Our Vision
An engaged, vibrant, and flourishing St. Louis Jewish community, in which individuals live with dignity, meaning, and purpose, and a sense of belonging to the Jewish People, as part of a life well lived.
Dear Friends,

Welcome to the 2019 Annual Report! This report attempts to briefly summarize the work that Federation has been doing over the past year, although we wouldn’t be able to tell the full story even in 100 pages. Through the support of thousands of donors, Federation has worked throughout this year to fulfill our commitment to create a stronger, more vibrant Jewish community here in St. Louis and around the globe.

This past year saw many milestones. One of the key accomplishments has been the implementation of our 2017 Strategic Plan, creating a new process to engage volunteers in more meaningful roles, putting “needs first” as we raise resources, and implementing an impact mode of accountability for our allocations. We are very fortunate that my successor as Board Chair, Greg Yawitz, in his current role as Vice Chair of Planning & Allocations, has led the effort to transform our community investment process.

Our community investments touched all aspects of our Jewish Community. With the invaluable assistance of the Kranzberg Family Foundation, the Lubin-Green Foundation, the Staenberg Family Foundation and the Women’s Auxiliary for Jewish Aged, we have been able to assist more than 100 community partners here and around the world.

Again, there are far too many endeavors to touch on them all, but we were proud to see Covenant Place expand and incorporate the new Mirowitz Center. Jewish Family & Children’s Services increased its already comprehensive services in the world of mental health both in the schools and in the community. And the Jewish Light has seen tremendous growth since the implementation of our three-year commitment of strategic and financial support. One of the most exciting developments of the year is our commitment to expand and improve the Holocaust Museum & Learning Center for the 21st century. You’ll be hearing a lot more about the capital campaign, which coincides with the 25th anniversary of the Museum.

The year has not been without its challenges. At the end of 2018, we said goodbye to Stephen Cohen, Vice President for Planning and Allocations. And then in 2019, Federation President and CEO Andrew Rehfeld became the president of Hebrew Union College, and Chief Philanthropy Officer Michael Oberlander moved to Israel to make Aliyah with his family. But in change we saw tremendous leadership by senior staff members, who stepped in to lead the professional staff. We were thrilled to name three senior staffers to new roles as Vice Presidents, working with Chief Operating Officer Don Hannon. Karen Sher became VP, Community Engagement; Mindee Fredman took on the role of VP, Community Impact; and Julie Gibbs became VP, Development.

This year we also brought the community together to grieve after two tragedies: the Tree of Life shooting in Pittsburgh and the Chabad of Poway shooting near San Diego. Federation, along with its community partners inside and outside the Jewish community, found strength in our solidarity to stand up against such hatred.

I mentioned at the beginning our support from thousands of donors. That’s a big success story from the past year. Some 4,500 donors contributed to our annual 100 Days to Make an Impact, a number that has been growing despite national trends in the opposite direction. We gauge the success of our annual campaign not just on how much, but how many. I’m very pleased to report that the campaign was successful again this year on both fronts.

For our annual campaign this year, we have chosen the theme, “Our traditions are timeless. Our needs are now.” So true. Our vibrant Jewish Community continues traditions that date back to antiquity. And those traditions compel us to act today to respond to so many needs: education, hunger, safety, connectedness, and so much more.

Inside this report, you will find much more about what we do and how we do it. I urge you to look it over and be a part of the critical work Federation is doing in our Jewish Community!

Gerry Greiman, Board Chair
What We Do

Each year, the Jewish Federation of St. Louis works with our volunteer and professional community leadership to assess the needs of our community and establish strategic plans to sustain our vibrant Jewish ecosystem. Through our partnerships with thousands of donors, we raised over $20 million in 2018 to meet those needs. Our volunteers then lead a community investment process to get those funds working to fulfill our mission through agencies, congregations, organizations, and programs. Our team then evaluates those investments based on the impact they are having here in St. Louis, in Israel, and wherever there is a need. Meeting the needs of the community and philanthropy work has been done since our inception in 1901 and remains the core of our work.

Learn more at JFedSTL.org/Community-Impact.
Board Established Priorities

**Expand and strengthen an engaged, vibrant, and flourishing St. Louis Jewish community**

**Priorities**
- Early childhood and families with young children
- Elementary, middle, and high school students and their parents
- Young Adults
- Attitudes
- Moderately Engaged

- Knowledge
- Highly engaged

- College students
- Adults
- Empty nesters
- Older Adults
- Behaviors
- Unengaged

**Secure the well-being and safety of individuals within the Jewish community**

**Priorities**
- Safety net for those living in or near poverty*
- Elderly Jews at risk
- Safety and security
- Mental health

- Disabilities
- Access to care
- Inclusion

- Economic development
- Physical health
- Addiction
- Abuse
- Hospice/ end-of-life-care

*See page 5 for specific details.

**Strengthen our connection to Israel and the Jewish people worldwide**

**Priorities**
- Global Jewry
- Israeli civil society
- Social welfare
- Israel education

- Support for local engagement
- Trips for influentials

- Palestinian/Jewish co-existence
- Urban development in Israeli periphery
- Economic development/ combating BDS

**Develop the financial & human resources, and infrastructure, needed by our community**

**Priorities**
- Recruit and develop lay leaders to serve the Jewish community
- Attract and retain high quality professional staff for Jewish organizations
- Promote and increase opportunities for collaboration among Jewish organizations and service agencies

- Strengthen the organizational capacity of Jewish organizations and service agencies
- Address needs for effective marketing and communication efforts across Jewish organizations

- Address physical building space needs in the Jewish community
- Financially support national organizations for their basic infrastructure and operations
2018 Total Community Investments

$14,144,311

This chart outlines all investments from January 1, 2018, to December 31, 2018, including investments in organizations outside the Jewish Federation of St. Louis and investments in internal initiatives. To learn more about the specific investments and the sources of funding, go to JFedSTL.org/What-We-Fund.

Supporting Foundations, Restricted Endowments and Donor Advised Fund Investments

- Grants to other charitable organizations: $2,221,056
- Designated National Grants: $2,237,324
- Designated Local Grants: $1,907,385

Annual Campaign and Unrestricted Endowment Investments

- Local Strategic Program Grants: $1,944,536
- Local Unrestricted: $3,214,000
- National Unrestricted: $518,939
- Overseas Strategic Program Grants: $776,071
- Overseas Unrestricted: $1,325,000

Learn more at JFedSTL.org/Our-Work/What-We-Fund
Investment Highlights & Examples

**Secure the well-being and safety of individuals within the Jewish community**

**Priority: Safety Net For Those Living In Or Near Poverty**

**Community Need:** 28% of Jewish households in St. Louis are poor or near poor. There are many challenges facing these households in the Jewish community, including employment, food insecurity and barriers to accessing Jewish life.

**Initiative: Jewish Community Employment Services, MERS-Goodwill**
Jewish Community Employment Services assists in the Jewish community with overcoming employment challenges while promoting self-sustaining growth and limiting the impact of continuous poverty. Few services are available to help individuals from otherwise middle-class households that have a barrier to employment and need a sense of community, a daily routine, and other assistance in organizing a job search. In 2018 the program served 79 individuals, 42 of whom were new clients. 34 clients obtained employment in 2018, and 85% maintained employment after 90 days.

**Investment: $86,000**

**Initiative: Expansion Pilot, Harvey Kornblum Jewish Food Pantry, Jewish Family & Children’s Service**
In 2018, the Jewish Food Pantry began a pilot focused on outreach to underserved poor and near-poor Jewish households, with a goal of increasing the number of Jewish households utilizing the food pantry. The 2014 Community Study found that 28% of poor households and 25% of near-poor households reported skipping meals or cutting meal size due to lack of money for food. The pilot program increased hours of operation, opening one evening per week to serve Jewish households by appointment. The Jewish Food Pantry served 312 Jewish households.

**Investment: $12,000**

**Initiative: Day School Needs-Based Scholarships**
Financial constraints should never stand in the way of a child’s Jewish education. Each year, Jewish Day Schools grant students and their families needs-based scholarships, but the schools struggle to meet the needs of all their students. In 2018, Federation made a needs-based investment in Epstein, Mirowitz, Torah Prep, Bais Yaakov, and Yeshivat Kadimah. Each school used the one-time funds to meet the needs of their students, mostly for financial assistance.

**Investment: $83,000**

View our full investment report at JFedSTL.org/our-work/what-we-fund.
Community Engagement/ Direct Services

Federation offers the following programs to engage individuals and support our local Jewish ecosystem:

**Center for Jewish Learning (CJL)**
- A community resource to facilitate and convene the Jewish community around issues pertaining to Jewish education and continued Jewish learning opportunities.
- The CJL also operates the Saul Brodsky Jewish Community Library, which promotes the exploration of the rich world of Jewish knowledge and culture through convenient access to an evolving collection of Jewish resources and unique programming.

**Holocaust Museum & Learning Center (HMLC)**
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**Israel Center**
- Inspiring and supporting engagement with travel to Israel by coordinating trips and missions and consulting with individuals, groups and synagogues to create a meaningful Israel experience and offer funding resources.

**Jewish Women’s Renaissance Project**
- Thanks to the generosity of the Staenberg Family Foundation, the Jewish Federation of St. Louis is continuing its partnership with JWRP to offer women with children under 18 years old a 10-day journey through Israel.

**Millstone Institute/JProStl**
- A communitywide approach to engaging, strengthening, and inspiring professionals and volunteer leaders in our community through workshops, seminars, institutional governance training, and Jewish learning opportunities.

**Naturally Occurring Retirement Community (NORC)**
- A non-sectarian program in St. Louis that supports the healthy aging of adults 60+ in their own homes by providing opportunities for meaningful community involvement, increased access to support services and on-site programming.

**One Happy Camper**
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**YPD**
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Supporting Jewish community organizations

Federation also offers the following services to organizations:

**Community Security**
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**Jewish Community Insurance Pool**
- The Pool helps organizations by providing cost savings and competitive rates for group insurance.

2018 Total Funds Raised

![Pie chart showing funds raised](chart.png)

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OUR TRADITIONS ARE TIMELESS

OUR NEEDS ARE NOW
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### Appropriations and expenses:

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#### Total appropriations and expenses

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Jewish Holidays 5780
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Sep 30-Oct 1, 2019
Rosh Hashanah
Literally meaning “Head of the Year,” Rosh Hashanah marks the beginning of the Jewish calendar. It begins a 10-day period of repentance and prayer which ends on Yom Kippur. We celebrate the holiday with services and apples dipped in honey to symbolize the hope for a sweet year to come.

Oct 9, 2019
Yom Kippur
The Day of Atonement is the holiest day of the Jewish calendar, marking the end of the 10 days of repentance. It is spent in fasting and fervent prayer. Sounding the shofar signals the holiday’s end.

Oct 14-15, 2019
Sukkot
This harvest festival is named for the temporary dwellings, called Sukkot, decorated with fruit and vegetables, set up to recall the booths in which the Jews lived during their journey from Egypt. The holiday is marked by processions with the lulav (palm branch with myrtle and willow) and etrog (citron).

Oct 21, 2019
Shemini Atzeret
The day after Sukkot is Shemini Atzeret, which is combined in Israel with Simchat Torah, nominally a separate holiday; thus, there is no partaking of meals in the sukkah, nor use of the lulav and etrog. The special prayer for rain is recited during the musaf service.

Oct 22, 2019
Simchat Torah
Outside of Israel, the day after Shemini Atzeret, Simchat Torah marks the end of the annual Torah reading and the beginning of the cycle for the coming year. It is celebrated with singing, dancing, and merry processions of people carrying Torahs and children waving flags.

Dec 23-30, 2019
Chanukah
In 167 BCE, the Maccabees led a band of Jews in a successful battle against the occupying Syrian-Greeks, who had desecrated the Second Temple’s eternal light. Miraculously, one day’s supply of oil lasted eight days, until more could be found. The Chanukah menorah is lit for eight nights to celebrate that miracle. Children play dreidel, and foods fried in oil are customary.

Feb 10, 2020
Tu B’shevat
This holiday, the New Year of the Trees, marks the coming of spring. It is celebrated by having picnics, planting trees, and eating fruit.

Mar 10, 2020
Purim
The Festival of Lots recalls the rescue of the Jews of Ancient Persia from annihilation at the hands of Haman, who cast lots to choose this day for his plot to kill the Jews. Queen Esther and her uncle, Mordechai, foiled his plan.

On Purim, the Megillah of Esther is read, and the holiday is celebrated with festivity, costumes, and noisemakers. Hamantashen are the traditional food, mishloach manot (gift packages) are exchanged, and money is given to the poor.

Apr 9-16, 2020
Pesach
The Exodus of the Jews from Egypt is celebrated with the eight-day festival of Passover. Ridding the home of chametz (leavened food) and eating only unleavened items commemorate the haste in which the former slaves fled Egypt, leaving them too little time for their bread dough to rise. Jews retell the story of the Exodus during their Passover Seders.

Apr 21, 2020
Yom Hashoah
Also known as “Holocaust Remembrance Day,” Yom HaShoah is marked by memorials and dedications to those who perished in the Holocaust.

Apr 28, 2020
Yom Hazikaron
Israel’s National Memorial Day honors veterans, fallen military personnel, and victims of terror.

May 22, 2020
Yom Yerushalayim
Jerusalem Day commemorates the liberation of the city of Jerusalem during the 1967 Six-Day War.

May 29-30, 2020
Shavuot
This holiday marks the end of the Counting of the Omer. It recalls Moses’ receiving of the Torah. The Megillah of Ruth is read, and all-night Torah study is customary. Dairy food, honey, and floral decorations are traditional.

Jul 30, 2020
Tisha B’av
This solemn day is a reminder of the destruction of the First and Second Temples in Jerusalem, which occurred on the same Hebrew calendar date. It is traditional to fast.
## Congregations

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