

JEWISH FOUNDATION OF GREATER TORONTO

ANNUAL REPORT



LIFE IS BUILT ON STRONG FOUNDATIONS

THE JEWISH FOUNDATION OF GREATER TORONTO is a community foundation that makes charitable giving easy and rewarding so that individuals and families can fulfill their personal philanthropic goals and translate their charitable vision into viable solutions to some of our community's most pressing needs.

Since 1962

Our years of experience and community history in Toronto give us the unique ability to provide you and your family with valuable tools, strategies and expertise that make charitable giving thoughtful and creative.

Find out what we can do together...

LEARN MORE

2016-2017 BY THE NUMBERS



\$22.5 MILLION
GRANT DISTRIBUTIONS



972
FUNDS



10.2 PERCENT
TOTAL RETURN
ON INVESTMENT



\$528 MILLION
ASSETS AND PLANNED
GIFTS



28
NEW BOOK OF LIFE
STORIES

LETTER FROM THE JEWISH FOUNDATION



"Happiness is an infinite game... Together, we can continue to spread happiness."

DAVID MATLOW
CHAIR, JEWISH FOUNDATION

RONIT HOLTZMAN
V.P., PLANNED GIVING & ENDOWMENTS

The Jewish Foundation of Greater Toronto is in the happiness business. It works like this.

Generous members of our community like you open a Donor Advised Fund or make a Planned Gift such as a gift in your Will or an insurance policy with the Foundation. Our donors do this because they want to make sure the causes they care about continue to be funded and thrive, and they want to leave a philanthropic legacy to inspire others to follow their example. They want one place to go to for their philanthropic planning and they want simplicity and cost efficiency.

The Foundation supports a myriad of charities based on the recommendations provided by our donors, either when their Funds are established or throughout the year. In the last fiscal year, our donors distributed approximately \$22.5 million to many worthy causes.

The Foundation's assets are pooled and invested with the oversight of an Investment Advisory Committee and the Trustees. The return on the Foundation's portfolio for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2017 was 10.2%. This means most of our Funds were larger at the end of the year than they were at the beginning, even after making the distributions, as recommended by the donor. Everyone should be happy with that!

The Foundation has hardworking professionals, trustees, committee members and volunteers who work tirelessly on all of the important initiatives that help the Foundation run so well.

So why are we in the happiness business? Our donors are happy because they are helping support what they care about; they are helping others, our community and Israel. All of us involved with the Foundation are happy because we are helping our donors be happy. And finally, the recipients of the distributions are happy because they receive funds that they need to carry on their important work.

Happiness is an infinite game. More is better. If you are happy with your experience at the Foundation, please tell others. Together, we can continue to help our community and Israel. Together, we can continue to spread happiness.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2017

\$35.4 MILLION
TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS

\$331.2 MILLION
TOTAL ASSETS
(MARKET VALUE)

10.2 PERCENT
TOTAL INVESTMENT
RETURN

\$22.5 MILLION
TOTAL GRANT
DISTRIBUTIONS

\$197.4 MILLION
TOTAL PLANNED
GIFTS

FINANCIAL RESULTS

For an in depth breakdown click above

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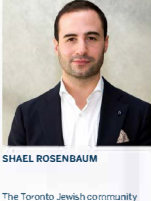
TINA ERLICH

United Jewish Appeal has had a profound impact on my life and while my gift to the UJA Campaign addresses the needs of the community today, ending my UJA gift will ensure the future is as bright as the present, so that my children along with others, can



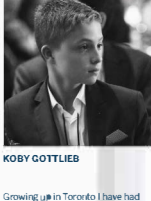
HAROLD AND SHELLEY WOLKIN

The giving of our time and support has become an intrinsic part of our makeup, and we've been so well educated by a succession of fabulous leaders who have stewarded our thinking that we feel UJA's support of all avenues by which we unite and lift up our fellow



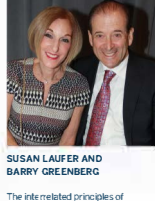
SHAEL ROSENBAUM

The Toronto Jewish community enabled my grandparents to rebuild their lives, and my greatest honour is providing others the same opportunity by giving back. The Foundation ensures that this vibrant and diverse community of Jewish people will flourish for



KOBY GOTTLIEB

Growing up in Toronto I have had the opportunity to benefit from a strong Jewish education. Through my education and my family's commitment to my community and to Israel my love for Israel has grown. I am so fortunate to be able to have my bar mitzvah in Jerusalem



SUSAN LAFER AND BARRY GREENBERG

The interrelated principles of tzedakah and tikkun olam, kindness and repair, are vital to ensuring that future generations maintain balance in the world. If we all work together, we can make sure that the scales don't tip one way

ALL DONORS

For a full listing of donors please click above.

These are just some of the faces behind our family of donors that make our community one of the strongest and most successful Jewish communities in the Diaspora today. We gratefully acknowledge all of our donors for their generosity.

THE IMPACT

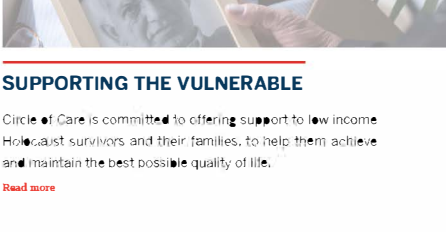
Through the Jewish Foundation our generous donors support hundreds of charities, projects and programs each year. Here are two examples:



STRENGTHENING JEWISH IDENTITY

BJ Library is an incredibly high-impact Jewish identity and community engagement program involving the delivery of Jewish books to children and next step programming aimed at engaging BJ Families with the larger Jewish community.

[Read more](#)



SUPPORTING THE VULNERABLE

Circle of Care is committed to offering support to low income Holocaust survivors and their families, to help them achieve and maintain the best possible quality of life.

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Picture this impact hundreds of times over. This is what our donors do each and every year.

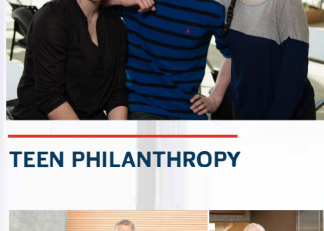
HOW YOU CAN HELP

You have the power to make a difference in the lives of others. But where are your philanthropic dollars needed most? Click above to find out.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR



UJA LEGACY GIFT

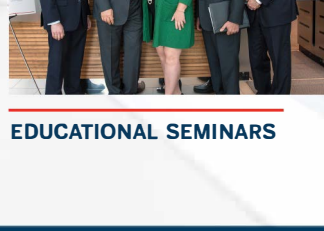


TEEN PHILANTHROPY



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EDUCATIONAL SEMINARS

A message from the Chair of the Board and the President & CEO of UJA Federation

During this, UJA Federation's Centennial year, we extend a mazel tov to our partner, the Jewish Foundation of Greater Toronto, for its ongoing efforts on behalf of our community's extraordinary and visionary philanthropists, providing the people of Jewish Toronto the opportunity to leave a lasting legacy that will shape the next hundred years.

Known for its creativity and cutting-edge philanthropic options, the Jewish Foundation continues – year after year – to match donors with their passions, allowing them to put their money where their heart is. In a community full of philanthropic choices, the Jewish Foundation, with its exceptional cadre of leaders and professionals, ensures that donors have access to a myriad of exciting and compelling charitable options, all designed to bring their philanthropic preferences to fruition.

On behalf of UJA Federation of Greater Toronto, we could not be prouder of the Jewish Foundation, and we are certain that the hundreds of programs and organizations that benefit from the Foundation will continue to do so for the next century.

BRUCE LEBOFF
CHAIR OF THE BOARD

ADAM MINSKY
PRESIDENT & CEO

If you would like to discuss how the Jewish Foundation can help you achieve your philanthropic goals and leave a Legacy for generations to come, contact us.

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