Thanks to the forethought and generosity of legacy donors like you, our grants program has been empowering the Orange County Jewish community for twenty-eight years. With over 300 grants awarded to local Jewish non-profits, thousands of people in our local community have benefited by participating in programs and initiatives funded by grants from the Jewish Community Foundation Orange County. Recently, additional funding has become available that will drastically enhance our successful grants program, making the reach even greater.

The significant increase in grant funds is equal to approximately **five times** the amount of money distributed on average in recent years. This increase will begin in 2019 and continue every year thereafter.

Partnering with local Jewish organizations is a vital component in helping to advance our mission of guaranteeing a Jewish tomorrow. Just imagine the lasting impact we can make together in our community!
THE CIRCLE OF GIVING - FROM ENDOWMENT FUND TO GRANTS

With our robust Grants Program at the JCFOC, many community members provide legacy gifts through their wills, trusts or retirement plans to fulfill current local Jewish needs. While some donors enjoy selecting their favorite non-profit organizations to benefit from their legacy giving, others prefer for the JCFOC Grants Committee to make an annual decision about where their gift can best be utilized in any given year. Gifts to the Grants Committee provide assurance to the donor that, as the needs of the community change over time, their gift will remain relevant and can be utilized effectively.

In 2000, Irving Sholin (z”l) established the Dorothy Naroff Sholin Memorial Endowment Fund to honor the memory of his wife. This special fund was created to provide funding to our Grants Committee each year to charities benefiting Jewish education and/or spousal abuse support. Since that date, each year a gift has been made in Dorothy Naroff Sholin’s name to support funding in these areas. Programs funded with this gift in recent years include Orange County Community Scholar Program’s One Month Scholar, Tarbut V’Torah’s Speaker Series and the collaborative Knowledge for College program coordinated by Congregation B’nai Israel. This year, the Sholin’s fund helped fund a grant for the Rose Project’s iEngage Community Learning Initiative of Jewish Federation & Family Services.

The Rose Project of JFFS seeks to provide the community with opportunities to learn about and connect with Israel as a core Jewish value and a central pillar of Jewish identity. The project focuses on developing programs and collaborations that provide education and promote civil discourse on challenging issues. In addition, it engages in activism and advocacy on behalf of Israel as a Jewish and democratic state, and engages in multi-faith initiatives on important issues that impact Orange County.

This summer, 16 UCI dance students had the opportunity to study modern dance in Israel for three weeks through the Summer Dance Jerusalem program. This program is a partnership between the Rose Project, JFFS and the UCI Department of Dance.

The Rose Project’s 2017 Interfaith Mission to Israel. The group spent the 10-day mission learning about the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.