

8TH ANNUAL ENDOWMENT BOOK OF LIFE COMMUNITY CELEBRATION

We filled the lot at Newport Dunes on October 29th from the safety and comfort of our cars for the 8th Annual Endowment Book of Life's interactive and in-person Celebration. While this year's event looked a bit different with guests physical-distancing and wearing masks, we honored and celebrated our Legacy donors and Create a Jewish Legacy partner nonprofits. In good old-fashioned "drive-in" movie style, cars lined up to enjoy live music from the acclaimed klezmer-fusion band "Mostly Kosher," led by front-man Leeav Sofer, while they dined on delicious gourmet Israeli bites prepared by Blueberry Hill. Dinner included a vegetarian riff on traditional "arayas" and house-made bourekas. Guests were treated to a special personalized video recorded just for us by the James Beard

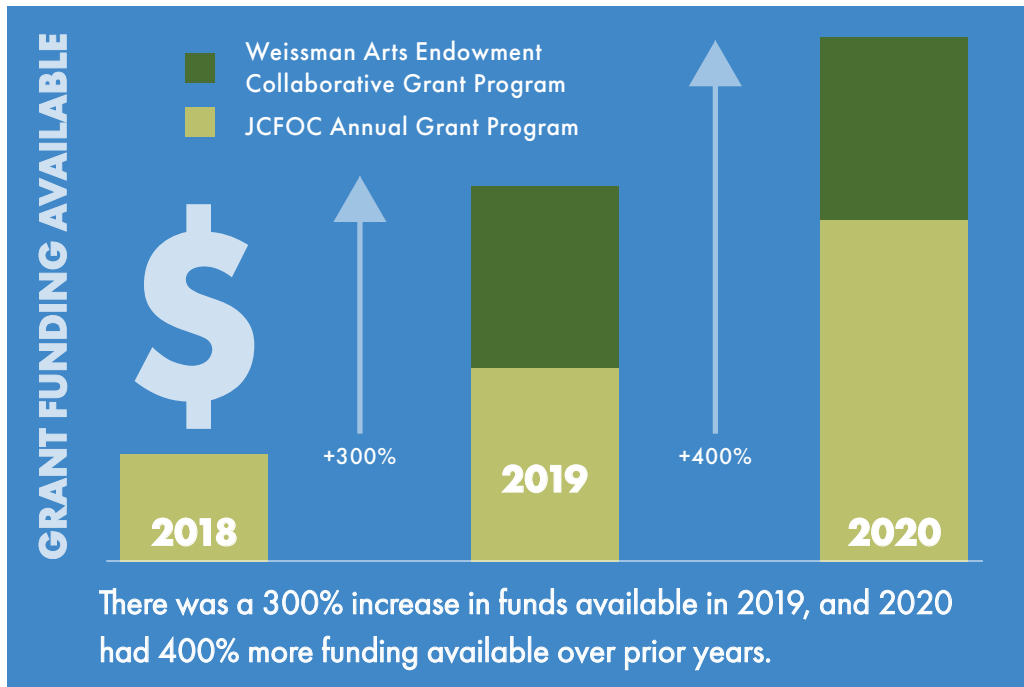
award-winning chef and star of the film, Michael Solomonov. The Chef shared his commitment to tradition and inclusion, honoring the message of LEGACY through food and respecting the multitude of cultures that make up Israel today. As the feature film "In Search of Israeli Cuisine" began, colors and flavors burst off the screen as guests were taken on a journey to explore the over 100 cultures that define Israeli cuisine.



WHAT WILL YOUR LEGACY BE?

If you are not yet part of Create a Jewish Legacy, join those who have already created over 756 legacy commitments for our community - and let us honor **YOU** at our next annual celebration in fall 2021. Contact Executive Director, Wendy Arenson, to learn more at 949.435.3490 or wendy@jcfoc.org.

2019 GRANT IMPACT HIGHLIGHTS



ENHANCED strategies and developed services to **EXPAND** and **STRENGTHEN** the grant management process to adapt to the increase in funding

1. Built capacity across community organizations
2. Enhanced grant guidelines, requirements and grantee accountability
3. Upgraded the grant management system
4. Established a new collaborative Jewish arts grant program

18,168

ENRICHING JEWISH EXPERIENCES

Data collected from the 2019 grant cycle took place during the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic. Despite these challenges, grantees reported **70% of goals were met.**

1,250 community members participated in the first year of the **Jewish culinary arts program**

96%

of Holocaust survivors that participated in grant-funded program expressed an increased sense of belonging to the Jewish community

Over **6,000 people** throughout OC engaged in over 170 programs funded by the **NEW** Jewish arts grant program

YOUNG LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

Over **150 teens** participated in leadership training focused on their connection to Judaism and Israel. The goal is to inspire this generation to become the **community leaders of tomorrow.**

1,500+ WOMEN

participated in a variety of programs funded by JCFOC, from the OC Mega Challah Bake to year-round programs connecting participants to their tradition, community and to Israel. Data collected from the grantees and participants after these programs reflect an increased feeling of engagement and connection to the Jewish community.

TOLERANCE EDUCATION

Orange County public schools engaged over **5,000** K-12 students, teachers, administrators and parent volunteers. The ADL conducted Anti-Hate Education Programs, increasing awareness about discrimination, biases and bullying.

YESTERDAY'S **LEGACY PLANNING** CREATES TODAY AND TOMORROW'S **IMPACT**