



JEWISH COMMUNITY
FOUNDATION
ORANGE COUNTY

NEWSLETTER

Winter 2024

2023 BY THE NUMBERS

971 legacy commitments worth
an estimated future value of
\$24.4 M with **\$34.9 M**
realized to date



LIFE & LEGACY



\$12.6 M donated to
funds within the Foundation
during 2023

DONATIONS

2,066 donor advised
grants sent to **673**
nonprofits in 2023 valued
at more than **\$9.7 M**



DONOR
REQUESTS/GRANTS



\$4 M awarded to Jewish
nonprofit programs in Orange County
since inception of the JCFOC
General Grants program

JCFOC
GRANTS PROGRAM

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



ENDOWMENT
BOOK OF LIFE

theatre dybbuk WEISSMAN ARTS RESIDENCY

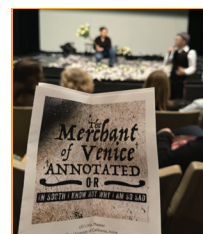
The Jewish Community Foundation Orange County's Weissman Arts Program is excited to recap our latest project: a unique theater and storytelling residency featuring LA-based theatre dybbuk and its founder, Aaron Henne. This residency model, which ran from December through February, focused on programs, workshops, and theatrical experiences throughout Orange County.



This project presented an opportunity to forge new partnerships with UCI New Swan Shakespeare Center. Our programming was collaborative with CSP, the Jewish Federation of Orange County, our JCFOC Life & Legacy Teams, ADL, and TVT. We were thrilled to see several hundred Jewish and non-Jewish residents join us for this powerful and timely series.



In a time when many struggle to find the right words, the power of storytelling to craft new and impactful narratives is more crucial than ever. We extend our gratitude to theatre dybbuk for their compelling performance of "The Merchant of Venice (Annotated), or In Sooth I Know Not Why I Am So Sad" at UCI's Little Theater. Written and directed by Aaron Henne, this provocative theatre production seamlessly blends contemporary and early modern texts and music, intertwining Shakespearean themes with current social discourse to explore prejudice and antisemitism in today's world. Throughout this residency, Aaron Henne and the cast of theatre dybbuk guided us through these challenging times, helping us navigate complexly and seek community.



TOGETHER WE GUARANTEE A JEWISH TOMORROW

LIFE & LEGACY SPOTLIGHT

UNIVERSITY SYNAGOGUE

Guest article written by University Synagogue

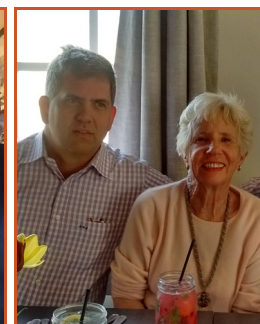
“ Since the inception of the Life & Legacy program, University Synagogue has been a leader among Orange County synagogues with 91 member households committed to sustaining Jewish life in Orange County through their Life & Legacy gifts. Thanks to the efforts of its amazing Legacy committee, led by Sari Schreiber and its hardworking team members, Marc Richmond, Nadine Steinberg, and Myka Thompson, 21 households joined University Synagogue’s Legacy Circle in 2023. The Sandor family is an example of a multi-generational legacy commitment. Geri Sandor and her late husband, David, founding members of the synagogue, had left a legacy gift to their beloved University Synagogue. As Geri described it, “Founding, building, and loving the University Synagogue community was a central part of our life together.” And now their son, Andrew, carries on the family commitment to University Synagogue as a Board member and a recent Life & Legacy member. Rena Palumbo and Michael Schaffer recently joined the Legacy program and described their wish “to help secure University Synagogue’s integral role in nurturing a pluralistic, vibrant, and flourishing future.” These families are just two examples of our many Legacy members who understand the important mission of the Life & Legacy program and how their contributions ensure that lives of future generations will be enriched by their connection to University Synagogue and the greater Orange County Jewish community. ”



University Synagogue Legacy Committee members Sari Schreiber, Marc Richmond, Nadine Steinberg, and Myka Thompson



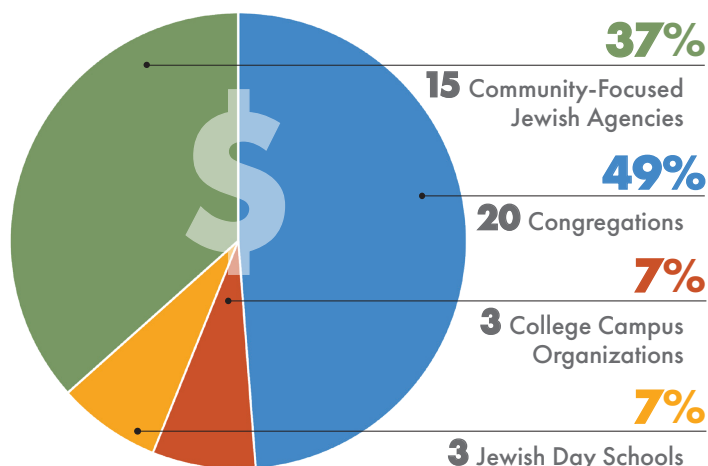
Rena Palumbo and Michael Schaffer



Andrew Sandor and Geri Sandor

2022-2023 GRANTS IMPACT HIGHLIGHTS

Based on grantee reporting as of January 31, 2024



% OF GRANT DOLLARS AWARDED BY ORGANIZATION TYPE TO 41 OC JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS

Investing in the future of Jewish Orange County, **3,066 TEENS** engaged in strategic programming focused on Jewish activism, leadership development, community service, and the reinforcement of Jewish identity and culture.

FUTURE JEWISH LEADERS

132,200+

EXPERIENCES were funded by **JCFOC GRANTS** to Orange County Jewish organizations.

COMBATTING ANTISEMITISM

With these grants, **66,002** children, teens, young adults, adults, and seniors participated in programming addressing hate, antisemitism, tolerance, and Israel.

75

GRANTS

to

41

ORGANIZATIONS

6,823 SENIORS

made connections and received support through social and educational programming, Jewish holiday celebrations, and intergenerational experiences.