

CHAIR
Evan Schlessinger

PRESIDENT & CEO
Rabbi Aaron B. Lerner

VICE PRESIDENTS
Abby L.T. Feinman
Mark N. Schwartz
Eugene Stein
Adlai W. Wertman

EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT
Dan Rothblatt

CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER,
SVP, FINANCE & ADMIN.
Deborah Johnston

VICE PRESIDENT,
FINANCE
Robert Avery

VICE PRESIDENT,
ADVANCEMENT
Steve Gamer

VICE PRESIDENT,
MARKETING &
COMMUNICATIONS
Lewis Groner

VICE PRESIDENT &
GENERAL COUNSEL
Ellen Rosen

VICE PRESIDENT,
CHARITABLE GIFT
PLANNING
Natella Royzman

VICE PRESIDENT,
CENTER FOR DESIGNED
PHILANTHROPY
Naomi Strongin

SECRETARY
Marcia Weiner Mankoff

TREASURER
Anthony Chanin

CEO EMERITUS
Marvin I. Schotland

Jewish Federation

CHAIR
Orna Wolens

PRESIDENT & CEO
Rabbi Noah Farkas

August 1, 2024

To Our Client Family:

Our local Jewish community is experiencing unprecedented stressful times. We are seeing a dramatic increase in antisemitic threats and attacks. Therefore, we have initiated a unique partnership with JFEDLA (Jewish Federation of Los Angeles) – and the Tepper Foundation to direct \$1.3 million for enhanced security at 55 local Jewish institutions where children are present.

The grants, ranging from \$14,000 to \$25,000, are directed to a wide spectrum of the community to provide vital security assistance for Jewish institutions primarily serving children. [Click here](#) for a full list of recipients. This unique collaboration combines The Foundation's and JFEDLA's deep expertise in strengthening community, strategic grantmaking, and rapid response to crises.

Separately, we have already provided other emergency security grants to several area universities as well as Adas Torah in light of the recent violent protests on campuses and in front of the Adas Torah synagogue.

Informed by our shared Jewish value of *pikuach nefesh* (saving a life), we are helping to safeguard Jewish lives and protecting our institutions so that we can practice our beloved faith and celebrate our traditions without fear.

We are grateful for your continued generous support of so many causes and organizations in our community and well beyond, including in Israel.

Best wishes to you and your family for a safe and enjoyable summer,



Evan Schlessinger
Board Chair



Rabbi Aaron Lerner
President & CEO

P.S. To learn more about how you can help make grants to secure our community and address antisemitism, please contact the Center for Designed Philanthropy at 323.761.8710 or by [email](#).