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THE ERWIN RAUTENBERG FOUNDATION One Man's Legacy to the Jewish Community

When **Erwin Rautenberg**, of blessed memory, established the private foundation several decades ago that bears his name, his core mission was to strengthen Jewish causes.

For Rautenberg, who was born in 1920, that charitable goal was formed by formidable life experiences, beginning with a childhood in pre-World War II Nazi Germany. His subsequent business success, achieved after immigrating to the United States, provided the financial means for his foundation's eventual generosity now benefitting many Jewish causes. To make a lasting impact with his hard-earned wealth and to gain a deeper understanding of the complexities of strategic grantmaking, Rautenberg and his advisors placed their trust in—and the responsibility for managing the foundation's grantmaking—with the Jewish Community Foundation of Los Angeles (The Foundation).

FROM THE DESK OF

MARVIN I. SCHOTLAND

PRESIDENT & CEO, JEWISH COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

It is not an overstatement to say that, on almost a daily basis, I am awestruck and inspired by the individuals and organizations associated with The Foundation. Whether it's the generosity of our donors—like **Mark and Farrah Weinstein's**



support of Jewish camping featured on p. 7—the life-changing work of nonprofit organizations and programs, or the dedication of professional colleagues and lay leaders, The Foundation is a source of immense pride—to the Los Angeles Jewish community, to Israel, and

to all of us who play a role in The Foundation's grantmaking and philanthropic endeavors.

Last year underscores this point: The Foundation and its 1,200 donors awarded a record \$96 million in grants. The range of programs receiving support is extensive. Equally notable, we saw inflows to new and existing funds of \$138 million, the second-highest total in our history. Putting 2015 grantmaking into perspective, the \$96 million distributed last year exceeded The Foundation's total charitable assets just 25 years ago.

As humbling as it is gratifying are the trust and confidence placed in The Foundation that make possible these good works. We are recognized and sought—for our philanthropic expertise, our keen perspective on the complexities of the vast giving landscape, and our able stewardship guiding legacies—and entrusted to faithfully discharge charitable intentions well beyond donors' own lifetimes.

Our association with **Erwin Rautenberg**, of blessed memory—whose private foundation and its collaboration with us is profiled in the adjacent

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As Rautenberg wrestled with issues pertaining to legacy and the ultimate disposition of his wealth, estate planning attorney **Fred Marcus**, a partner in the law firm **Freeman, Freeman & Smiley LLP**, recommended working with the Jewish Community Foundation of Los Angeles because of its deep reservoir of philanthropic expertise and grantmaking capabilities. In the ensuing years—contemplating his charitable legacy—Rautenberg strategized with a circle of confidants, including Marcus, his longtime accountant **Tom Corby** of **Corby & Corby Accountancy**—who today leads the **Erwin Rautenberg Foundation**—and **Marvin I. Schotland**, president and CEO of the Jewish Community Foundation of Los Angeles.

"Erwin Rautenberg devoted considerable thought during the latter stages of his life to assessing his legacy," said Schotland. "We are deeply honored that the Jewish Community Foundation played a central role from the beginning with a seat on the Rautenberg Foundation's board and that Erwin placed his trust in us to help fulfill his charitable wishes."

The outcome of that planning is a unique strategic alliance between a private foundation and a community foundation. When Rautenberg died in 2011, most of his estate was bequeathed to the Erwin Rautenberg Foundation. Today, it holds substantial assets, distributing millions of dollars per year in grant awards.

Each year, 25% of those grant awards goes to the Jewish Community Foundation to support its own institutional grantmaking—specifically its Cutting Edge and Israel Grants—enhancing grantmaking locally for new and innovative Jewish initiatives and in Israel. Another 25% is distributed through the Jewish Community Foundation to The Jewish Federation for programs meeting Rautenberg Foundation guidelines. The remainder is directed to special opportunity "Impact Grants" and



Although Erwin Rautenberg never attended college due to World War II, he was a voracious reader and had a lifelong love of learning. When he was in his 80s, he dedicated a Torah at Yeshiva Gedolah of LA, which received Rautenberg Foundation support for Jewish education.

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(The Rautenberg Foundation, continued from cover)

Discretionary Grants. As such, the Jewish Community Foundation's **Center for Designed Philanthropy** is an advisor to the Rautenberg Foundation to guide its giving, researching and recommending recipient causes and organizations, managing the proposal and vetting processes, and monitoring results of the grants.

A Deep Impact in a Short Time

Over a brief time period, the Rautenberg Foundation's grants have cast a substantial—and far-reaching—charitable footprint stretching from Los Angeles to Israel to Moscow and places in between.

In the years prior to Erwin Rautenberg's death, when his foundation's assets were comparatively modest, giving focused on a few personal interests. These included, among others, a lead gift to **Yeshiva Gedolah LA** for Jewish education and funding to restore a synagogue near Rautenberg's childhood home in Bückeberg, Germany, where he was the last bar mitzvah in 1933 amid the tide of rising anti-Semitism. Rautenberg felt "an imperative to perpetuate Judaism, to keep the faith alive," stated **Rabbi Eliezer Gross**, head of Yeshiva Gedolah.

Since 2013—following the transfer of the bulk of his estate—the Rautenberg Foundation's support for Jewish causes has blossomed. During that three-year span, 170 grants totaling more than \$7 million were awarded, including part of a \$500,000 grant over five years to The Jewish Federation for naming its New Leaders Project, a pivotal program for developing and training future civic leaders of the LA Jewish community.



JVS scholarship recipients with Tom Corby, president of the Erwin Rautenberg Foundation and close friend to Erwin Rautenberg, z"l. The Rautenberg Foundation funded 80 scholarships through Jewish Vocational Service this academic year.

"The recently renamed **Erwin Rautenberg New Leaders Project** is a great example of the Rautenberg Foundation's forward thinking in creating the next generation of Jewish civic and communal leadership," said **Jay Sanderson**, president and CEO, **The Jewish Federation of Greater Los Angeles**. "Our partnership focuses on two main priorities of The Jewish Federation: leadership development and caring for our most vulnerable. We are deeply indebted to the Rautenberg Foundation for its generous support."

Another recent grant is helping the Jewish senior population. A \$500,000 multiyear Rautenberg Foundation grant made possible the in-house pharmacy at the **Los Angeles Jewish Home's Joyce Eisenberg Keefer Medical Center**. Jewish Home President and CEO **Molly Forrest** commented: "Having the Erwin Rautenberg Pharmacy onsite to provide medication for residents of our medical center is an invaluable service and enhances the quality of their care." In addition, Rautenberg funding enabled **Jewish Vocational Service** to provide 80 college scholarships in the 2015–2016 academic year (out of a total of 200 awarded), having a positive impact on many students' lives.

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— Tom Corby, President, Erwin Rautenberg Foundation



The Erwin Rautenberg Foundation partnered with the Jewish Community Foundation to award a \$500,000 grant to The Jewish Federation to endow its New Leaders Project, a premier civic leadership training program for emerging LA Jewish leaders. At a ceremony in May, the initiative was renamed the Rautenberg New Leaders Project. (L-R) Jewish Community Foundation Chair of the Board Larry Rauch and President & CEO Marvin Schotland; Erwin Rautenberg Foundation President Tom Corby; and Jewish Federation Chair of the Board Julie Platt and President & CEO Jay Sanderson.

Funding from the Rautenberg Foundation is supporting Jews in other parts of the world, like Israel, where its grants have helped organizations addressing food insecurity, vocational training and educational programs for youth. A 2015 grant to **Chamah**, an international aid organization, supported a Moscow medical facility and other critical services for the elderly. According to Chamah Executive Vice President **Moshiach Chudaitov**, "The Rautenberg Foundation's funding has enabled us to provide much-needed medical support and services for the elderly in Moscow, and to help people find employment in Israel."

Keeper of the Legacy

Steering the Erwin Rautenberg Foundation is **Tom Corby**, its president, who knew Erwin Rautenberg better than anyone did, serving as his accountant for the last 25 years of his life.

“I think it’s fair to say that Tom Corby is the son Erwin never had,” said Schotland. “There is no person better suited than Tom to carry out Erwin’s legacy—no one who better understood him or can be more faithful to his wishes.”

In leading the Rautenberg Foundation, Corby said he is guided by one single overriding consideration: “Is this something that Mr. Rautenberg would have wanted to support?” The soft-spoken and thoughtful Corby is enjoying his evolving role in philanthropy and his relationship with the Jewish Community Foundation, where he now is an active member of the **Cutting Edge** and **Israel Grants Committees**.

“I have spent my entire career in accounting and finance and, admittedly, had very little prior exposure to the complexities behind effective philanthropy and charitable giving. Participating on several Jewish Community Foundation grants committees and seeing the depth of research and decision-making behind the giving has been very enlightening. I’m enormously impressed with the knowledge, ideas and dedication of my colleagues on those committees. This process has broadened my horizons.”



The new Erwin Rautenberg Pharmacy at the Los Angeles Jewish Home enhances the quality of senior care. (L-R) Ira Schreck, Senior VP, Jewish Home Foundation; Molly Forrest, CEO & President, LA Jewish Home; Tom Corby, President, Erwin Rautenberg Foundation; and Robert Shmaeff, Director of Pharmacy Services, LA Jewish Home.

In the Jewish Community Foundation, Corby said, he and the Rautenberg Foundation have an ideal partner. “As someone with limited prior knowledge in selecting and vetting charitable causes, I value the Jewish Community Foundation’s expertise. Its staff members understand the Rautenberg Foundation’s goals and are enormously collaborative. They bring a structured, methodical, and organized pragmatism to the process. It gives me great confidence to see the thoughtful approach they take to awarding grants.”



Erwin Rautenberg in his office at Air-Sea Forwarders, circa 1950s.

From Adversity to Opportunity

Erwin Rautenberg was born and grew up in Germany as the Nazis rose to power. In 1937, his father sent him to South America to escape persecution, hoping Erwin, then age 17, would eventually obtain exit visas for his family to join him in Argentina. His father, who was beaten and briefly jailed following Kristallnacht in 1938, returned a broken man and died before World War II began. The rest of his family perished in the Holocaust. Rautenberg spent the war years in Argentina where he worked on a cattle ranch in the Patagonia region and was also recruited by the US government to spy on German naval operations in Argentina for the Allies.

Rautenberg ended up settling in Los Angeles quite serendipitously. Arriving first in New York after the war, he then traveled to San Francisco. Next, he came to Los Angeles intending to return to Argentina, but lacked money for the return passage.

Instead, Rautenberg found work as a shipping clerk with a local trucking and freight-consolidation company. Recognizing the growing potential of post-war international trade, he established a division within the company, **Air-Sea Forwarders**, to capitalize on opportunities. With his multicultural background, fluency in languages, and keen business mind, Rautenberg grew the enterprise rapidly and ultimately took ownership of Air-Sea Forwarders, which still operates today with offices worldwide.

Understandably, his early experiences and subsequent business success in America after arriving as a near-penniless refugee galvanized a deep sense of patriotism for Rautenberg’s adopted United States. Rautenberg’s fervent patriotism manifested itself another way: a decades-long partnership with the Central Intelligence Agency, through which the CIA ran a mirror-image Air-Sea Forwarders to support its Air America operations, primarily in Southeast Asia and elsewhere. After the CIA wound down the covert operation, the alliance was chronicled at length in the *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, and other media.

By all accounts, Rautenberg was tough but fair, a pragmatic and deeply principled businessman. He also could be very compassionate and enjoyed the loyalty of longtime employees to whom he was devoted in kind. When asked how he believes Rautenberg would react to the effect his foundation is having on Jewish causes, Corby commented, “He was modest and private, so I think the attention might embarrass him a bit. But I think he’d be very proud that the monies awarded through the partnership between the Rautenberg Foundation and the Jewish Community Foundation—that Mr. Rautenberg worked so hard to earn—are being used in a very good way, the right way.” ✕

DID YOU KNOW...?

At The Foundation, we advise donors on their giving based on their needs and goals and craft personalized philanthropic strategies that will help have a real effect. Below are a few of our latest products and capabilities:

New Provision by Congress

Transfer IRA Charitable Rollovers to Endowment Funds

If you are age 70½ or older, you may transfer up to \$100,000 per year directly from your IRA to The Foundation to fund a new or existing endowment. Another option is to direct the funds toward our Permanent Legacy Fund, which supports The Foundation's annual grantmaking.

Congress has now permanently extended this provision. To maximize your charitable impact, consider making an IRA Charitable Rollover gift each year.

Contact your IRA plan administrator to transfer assets directly to The Foundation by 12/31/16 to qualify for an IRA Charitable Rollover.



New Convenience

Add to Your Donor Advised Fund Online by Credit Card or Online Check (ACH)

You may now add to your Donor Advised Fund via Donor Services Online with an online check (ACH) (no fee) or credit card (fee involved). It's a great way to accumulate additional credit card bonus points and frequent flyer points!

New Opportunities to Grow Charitable Dollars

Charitable Investment Options

If you have a Donor Advised Fund with a \$50,000 minimum balance, you may participate in several investment options, including the Strategic Return Fund. The Foundation's investment strategies are guided by our highly skilled Investment Committee, a team of seasoned professionals who manage billions of dollars in their own firms. Strategy is geared toward safeguarding your funds while providing liquidity for your grantmaking. Please contact us at (323) 761-8704 for more information.



New Product

Commemorate a Life-Cycle Event with a Tribute Fund

A Tribute Fund enables family members and friends to easily make donations to a Donor Advised Fund or an Endowment Fund via a personalized webpage in honor or in memory of someone special. Tribute Funds celebrate milestones like a bar/bat mitzvah or wedding, recognize a milestone such as retirement or anniversary, and remember loved ones. To create a Tribute Fund, you can open a new Donor Advised Fund or Endowment Fund, or you can use your existing fund. ✖

WELCOME NEW TRUSTEES



KAREN SANDLER

Karen Sandler has worked at Price Waterhouse, Security Pacific Bank, and The Foothill Group Inc., where for over a decade she specialized in bank loan investments, distressed debt and reorganizations. Now retired, she serves on the Acquisitions Committee of the West Coast Friends of the Israel Museum, and on the Today and Tomorrow’s Children’s Fund at the UCLA Mattel Children’s Hospital, directing grants to advance pediatric research. She and her husband, Nathan, are active with the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC). They have led two JDC family missions, one to the former Soviet Union and one to Cuba. Ms. Sandler received her undergraduate degree from Lehigh University and earned an MBA from Columbia University. She and her husband, Nathan, have two children.

What are you most proud of about The Foundation’s accomplishments?

“I am proud to be rejoining The Foundation’s Board of Trustees and the Finance Committee and I look forward to getting involved with the Cutting Edge Grants Committee. The Foundation’s grantmaking process is rigorous, and I appreciate the level of sophistication and innovation The Foundation brings to grantmaking and philanthropy within our community. I am excited about being a part of this transformative work.”



ALAN STERN

Alan Stern is a partner of Winstar Properties, Inc., a management and development company. Previously, he was a partner of Specialty Commodities, Inc., an international commodities importing and trading company. Some of Mr. Stern’s communal activities include serving as the immediate past chair of The Foundation’s Cutting Edge Grants Committee and as president of Congregation Etz Chaim. A Wexner Heritage Program fellow, Mr. Stern is a former board member of the Orthodox Union and the Jewish Community Relations Council of the Jewish Federation. He is also a past treasurer and board member of the *Jewish Journal*. He studied at the Gateshead Talmudical College in the U.K., and received his bachelor’s degree with honors in business administration from the City of London School of Business Studies (City University). A native of London, he and his wife, Lisa, reside in Hancock Park with their three children and grandchildren.

Why should a prospective donor in the community consider joining The Foundation’s family of donors?

“When you join The Foundation as a donor, you join a group of people who care deeply about tzedakah, and you can have an even greater opportunity to benefit the Jewish community and the community at large. I consider it a pleasure and a privilege to have been involved with The Foundation, its esteemed board members, and its executives and staff for the last 20 years.”



SAM YEBRI

Sam Yebri is a partner at Merino Yebri LLP, a general practice business law firm in Los Angeles specializing in litigation, real estate, and employment law. An experienced litigator, Sam counsels a broad spectrum of media, technology, and real estate companies. Prior to founding Merino Yebri LLP, Sam served as a law clerk for federal judge Hon. A. Howard Matz, and worked at the law firms Jones Day and Proskauer Rose. In 2007, Sam cofounded 30 Years After, a grassroots civic organization that has engaged thousands of Iranian American Jews in American civic and Jewish life, and has received a significant Foundation Cutting Edge Grant. Sam has held leadership positions with The Jewish Federation, Bet Tzedek, AIPAC, Bend the Arc, the Anti-Defamation League, ETTA, USC and UCLA Hillel, and the LA County Bar Association’s Barristers. At the age of one, Sam and his family fled Iran as refugees to

the United States. He graduated from Yale University with a bachelor’s degree in political science and received his law degree from USC. Sam and his wife, Leah, have two daughters.

How did you get involved with The Foundation?

“A number of years ago, several friends and I had a vision to engage our fellow Iranian Jews more meaningfully in Jewish life. That vision blossomed into the organization 30 Years After because of The Foundation’s support. We are grateful that The Foundation invested in launching 30 Years After, which has hosted more than 100 events and reached over 10,000 Jews in Los Angeles since 2007.

Why should the next generation of young professionals consider joining The Foundation’s family of donors?

“Many Jewish organizations will provide you an opportunity to make a difference for the Jewish people, for Israel, and for the world. But, by joining The Foundation family, you are joining an unparalleled community of committed leaders, and you are leveraging your charitable dollars for a maximum return on investment.” ✖

RECENT EVENTS

New Donor Luncheons

The Foundation hosted a luncheon for new donors where they learned more in-depth information about The Foundation’s capabilities and how to make the most of their charitable funds. It was an opportunity for donors to share their philanthropic interests with Foundation staff and to learn how to be most effective with their giving, from discovering new nonprofits to engaging the next generation of family members through philanthropy.

If you would like to sign up for the next luncheon and/or explore ways to enhance your charitable giving, please contact us at **(323) 761-8704**.



Attendees at the most recent new donor luncheon included (L-R) Arthur Kahn; Harold Walt; Virginia Kahn; Davia Rivka; Dan Rothblatt, Senior Vice President, Philanthropic Services; Jan Berlfein Burns; Alexander Braun; Norma Bubar; Naomi Strongin, Program Officer, Center for Designed Philanthropy; Janet Lang; Kim Newstadt, Program Officer, Center for Designed Philanthropy; Elliot Kristal, Vice President, Charitable Gift Planning.

Foundation Sponsors Panel on Sephardi and Mizrahi Jews

The Foundation recently cosponsored a panel discussion at Sinai Temple with the USC Casden Institute on **Sephardi and Mizrahi Jews in America: Diverse Cultural, Religious, and Linguistic Perspectives**.

Two-hundred-and-fifty people attended this insightful event moderated by **Dr. Saba Soomekh**, Associate Director of Research at the UCLA Alan D. Leve Center for Jewish Studies.



Back row (L-R): Prof. Steve Ross, Director, USC Casden Institute; Foundation representatives Lew Groner, Susan Mattisinko, Dan Rothblatt, and David Carroll; Panelist David Suissa, President, Tribe Media/Jewish Journal; Sam Yebri, Foundation Trustee.

Front row (L-R): Panelists: Jessica Marglin, Ruth Ziegler Early Career Chair in Jewish Studies and Assistant Professor of Religion at USC; Author/Lecturer Gina Nahai; Rabbi Daniel Bouskila, International Director, Sephardic Educational Center; Shula Nazarian, Founder, Shulamit Nazarian Gallery; Moderator Dr. Saba Soomekh.

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iEngage Conference

With support from the Jewish Community Foundation through a 2015 Cutting Edge Grant, the **Shalom Hartman Institute of North America** recently held its **iEngage Conference** at UCLA Hillel in Los Angeles. The conference explored how our values shape our understanding of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and how we can foster a more tolerant discourse in the Jewish community.

Foundation President & CEO Marvin Schotland (R) with representatives from the Shalom Hartman Institute of North America. (L-R) Rabbi Marc Wolf, Vice President, East Coast; Rabbi Philip Graubart, Vice President, West Coast; Michelle Stone, Los Angeles City Manager; Yossi Klein Halevi, Senior Fellow.

DONOR PROFILE

MARK WEINSTEIN

Growing up in a working-class neighborhood of suburban Canoga Park, **Mark Weinstein** hadn't felt particularly connected to the Jewish community as a youngster. He was one of the few Jewish students in a school that for many of his classmates, English was a second language.

That all changed when, at age 11, Mark received a scholarship to spend the summer at **Camp Hess Kramer** in Malibu. For the first time, he experienced Shabbat. He made Jewish friends. He took part in community service projects. He returned to Camp Hess Kramer for several summers and continued to build on these meaningful experiences.

"It was transformative," says Weinstein. "I learned about what it means to be Jewish, and I experienced the wonderful feeling of being a part of a larger community."

A Los Angeles commercial real estate developer, and CEO and president of **MJW Investments**, Weinstein credits his camp summers with providing the initial inspiration for a journey that has led him to take leadership roles in the Jewish community and to become one its most enthusiastic philanthropists.

Now, Weinstein is directing his generosity back toward Camp Hess Kramer, the 64-year-old camp run by **Wilshire Boulevard Temple**. He and his wife, **Farrah**, recently pledged the \$1 million lead gift in the camp's \$10 million campaign to upgrade its facilities.

"I felt that it was time for my generation to start stepping up," he says. "I wanted to set an example for others to make meaningful gifts to the institutions that have had such an influence on our lives."

Weinstein's serious commitment to the Jewish community began shortly after he finished **Loyola Law School**, when a friend suggested he travel to Israel on a **Jewish Federation** mission. "I admit," he jokes, "my main motivation was to meet single women."

On that trip, though, he had new and unexpected experiences—falling in love with the Jewish homeland and forging many friendships with other young adults on the trip. Soon after, Weinstein made his first gift to The Jewish Federation—for \$100—and became an active volunteer. That led to many years as a Federation leader, first with the Leadership Development Group and then in its Real Estate and Construction Division, which he eventually chaired.

As chair of the Metro Division of the **Jewish Community Relations Council**, he enthusiastically recruited other young adults as community activists, leading missions to Sacramento and Israel. Through the Federation's national Young Leadership Cabinet, he also forged bonds with emerging Jewish leaders throughout the country, many of whom went on to top lay positions in national Jewish organizations.

"If you've had the good fortune to be successful," says Weinstein, "it's important to look beyond yourself and give back to your community."

With an interest in strategic philanthropy, in 2008, Weinstein established a Donor Advised Fund with the Jewish Community Foundation of Los Angeles. "A Donor Advised Fund is a very efficient and convenient way to make a charitable impact without having to personally manage all the requirements and paperwork of having your own foundation," he says.

Mark was unique in funding his Donor Advised Fund with an "illiquid" partnership interest in his Santee Village condominium project in downtown LA. By gifting this asset to his Foundation fund, he was able to avoid personal capital gains taxes and depreciation recapture. The Foundation has had numerous contributions of whole and fractional interests in real estate since then; however, this was a creative and cutting-edge charitable solution at the time.

Weinstein is effusive in his praise of The Foundation for helping philanthropists, no matter what their level of experience. "Whether you're a novice in charitable giving or you have a high level of understanding," he says, "The Foundation provides the expertise and resources to deepen your knowledge and help you fulfill your goals."

His generosity has changed his life in other ways, too. Because Weinstein never had the benefit of a mentor early in his career, he has made a practice of serving as a mentor for others. He was working with a Federation acquaintance in that capacity when she asked how she could return the favor.

"You could find me a wife," he said. He was joking, but she took his request seriously, and soon introduced him to the woman he would marry, **Farrah Soleimani**.

The lesson? "When you put positive energy into things that are meaningful and important," says Weinstein, "good things happen."

The couple is now busy raising two-and-a-half-year-old twins, **Brooke** and **Blake**, who have already noticed, says Weinstein, that their daddy spends a lot of time going to meetings. He hopes they'll learn the value of tzedakah

by watching and participating. "They're going to learn by doing—by getting involved," he proudly predicts.

For now, the Weinsteins are grateful for the opportunity to help transform Camp Hess Kramer, the place that made such a difference in Mark's life. "I was able to get a scholarship as a kid, and look what that investment did. If my investment in Jewish summer camp can help children grow into people who will be as involved as I am," says Mark, "it would be a wonderful return on my investment." ✧



The Weinstein family

"It has been my privilege to work with Mark on his charitable giving. He is a true inspiration."

— Baruch Littman, The Foundation's Vice President of Development

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article—speaks to these points. Over the course of many years, he and his advisors—notably **Tom Corby** who now leads the **Erwin Rautenberg Foundation**—put their faith in us to provide expertise with a principal goal of funding to strengthen Jewish causes.

What evolved is a collaboration, unique at the time, between a private foundation and a community foundation. Upon his death in 2011, the bulk of Rautenberg’s substantial estate was willed to his foundation. Today, we manage grantmaking for the Erwin Rautenberg Foundation, with several million dollars each year in funding distributed in partnership with the Jewish Community Foundation. This has measurably increased monies available for our institutional Cutting Edge Grants and Israel Grants. The Rautenberg Foundation’s funding also supports a range of special opportunity “Impact Grants” made annually throughout the community and grants to **The Jewish Federation of Greater Los Angeles** to support a number of its important initiatives. In just the last three years, the Erwin Rautenberg Foundation—with the assistance of our **Center for Designed Philanthropy**—has had a meaningful effect through more than 170 strategic grants totaling over \$7 million.

The Erwin Rautenberg Foundation is just one of several private foundations to which we provide our broad portfolio of consultative services. To get a further sense of why I am so inspired, just thumb through these *Legacy* pages—it leaves me confident about both the year ahead and our Jewish future. ✕

The Foundation’s Growth in 2015

OUR KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS



\$138 million
of charitable inflow by donors



69 new funds opened



\$96 million
in grants awarded—a record amount!
(35% increase from 2014)

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