

OUR WOUNDS ARE  
CENTURIES OLD  
BUT SO ARE OUR  
RESILIENCE AND  
OUR STRENGTH



JEWISH COMMUNITY  
RELATIONS COUNCIL  
MINNESOTA & THE DAKOTAS

# 2024 Impact Report



**Mission**

As the public affairs voice of the Jewish community, the JCRC fights antisemitism and prejudice, advocates for Israel, provides Holocaust education, promotes tolerance and social justice, and builds bridges across the Jewish and broader communities.

**JCRC:**

- Serves as the central public affairs voice of the Jewish community to elected officials, the media, government agencies, and other religious, ethnic and cultural groups;
- Represents the Jewish community’s interests on significant legislative, social justice, and public policy issues in a non-partisan manner;
- Promotes and facilitates the security of the Jewish community and Jewish institutions, and assists community members dealing with discrimination;
- Educates and mobilizes the Jewish community for Israel advocacy;
- Encourages and facilitates open dialogue and consensus among the Jewish community’s diverse religious, political and social perspectives;
- Provides Holocaust education and diversity programming;
- Remembers the victims and honors the survivors of the Holocaust;
- Sponsors community and educational forums; and
- Partners with local and national non-profit, interfaith, and Jewish coalitions.

JCRC is a beneficiary agency of the Minneapolis and St. Paul Jewish Federations. JCRC serves as the representative of the Jewish community in the Joint Religious Legislative Coalition (JRLC) – the largest and most inclusive interfaith public interest group in Minnesota.



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# Letter from Steve Hunegs



Visiting Israel this past spring, I saw many examples of determination. One example imprinted in my memory: a school in Tiberias built from scratch in a manner of weeks for hundreds of students from families displaced by Hezbollah rocket fire. We follow in the steps of such resilience.

The Jewish people are experiencing the most severe outbreak of global antisemitism since the Holocaust. From the subtle dismissals to overt harassment, discrimination, and violence, the virus of anti-Jewish bias and bigotry has infected ascendant political ideologies, and their adherents, in the United States and around the world.

While our vigilance increases at home and our hearts remain broken for the victims of the October 7 massacre and the hostages still in Hamas captivity, we find a bottomless well of hope and resilience in the wisdom of our ancestors and in our obligations to each other.

By educating, safeguarding, and advocating for our community, we are in constant pursuit of the adage: “It is not your duty to finish the work, but neither are you at liberty to neglect it” (Ethics of our Sages).

We are pleased to report on our remarkable achievements and growth in 2024. Since it’s not noted elsewhere in this report, I’m especially proud that our Education and Advocacy efforts have expanded with the hirings of **Dorit Fishman**, **Sarah Rodriguez**, and **Meira Besikof**, growing our ability to reach new audiences, engage volunteers, manage data, and tell our story.

While this latest wave of antisemitism presents significant challenges to Jewish safety and belonging, you, our community, can feel assured that a dedicated team of professionals works around the clock on your behalf.

As always, I thank our team for their tireless efforts, as well as our officers – led by board president **Jacy Grais** – board members, volunteers, contributors, and supporters for enabling us to replace darkness, despair, and lies with light, hope, and truth.

Steve Hunegs  
Executive Director

*“JCRC has been nothing short of lifesaving for our family. JCRC has given our family the strength to stand up against antisemitism and fight for a safer future. We must continue to support one another and ensure that hate has no place in our community.”*

- Lauren Murphy, Middle School parent

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## Community Safety and Security

With a dramatic increase in the number of antisemitic incidents both locally and nationwide, JCRC works closely with law enforcement and supports community partners in meeting their responsibility to protect their people and property. Working together, our community remains strong and secure.



### JCRC's Community Safety & Security Services:

1. **Physical Security**  
Consulting with partner agencies in the Jewish community to make their facilities as safe and secure as possible while remaining warm and welcoming to the community.
2. **Training**  
Hosting organization-specific and community-wide trainings, including:
  - ◆ Combatting Active Threats
  - ◆ First Aid / Stop the Bleed
  - ◆ Behavioral Detection
  - ◆ Cyber Safety
3. **Security Patrol and Infrastructure**  
Procuring and deploying security infrastructure that serves the entire community, including bringing patrol vehicles to Jewish community sites as part of our efforts to foster a welcoming and secure environment.
4. **Threat Analysis and Information Sharing**  
Partnering with law enforcement and others to monitor, analyze, and inform our community of potential threats.
5. **Local Relationships**  
Establishing and maintaining close working relationships with dozens of law enforcement agencies and diverse interfaith and community partners.
6. **National Network**  
Working alongside and with support from our national partners at Secure Community Network (SCN), the official safety and security organization for the Jewish community in North America.
7. **Grants**  
Assisting with FEMA's Nonprofit Security Grant Program applications and providing security grants when urgently needed.

*JCRC and our community express profound gratitude to the Harvey A. Feldman Charitable Trust for making a major gift to enhance community security (see page 25).*

## Community Security Patrol Initiative

Thanks to the generosity of community funders, JCRC's newest community safety and security initiative brings patrol vehicles to Jewish community sites as part of our efforts to foster a secure and welcoming environment.

Over the past year, our security patrol has made more than **5,000 unique visits** to Jewish institutions in our region. Our intelligence and investigation services have proved essential, in some cases resulting in arrests.

The vehicles are staffed with licensed private security who conduct patrols, incident response, event security, and other services. Robust support from donations to JCRC allows patrols to be provided free-of-charge to Jewish organizations.

### Security Matching

JCRC works with individual institutions, whether holding small events or large community-wide gatherings, to assess security needs and assist in either providing or finding security. If you are holding a community event, and unsure how to assess or navigate security needs, please contact JCRC for assistance.



### OUR SECURITY WORK IS EXPERTLY GUIDED BY THE JEWISH COMMUNITY SECURITY STEERING COMMITTEE WHO BRING US A BROAD ARRAY AND MANY DECADES OF SECURITY EXPERIENCE.

**Jack Fiterman**, Committee Chair; Board Member, Secure Community Network

**Shai Avny**, Chief Operating Officer, Barry Family Campus & Minneapolis Jewish Federation

**Michael Barry**, President & CEO, Twin City Fan; Past President Minneapolis Jewish Federation

**Rabbi Joshua (JB) Borenstein**, Executive Director, Torah Academy

**Stephanie Chauss**, CEO, Minnesota JCC

**Jim Cohen**, CEO, Minneapolis Jewish Federation

**Bradley Hanley**, IT Security Professional

**David Kaplan**, CEO, St. Paul Jewish Federation

**Martin Lipshutz**, Chief Operations Officer, Minneapolis Jewish Federation

**John Ghermezian**, Chief Business Officer, Mall of America

**Myra Giesner**, Past Interim CEO, Minneapolis Jewish Federation

**Chief Bryan Kruele**, St. Louis Park Police Department

**Andrew Lifson**, Finance Committee Member, JCRC

**Chief Kelly McCarthy**, Mendota Heights Police Department

**Kevin Rhein**, Retired CIO, Wells Fargo

**Anthony Sussman**, Past Director of Communications & Community Security Strategy, JCRC and Immediate Past President, Temple Israel

**Rick Thornton**, Senior VP & General Auditor, Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis, Retired Special Agent in Charge FBI, Minneapolis

**Sheriff Dawanna Witt**, Hennepin County Staff: **Steve Hunegs, Rob Allen, Patrick King, Sami Rahamim, and Ethan Roberts**

### Report an incident

In partnership with the Secure Community Network (SCN), the official safety and security organization for the Jewish

community in North America, JCRC hosts a standardized online form for the public to report threats, incidents, and suspicious activity related to Jewish organizations, facilities, or community members. Incidents

not requiring security intervention will be handled in full partnership with the reporter by our community affairs staff.

You are the community's eyes and ears!

Scan to report an incident:



**In an emergency, move to a safe area and dial 9-1-1**

### Advocacy and Government Affairs



### JCRC In Action

In anticipation of the 2024 Legislative Session, JCRC convened approximately **30 meetings** between state legislators and over **200 Jewish constituents**. We organized these gatherings so community members could share their personal stories of how October 7th and the resulting surge in antisemitism at home has impacted them and their families.

Participating in these meetings was an act of resilience and we were relieved that our appeal to legislators to not make antisemitism worse by following the terrible example set by the Minneapolis City Council was heeded and no anti-Israel resolutions or bills were brought to our State Capitol this past session.

In addition to our efforts with state legislators, for the first time, JCRC actively recruited and trained community members to participate in the caucuses and conventions for both political parties. We look forward to expanding these efforts and building upon our successes in the years to come.

Take our Volunteer Interest Survey



### JCRC Annual Event

### Annual Event

More than **650 JCRC supporters** gathered for the 2024 Annual Event featuring *Times of Israel* Senior Analyst, **Haviv Rettig Gur**, one of our highest recorded annual event attendance and a testament to the words of JCRC President, **Jacy Rubin Grais**, “Many years I have thought



that the JCRC was a well-kept secret in our community. An incredible organization doing very important work, but that not enough people knew about. Over the past eight months, that has changed. I have heard story after

story from members of the community learning about what JCRC has done and feeling its effects personally whether in their workplace or their child’s school.”

From the podium, **Alex Stewart** shared that “while serving as the Hillel Student President, I was able to lend my voice, my passion, and my energy to a cause that the JCRC champions in our community — combating antisemitism. However, when antisemitism began spiking on campus, the JCRC didn’t swoop in and take the reins away from the student leaders. Instead, they laid the groundwork for young people to lead and speak about our own experiences, while offering us their wisdom and guidance.”

**Lauren Murphy**, whose middle school daughter was subjected to death threats because she is Jewish, exclaimed “JCRC has been nothing short of lifesaving for our family. JCRC has given our family the strength to stand up against antisemitism and fight for a safer future.”

Finally, **Governor Tim Walz** spoke to the importance of our work by explaining that “people’s misunderstanding of what’s happening or what has happened in the Middle East is just stunning in many cases. And I think that lack of information, that lack of knowledge and the way people throw around certain terms or seem to try and rewrite history, it’s apparent to me that what JCRC ... and so many of the advocates in this room knew was, we have got to educate, especially our young people, about the true story. We have to make sure they know.”



### Holocaust Education and Remembrance



### Honoring the Past and Building Resilience

#### Power of Place European Summer Institute for Holocaust Educators

In 2024, JCRC brought 23 participants to Europe, including teachers from Minnesota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Texas, Virginia, and Ohio. The learning unfolded as the group toured historical sites through Poland, Germany and the Czech Republic. Standing where history takes place deepens the understanding of the Holocaust, WWII, and antisemitism. Educators also learned about contemporary Judaism in these communities today, and the culture and traditions that continue to shape the Jewish people.

This experiential learning program, generously supported by the Minnesota Vikings and Allianz, is a deeply impactful and unique opportunity that empowers educators to identify ways to bring their own lived emotions, observations and insights into their classrooms and communities.



*“As I stood in these spots, I surprisingly felt proud: proud of being a Jew and bearing witness to this, and proud that Jews are still here. For everything the Nazis attempted to do, the Jews are still here, and as the Jews in the 1940s fought, so too do we fight to continue our Jewish traditions today.”*

- Charlie Grossman, Power of Place participant



### Holocaust Education and Remembrance



#### US Holocaust Memorial Museum Trip

On April 16, the JCRC brought over 180 participants to Washington, DC for our annual visit to the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum. 30 years after this trip began, it continues to be an integral and impactful part of the coursework of many high schools and colleges, as well as ongoing professional development for law enforcement and military.

*“Educating students and community members about this history is essential, not just to keep the memories living, but to educate for warning signs so this never happens again. Minorities continue to experience racism, discrimination, and general hatred, and we see our country teetering on extremist views. We have to learn from history and honor those whose lives were taken during the Holocaust.”*

- St. Cloud, MN community member/USHMM trip participant 2024

#### Yom HaShoah Community Commemoration

A vital part of our community’s Holocaust remembrance, the Twin Cities annual Yom HaShoah Commemoration was hosted at **Bet Shalom Congregation** in Minnetonka, with over 600 people attending in person and virtually. The service included testimony shared by second generation Holocaust family member **Cheryle Atkin** as well as remarks by immediate past chair of HIAS, **Robert Aronson**. Additionally, Bet Shalom educator **Ali King** and student **Gabby Ladmer** reflected on their experiences visiting the US Holocaust Memorial Museum and the importance of Holocaust education and remembrance.



#### Leo Weiss Courage to Teach Award

In memory of Leo Weiss, z”l, the **Stesin family** and the JCRC annually honors an educator or institution that embodies decency, righteousness, and integrity in their devotion to teaching students about the Shoah. This year, **Daniel Perucco**, Edgewood Middle School teacher, was honored with the award. Perucco has taught English Language Arts for ten years and has brought Holocaust education speakers into his classrooms numerous times. He goes above and beyond for his students to make learning experiences that are meaningful and has also been awarded the Mounds View Education Association Community Educator Award.

#### Transfer of Memory and International Holocaust Remembrance Day

The *Transfer of Memory* exhibit, a collection of portraits and accompanying stories of Minnesota Holocaust survivors, provides a platform for communities to dive deeper into Holocaust education while understanding the personal stories of those who survived.

**Sara Reininger**, granddaughter and great granddaughter of survivors Eva Gross and Ella Weiss, z”l, spoke about her grandmother while Transfer of Memory was exhibited for an International Holocaust Remembrance Day program.



#### South Dakota Holocaust Education Symposium

The JCRC’s Holocaust education program is honored to be part of the US Holocaust Memorial Museum’s Community of Holocaust Education Centers. As part of this national cohort, we have a broader network in which to support, develop and distribute accurate and relevant resources for quality Holocaust education.

In August, **Susie Greenberg**, Director of Holocaust Education, went to Sioux Falls to facilitate an all-day Holocaust education professional development to South Dakota educators representing **11 school districts**. Together with **Scott Littky** of Institute for Holocaust Education in Omaha, **Sam Goldberg** of HERC Milwaukee and **Kristin Thompson** of Humanus Network, the sessions ranged from Americans in the Holocaust to the power of Nazi propaganda.



#### Survivor and Descendant Testimony

JCRC supports Holocaust survivors and their descendants to keep their family testimony alive by connecting them with schools, community organizations, religious groups and other audiences. These speakers share their family’s personal story of surviving the Holocaust and teach broader lessons about antisemitism and hate.

**Manny Gabler**, a Holocaust survivor who escaped Nazi occupation when he was a baby and found refuge with his family in Shanghai, spoke to **1,100 students** at Benilde-St. Margaret’s, a Catholic school in St. Louis Park.

Third generation Holocaust survivor family descendants are an important part of our Holocaust Education Speakers’ Bureau. This group has an active and growing membership and recently became an affiliated member of the USC Shoah Foundation’s Living Links, the first national organization in the U.S. dedicated to supporting grandchildren of Holocaust survivors in preserving and sharing their loved ones’ experiences.



#### History Day Competition

JCRC annually sponsors prizes in the **Minnesota Historical Society’s** National History Day competition. Students choose to do a project on a topic relating to the Holocaust and the history of Europe between the years of 1939 and 1945. The prize winners of the 2024 theme, “Turning Points in History” were documentaries by Oak Grove Middle School in Bloomington on “The German Invasion of Poland,” and Eden Prairie High School on “The Ritchie Boys: How a secret Allied Intelligence Unit Changed the Course of WWII.”



### Israel at War

## Campus Advocacy: Supporting Jewish Students, Faculty, and Staff

### Reversing the hiring of anti-Zionist professor to lead U Holocaust center

JCRC's signature achievement of the 2023-24 academic year was organizing intense grassroots opposition to the University of Minnesota's decision to hire Prof. Raz Segal as Director of the **Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies**. Atop this list of his many inflammatory and disqualifying statements was writing on Oct. 13, 2023, that Israel's nascent response to the October 7 massacre was "a textbook case of genocide." Five days after the hiring was reported by TC Jewfolk, JCRC welcomed Interim President Jeff Ettinger's announcement that the directorship search would start over.



### Calling out pro-Hamas rhetoric by encampment organizers

As pro-Hamas rhetoric spread from the illegal encampment on the University of Minnesota campus mall, JCRC worked with Minnesota Hillel by:

- Organizing over **220 emails** to all **12 U Regents**;
- Calling out the U's appeasement of those normalizing anti-Jewish violence on campus;
- Challenging inaccurate media coverage portraying the encampment protests as "anti-war" or "pro-peace;" and
- Centering Jewish student testimony describing an increasingly hostile learning environment.



### Senate Hearing

JCRC was proud to participate in a MN State Senate Judiciary Committee hearing convened by **Senator Ron Lutz** on the pattern of antisemitism at the University of Minnesota. This session brought to light the systemic anti-Israel toxicity at the University of Minnesota and emphasized the importance of moving forward together so that antisemitism has no place on campus.



*"JCRC empowered me to speak about the antisemitism we are facing at school."*

Alex Stewart, 2023-24 Minnesota Hillel Student President

### Media Hits

As the consensus public affairs voice of the Jewish community, JCRC is called upon to represent the Jewish community of Minnesota and the Dakotas in local, national and even international coverage.

The past fiscal year we were cited, interviewed, covered or quoted in **over 250 original media pieces** and released **32 public statements**.

### Marking one year since October 7, 2023



**Over 1,000** Minnesotans gathered at **Adath Jeshurun Congregation** to commemorate the October 7, 2023, massacre in Israel. JCRC coordinated the event's marketing, registration, security, and media coverage.

### Strengthening peoplehood through Israel solidarity missions



JCRC staff **Steve Hunegs, Ethan Roberts, Sally Abrams, Holly Brod Farber, and Sami Rahamim** each participated in Israel solidarity missions with our Minneapolis and St. Paul Jewish Federation partners to bear witness to the atrocities of October 7 and resilience of the Israeli people. Each of them has brought back the stories of the people and places to their education, advocacy, and relationship building work at home.

Understanding and addressing the Israel-Hamas War Resource Page



In Photos: Our Strength and Resilience

Every day JCRC is safeguarding, educating and advocating for the Jewish Community.

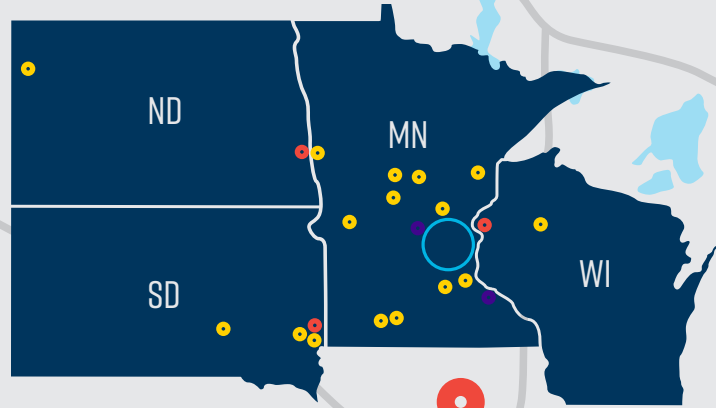
*"I've never seen a JCRC as mobilized as yours. Everyone I met spoke of it as the pillar around which an anxious community could rally in troubled times. It was wonderful to see."*

- Haviv Rettig Gur





### Mapping Our Impact



MINNEAPOLIS

SAINT PAUL

Request a speaker



### Educating on Judaism, Israel, Antisemitism, and the Holocaust

JCRC speakers educate thousands of students, educators, leaders, and citizens every year. We build bridges from the Jewish people to the diverse communities across Minnesota and the Dakotas. We support parents, students, and educators facing antisemitism at school or work – whether that’s providing a listening ear or counseling intervention and action. As the consensus public affairs voice of the Jewish community, you can count on JCRC to speak out against harmful ideas spreading throughout our society.

>400 TOTAL PRESENTATIONS   >22,000 TOTAL AUDIENCE

- = SCHOOLS
- = BUSINESSES
- = CIVIC OR COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS
- = RELIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS
- = GOVERNMENT

### JCRC Impact Beyond the North



CHESAPEAKE, VA & WASHINGTON, DC



MARSHFIELD, MA



CLEVELAND, OH



OMAHA & LA VISTA, NE



EVANSTON, IL



PHILADELPHIA, PA



KINGWOOD, TX



REHOVOT, ISRAEL

## Jewish Identity, Israel, and Antisemitism Education

### Teaching the Jewish story and shining a light on antisemitism in K-12 schools

We continue to partner with Jewish students, parents, educators, and school administrators in confronting antisemitism through our staff trainings on Jewish Identity and Antisemitism, carefully cultivated relationships, and our client-centered incident response advocacy. Our community is thoughtful and resilient. It is a privilege to partner with Jewish stakeholders as we work towards our shared goal of public and private schools in which Jewish identity is understood and honored.



### JCRC Youth Fellowship for Jewish Identity and Leadership

JCRC launched a new youth fellowship to help our Jewish teens navigate the new post-October 7 reality while strengthening their Jewish identity and leadership skills. Meeting monthly over one academic year, this program empowers Jewish high school juniors and seniors to explore and embrace their history, develop leadership skills, and cultivate a deep sense of pride in their Jewish identity. Participants will learn how to articulate their own narratives and advocate for our resilient community.

There are **23 fellows** enrolled in the program; students who complete all program requirements will earn a \$1000 stipend, generously funded by an anonymous donor. By making several sessions open to all Jewish teens and by requiring Fellows to share something they have learned with their peers through a capstone project, we aim for a ripple effect across our community.

### JCRC consulting for the Weitzman National Museum of American Jewish History



We are proud to be partnering with the Weitzman National Museum of American Jewish History to develop a national educational curriculum on American Jewish history for primary and secondary schools.

Jewish essayist and author **Dr. Dara Horn**, a consultant to the museum, recommended JCRC to Weitzman after visiting the Twin Cities. While here, she experienced our Judaism 101 presentation which projects a positive picture of Jewish life including our history, culture, and traditions as a 3,000-year-old people.

*“In the wake of Oct. 7th, many of our community members were (and are) struggling. As a district, we worked with our students, staff, and family to respond with support. JCRC was (and is) key in that work. In the early days, JCRC staff (along with a local rabbi and parents) helped the district understand the world through the eyes of our Jewish students and families.”*

- Suburban Twin Cities School District Superintendent

## Financials

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September 1, 2022 – August 31, 2023

#### Revenues

##### Federation Allocations

Minneapolis Jewish Federation	\$255,557
St. Paul Jewish Federation	\$91,300
<b>Total Federation Allocations</b>	<b>\$346,857</b>

##### Contributions and Grants

Fundraising events	\$304,095
Less fundraising events expenses	(\$110,316)
<b>Net fundraising events</b>	<b>\$193,779</b>

All other contributions	\$3,331,483
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<b>Total Contributions and Grants</b>	<b>\$3,525,262</b>
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<b>Program Revenues</b>	<b>\$106,044</b>
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<b>Investment and Other Revenues</b>	<b>\$157,835</b>
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<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,135,998</b>
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#### Expenses

Program	\$1,989,064
Management and General	\$246,789
Fundraising	\$240,057

<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,475,910</b>
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<b>Change in Net Assets</b>	<b>\$1,660,088</b>
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### The Stan Shapiro Judaism and Israel Education Fund

The Stan Shapiro Judaism and Israel Education Fund was created to honor the life and legacy of Stan Shapiro, a WWII veteran, devoted family man, and a builder of both home, family and community with unwavering integrity. His life was deeply rooted in his love for Israel and the Jewish people, and he held a profound belief in the value of “generation to generation.” Stan, together with his beloved wife Sandi, whom he was married to for 54 years, instilled this passion in their children—Beth, Craig, and Steve—and grandchildren—Emily, Hannah, Jack, and Norah.



Stan frequently visited Israel, often bringing his family not only as tourists but as volunteers, passing down his love for the land and its people. A lifelong learner, he found joy in attending lectures and reading about Israel’s history and current events.

To his grandchildren, Stan was a warm, loving, nonjudgmental presence with a big heart and an even bigger sense of humor. They have fond memories of him attending every birthday party, holiday dinner and sporting event and remember his wisdom: “At the end of the day, your family is the most important.”

In memory of Stan’s commitment to family and community, his family established this fund to support programs that foster Jewish identity, education, and a strong connection to Israel. Through this fund, Stan Shapiro’s legacy lives on, impacting future generations with the same love, kindness, and pride that defined his life.

Request a speaker



## Donations and Grants

### FY 2024

#### \$100,000+

Minneapolis Jewish Federation  
Otto Bremer Trust  
St. Paul Jewish Federation  
Tankenoff Families Foundation

#### \$25,000 - \$99,999

Allianz of America  
The Beverly Foundation  
Jacob Garber Endowment Fund  
Beth and Todd Johnson  
Morton and Merle Kane  
Susan and Hart Kuller  
Steve and Sheri Lear  
Minneapolis Foundation  
Minnesota Vikings  
Hanan Rosenstein and Richard Alberta

#### \$10,000 - \$24,999

Bryan and Nina Badzin  
Baratz Family Foundation  
Lili Chester  
Richard and Judy Cook  
Jacob Fishman and Kimberly Lear  
Byron and Shirley Frank  
Howard and Heidi Gilbert  
Jim Jacobson and Andrea Kaufman  
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Sharron Steinfeldt  
The Toodie and Frank Trestman Collaborative Education and Special Needs Fund  
The Victor Foundation  
Wendy and Colin Smith Family Foundation  
Scott and Joan Wilensky

#### \$5,000 - \$9,999

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Shari and Ron Barry  
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Gary Berman  
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Cozen O'Connor  
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Richard M. Schulze Family Foundation  
Allen and Linda Saeks  
Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community  
Judy and Jerel Shapiro  
Marshall & Elaine Siegel Foundation  
Alan and Janny Silver  
Jonathan Snitzer and Rachel Glotter Snitzer  
Sandy and Jason Sondell  
The Jay and Rose Phillips Family Foundation of Minnesota  
Alan Gilbert and Laura Thorne  
Vivian Mann Excellence Award

#### \$1,000 - \$4,999

Anonymous (3)  
Norman Abramson and Kim Wolson  
David and Joyce Abramson  
Lorie and Michael Afremov  
American Jewish Committee  
Minneapolis - St. Paul  
Ameriprise Financial  
Susan Andrews and Robert Rubenstein  
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Debra Arbit  
Daniel Aronson and Martha Goldberg Aronson  
Elliott and Marlys Badzin  
Paul and Jennifer Bagdade  
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Yiscah Bracha  
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Vanessa Brown McGuire  
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C.H. Robinson  
Central Lakes College Foundation  
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Daniel and Mindy Chiat  
Chubb Charitable Foundation  
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Manfred and Katherine Gabler  
Phyllis and Philip Garon  
Roy Ginsburg  
Sally and Michael Ginsburg  
Joel Glaser and Jethra Kapp  
Jeri Glick Anderson and Charles Anderson  
Stanley and Luella Goldberg  
Harold and Cynthia Goldfine  
Steven Goldfine  
Kay and Bruce Goldstein  
Bruce Goodman  
Dina Goodman  
Tom Goodoiin  
Karen and Fred Gordon  
Greater Horizons

Cliff and Kim Greene  
Nancy and Richard Grobovsky  
Joanne and Bruce Gruen  
Sofya Guterma  
Judith Harris  
Robert Hartman  
Matt Henningsen  
Marshall and Denise Hertz  
Michael Hofkin and Ann Ginsburgh Hofkin  
Richard and Dobra Hunegs  
Steve Hunegs and Jenifer Robins  
Hunegs LeNeave & Kvas  
Julie Idelkope  
Jewish Family and Children's Service of Minneapolis  
Joan Marks Charitable Fund  
Johnson & Johnson  
Brian and Sandra Kamin  
Daniel and Lauren Kaplan  
Phyllis Karasov and Alan Olstein  
Robert Karasov and Hanna Bloomfield  
Robert and Stefanie Karon  
Pam and Ron Kaufman  
Susie and Gabe Kaufman  
Richard Kelber and Sharon Van Dyck  
Wendy and Nissim Khabie  
Jessie Kibort  
Reva Kibort  
Daniel and Carolyn Kleinberger  
Janeen Kobrinsky  
Eileen and David Kohn  
Steve Krause  
Maureen Kucera-Walsh and Michael Walsh  
Allen and Diane Kuperman  
Elizabeth Lamin  
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-Ruth Hampton Olkon, CEO, Jewish Family Service of St. Paul

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