



Trager  
Family  
JCC



Jewish Federation®  
OF LOUISVILLE



# 2022-23 IMPACT REPORT

**Tikkun Olam • Areyvut**  
**Torah • Klal Yisrael**

# Our Vision

Inspiring Meaningful Lives While Transforming Our Jewish Future

# Our Mission

To be a community rooted in Jewish culture and values providing a pathway to a changing world as we bring people together to discover, connect and flourish.



# A Letter from Leadership

Dear Chaverim (friends),

In 1832, a small group of Jewish immigrants created the first Jewish institution in Louisville, a Jewish benevolent society; planting an important seed in the hopes that it would grow into a flourishing community. Year after year, new generations embraced that dream. As generation after generation embraced L'dor v'dor, Jewish Louisvillians built, grew, and improved the lives of those around them. Throughout it all, we remained committed to both being a part of our city and to creating a vibrant Jewish community. As a result of that commitment, the tiny seed planted so many years ago has blossomed into a vibrant and robust tree.

The results are evident all around us. We spent our first year in the Trager Family JCC surrounded by joy and energy in our Camp J, reading books in our PJ Library nook, celebrating Shabbat with our Early Learning Center (ELC) children in the Weisberg Family Lobby each week, sharing our stories in the Shapira Foundation Auditorium and supporting our seniors in our Kohn Family Town Square. So many elements of our community come together here. And every aspect of this belongs to all of us, members, guests, donors and the community at large. Together we are fulfilling a vision of a Jewish future built upon the foundations of today.

Several years ago, we identified four core Jewish values to incorporate in everything we do. These Jewish values are the touchstones of the Jewish Community of Louisville (JCL), the Jewish Federation and the Trager Family JCC. They are in every part of the future that we are building and they live each day in our work.

## Torah תורה

We are constantly learning and growing together, as individuals and as a community - whether it's through our pre-school ELC programs, our summer and year-long camps, our programming with CenterStage and the Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC), our Louisville Jewish Film Festival or our senior educational opportunities, we learn Jewish values and principles and share them broadly. This past year, all on the same stage, we elevated the Black experience through The Sankofa Experience, highlighted ethical philanthropy as part of our Three Pillars series, and gathered a packed crowd to commemorate together the tragedy of the Shoah. Opportunities to learn together like these, matter. Torah, the teachings and foundations we have been gifted, remains a constant as we learn, teach and grow together.

## Tikkun Olam תיקון עולם

It is our responsibility as a community to take steps to make our world better. Whether we are speaking to school children through our JCRC about combatting antisemitism and other forms of hate or partnering with faith organizations around our city to welcome each other and work shoulder to shoulder, we will continue to take action when action is needed and provide a voice for all communities.

## Areyvut אריבות

We know that there are so many in our community who are in need and who are our most vulnerable. The 2021-2022 Study of Jewish Louisville identified many of these needs, including loneliness, financial instability and food/housing insecurity among individuals and families in Louisville. We will work to support these individuals and families where they need us - and as they need us. Whether it's the refugee children who we welcome to Camp J, or an isolated individual we provide a warm lunch to through our Meals on Wheels program, we act.

## Klal Yisrael כלל ישראל

We celebrate our rich culture and our unity while also remembering our history. We are stronger together and the Jewish institutions that we are strengthening today will be embraced by Jewish generations for years to come. Through education, we share Jewish history and through celebration, we share Jewish life.

As we reflect on the past year, we are grateful to each and every donor, member, volunteer, staff member and guest who has walked through the front doors of the Trager Family JCC or has been a part of our Jewish Federation outreach, philanthropy and activities. Every person who has touched our organization is, and will be, responsible for fostering the growth of our Jewish Louisville and is part of the dream that thrives from 190 years ago. We are excited to continue planting seeds.

Shalom Y'all,



**David Kaplan**  
Board Chair,  
Trager Family Jewish Community Center  
and Jewish Federation of Louisville



**Sara Klein Wagner**  
President & CEO,  
Trager Family Jewish Community Center  
and Jewish Federation of Louisville

# Our Values: Torah

תורה

Through Learning, Teaching, and Growing



# Our Values: Tikkun Olam

תיקון עולם

Repairing the World



# Our Values: Areyvut

אריבות

Caring Unconditionally for One Another



# Our Values: Klal Yisrael

כלל ישראל

Unity of the Jewish People



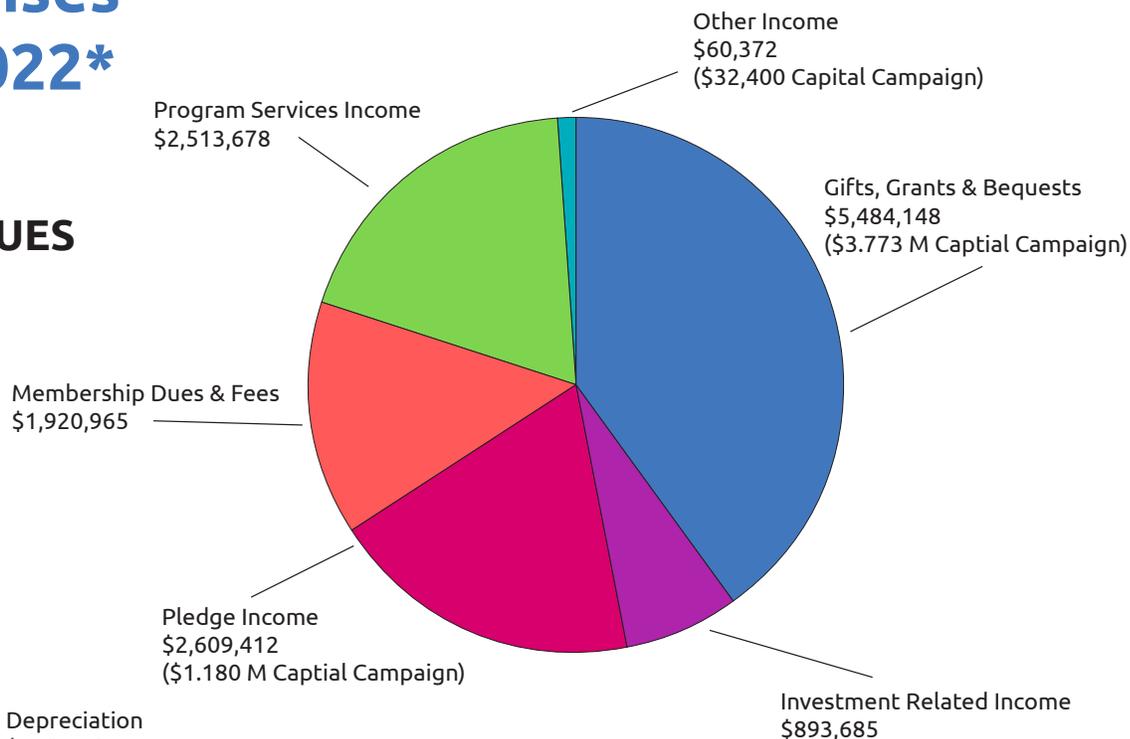
# Trager Family JCC



# Statement of Revenues & Expenses 2021-2022\*

## REVENUES

\$13,482,260



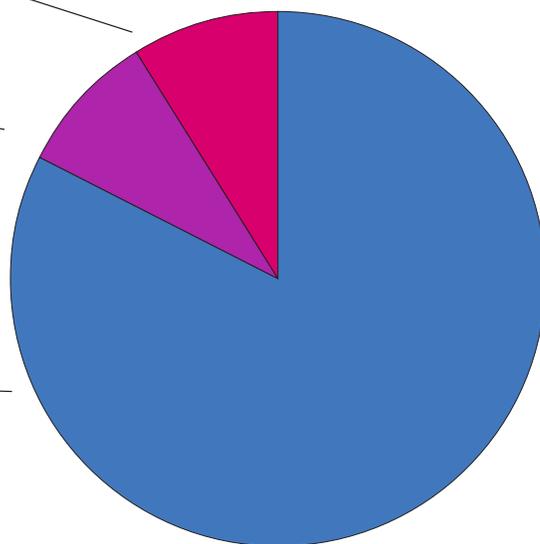
Depreciation  
\$550,546

Allocations & Grants  
\$836,413

Operating Expenses  
\$8,446,202

## EXPENSES

\$9,833,061



Change in Unrealized  
Net Investment Gains  
(\$4,736,538)

Fund Balances  
Beginning of Year  
\$63,869,375

Fund Balances  
End of Year:  
\$62,782,036

Thank you to our annual campaign donors whose generous contributions supported Melton School of Adult Jewish Learning, High School of Jewish Studies, The Temple Hebrew School, Louisville Beit Sefer Yachad (LBSY), Jewish Family and Career Services (JFCS), Trager Family JCC, Jewish Federation of Louisville including Hillel, Community paper and Jewish Community Relations Council, Jewish Agency for Israel, Partnership2Together, Jewish Federations of North America, Israeli Religious Equality Platform, Joint Distribution Committee.

\*FY2022 audited financial statements

# 2023 Award Winners



**Blanche B. Ottenheimer Award**  
Dr. Karen Berg



**Joseph J. Kaplan Young Leadership Award**  
Mike Fine



**Ronald and Marie Abrams Volunteer of the Year Award**  
Bill Altman



**Elsie P. Judah Memorial Award**  
Margie Hubert



**Lewis W. Cole Memorial Young Leadership Award**  
Solange Minstein



**Arthur S. Kling Award**  
Julia Bright Moran



**Julie E. Linker Community Relations Award**  
Kevin Trager

# 2023 Teen Award Winners



## **JOSEPH FINK BBYO COMMUNITY SERVICE SCHOLARSHIP: Nila Rothman and Ada Weiss**

Nila, a recent duPont Manual and YPAS (Youth Performing Arts School) graduate, will be attending Skidmore College in the fall as a business administration major. Nila says, "I would not be where I am today, going to Skidmore College and confidently moving away from home, if it weren't for my experiences in BBYO." Nila was active in BBYO locally as Gizborit (Vice President of Fundraising), Mazkirah (Vice President of Communications), and N'siah (President). Nila held leadership roles at regional conventions and BBYO International Convention. Nila attended numerous local and regional conventions throughout high school. Nila is highly active in her school community, helping in engineering classes, helping to make the class more efficient. Nila has participated in BBYO J-Serve throughout high school. Nila has taught B'nai Mitzvah class and has been a Hebrew assistant at The Temple for several years.



Ada, a recent duPont Manual graduate, will attend University of Cincinnati in the fall and will major in social work. Ada served as chapter Morah (Vice President of Membership), S'ganit (Vice President of Programming) and was elected to the 68th regional Morah. As regional morah, Ada inducted over 120 BBG's into the region at Spring and Fall conventions. She has attended numerous local and regional conventions throughout high school. At the 2023 BBYO International Convention, Ada was awarded the Star of Deborah Silver and Gold Award for her duties as regional Morah. Ada has volunteered with Louisville's Little Orphan Kitten rescue, Best Buddies at Manual High School and has participated in BBYO J-Serve for five years. Ada is a member of Keneseth Israel.



## **TONY LEVITAN AWARD: Alex Schwartz and Carly Schramko**

Alex is a recent Ballard High School graduate who will attend Indiana University in the fall. Alex played varsity tennis throughout high school. Alex has been involved locally as chapter Godol (President) and has attended multiple local and regional events. Alex was a member of the National Honor Society and FBLA, and has volunteered with Uspiritus, Supplies Overseas, Feed Louisville and J-Serve. Alex says, "Tennis has shown me that success is not solely measured by wins and losses, but rather by the progress made and the lessons learned along the way." Alex is a member of The Temple and attended Camp Livingston for many years.



Carly Schramko is a recent graduate of Assumption High School and will attend Elon University in the fall. Carly has played tennis and basketball throughout high school and plans to play club tennis in college. Carly has attended numerous local BBYO events and has volunteered with Best Buddies, Gilda's Club and J-Serve. Carly says, "Tennis has played a big role in my high school career and I am very proud of what I have accomplished." Carly is a member of Adath Jeshurun, and attended Beber Camp as a camper for several years. This year Carly will be a counselor at Beber Camp.



## **STACY MARKS NISENBAUM AWARD: Violeta Higuera and Maraya Goldstein**

Violeta, a rising senior at Kentucky Country Day School, has served as her chapter's S'ganit, Morah and N'siah. Violeta has participated in numerous local and regional events including CLTC (Chapter Leadership Training Convention) and will attend ILTC (international leadership technical convention) this summer, and Kallah (a BBYO summer leadership program). Violeta works as a teacher's aide at The Temple religious school and led a shabbat service at the BBYO International Convention. Violeta is the president of the Jewish Student Association at her school. She's a member of The Temple.



Maraya, a rising senior at Ballard High School, has served locally as Mazkirah, S'ganit, and Morah. Maraya has taught B'nei Mitzvah classes at The Temple, and volunteers at Wilder Elementary and Kammerer Middle School. Maraya has participated in numerous local and regional events and has attended J-Serve for four years. Maraya has attended the BBYO International Convention the last two years. Maraya is a member of The Temple.



## **ELLEN FAYE GARMON AWARD: Matthew Schwartz and Leah Schuhmann**

Matthew is a rising junior at Ballard High School. Matthew has volunteered with J-Serve for several years at FBLA, Feed Louisville and Home of the Innocents. Matthew has attended the Drew Corson Basketball tournament for two years. He is an active member of Drew Corson AZA attending multiple local and regional events. Matthew is a member of The Temple.



Leah Schuhmann is a rising senior at duPont Manual High School. Leah was recently elected to the 69th Kentucky Indiana Ohio (KIO) regional board serving as Shlichah (Vice President of Jewish Programming). Leah is an officer for Best Buddies at her school and a member of National Honor Society. Leah has participated in multiple local and regional events over the past year. She will be attending ILTC this summer. Leah is a member of Keneseth Israel.

# 2023-24 Incoming Board Members

## Proposed Slate of Officers

David Kaplan - Chair  
Becky Ruby Swansburg - Vice-Chair  
Beth Salamon - Vice-Chair  
Jeffrey Goldberg - Treasurer  
George Polur - Secretary  
Ralph Green - Immediate Past Chair

## Nominees for New Board of Directors Members

Kate Latts  
Jon Salomon  
Barbara Schwartz  
Julie Strull

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# 2023-24 Board of Directors

Bill Altman  
Chris Brice  
Ross Cohen  
Jasmine Farrier Frockt  
Amy Landon  
Kate Latts  
Jon Salomon  
Barbara Schwartz  
Corey Shapiro  
Linda Spielberg  
Julie Strull  
Kevin Trager

## Retiring Board Members

Madeline Abramson  
Rabbi David Ariel-Joel  
Ariel Kronenberg  
Robin Miller

Rabbi Beth Jacowitz Chottiner, Louisville Board  
of Rabbis and Cantors

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## Jewish Federation of Louisville & Trager Family JCC Staff

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President & CEO

**Thomas Wissinger**  
Vice President &  
COO

**Paul Norman**  
Vice President &  
CFO

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Senior Director,  
Health & Wellness

**Stuart Lowrey**  
Regional Security  
Advisor

**Alison Roemer**  
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