



Jewish Foundation
OF GREATER NEW HAVEN

2024 FIRST QUARTER **NEWSLETTER**



RESTORING HISTORY: THE FORGOTTEN JEWISH CEMETERY

Sol Rosenkranz was committed to preserving the heritage of an abandoned Jewish cemetery nestled in central Poland, in the small town of Krośniewice. From the moment this sacred ground was revitalized in 2014 until Sol's passing in 2019, he dedicated himself to preserving the memories it held.

The cemetery has endured a tumultuous history, with the Nazis stripping away its headstones in 1939. Neglect during the post-war and Communist eras allowed the site to transform into an overgrown thicket, concealing countless Jewish graves beneath.



In a heartfelt tribute to their beloved father, Rita and Joel Rosenkranz have worked with the Jewish Foundation of Greater New Haven to establish the Krośniewice Jewish Cemetery Fund In Memory of Sol Rosenkranz, designed to ensure the perpetual care of this significant and sacred site.

"Sol's inaugural visit to the site was in 2013 with Rabbi Schudrich." Joel said. "The dedication ceremony took place in 2014, and more recent images highlight the grand entry gates and a memorial plaque, recounting the town's rich Jewish history. The photos vividly illustrate the pride and dedication Sol poured into the restoration of this cemetery."



The fund's mission is to ensure the annual upkeep and maintenance of the cemetery, in perpetuity. In addition to collaborating with the Jewish Foundation of Greater New Haven, the siblings also partnered with the Friends of Jewish Heritage in Poland.

"We are committed to preserving Sol's dream of creating a dignified final resting place, an enduring tribute to his remarkable legacy," said Rita. "Our hope is that the sacred ground will remain a testament to Sol's enduring spirit and a symbol of remembrance for years to come."



To view all the photos, and to donate to the Sol Rosenkranz Memorial Matching Fund, visit: <https://newhavenjewishfoundation.org/krosniewice/>

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT:

SAANA MOHAMMED

"I would like to thank the Jewish Foundation of Greater New Haven for the Daughters of 1853 Nurse Scholarship that I received through Southern Connecticut State University. After I receive my Bachelor's in nursing, I hope to enroll in a Physician's Assistant Master's program at a university/college. Your kind gesture has encouraged me to keep pushing and never give up during the hardest times of my nursing studies. You are one of the reasons I have been able to continue and complete my nursing studies, and for that, I am grateful."

-Saana Mohammed



2024 SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS

The Jewish Foundation offers needs-based and needs-blind scholarships for high school seniors from Jewish households. All applications must be completed online by May 31, 2024. All applications are confidential and anonymously reviewed. Awards range from \$500 to \$3,000.

This is a competitive application process. Most years there are more applicants than money available. Therefore, awards are based on the strength of the application.

SYNAGOGUE SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS

The Jewish Foundation offers needs-based assistance for New Haven area synagogue schools. The deadline for the online application is October 2, 2024.

ONE HAPPY CAMPER

The Jewish Foundation offers needs-blind incentive grants for first-time campers to Jewish overnight camp and needs-based aid for first-time and returning campers.

There are over 200 traditional and specialty Jewish overnight camps to choose from. The application deadline is June 10, 2024.

ISRAEL EXPERIENCE SCHOLARSHIPS

The Jewish Foundation Israel Experience Program enables Jewish students, ages 15–20, the opportunity to participate in an Israel experience to develop, enrich, and reinforce their Jewish education and identity.

Scholarships are for short-term (minimum of 3-week program) and long-term organized Israel educational programs. For 2024 summer trips, applications are due by April 7, 2024. For 2024 gap or academic year programs, applications are due by June 10, 2024.

An essay and two recommendations are required. All applications are confidential and anonymously reviewed by the Israel Experience Scholarship committee. These scholarships are needs-blind.

This is a competitive application process. Most years there are more applicants than money available. Therefore, awards are based on the strength of the application.

For more information and applications, scan the QR code or visit newhavenjewishfoundation.org/scholarships/



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BECKERMAN FAMILY PACE CHALLENGE

Perpetual Annual Campaign Endowment

Established in partnership with the Beckerman Family Foundation, this is now a \$5 million community campaign for PACE. To date, \$4,362,533 has been raised and we have met our goal for the \$2 million Beckerman Family PACE Challenge match. This campaign is intended to secure the future of the Greater New Haven Jewish community through newly established and increased Perpetual Annual Campaign Endowment (PACE) funds.

Thank you to the families listed below for helping us successfully complete our challenge. If you would like to join them in helping us reach (and surpass!) our \$5 million goal, contact List Stanger at lstanger@jewishnewhaven.org.



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*= new fund established
**= added funds to existing
PACE/LOJE

Please remember the Jewish community in your estate plans

JACKIE KORAL HONORS MOTHER-IN-LAW, REGINA KORAL

Born in Vienna, Jacqueline Koral's mother-in-law, Regina Koral, lived through the horrors of the Holocaust, hidden in Belgium. She and her husband came to the United States in 1949.

At the age of 95, Jackie and her husband brought her mother-in-law from Manhattan to the Towers at Tower Lane in downtown New Haven. Regina was terrified. "I don't know anybody there," she said, "and I speak with a funny accent." But her fears were soon overcome as she was embraced by the residents and staff of the Towers.

Gina, as she was known at the Towers, insisted that Jackie become involved with the Towers because Gina loved her life there so much, and so Jackie did. Jackie joined the Towers Board, became a Board Chair, and eventually established an endowment for the Towers.

The Towers at Tower Lane stands at the forefront of Active Aging. Balancing Jewish values, they are a 'center of excellence,' fostering respect, competence, compassion, and commitment to



Gus Keach-Longo, CEO, The Towers at Tower Lane and Jackie Koral

innovation and tradition. Their mission promotes personal growth and wellness and truly supports their vision of 'Aging in Community'.

Create a Jewish Legacy, a collaborative endowment program funded by the Jewish Foundation of Greater New Haven and the Harold Grinspoon Foundation of Western Massachusetts, assists our local agencies and synagogues to secure their future by providing resources and support so that they can grow their endowment and legacy programs.

Gina never expected that the last five years of her life would be so fulfilling and meaningful to her. Jackie said, "My mother-in-law became the inspiration. I created this endowed fund at the Jewish Foundation of Greater New Haven to ensure a living legacy for my family and also provide support for the Towers. Gina made it all happen."



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*Be forever remembered by our community
for the legacy you leave.*

Make YOUR legacy a brighter Jewish tomorrow.



Create Your Jewish Legacy Today by Scanning the **QR Code** or
Visiting newhavenjewishfoundation.org/create-a-jewish-legacy

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TOTAL 2023 CHARITABLE
DISTRIBUTIONS FROM THE
JEWISH FOUNDATION OF
GREATER NEW HAVEN
\$4,108,107

COMMUNITY IMPACT OF 2023 CHARITABLE DISTRIBUTIONS

LOCAL JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS
AND SYNAGOGUES:

\$3,239,750

NONLOCAL
SECULAR:

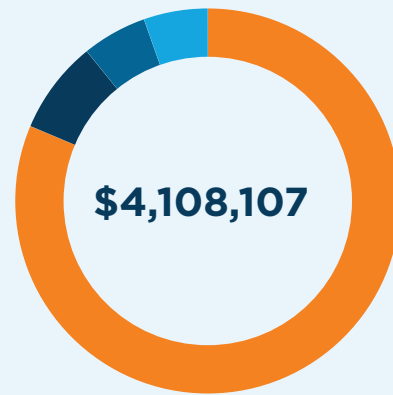
\$264,032

NONLOCAL
JEWISH:

\$417,581

LOCAL
SECULAR:

\$186,743



2023 FINANCIAL SUMMARY

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| Total Foundation Assets | \$73,416,503 |
| Contributions (<i>in gifts received</i>) | \$1,972,575 |
| Charitable Distributions/Grants | \$4,108,107 |

78%
was distributed
to local Jewish
organizations
and synagogues

\$3,239,750

Top 5 Distributions

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| Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven | \$666,459* |
| Security Grants (for local organizations and synagogues) | \$250,000 |
| Jewish Elderly Grants | \$176,000 |
| Israel Emergency Campaign (humanitarian aid to Israel) | \$54,000 |
| Scholarships for Jewish Overnight Camps | \$25,700 |

*For community support

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NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS: PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT GRANTS FOR JEWISH EDUCATORS

The Jewish Foundation is thrilled to offer professional development grants for Jewish educators. These grants are made possible thanks to the *Judith A. Kaye Fund for Improving Jewish Education through Teacher Training*.

Applicants must be either:

- Classroom educators employed in Jewish education in a local Jewish school or synagogue and/or
- A local Jewish school or synagogue. Eligible programs must be hosted by a recognized Jewish institution or reputable educational institution.

APPLICATION DEADLINE IS APRIL 12, 2024.

Learn more and apply today at <https://newhavenjewishfoundation.org/professional-development/> or by scanning the QR code.

