Jewish Federation & Foundation
OF GREATER TOLEDO

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Dear <Community Member>

As our fall holidays come to an end, we have a renewed hope for a peaceful world; but this is not an ordinary season for the Jewish community. At a time when rising antisemitism is no longer abstract, your Jewish Federation & Foundation of Greater Toledo is the connective center of Jewish life—bringing people together, strengthening partnerships, and ensuring that Jewish Toledo remains safe, vibrant, proud and diverse.

We are reaching out with a simple message: thank you. Your past support has meant more than you may realize. Because of you, we been able to respond to moments of uncertainty and challenge while continuing to nurture the joy, culture, and connection that sustain Jewish life. **As One, we are living in a moment when Jewish institutions, families, and individuals must stand together**. Antisemitism is being felt by our neighbors, our children, and our organizations—right here in Toledo. **In times like these, it truly matters to be counted among those who stood up, who showed up, and who did something—As One**.

To meet this moment, we are stepping fully into our role as the community's central convener and advocate. With Jewish Community Relations Council Director Roy Buchler's full-time focus on advocacy, education, and partnership-building, we are ensuring that every Jewish Toledoan feels safer, supported, and seen. This work is already making a real difference through our Antisemitism Working Group, which brings together representatives from across our Jewish institutions to respond collaboratively and strategically.
At the same time, **we are holding tightly to something equally essential: the joy of Jewish life—the beauty of our culture, the warmth of gathering, and the power of learning, celebration, and shared experiences**.

As the pluralistic and non-denominational center of Jewish Toledo, we make it possible for all Jews to experience Jewish life where they are through programs that bring us together, including our Jewish Film Festival, Jewish Book Festival, dynamic speakers, and community commemorations.

As the 2026 Annual Campaign is underway, please consider increasing your gift. This year is a particularly meaningful time to give because of the needs and because of recent changes in federal tax laws. **Changes enacted for 2026 allow all taxpayers who use the standard deduction to receive a charitable deduction for cash gifts of up to $1,000 per individual or $2,000 for married filing jointly (excluding donor-advised funds, stock, real property, or other non-cash gifts).** These deductions can reduce your taxable income, thereby reducing your taxes owed.

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Whatever amount you choose, your gift sends a clear message: As One, I stood with my community. As One, I helped ensure a strong, connected, and vibrant Jewish future in Toledo.

Warmly,

Wendy Goldstein
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