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Champaign-Urbana
Jewish Federation

Annual Report



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| Who is CUJF?

Mission

The Champaign-Urbana Jewish Federation is a non-profit organization that serves the Jewish community in the cities of Champaign and Urbana, Illinois, and their environs. It provides and supports local Jewish programs and activities; provides help to local community Jews in need; supports humanitarian causes locally, in Israel and in other places on behalf of the local Jewish community; and educates about Jewish issues and against antisemitism.

Staff



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
MA'AYAN WEINBERG



FINANCIAL OFFICER
MARCEY GOLDSTEIN



COMMUNITY PROGRAM MANAGER
ANDRÉA AGUIAR



LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

TANIA IONIN

Dear friends,

This was my first year as Champaign-Urbana Jewish Federation President. In the larger world, this has been a tumultuous year, to put it mildly. The war in Ukraine has gone into its second year with no visible end in sight. This year has seen horrific natural disasters, including hurricanes and floods in the southern United States and the Caribbean, and earthquakes in Turkey and Syria. Our community has assisted the Jewish Federations of North America (JFNA) in their relief efforts. We sent \$700 to the JFNA hurricane relief fund (\$200 donated by a member and \$500 from CUJF emergency funds). CUJF also donated \$400 to the JFNA Turkey and Syria earthquake relief fund as well as helped raise another \$2,262 in donations from our community members. This is an example of how CUJF can band with other Jewish organizations to help provide relief around the world.

The world continues to need mending. Israel has experienced social unrest, while the number of anti-Semitic acts in the U.S. continues to climb. Our own community has not been immune, but we have stood strong. The Holocaust Education Center has continued its outreach efforts to schools and to the larger community, most recently in the Courage to Remember Traveling Exhibit, presented by the Simon Wiesenthal Center and Museum of Tolerance, and brought here by CUJF and the HEC. Our big event of the year, which combined remembrance and outreach with music and joy, has been Violins of Hope, a combination of concerts, workshops and exhibits brought here jointly by JCC Chicago, CUJF, and our community partner organizations. Violins of Hope is a project based on a private collection of refurbished instruments that survived the Holocaust; some of these instruments were exhibited at the Spurlock Museum this spring. The project has featured several concerts by world-renowned musicians, as well as workshops and events in the larger community (in schools and in assisted living facilities), and events for CHAI seniors, for students, for teens, and for families. It has further strengthened our collaborations with Chabad, Hillel, Sinai, and the U of I Program in Jewish Culture and Society, as well as our ties with JCC Chicago, the Spurlock Museum and other community organizations. I am very grateful to all members of our community who made this amazing series of events possible, first and foremost Becca Kasdan, Yael Gertner, Frances and Mitch Harris, Arielle Weinstein and Tamra Gingold; big thanks to Jennifer Lask and Jessica LeRoy for promoting this series of events on social media, to Maya Viswanathan for her work on the website, and to our executive director Ma'ayan Weinberg and program coordinator Andréa Aguiar. And I am grateful to everyone involved in the many other events that CUJF and partner organizations have organized over the past year; a few examples include the Jewish community's second joint appearance in the Champaign County's Parade of Lights; several joyous occasions for Israeli dancing; an evening with filmmaker Michael Mayer; and family events organized with the help of PJ Library.



This has been a year of change within the CUJF organization. It was the first year for our new executive director, Ma'ayan Weinberg, who has brought fresh energy to CUJF, and has worked tirelessly to foster and strengthen ties with community organizations and to bring in new donors. Inbal Elazar stepped down as our Finance Officer; I am very grateful for everything that she did to streamline and clarify our financial processes. We have welcomed Marcey Goldstein as our new Finance Officer, while Andréa Aguiar has been promoted from Program Coordinator to Community Program Manager. I would like to thank all of our staff for the amazing work that they do for CUJF. I would like to thank all of our donors for their continued support, and all our volunteers who have donated their time and energy to help CUJF grow. Special thanks go to outgoing CUJF board members: Yael Gertner, who was both VP of campaign and chair of the events committee; and Richard Ross, who was active in our campaign fundraising efforts. Special thanks are also due to Mitch Harris, outgoing treasurer, and Rob Silverman, outgoing secretary, who, while stepping down from these roles, are staying on as Board members for one more term. I would like to welcome two new Board members, Diane Gutenkauf (treasurer) and Allison Rosenblum. I thank them for accepting to serve, and I also thank current Board members who have accepted executive positions: Lee DeVille (president-elect), Jennifer Lask (VP of campaign) and Jessica LeRoy (secretary). Thanks to Arielle Weinstein for continuing as VP of allocations, and to all the other current Board members who are continuing their service on the Board (Arne Fliflet, Barry Isralewitz, Liat Maggid Alon, Marisa Natale, Lawrence Rauchwerger and Julia Robinson). I am grateful to Marc Snir, the previous president, for much guidance and advice over the past year, and to Alex Scheeline for stepping in as Chair of the CUJF Board of Directors this year. And last but not least, I'd like to thank all the committee chairs for the important work that they do: Brian Kahn and Bob Lehmann (Holocaust Education Center), Andrea Klein (Human Services), Lee Melhado and Jessica Kopolow (Chevra Kadisha). Additional thanks are due to Lee Melhado for orchestrating the donation of our archives to the Central Illinois Community Jewish Archives earlier this year. With our amazing group of both volunteers and staff, I am confident that CUJF will continue to be a resource for all members of the local Jewish community, and will continue to evolve and grow. I am grateful for this opportunity to be part of this organization.

CUJF activities are made possible by the support of our generous donors, and by the work of our staff and volunteers. Please continue to give generously, and please consider volunteering your time to CUJF.

2022-23 Board of Directors

Executive Committee

President:

Tania Ionin (2022-2024)

VP, Allocations:

Arielle Weinstein (2022-2024)

VP, Campaign:

Yael Gertner (2022-2024)

Secretary:

Robert Silverman (2021-2023)

Treasurer:

Mitch Harris (2021-2023)

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Jen Lask (2022-2024)

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Eugene Avrutin, Program in Jewish
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Violins of Hope

This spring, the CU Jewish Federation brought the Violins of Hope project to Champaign-Urbana with the help of the Chicago Jewish Community Center and our community partners. This series spanned 6 weeks and hosted 11 events including concerts, workshops, and exhibits across town with programming for all ages from 0 to 100+.

Violins of Hope is a project of concerts based on a private collection of violins, violas and cellos all collected since the end of World War II. Many of the instruments belonged to Jews before and during the war. Many were donated by or bought from survivors.

All instruments have a common denominator. They are symbols of hope and a way to say: remember me, remember us. Life is good, celebrate it for those who perished, for those who survived. For all people.

We estimate that over 900 people attended these events, many of which were open to the public. We aimed to bring the stories, history, and culture of our people to a new and wider audience by hosting these events in our local schools, libraries, museums, bars, and senior homes.

We are especially grateful to our co-sponsors and our community patrons who helped make this possible, as well as to the Dr. Samuel and Sadie Small Fund for Jewish Arts and Culture.

CUJF In the Media

The work of the Champaign-Urbana Jewish Federation graced our town's eyes and ears this year in print, on radio, and local tv.

Smile Politely April 20, 2023 - online

"Violins of Hope events kick off with concert at Spurlock on Sunday" by Derrick Philips

New Gazette April 23, 2023 - front page

"Violins of Hope Project Coming to Champaign-Urbana" by Debra Pressey

WCIA ciLiving May 15, 2023 - television interview

"Courage to Remember: The Holocaust, 1939-45 - A Traveling Exhibit"

ESPN 93.5 Stevie Jay Morning Show May 18, 2023 - radio

Diane Ducey interviews Brian Kahn



Committee Reports



HOLOCAUST EDUCATION CENTER (HEC)

CO-CHAIRS: BRIAN KAHN & BOB LEHMANN

This was a busy year for the HEC! Bob and I could not have accomplished all we did without the support of the HEC members. Thank you, Jen Lask, for all your photography skills and getting our events out there on social media. Thanks to all members who volunteered their time to docent at the Courage to Remember Exhibit and the Auschwitz Art Exhibit this past year. And thank you, Ma'ayan Weinberg, for your leadership and support as we continue to work with teachers across the region to meet the state mandate.



The Auschwitz Art Exhibit opened at Vermilion County Museum in Danville, then moved to Danville Area Community College, then to Hillel, next to New Covenant Fellowship, and finally landed at The Moultrie County History Center. Bob Lehman, Becky Lawson, and I were all involved in volunteer docent trainings, and Bob presented at several grand openings for the exhibit.

Courage to Remember, another Holocaust exhibit, was spearheaded by Dr. Bill Gingold and was hosted at C-U Elks Lodge in Savoy through May. It will then be on exhibit in Gibson City and Vermilion County Museum in the fall of 2023.

Thanks to Erez Cohen and Bob Lehmann for hosting a total of twenty-five undergraduates this past year for the School Community Partnership Volunteer Program. Students in EDUC 201 completed twenty hours of service and learning online and at Hillel - special thanks to Erez and Carly for feeding the students during their three visits to Hillel. They also heard Bill and Erez share their family's stories and each completed a mini-research project sharing the accomplishments of one rescuer and/or resistance group.

Through Their Eyes, a student art Exhibit was held in April at Sinai, and high schoolers Max Libman and Natalee Hunter presented their short films to those in attendance. Students from four schools, working with five different teachers and impacting over 450 students, shared their work. Natalee also placed second in the Chapman University Art and Writing Contest held in Los Angeles and attended the ceremony with her parents and her mentor, Becky Lawson. This is her second year in a row placing in the top three in the country! Becky Lawson and Robin Goettel mentored her through the process.

Bill Gingold continued his speaking tour this year, driving to twenty-two schools in a five county area and sharing his story with students and teachers and community members. Thank you, Bill! Your impact on the students in this region is nothing short of phenomenal!

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2022 Impact 2023



22 schools hosted a Holocaust speaker

1,655 adults and students heard these stories

75 individuals trained as docents

for "The Auschwitz Experience in the Art of Prisoners" or the "Courage to Remember" exhibits



The HEC's reach this year includes:

33 communities

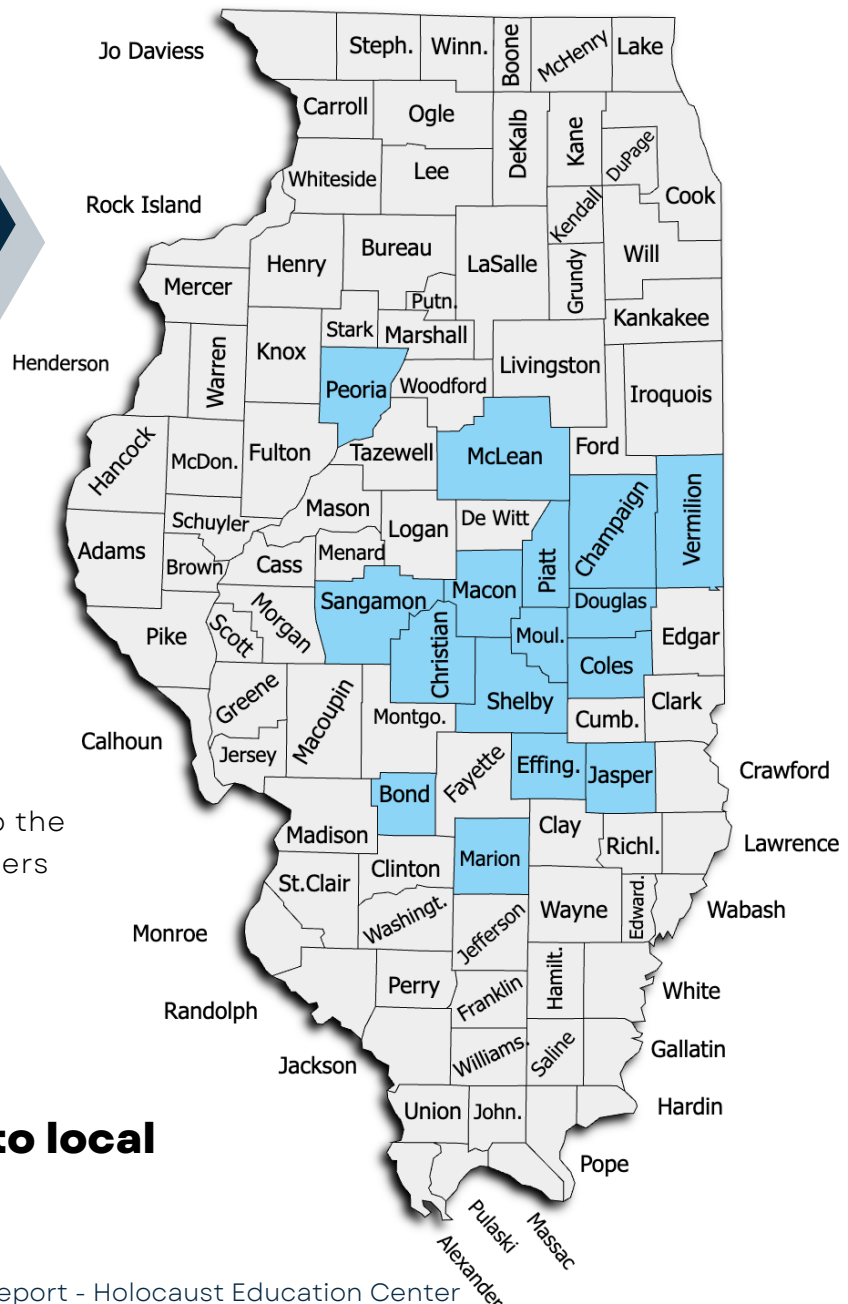
16 counties

8 states (visitors to the Moultrie County Museum exhibit)

25 UIUC students in the School of Education participated in a 20 volunteer hours each

to research the historical events leading up to the Holocaust and as well as resistance and rescuers during the Holocaust

150 books checked out to local educators and students



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CHEVRA KADISHA

CO-CHAIRS: LEE MELHADO & JESSICA KOPOLOW

Founded in 1993, the Chevra Kadisha provides preparation of the dead for traditional 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 an act of true loving-kindness. Costs are covered entirely by contributions from families served.

Since 2000, the Chevra Kadisha has participated in at least 97 burials. In any given year, 50-100 volunteers serve as shomrim (those who watch over the deceased from death until burial). Nearly 30 volunteers are currently trained to serve on tahara teams (those who wash and dress the deceased and place the body in a casket).

Although Chevra Kadisha activities were severely curtailed early in the Covid-19 pandemic, once vaccinations became available, the Chevra Kadisha resumed full operation and has, sadly, been very busy ever since.

During FY 2022-23, the Chevra Kadisha has provided shomrim and/or tahara for seven individuals and has assisted additional families in other ways (providing information and support, emailing obituaries and funeral announcements, etc.).

Bereaved families and the Jewish community in general are very grateful to the many individuals who serve as Chevra Kadisha volunteers. For a variety of reasons, we are in urgent need of additional men willing to perform tahara. Anyone interested in volunteering for tahara or any other role within the Chevra Kadisha, is encouraged to contact Lee Melhado (leemelhado@gmail.com). Opportunities include serving as shomer, performing tahara, making phone calls, maintaining inventory, and transporting equipment. Training is provided.

58

**volunteers,
anonymous by
tradition**

163

**roles of shomer and/or tahara fulfilled
this fiscal year by volunteers**

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HUMAN SERVICES

CHAIR: ANDREA KLEIN

The CUJF Human Services Committee continues to provide financial help to the CUJF community for various expenditures to include utility bills, appliances, prescriptions, childcare, rent or mortgage payments, tax help, or house repairs. Our budget for these issues in 2022-2023 was \$7000. Andrea has entered her second year as Chair assisted by long term members and ex-chairs Lee Melhado and Janis Topolosky, and Iris Band. We are thrilled to have Marion Smith join us and are always looking for new, dedicated members.

The HSC worked with Sinai Temple to allocate \$7000 in camp scholarships for the 2023 summer.

In addition to monetary assistance, the HSC checks in on families needing other types of support- emotional, organizational, problem-solving, and help accessing resources. If you know of anyone who could use a helping hand, please let us know.

Our goal is that all members of our Jewish community know that CUJF will help them through hard times to provide needed support and to make sure they have a healthy, decent living environment. We are exploring ways to help finance special repair projects.

Thank you to our dedicated HSC committee members and also to Maayan Weinberg who has been extremely helpful in her role as CUJF Executive Director.



\$7,000 in camp scholarships

19 acts of financial Tzedakah

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CHAI SENIORS

CHAIR: ANDREA AGUIAR

At the start of 2023, the Chai program finally resumed their in-person events after the long break resulting from the pandemic. The year started with an online survey to the Chai seniors asking for their availability and preferences on dates, times, and activities for the get togethers, in addition to their interest level on a number of speakers and topics for February to June 2023. The survey also asked for volunteers to join a planning committee that will meet this Summer to create the Chai calendar of events and activities for the 2023-24 campaign year.

The Chai Seniors Program is funded by the Goldberg-Gordon-Yairi Fund and the Libby and Harry Miller Memorial Fund which are managed by the Champaign Urbana Jewish Endowment Foundation.

All events so far have involved a catered dinner at Sinai Temple followed by a speaker and an informal Q&A/discussion at the end. The event in February was done in partnership with the Events Committee and Jewish Program in Culture and Society. Participants were invited to come to Sinai for a complimentary dinner catered by Michael's catering that was arranged exclusively for Chai members in our community. Following dinner, Chai members joined other CUJF members on Zoom from Sinai's South pod to listen to "The Strange Career of Hate" by professor Kevin Mumford. In March, we had dinner catered by Panera, followed by a presentation and very candid and moving conversation with Andrea Klein and Rabbi Klein about their experience with Andrea's mother's illness and end-of-life wishes which included dying with compassion. In April, our dinner was take-out from Naf-Naf Grill and our speaker was Sara Rosenberg who immigrated from Mexico during the pandemic to be close to her daughter, son-in-law and grandchildren living in CU. Sara shared about her life in Mexico, and the history and lifestyle of Mexican Jews, especially those living in Mexico City, her former longtime hometown. In May, our initial plan was to have another speaker at Sinai. However, because the date conflicted with Bill Gingold's presentation in Sullivan, IL, and the lack of available dates due to the month-long Violins of Hope programming, we decided to have only dinner at Sinai, and then arrange for interested members to carpool to Sullivan to hear Bill.

The programming has been very well received by the Chai members overall. They especially appreciate a chance to visit with one another over a meal, and listening to speakers who share their personal stories, like Andrea Klein and Sara Rosenberg. These presentations are a way for community members to learn more deeply about one another and the Chai seniors really welcome these opportunities that strengthen their personal connections.

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PJ LIBRARY

CHAIR: JESSICA LEROY

Something magical happens when parents sit down together to read with their children. But finding the right books and making the time to read as a family can be hard. That's where PJ Library comes in. PJ Library shares stories that help families talk together about Jewish values and traditions. The PJ Library Committee manages the PJ Library (ages 0-8) and PJ Our Way (ages 9-12) programs for CUJF families. Children enrolled in these programs receive a free Jewish book each month. The books explore Jewish holidays and values such as being a good friend and caring for the environment. PJ families also have access to special opportunities like the PJ Library Get Together program, which provides financial support and ideas for families to host a fun Jewish gathering. This year, local families hosted eight Get Togethers, including Shabbat meals, hamantaschen baking, and an interactive seder.

The PJ Library Committee also provides Jewish programming focused on parents and children. From visiting the nature center, to story time at the library, to Boneyard Creek Community Day, we are bringing families together and putting Jewish values into action. A major highlight of the year was participating in the Read Across America fair with the HEC, where we connected with 40 parents and 36 children of all backgrounds. We also participated in the Violins of Hope series in May with two events - the Yiddish song time for kids at the Urbana Free Library and Hands-on Afternoon of Music at the Spurlock Museum. Thank you for a wonderful year!



8 Get Togethers hosted by local families

63 children from 52 families

Are signed up to receive PJ Library or PJ Your Way books delivered monthly



7 CUJF hosted events for PJ Library families

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COMMUNITY EVENTS

CHAIR: YAEL GERTNER

This year we organized events tailored to the interests of different groups in our community-- seniors, families with young children, women, teens, and the community at large. Events varied from topics in the arts, politics, and society, films, music concerts by professional musicians, and community dancing and singing. As space is limited, we have selected to include some bullets to illustrate the breadth of events.

- Film screening and meet and greet with film director Michael Mayer
- Film screening and Q&A with film producer Four Winters.
- Lecture and discussion with history Prof Kevin Mumford on the Strange Career of Hate.
- Discussion with community member Robert Ferrer on Jewish perspectives on reproductive rights.
- Klezmer music concert with Papashoy Klezmer Band.
- Violins of Hope concerts and workshops.
- Israeli dancing.



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CAMPAIGN

VP YAEL GERTNER

REPORT BY COMMITTEE MEMBER LEE DEVILLE

In the 2022–2023 fiscal year, the Campaign committee undertook a variety of initiatives as part of its mission to increase the funds available for the federation to do all of its important work.

We marked a return to our in-person annual dinners in December, selling 100 tickets. We also organized a house party hosted by Richard and Jackie Ross to help share all of the work that CUJF is doing.



Another longer-term effort was to develop a series of stories that illuminate how donations to CUJF can contribute to, or otherwise impact, all of our ongoing programs and services. These stories featured prominently in our Giving Tuesday campaign in November in our “CUJF Is...” series.

Finally, we are happy to report some growth as we come out of the pandemic: CUJF raised \$205,000 (representing a 15% increase from last year) from 215 households (representing a 12% increase from last year). We thank the community for their generosity --- these gifts are essential to funding all of the important work that CUJF does!

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TREASURER'S REPORT

MITCH HARRIS

As we emerge from the most difficult days of the pandemic, CUJF is doing great things! We had an amazing year and I am proud to be part of it.

Whereas during my first year as treasurer we made several big transitions in our two major software packages, this year has been one more of fine-tuning. I am happy to say that we can go back to having boring treasurer reports. I helped introduce our new Executive Director and new Financial Officer to our financial systems and worked with them to develop efficient procedures while keeping high standards of accountability and transparency.

Thank you for your trust in me during my two-year term as treasurer. I look forward to working with our new treasurer as we enter the new fiscal year. I also plan to stay active in CUJF and hope to focus on our long-term financial planning and management.



ALLOCATIONS

VP ARIELLE WEINSTEIN

Members: Julia Robinson, Yael Gertner, Richard Ross, Marc Snir, Mitch Harris (ex-officio), Tania Ionin (ex-officio)

It was an honor to serve my first year as Chair of the Allocations Committee. Thank you to a wonderful committee for your dedication and thoughtfulness.

CUJF continues to support the work of our CUJF committees, Sinai Temple Religious School, Hillel, and Chabad to ensure a vibrant and strong local Jewish community. We enable funds to support Holocaust education, human services work, Jewish cultural and religious events, and PJ Library programming. We also continue to reach out to organizations in Israel with whom we have developed strong ties. These organizations work in many areas of Israeli life-- health, human services, and education, to name a few. These grants maintain our connection with Israel in multifaceted ways. Thank you to the Champaign-Urbana Jewish community for your support and for making this all possible.

Financial Summary

2022-23

INTERNAL PROGRAMS	Budget	Revenue	Expenditure	Balance
Human Services	\$8,558	\$510	\$7088	\$1980
Chevra Kadisha	\$9220	\$2390	\$1,425	\$10,185
Community Events	\$6,000	\$10,827	\$14,564	\$2263
CHAI Seniors	\$1,360	\$1,025	\$2,321	\$63
Holocaust Education	\$10,657	\$672	\$9,671	\$1657
PJ Library	\$4,000	\$4,676	\$3451	\$5,225
Camp Scholarships	\$7,000		\$7,000	\$0
EXECUTIVE	Budget	Revenue	Expenditure	Balance
Administration	\$24,184	\$4,835	\$15,190	\$13,830
Campaign	\$7,300	\$3,789	\$6,728	\$4,361
ED Discretionary	\$1,000		\$288	\$772
Payroll	\$120,000	\$400	\$117,352	\$3,048
JFNA Membership	\$9,400		\$8,292	\$1,108
General Reserves	\$25,000		\$0	\$25,000
Emergency Fund	\$10,000	\$500	\$1,400	\$9,100
TOTAL	\$243,678	\$29,625	\$194,771	\$78,592

GRANTS	
Local Organizations	
Illini Chabad	\$8,300
Illini Hillel	\$39,600
Sinai Temple	\$23,000
Israel Organizations	
Aviv for Holocaust	\$3,000
Bina	\$2,750
Birthright Israel	\$2,897
Friends of IDF	\$1,000
Jaffa Institute	\$2,000
Hand in Hand	\$2,350
No2 Violence	\$2,575
Save a Child's Heart	\$7,099.38
Yad Sarah	\$1,000
TOTAL	\$126,850

Budget & Allocations

2023-24

Program	Allocated	Carryover	Earmarked & Obligated	Total
INTERNAL PROGRAMS				
Camp Scholarships	\$7,000			\$7,000
Chai Seniors		\$63		\$63
Chevra Kadisha		\$10,184		\$10,184
Community Events	\$6,000			\$6,000
Holocaust Education	\$10,000		\$2,554	\$12,554
Human Services	\$7,000		\$7,147	\$14,147
PJ Library	\$4,000			\$4,000
Total				\$53,949
GRANTS				
Local Organizations				
Illini Chabad	\$9,300			\$9,300
Illini Hillel	\$38,000		\$1,600	\$39,600
Sinai Temple	\$23,000			\$23,000
Israel Organizations				
Aviv for Holocaust	\$2,000		\$500	\$2,500
Bina	\$2,000		\$750	\$2,750
Birthright Israel	\$3,200			\$3,200
Friends of IDF	\$1,000			\$1,000
Jaffa Institute	\$2,000			\$2,000
Hand in Hand	\$2,350			\$2,350
No2 Violence	\$2,000		\$575	\$2,575
Save a Child's Heart	\$7,000		\$70	\$7,070
Yad Sarah	\$1,000			\$1,000
Total				\$96,345
EXECUTIVE				
Administration	\$15,820		\$375	\$16,195
Campaign	\$8,000			\$8,000
Discretionary	\$1,000			\$1,000
Payroll	\$121,458			\$121,458
JFNA Fair Share	\$9,400			\$9,400
Emergency Fund	\$900	\$9,100		\$10,000
General Reserve		\$25,000		\$25,000
TOTAL				\$191,053
TOTAL BUDGET				\$341,347

Champaign- Urbana Jewish Endowment Foundation

Champaign-Urbana Jewish Endowment Foundation (CUJEF): A subsidiary of CUJF, the CU 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. In order 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.





LETTER FROM THE CU JEWISH ENDOWMENT FOUNDATION

ALEX SCHEELINE

Chair: Maury Topolosky (7/1/2022-12/8/2022)
Alexander Scheeline (12/8/2022-6/30/2023)
Secretary: Alexander Scheeline (7/1/2022-12/8/2022)
Kathryn Weisbaum. (12/8/2022-6/30/2023)

Members: Marjorie J. Harris, Hagit Itzkowitz, Deborah Katz-Downie, Paula T. Kaufman, Ira Levenson, L. Lee Melhado, Julia Robinson, Ehud Yairi

Ex-officio Members: Virginia France, Tania Ionin, Julia Rietz, Ma'ayan Weinberg

A subsidiary of the CU Jewish Federation, the CU Jewish Endowment Foundation is dedicated to preserving and enhancing the quality of Jewish life in our community by establishing and maintaining a secure financial base for the wide range of programs and services supported by its individual funds. To secure long-term support for Jewish organizations and individuals in the Champaign-Urbana area, CUJEF was established to receive, hold, invest, and manage endowments and quasi-endowments. It acts semi-independently of CUJF to manage and administer its assets and to provide the community with a means for long-term support of Jewish programs and institutions, either through donations to an existing endowment or creation of new ones, tailored to the donor's focus. CUJEF manages endowments for CUJF, Sinai Temple and Illini Hillel. Certain endowments also support targeted opportunities at Illini Chabad.

The majority of CUJEF investments are in a diversified pool of low-expense stock and bond index funds. Earnings are allocated to each endowment in proportion to its share of total funds managed. All funds are audited annually by an independent certified accounting firm as part of CUJF's audit. CUJEF disperses funds following review of proposals submitted to its Board.

Board minutes are publicly available upon contacting the CUJF office. Anyone interested in establishing a new endowment should contact either Ma'ayan Weinberg or Alex Scheeline. While donor interests are paramount in choosing the focus of an endowment, the Foundation maintains a list of unmet needs that could benefit from additional long-term investment.

In addition to acting on requests to support such on-going activities as youth travel to Israel (Josh Gottheil Fund) and cultural events (e.g. Violins of Hope, supported by the Small Fund), we welcomed the Miles and Roberta Klein quasi-endowment to support rabbinic development at Sinai Temple and the Theodore Hymowitz endowment to support acquisition and maintenance of ritual objects at Chabad, Hillel, or Sinai Temple.

We thank Maury Topolosky for chairing the Foundation through the first half of the fiscal year. Additional members ending their service on June 30, 2023 include Paula Kaufman, L. Lee Melhado, Julia Rietz, and Julia Robinson. We thank them for their insight and integrity.

CUJEF 2022-2023



Table 1

2022-2023 Disbursements and Grant Expenditures		
Annual Campaign Disbursements		
CUJF Annual Campaign	PACE funds, PAGE fund, and disbursement from Robinson Quasi-Endowment	\$63,784.73
Sinai Temple	Ginsburg, Libman, Sudman, Cohen, Hamburg, Korry, Linowes, Avner, General, Klein	\$44,688.98
Illini Hillel	Centennial, Kiddush, Eruv, Robinson, Weiner	\$4,735.29
Total		\$113,209.00
Grant Expenditures to Support Specific Programs in 2022-2023		
Camp Scholarships for nine campers	Shapiro, Lewis, Loeb, Sinai Sisterhood Funds	\$2,700.00
Violins of Hope (jointly with CUJF & the Spurlock Museum)	Small Fund	\$6,755.00
Grinspoon Foundation Jewish Life and Legacy Conference	Administration Budget	\$1,190.61
Illini Hillel: Kitchen equipment	Hillel Director Fund	\$743.87
Illini Hillel: National Hillel Basketball Tournament	Allen Fund	\$3,000.00
Illini Hillel: Purchase of Tanakhas	Hillel Krakower Torah Fund	\$406.60
Illini Hillel: Purim Drag Show	Allen Fund	\$1,338.00
Illini Hillel: Roaring 20's Formal for Hillel Centennial	Allen Fund	\$2,000.00
Illini Hillel: Technology upgrades	Hillel Director Fund	\$656.00
Israel Trips for three students	Gottheil Fund	\$4,700.00
Scholarships for students in Communications Disorders at Tel Aviv University	Ehud & Janie Yairi Fund	\$7,500.00
Sinai Temple: annual community observance of Yom HaShoah	Marco Fund	\$2,475.00
Sinai Temple: Shabbat Shira	Small Fund	\$600.00
Sinai Temple: Steven Chaitman concerts	Glaser Fund	\$2,000.00
Sinai Temple: Violins of Hope Shabbat	Small Fund	\$500.00
Return of Unused funds	Korry Fund	-\$1,847.10
TOTAL		\$34,717.98

Table 2

Market Value of CUJEF Funds as of June 30, 2023	
General Endowment	\$219,493.58
Designated Endowment	\$3,632,487.04
Robinson Quasi Endowment - CUJF	\$370,878.96
Robinson Quasi Endowment - Sinai Temple	\$70,974.50
Klein Quasi Endowment	\$17,020.17
Total	\$4,310,854.25

Table 3

Donated Capital		
Fund Name	Donations in 2022-23	Cumulative Donations
Supporting Community Cultural Program		
Dr. Samuel and Sadie Small Fund for Jewish Arts and Culture	\$0.00	\$88,144.00
Supporting CUJF		
CUJF PACE Fund	\$0.00	\$257,071.49
Allen and Elaine Avner PACE Fund	\$1,000.00	\$53,010.00
Dan and Frances Bloomfield PACE Fund	\$0.00	\$30,921.00
Lebenson PACE Fund	\$0.00	\$10,000.00
Helen and Ezra Levin PACE Fund	\$0.00	\$15,000.00
Lefkovitz-LeRoy PACE Fund	\$0.00	\$9,798.00
Eli Benjamin Mandel PACE Fund	\$0.00	\$10,864.00
Lee Melhado PACE Fund	\$1,280.00	\$21,010.00
Jack Simon PACE Fund	\$0.00	\$61,000.00
Leo and Anne Weisel PACE Fund	\$0.00	\$18,108.12
Lynn and Ira Wachtel PACE Fund	\$0.00	\$13,545.00
Linda Bauer PACE Fund	\$9,610.73	\$13,952.83
Supporting CUJF Human Service Committee		
Guttenberg PAGE Fund	\$0.00	\$50,000.00
Supporting Educational Enrichment for Youth		
Josh Gottheil Youth to Israel Fund	\$196.80	\$71,170.80
Sinai Sisterhood Camp Scholarship Fund	\$0.00	\$17,378.80
Ehud and Janie Yairi Fund for Tel Aviv University	\$0.00	\$82,104.00
Michael and Elizabeth Shapiro Camp Scholarship Fund	\$166.25	\$10,706.25
Supporting Program for Seniors		
Goldberg-Gordon-Yairi Fund for Seniors	\$0.00	\$26,749.00
Libby and Harry Miller Memorial Fund	\$0.00	\$11,204.00

Table 4 Continued

Donated Capital Continued		
Fund Name	Donations in 2022-23	Cumulative Donations
Supporting the University of Illinois Hillel Foundation		
Susan Linowes Allen Memorial Fund	\$0.00	\$124,978.00
Hillel Director's Fund	\$0.00	\$28,835.50
Hillel Centennial Fund	\$41,753.40	\$95,908.51
Hillel Kiddush Fund	\$96.00	\$11,300.00
Hillel Robinson Building Fund	\$500.00	\$89,491.95
Arthur Robinson Fund for Hillel	\$0.00	\$75,553.42
Dorothy Denzig-Krakower & David Krakower Memorial Torah Endowment Fund	\$18.00	\$10,186.00
Weiner Endowment Fund for Hillel	\$0.00	\$30,772.57
Hillel Eruv Fund	\$0.00	\$10,107.91
Supporting Holocaust Education and Memorials		
Jack and Sayde Marco Holocaust Fund	\$1,235.34	\$64,585.41
Harry Nelson Memorial Award Endowment	\$5,025.00	\$7,867.53
Supporting Sinai Temple		
Cohen Garden Fund	\$0.00	\$4,648.95
Joli and Donald Ginsberg Library Fund	\$0.00	\$13,505.00
Glaser Concert Fund	\$0.00	\$27,426.00
Hamburg Childhood Education Fund	\$86.00	\$16,583.50
Korry Confirmation Fund	\$1,847.10	\$19,935.42
Lewis Family Fund	\$0.00	\$20,083.00
Clarence and Adele Libman Religious School Fund	\$120.00	\$50,090.00
Linowes Bequest	\$0.00	\$50,000.00
Loeb Education Fund	\$0.00	\$23,679.00
Sudman Rabbinic Endowment	\$0.00	\$158,722.45
Alfred and Natalie Smith Building Endowment	\$20,000.00	\$53,632.05
Sinai Avner Fund	\$0.00	\$200,000.00
Sinai Board Discretionary Fund	\$0.00	\$15,715.00
Sinai General Endowment Fund	\$100.00	\$200,521.82
Marvin Steinberg Scholar-in-Residence Fund	\$0.00	\$33,638.50
Blanche and Seymour Sudman Rabbi's Discretionary Fund	\$0.00	\$24,764.00
Stanley and Joan Levy Youth Leadership Fund	\$0.00	\$22,001.00
Zimmerman Lecture Fund	\$250.00	\$11,314.00
Supporting Sinai Temple, Illini Hillel, Illini Chabad		
Hymowitz Fund (repair, purchase, cleaning of religious objects)	\$100,000.00	\$100,150.00
Unrestricted		
General Fund	\$0.00	\$67,235.00
Total		\$2,524,122.16

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