

## JEWISH FOUNDATION OF GREENSBORO THIRD QUARTER 2024



# Foundation *Insider*



Now that the High Holidays of 5785 are over, we as Jews and Americans are left to ponder where we are going after such a long and difficult year. I have been reflecting on our Jewish Foundation, its place in our Jewish community, our affiliate communities and in the greater secular communities across our country. I have heard much this holiday season about the need for unity among Jews and our resolve to keep the lives of our families safe in our country. It is sadly a familiar situation that we have faced as Jews, but we can learn from our past. We may never feel the same way as Jews in America as we did prior to October 7, 2023. Yet if nothing else is comforting, we are confident we are resilient, we are still here even after all the threats and violence we have experienced over the centuries, and we still play a key role in the greater non-Jewish communities where we live.

I have thought about what makes us resilient and what we can do to assure our strength into the future. I keep coming back to the concept of Foundation. Like every edifice a people need strong foundations on which to build its future, to assure its sustainability and to remain a force for good in our lives. We have been left solid foundations by those that preceded us, but every generation needs to tend to its foundations' strength. It is then evident to me that our Jewish Foundation may, in fact, be a key to keeping our foundations strong. It is not just a play on words, but it is a truth that we need to recognize and safeguard in these challenging times.

How better to build strong foundations for our community than to assure that its institutions are secure, not just physically, educationally and spiritually, but financially as well? After all, it is imperative that these institutions which serve our interests and protect our traditions remain financially secure to carry out their missions, and we can't take for granted that they will. We must see to it as those who came before us did. It is most likely that the present generations that currently fund these cherished institutions, here and among our 24 affiliates, will not exist forever. It may be that this generation may be more financially secure than those that come after us, which could mean there may not be the resources available to support these pillars of community which have served us so well.

The existence of the Jewish Foundation of Greensboro provides a way, a very effective and sustainable way, to assure our future and the viability of our institutions. The Foundation clearly serves to strengthen the foundations, but it is up to us to complete the task.

Your continued support, through your generous donations and legacy gifts to our sacred and cherished organizations, will enable us together to build foundations for the future.

I wish the Jewish Foundation's fund holders the sweetest and prosperous new year.

Ron Milstein, Board Chair

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