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The Foundation is proud to announce that we have officially received GuideStar’s Platinum Seal of Transparency. GuideStar is the premier website for non-profit accountability, and allows individuals and companies to view a non-profit’s past tax forms and financial information, and to verify a non-profit’s tax-exempt status. Non-profits may be awarded Seals of Transparency ranging from bronze, silver, and gold, with platinum being the highest level awarded. GuideStar’s database has nearly two million non-profits listed, and fewer than 1% receive the Platinum Seal.

In order to receive a Platinum Seal of Transparency, a non-profit organization must provide numerous financial documents and metrics to GuideStar. Only organizations which meet the strictest requirements are awarded the highest tier award. By receiving a Platinum Seal of Transparency, JCFOC has demonstrated that we are committed to openness, transparency, and accountability. We strive to ensure that both our donors and general public receive the highest quality of service, and the Platinum Seal of Transparency is a key factor in demonstrating that we are focused guaranteeing a Jewish tomorrow.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2019 GRANT RECIPIENTS!

This year’s JEWISH COMMUNITY FOUNDATION ORANGE COUNTY GENERAL GRANT PROGRAM will help to bring approximately 18,168 enriching Jewish experiences to people of all ages throughout Orange County.

Holocaust education and support services for survivors reaching 2,200 community members

Israeli & Jewish cultural enrichment activities for 2,232 people

Jewish social engagement and leadership training for 946 teens and young adults

Anti-hate, BDS and anti-Semitism education & advocacy reaching 5,145 students and educators

Companionship, meals & transportation for 2,625 seniors & individuals with special needs

Higher Judaic learning for 3,020 teens and adults

On-campus Shabbat meals and celebrations for 2,000 college students

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO OUR DONORS FOR CONTRIBUTING TO THE JCFOC GRANTS PROGRAM:

Jeanette A. Barrett z’l, John & Sonia Barksy z”l, Irving H. & Marion Brucker z’l, Blaze Bernstein Memorial Fund, Anne & Jacob Entin z’l, Fraidia Memorial, Bertha & Julius Lorch z’l, Sam & Lillian Marks z’l, Marshall Miller z’l, Marion Miller Neuburger z’l, Dorothy Naroff Sholin z’l, Ruth & Rudolph Sovettes z’l, Blanche & Bert Vann z’l, Bert & Babette Wilmers z’l, Fainbarg Family Foundation, Steven Fainbarg

A group of the Global Teen Fellows from the Merage JCC in Irvine arrived in Kfar Yona, Israel for a 2-week collaborative leadership program with Israeli teens.

The 4th Annual Israel STEAM Mini Maker Faire at the Irvine Hebrew Day School.
ANNOUNCING THE RESULTS OF THE FIRST ANNUAL WEISSMAN ARTS COLLABORATIVE GRANTS PROGRAM

A generous legacy gift from Albert and Rhoda Yvette Weissman established the Albert Weissman & Rhoda Yvette Weissman Endowment Fund at the Jewish Community Foundation Orange County. To honor their wishes, in 2018 the WEISSMAN ARTS COLLABORATIVE GRANT PROGRAM was formed to provide financial support to arts programming in Jewish Orange County through a collaborative grants program of the JEWISH COMMUNITY FOUNDATION ORANGE COUNTY and JEWISH FEDERATION & FAMILY SERVICES OF ORANGE COUNTY.

PROGRAMS FUNDED BY THESE GRANTS ARE PROJECTED TO REACH 11,580 PEOPLE OF ALL AGES IN 2019 ALONE, PROVIDING JEWISH ARTS EXPERIENCES & EDUCATION THROUGHOUT ORANGE COUNTY.

- Interactive culinary arts: 1,600
- Ongoing multi-disciplinary arts engagement: 1,820
- Jewish Food Festival: 1,200
- Theater arts and productions: 550
- One-month artist in residence to work throughout the community: 1,000
- Hands-on fine arts: 335
- Spiritual and cultural music programs: 1,750
- OC Mega Challah Bake: 1,400
- Israeli art experiences including Art Masters: 1,875
- Arts enrichment programs for individuals with special needs: 50