000.00
Grants to four doctoral students at Tel Aviv University (Ehud and Janie Yairi Fund for Communications Disorders at Tel Aviv University)	\$3,650.00

Camp Scholarships were awarded this year and CUJF executed all the approved payments to the camps. However, the CUJEF funds that provide scholarship have not yet been charged.

Sustaining and developing a vibrant Jewish community depends on visionary investments by its members. If you are interested in starting a fund or have questions about CUJEF, please contact Art Siegel at art.siegel@comcast.net or the CUJF [office at cujf@cujf.org](mailto:office@cujf.org).

■ CUJEF FY 2019–20120 CUMULATIVE DONATED CAPITAL

Supporting Community Cultural Program

Dr. Samuel and Sadie Small Fund for Jewish Arts and Culture	\$88,144.00
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Supporting CUJF

UJF PACE Fund	\$ 256,471.00
Allen and Elaine Avner PACE Fund	\$50,125.00
Dan and Frances Bloomfield PACE Fund	\$30,921.00
Lebenson PACE Fund	\$10,000.00
Helen and Ezra Levin PACE Fund	\$15,000.00
Lefkovitz-LeRoy PACE Fund	\$9,798.00
Eli Benjamin Mandel PACE Fund	\$10,864.00
Lee Melhado PACE Fund	\$17,550.00
Jack Simon PACE Fund	\$61,000.00
Leo and Anne Weisel PACE Fund	\$18,108.00
Arthur Robinson Quasi Endowment	\$376,337.00 <small>(current market value)</small>
Supporting CUJF Human Service Committee Guttenberg PAGE Fund	\$50,000.00
Supporting Educational Enrichment for Youth Josh Gottheil Youth to Israel Fund	\$70,827.00
Michael and Elizabeth Shapiro Camp Scholarship Fund	\$10,540.00

Sinai Sisterhood Camp Scholarship Fund	\$17,379.00
Lynn and Ira Wachtel Gift of Israel Fund	\$13,545.00
Ehud and Janie Yairi Fund for Tel Aviv University	\$82,104.00

Supporting the University of Illinois Hillel Foundation

Susan Linowes Allen Memorial Fund	\$119,978.00
Hillel Director's Fund	\$23,836.00
Hillel's Kiddush Fund	\$11,050.00
Hillel Robinson Building Fund	\$88,992.00
Arthur Robinson Fund for Hillel	\$75,553.00
Torah Fund	\$10,050.00
Weiner Fund	\$26,384.00

Supporting Holocaust Education and Memorials

Jack and Sadye Marco Holocaust Fund	\$61,364.00
Harry Nelson Memorial Award	\$2,597.00

Supporting Sinai Temple

Cohen Garden Fund	\$4,649.00
Joli and Donald Ginsberg Library Fund	\$13,505.00
Glaser Concert Fund	\$27,226.00
Hamburg Childhood Education Fund	\$16,498.00
Korry Confirmation Fund	\$18,088.00
Lewis Family Fund	\$19,883.00
Clarence and Adele Libman Religious School Fund	\$49,626.00
Linowes Bequest	\$50,000.00
Loeb Education Fund	\$23,679.00
Arthur Robinson Sinai Quasi Endowment	\$76,506.00 <small>(current market value)</small>
Sudman Rabbinic Salary Fund	\$158,722.00
Smith Rabbinic Salary Fund	\$18,632.00
Sinai Avner Fund	\$200,000.00
Sinai Board Discretionary Fund	\$15,715.00
Sinai General Endowment Fund	\$200,422.00
Marvin Steinberg Scholar-in-Residence Fund	\$32,939.00
Blanche and Seymour Sudman Rabbi's Discretionary Fund	\$24,764.00

Stanley and Joan Levy Youth Leadership Fund	\$12,001.00
Zimmerman Lecture Fund	\$11,064.00

Supporting Program for Seniors

Goldberg-Gordon-Yairi Fund for Seniors	\$26,699.00
Libby and Harry Miller Memorial Fund	\$11,154.00

Unrestricted

General Fund	\$66,735.00
Checking Account	\$223.92.00

TOTAL CAPITAL DONATED TO CUJEF FUNDS	\$2,687,656.00
MARKET VALUE OF CUJEF FUNDS	\$3,707,248.00