

NO QUESTIONS ASKED

WHEN COVID-19 HIT, THE JEWISH FOUNDATION SENT OUT UNSOLICITED CHEQUES TO HELP ORGANIZATIONS ACROSS THE PROVINCE STAY AFLOAT

In early April, Al Benarroch, Jewish Child and Family Services' (JCFS) Executive Director, received something unexpected in the mail. It was a cheque, made out to JCFS for \$12,000 – money that it could spend in whatever way it wanted. The cash couldn't have come at a better time – COVID-19 had just shut the city down, sending non-profit organizations across Winnipeg into varying degrees of panic. "It was a big relief," says Benarroch. "At that point, we didn't know what was coming down the pike."

Benarroch wasn't the only one who received money unsolicited – 28 other Jewish organizations, including synagogues, camps and schools, and four general community organizations all received cheques in April, too. The surprise gifts were part of the Jewish Foundation of Manitoba's COVID-19 relief funding, which saw the organization dispense \$300,000 that month for recipients to put toward operational expenses.

Some of the money JCFS received went to buying computers for staff so that they could help seniors get the support they needed virtually in place of the in-person visits they are used to. "Many seniors didn't know who was going to look after them," says Benarroch. "We bought 10 new laptops, money which we took out of general operating revenue."

A CHEQUE FOR EVERY ORGANIZATION

By the end of the year, the Jewish Foundation will have given out more than \$700,000 over three Phases to its community partners, which includes the Gray Academy of Jewish Education, Winnipeg Jewish Theatre, Gwen Secter Creative Living Centre and many others. The initial cheques, which were part of Phase one, were delivered with no strings

attached and no questions asked. "We wanted to get something out immediately," says John Diamond, the Foundation's CEO. "We wanted to make sure no one was getting evicted because they couldn't pay their rent and that programs and staff could still be supported."

In June, another \$210,500 was given to 11 organizations. For this round, organizations had to apply for a grant and be more specific

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as to how they would use the funds. Still, the money was earmarked for COVID-19 related help, including paying for staff and other operational expenses. In September, organizations have again submitted applications for the third phase of granting with asks totalling \$210,000. The grants committee was still reviewing applications at the time of writing.

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KEEPING THE COMMUNITY GOING

Usually, Foundation grants aren't for operational expenses, but rather, specific projects or programs. But when COVID-19 hit, the Foundation's Board and staff quickly

decided to use the 15% of the funds the Foundation controls directly – the other 85% is directed by donors themselves – to keep Manitoba's Jewish community afloat. "We identified pretty quickly that with the world shutting down, non-profit and charitable organizations were going to suffer," says Foundation CEO John Diamond. (An additional \$30,000 in COVID-19 relief funds were given to five charities from the JFM's Women's Endowment Fund.)

The Foundation helped in other ways, too. For instance, it gave additional funds to a three-month pilot project between JCFS and Gwen Secter Creative Living Centre, where drivers were hired to transport seniors to and from appointments. Rather than calling a taxicab company, where they may have been at risk for contracting the coronavirus, they could reach a trusted driver through JCFS.

While the remainder of this year will see many organizations receive Phase 3 funding as well as the yearly proceeds of their organizational endowments, if the pandemic continues to wreak havoc on the non-profit and charitable sectors, it is possible that there will be a need for more COVID-19 relief funding in 2021, says Diamond.

That's welcome news for Benarroch, who takes comfort in knowing that the Jewish Foundation is there to support them. "Kudos to the Foundation for being proactive," he says about the initial cheques. "As an Executive Director, it was a relief not to have to ask for it – that gave me a lot of confidence that the community was approaching the pandemic in a healthy way."



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THE FOLLOWING ORGANIZATIONS HAVE RECEIVED PANDEMIC RELIEF FUNDING FROM THE JEWISH FOUNDATION OF MANITOBA. RELIEF EFFORTS HAVE NOW EXCEEDED \$540,000 AND CONTINUE TO GROW.

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"The JFM grant helped ensure we had the technology needed for remote learning" - Lori Binder, Gray Academy

"The generosity of the Jewish Foundation is so amazing. We are so grateful for all that you do that makes our Jewish community the envy of the rest of the country." - Daniel Sprintz, Camp Massad

"The grant keeps us going, we are so grateful for that. It really helped us with the extra costs."

- Jim Steep, Agape Table

"It was huge to us. It helped in so many different ways as (it) supported isolated seniors." - Becky Chisick, Gwen Secter Creative Living Centre

"The cheque and the decision behind it are so deeply valued and have given us a nice boost in morale. We soldier on, but it's so nice to know we do so with the support of our community"

- Ari Weinberg, Winnipeg Jewish Theatre









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2020 Community Relief Summary

Over the past few months, we have all faced new and difficult challenges related to the COVID-19 virus. The Jewish Foundation of Manitoba continues to stand ready to respond to those needs. Our response has been laid out in three Phases, the goal, to act quickly, inclusively and responsibly to assist organizations affected by this pandemic.

Undesignated Funds housed at the JFM have been essential in allowing us the flexibility to identify and adapt to the changing needs developing within our community as a result of the pandemic. In a typical year, the JFM's Undesignated Funds are utilized to distribute grants to community organizations. These grants are dedicated to programming and exciting initiatives that strive to support, engage and enlighten communities and the people who make them so vibrant.

PHASE 1: April 2020

Jewish Community Organizations

Distribution provided to Manitoba based Jewish organizations for operational relief. Each organization's financial reports and operational expenses formed the basis that dictated the level of funding that it would receive. The total of this initial distribution was \$193,800.

Adas Yeshurun Herzlia Congregation	\$3,400
Aleph Bet Child Life Enrichment Program	\$10,000
Asper Jewish Community Campus of Winnipeg	\$12,000
B'nai Brith Canada - Midwest Region	\$6,700
B'nai Brith Jewish Community Camp	\$10,000
Camp Massad Manitoba	\$6,700
Canadian Institute for the Study of Antisemitism .	\$3,400
Chabad-Lubavitch of Winnipeg	\$10,000
Chai Folk Arts Council	\$6,700
Chesed Shel Emes	\$6,700
Chevra Mishnayes Synagogue	\$1,000
Chavurat Tefilah	\$1,000
Congregation Etz Chayim	\$10,000
Congregation Shaarey Zedek	\$12,000
Gray Academy of Jewish Education	\$12,000
Gwen Secter Creative Living Centre	\$6,700
Hebrew Congregation of Winnipeg Beach	\$1,000
House of Ashkenazie	\$1,000
Jewish Child and Family Service	\$12,000
Jewish Federation of Winnipeg	\$10,000
Jewish Heritage Centre of Western Canada	\$3,400
National Council of Jewish Women of	
Canada-Winnipeg Section	\$1,000
Rady Jewish Community Centre	\$12,000
Saul & Claribel Simkin Centre	\$12,000
Shalom Residences	\$12,000
Talmud Torah Beth Jacob Synagogue	
Temple Shalom Manitoba	\$6,700
Winnipeg Jewish Theatre	\$3,400

Winnipeg Community Organizations

Distribution of \$68,000 to four front-line community charities in Winnipeg. Additionally, through the generosity of an anonymous donor, a matching donation of \$34,000 was made possible, bringing the total distributed to these four charities to \$102,000.

Agape Table	.\$25,500
Siloam Mission	
The Main Street Project	\$25,500
Winnipeg Harvest	.\$25,500

Women's Endowment Fund Distributions

The spring distribution of Women's Endowment Fund grants saw \$30,000 distributed to five organizations who continue to support our most vulnerable women and children during, what is possibly, their greatest time of need.

Alpha House	.\$6,000
North End Women's Resource Centre	
Salvation Army	\$6,000
West Central Women's Resource Centre	
Willow Place	.\$6,000

PHASE 2: June 2020

Jewish Community Relief Funding

For Phase 2, application criteria were developed by the Grants Committee and approved by the Board. Applications from the Manitoba based Jewish organizations who chose to apply were then submitted for review by the Grants Committee. Their recommendations have now been approved by the Board for distribution as follows. The total of these grant commitments was \$210,500.

B'nai Brith Jewish Community Camp \$	28,000
Camp Massad Manitoba\$	28,000
Chabad-Lubavitch of Winnipeg\$	10,000
Chai Folk Arts Council	\$8,000
Congregation Etz Chayim\$	10,000
Gray Academy of Jewish Education\$	27,500
Gwen Secter Creative Living Centre	515,000
Rady Jewish Community Centre\$4	40,000
Saul & Claribel Simkin Centre \$	30,000
Temple Shalom Manitoba	\$5,000
Winnipeg Jewish Theatre	\$9,000

PHASE 3: September 2020

For Phase 3, the same application criteria utilized for Phase 2 was again provided to Manitoba based Jewish organizations. The application window opened on September 15th and will close September 30. Following the conclusion of the application process our Grants Committee and Board will then review the submissions and distribute to organizations based on their insight.



Thanks to the generosity of our donors, together, we were ready to support our community. In response to the pandemic the Jewish Foundation of Manitoba has distributed over \$540,000 of COVID-19 relief funding in support of Manitoba based Jewish and front-line charities. But the job is far from done, and our community remains vulnerable and needs your help.

Please contact the Jewish Foundation of Manitoba today to see how you can play a part in ensuring that our community, city and province can endure and flourish for lifetimes to come!

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Partnering Against Antisemitism

CISA ENDOWMENT HELPING TO COMBAT ANTISEMITISM WORLD WIDE

Earlier this summer, leading organizations in fight the against antisemitism created a unique partnership. The Toronto-based FAST (Fighting Antisemitism Together) and Winnipeg's CISA (Canadian Institute for the Study of Antisemitism) have joined forces to continue their mission of eradicating antisemitism and all forms of intolerance through education.

Dr. Catherine Chatterley, founding director of CISA and now Chair and President of FAST, was approached by FAST founder, Tony Comper, last year to discuss his ideas about guaranteeing FAST's future as an organization. That's when the affiliation began to take shape. While CISA and FAST remain two separate organizations with separate fundraising needs, the affiliation "allows CISA to promote and support FAST's nationwide human rights curriculum, including its focus on antisemitism," Dr. Chatterley, who has a Ph.D. in history from the University of Chicago, explains.

In addition to this new partnership, CISA -- an independent non-profit with charitable status -- is also celebrating its tenth anniversary in 2020. During the past decade, CISA's publication, Antisemitism Studies, has become a mainstay for those in the field of antisemitism research by providing scholarly information on the subject to more than 3,000 universities and colleges around the world.

In order to continue its work with the journal, CISA relies on donations to its endowment fund at the Jewish Foundation of Manitoba.

With the financial stability offered by the endowment, CISA is afforded the opportunity to focus on the important work it is producing rather than concerning itself with the funding needed to make it possible. Dr. Chatterley also points out, this stability is becoming less common when looking at the resources allocated to antisemitism research around the

"It is crucial that the study of antisemitism remains vibrant and valued. Schools are cutting funding and resources for antisemitism education world-wide, and this trend will likely continue. An endowment will ensure that CISA can continue its work in perpetuity despite any prevailing political and social pressures that may arise in the future," says Dr. Chatterley.

The impact of the endowment extends beyond the support of the journal. The income earned also goes towards management of the institute itself and education. This includes the Shindleman Lectures – a series of lectures started in 2012 that focus on a variety of different aspects of antisemitism - as well as courses and curriculum which are free to the public as a way to continue to build a "knowledge base."

"Imagine if there was no scholarship on the Holocaust. We wouldn't have any museums or educational programs or any official recognition of the murder of European Jewry. In fact, without scholars, we would not understand how the Holocaust actually transpired, how it was planned and executed systematically," says Dr. Chatterley.

For more information on supporting the CISA Endowment, please contact Stephanie Casar, Director of Development & Gift Planning, at 204.480.7528 or toll-free from the US/Canada at 1.855.284.1918, or by email at scasar@jewishfoundation.org.



Make the Most of Everything

AMID PANDEMIC, SCHOLARSHIP WINNER ADJUSTS TO LIFE IN ISRAEL

Ariel Glikman's plan was simple; he'd travel to Israel to do a semester at Hebrew University and then stay there for the following summer, attempting to enrich his Israeli experience with volunteer opportunities. So far, in 2020, mainly due to the COVID-19 pandemic, simple plans have been forced to change. Despite the global landscape changing, Glikman was able to see his plans slightly modified, but still intact.

The recipient of the Jewish Foundation of Manitoba's 2019 Joel A. Weinstein Memorial Scholarship, Glikman has seen his first year in Israel unfold differently than most of those who have taken the path before him. The first modified plan came with school, seeing all classes take place on Zoom. While this may seem daunting and unfamiliar, Glikman found it to be a rewarding experience in itself.

"It only made the bond I had with my roommates stronger," Glikman says. "It gave us more time to endlessly discuss meaningful topics; everything from Jewish identity, to our roles as young Jewish leaders in North America, to why the Winnipeg Jets are the best team in professional hockey."



In July, Glikman, a Gray Academy graduate, saw the next modification to his plan come to be, as he became a First Aid Responder with Magen David Adom, Israel's national emergency pre-hospital medical organization. The shortage of personnel due to the pandemic helped thrust him into action earlier than expected. Within his first two weeks on the job, he was already in awe of the experiences he'd had, including speaking exclusively Hebrew in stressful, high-pressure situations like being in an ambulance with only the driver and the patient.

"Though at times I feel unprepared and a little bit scared to fail, I remember the most important lesson I've learned throughout my half-year in Israel," says Glikman. "Make the most of everything."



The Joel A. Weinstein Memorial Scholarship is awarded annually to a full-time student studying in Israel. The scholarship is awarded based on academic achievement, financial need and community involvement both locally and in Israel.

Glikman's ability to adapt to and thrive in this new normal, while still committing himself to his new community and the modified educational path, is impressive and inspiring. It's not however, surprising, coming from someone who makes an effort to make the most of everything.

Community Needs Like Never Before

DONOR-DIRECTED DISTRIBUTIONS TO FILL PRESSING COMMUNITY NEEDS

Every year, there are opportunities for Jewish Foundation fundholders to make an immediate and profound difference in the community.

When a fund reaches \$10,000, it can become a "donor-advised" fund, which means that the fundholder can recommend how income earned by the fund can be distributed.

Fundholders who are in a position to distribute income from their endowment funds recently received a brochure which outlined immediate needs in our community. These needs include helping Jewish students pay tuition, improving quality of life for our seniors and helping buoy our Jewish community organizations through these uncertain times of COVID-19.

Between Gray Academy of Jewish Education and Chabad Lubavitch of Winnipeg, over 30 students require assistance to help offset tuition fees. Service in this manner will ensure that families who may be living below the poverty line, living in accessible or transitional housing, or be experiencing extreme financial situations can still provide their children with a Jewish education. Your support will directly help make Jewish education more affordable, attainable, and realistic for low-income families.

COVID-19 has hit organizations worldwide, and those in the Jewish community are no different. The effects of the pandemic are widespread and have forced organizations to change the way they operate both daily and on a grand scale. Distributions toward COVID-19 relief will allow organizations to accommodate new-found needs that the pandemic has created.

Over the last few years, interest in senior programming at the Gwen Secter Creative Living Centre has increased; however, many are still unable to attend due to financial limitations. These limitations have led to an unfortunate growth in the number of isolated seniors in our community. With donor-advised distributions, more seniors will have the means to attend activities, including exercise, social and cultural programs, and weekly Shabbat programs.

If you would like to help fund these and other community needs, please contact Marla Aronovitch, Director of Operations & Grants, at 204.480.7557 or toll-free from the US/Canada at 1.855.284.1918, or by email at distributions@jewishfoundation.org.



The Silence of History

YOUNG AUTHOR RECEIVES PRESTIGIOUS AWARD



Each year, the Jewish Heritage Centre of Western Canada's Mina Rosner Human Rights Award is presented to a student in grade 9-12 who has written an essay on human rights. The award, a monetary prize, is financed through the Mina Rosner Memorial Fund housed at the Jewish Foundation of Manitoba.

This year's winner is Rosemund Ragetli, a student at Westwood Collegiate, whose essay "The Silence of History" gives a profoundly insightful and heart-wrenching look at a high schooler's eye-opening experience travelling around Europe on a Holocaust education trip.

The following is a short preview of this amazing work. We encourage you to read the entire award winning essay at www.jhcwc.org/holocaust-education/mina-rosner-essay-contest/award-winners/

In the relative comfort of everyday life, it is often difficult to relate our everyday lives with the atrocities of the Holocaust. It is imperative, however, that youth learn and connect with this history, understanding the responsibility each individual has to defend the rights of others. While the ability to seamlessly define the term 'Holocaust', or list the names and dates of major battles is an important aspect in forming a contextually accurate historiographic understanding, it is crucial the study of history be expanded; encompassing the significance of each individual life and the constant extrapolation of what may be learned from the past. During grade eleven, I travelled to Europe on a school trip focused on the Holocaust. My experiences in Warsaw, Auschwitz, Lidice, and Berlin forever changed my interpretation of history, bringing to life the magnitude and depth of this atrocity. My abstract and theoretical knowledge, based solely in classroom learning, became connected to the individual stories of those who once stood where I stood, bringing to life the reality of war and sacrifice in a new and extremely powerful manner.

As I walked through the Museum of the Polish Jews in Warsaw, I became transfixed by the complexity of the narrative. Spanning a thousand years, the connection between the Polish empire and the Jewish community was incredible. Throughout the eighteenth, nineteenth and twentieth centuries, the Jewish population served an integral role within the development of Poland's economy and social structure¹, a reality mirrored in many European nations. Less than ten percent of these Polish Jews survived the Second World War². Openly stated in the minutes of the Wannsee Conference, held in Berlin, January 1942, "The aim of all of this was to cleanse

Mina Rosner Human Rights Award winner,
Rosemund Ragetli

¹ Jolanta Ambrosewicz-Jacobs and Leszek Hoñdo, eds., Why Should We Teach About the Holocaust?, trans. Michael Jacobs, vol. 2 (Cracow: The Jagiellonian University Institute of European Studies, 2005), https://www.osce.org/files/f/documents/0/b/80059.pdf) pg. 17

Our Kids Make a Difference

IT'S NEVER TOO EARLY TO LEARN ABOUT PHILANTHROPY

The Jewish Foundation of Manitoba is premised on the theme of building for the future. Recognizing that the next generation is the future, the Foundation introduced Bar/Bat Mitzvah endowment funds - an opportunity for young people to gain experience with endowment giving, and to begin to plant for the future.

Bar/Bat Mitzvah endowment funds teach children about the importance of tzedakah and provides them with the opportunity to effect positive change in their community.

Participants gain an understanding of community needs, earn the satisfaction of contributing to the community, and start on a life-long path of meaningful giving.

are currently There Bar/Bat Mitzvah endowment funds held at the Jewish Foundation of Manitoba. The total accumulated value of these funds is more than **\$644,137**.

In 2019, JFM Bar/Bat Mitzvah fundholders distributed \$10,169 to 44 different organizations as well as \$13,372 to the Jewish Community Campership Fund.

2019/2020 NEW BAR/BAT MITZVAH ENDOWMENT FUNDHOLDERS

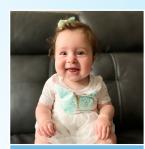












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If a child's fund reaches \$750 by the time they reach age **15**, the Nora & David^{z''l} Kaufman Bar/Bat Mitzvah Fund contributes an additional \$250. With the fund reaching \$1,000, the child will now have the ability to direct the fund's yearly distribution to a charity of their choice.

To date, the Nora & David^{2"|} Kaufman Bar/Bat Mitzvah Fund has contributed \$67,500 to top up 270 Bar/Bat Mitzvah Endowment Funds.

> Interested in starting a Bar/Bat Mitzvah Fund on your child's behalf?

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