



## A LEGACY OF LOVE, ART & COMMUNITY

Created through a generous legacy gift, the Foundation is pleased to establish the Albert Weissman and Rhoda Yvette Weissman Endowment Fund. In honoring their wishes this legacy gift will provide for arts and arts related programming in Jewish Orange County made possible through a collaborative grants program of the Jewish Community Foundation and Jewish Federation & Family Services.

Rhoda and Albert Weissman were native New Yorkers and childhood sweethearts with a love for life and the arts. Married in New York in 1947, Albert manufactured lady's sportswear and Rhoda began her abstract painting career. In 1965 Rhoda and Albert made

the move to California where her career in the arts began to flourish. Between 1975 and 2015, Rhoda's art was shown in dozens of solo and group exhibits at galleries throughout the Los Angeles area, and in her local community studio in Laguna Woods. She was a bright and sensitive woman who expressed herself through her vibrant art, paintings and sculptures, and she took great pride in addressing social issues and injustices through her painting.

Albert's talent for contemporary sculpture blossomed later in life. When he was not playing golf or singing and acting in his performance group "The Old Pros" he could be found chiseling natural stone and sculpting clay into beautiful works of art. He created a series of sculptures inspired by strong and honorable women like "Rosie the Riveter" and a "Jewish Bubby" which showed his appreciation for the women who influenced his life.

The pair teamed up to exhibit their sculpture and paintings in duo art shows that defined their love for one another and their true talents and love for the arts. Both were volunteers and docents at the Laguna Beach Museum of Art. Today, Albert's work can be found on display at the Palm Desert County club and in many private collections. Rhoda's paintings are displayed in museums, galleries and private collections in New York and California.

Rhoda and Al were especially thankful for the services and community of friends and fellow artists in Laguna Woods and the neighboring areas. Their generous bequest gift reflects their commitment to carry on their legacy of love and support of the arts. As stated by their niece, Lisa Altmann, "Nothing would make them prouder than to know their gifts will create and support art programs to bring joy, healing and creative inspiration to others in the Jewish community."



## 2017 BY THE NUMBERS

**549** legacy commitments worth  
an est. future value of **\$13.7M**  
with **\$4.1M** realized to date



**CREATE A  
JEWISH LEGACY**



**GIFTS/DEPOSITS**

**\$21.2M** deposited  
into funds within the  
Foundation during 2017

**1611** donor advised grants  
sent to **647** nonprofits in 2017  
valued at more than **\$6.7M**



**DONOR  
REQUESTS/GRANTS**



**JCFOC GRANT  
AWARD PROGRAM**

**\$74,554** awarded to  
**21** Jewish nonprofit  
programs/projects  
in Orange County

**234** signatures and stories  
fill the Foundation's  
Endowment Book of Life



**ENDOWMENT  
BOOK OF LIFE**



### AND THE WINNER IS...

In late October Chelle Friedman became the second recipient of the Foundation's Founders Legacy Award. Presented at the 5th annual Endowment Book of Life event in late October by last year's inaugural winner, Arie Katz, Chelle is very deserving of this honor. As stated by Arie,

*"Chelle is a force of nature who has been working behind the scenes for over 40 years to help build the infrastructure of our Orange County Jewish community - her legacy is imprinted on many institutions in our community."*

During her four decade career with Jewish Federation & Family Services (JFFS), Chelle has touched countless people. Most recently in her role as Director of Planned Giving at JFFS Chelle led their Create a Jewish Legacy team successfully securing over 85 Letters of Intent during the first four years of the program. Chelle's work exemplifies the values of the Foundation's founders and is certain to be felt for generations to come.