2027

Scholarships & Grants

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Kol Yisrael Arevim Zeh Bazeh

All Jews are responsible for one another.

—Talmud, Shevuot 39a

Support for Jewish community members—for camp, Jewish education, trips to Israel, youth group activities, the arts, and higher education.

Jewish Federation of Omaha | Jewish Federation of Omaha Foundation

Staenberg Kooper Fellman Campus

333 S 132nd Street | Omaha, NE 68154 | www.jewishomaha.org

JEWISH FEDERATION OF OMAHA MISSION

To build and sustain a strong and vibrant Omaha Jewish community and to support Jews in Israel and around the world.

For generations our close-knit Jewish community has worked hard to carry out this mission. We stand on the shoulders of giants. Many who came before endowed financial assistance, scholarships, trips to Israel and much more. Their legacy offers a helping hand to Jewish Omaha and its youth.

HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE

We have tried here to catalogue Jewish Omaha's available assistance. Start with the Table of Contents and read about the program that interests you. Sometimes synagogues also help, so be sure to check out the "Synagogue Support" page. Parents of younger children, be sure to read about the Passport to Israel program, page 8, where over time you can receive $4,000 in matching funds.

If you don't see yourself in these pages, please reach out. One size rarely fits all, and often assistance is available. We are here to help. Please feel free to contact Diane Walker at (402) 334-6551 or dwalker@jewishomaha.org with questions.

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2027
Kaiman Family
BBYO GRANT

**A gift from Howard Kaiman,
of blessed memory, for BBYO participation**

3 Tiers of support:

First Experience: Dedicated to incoming 8th graders or teens new to BBYO, attending their first meaningful overnight, regional convention, or signature BBYO program.

Emerging and Actively Engaged Teens: For teens who regularly attend local chapter programs and events. Designed to bridge participation toward regional / international experiences and future leadership pathways.

Highly Engaged Teens: For teens deeply invested in chapter / regional leadership, driving regular chapter programs.

- This is not need-based support.
- Grant awards for each tier.
- Open to Jewish residents of Omaha & Lincoln metro areas.
- Payment of the grant will be made directly to BBYO.

Please scan QR code or email Diane Walker at dwalker@jewishomaha.org for a link to apply.

JEWISH FEDERATION OF OMAHA
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2027
Kaiman Family
CAMP GRANT

**A gift from Howard Kaiman,
of blessed memory, for Jewish Summer Camp 2027**

Howard Kaiman, who passed away on April 11, 2023 at the age of 93, left a legacy of service, advocacy, and deep commitment to Jewish education and community life. Born in Omaha on October 31, 1929, Kaiman was raised in a close-knit Jewish family that instilled in him a lifelong dedication to Jewish values.

"My brother Howard's greatest memories of growing up included his time at overnight camp."

– Donna Kaiman Gilbert

Grants amounts - $2,400 per overnight camper and $250/week (up to 4 weeks max) per day camper for summer 2027.

- This is not a need-based grant.
- Awards are capped at 96 overnight and 100 day campers.
- Jewish summer residential and day camps must be recognized by the Jewish Federation of Omaha Foundation.
- Jewish residents of Omaha & Lincoln metro areas

Please scan QR code or email Diane Walker at dwalker@jewishomaha.org for a link to apply.

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FOR ANY JEWISH COMMUNITY MEMBER IN NEED

JEWISH FAMILY SERVICE (JFS) Financial Assistance Program:
Support with Care and Dignity
Jewish Family Service is committed to providing compassionate, confidential support for individuals and families facing life's challenges. If you're experiencing financial hardship, JFS offers a range of assistance programs to help ease the burden, including:

- Rent and utility assistance
- Food support
- Medical and dental bill assistance
- Mental health services
- *Back to School* program
- Holiday programs, including Thanksgiving meals, Tzedakah gifts for High Holidays, and Hanukkah gift support through *Project Dreidel*

How to Apply:
Applications for the **JFS Assistance Program** are accepted on a rolling basis. Once all required information is submitted, the Financial Assistance Council reviews applications and typically responds within **two weeks**.

Where to Apply:
Visit one of the following websites to access the application:

- www.jfsomaha.com – Click on Emergency Financial Assistance
- www.jewishomaha.org – Navigate to Our Priorities → Scholarships & Grants → Financial Assistance

Need Help or Have Questions?
Contact **Heather Topil** at (402) 334-6493 or via email at htopil@jfsomaha.com to request an application packet or get more information.

JCC MEMBERSHIP REDUCED RATES:
Reduced rates may be available for JCC membership.

Where to Apply:
Visit the following website to access the application:

- www.jewishomaha.org – Navigate to Our Priorities → Scholarships & Grants → Financial Assistance

For additional information and application, please contact Diane Walker at (402) 334-6551 or via email at dwalker@jewishomaha.org .

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR LINCOLN AREA RESIDENTS

There is a very limited number of scholarship funds available from the Jewish Federation of Omaha for Jewish residents of Lincoln, Nebraska. These include:

- Kaiman Family BBYO Grants for BBYO participation
- Kaiman Family Camp Grants for Jewish summer overnight and day camp
- Esther K. Newman Memorial Youth Fund for Jewish summer camp and Israel experiences
- John H. Mosow & Ellin B. Siegel Life & Legacy Endowment for Jewish summer camp and Israel trips for Jewish adults
- Jewish Federation of Lincoln Judge Ben Novicoff Scholarship Fund for Jewish education and Jewish experiences

Please use the application described in the appropriate section below for each program.

For questions or to request an application link: Diane Walker at (402) 334-6551 or dwalker@jewishomaha.org.

JEWISH EDUCATION

The Jewish Federation of Omaha administers Jewish Omaha's scholarship and financial assistance funds. Needs-based scholarships are available for:

- Pennie Z. Davis Early Learning Center
- Friedel Jewish Academy

Application: 2027 Jewish Federation of Omaha Scholarship Application
Where to find it: www.jewishomaha.org

- Navigate to Our Priorities → Scholarships & Grants → JFO Scholarships & Grants

DEADLINE: Applications are due Wednesday, **January 27, 2027** to be considered for summer 2027 or academic year 2027-2028 awards.

For questions or to request an application link: Diane Walker at (402) 334-6551 or dwalker@jewishomaha.org.

SUMMER CAMP

Summer camp provides children an immersive, joyful experience in Jewish living. Camps imbue Jewish values and are an important entry point into Jewish community connection.

- JCC Summer Day Camp
- Jewish Overnight Summer Camps

Support for Jewish summer camp may be available through:

- Jewish Experience Grants
- JFO's Need-based Scholarship Funds
- Kaiman Family Camp Grants

JEWISH EXPERIENCE GRANTS

Jewish Experience Grants are provided by the Jewish Federation of Omaha. These non-need-based grants are available to anyone meeting the program requirements. The Jewish Experience Grant provides up to $2,000 for Jewish children in the metro Omaha area to attend Jewish overnight summer camps. Grants are paid over two years with no more than $1,000 per summer.

Application: Jewish Experience Grant

Where to find it: www.jewishomaha.org

- Navigate to Our Priorities → Scholarships & Grants → Grant Programs

DEADLINE: For summer 2027 programs, applications must be returned by **January 27, 2027**.

JFO'S NEED-BASED SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS

Application: 2027 Jewish Federation of Omaha Scholarship Application

Where to find it: www.jewishomaha.org

- Navigate to Our Priorities → Scholarships & Grants → JFO Scholarships & Grants

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KAIMAN FAMILY CAMP GRANTS

Application: 2027 Kaiman Family Camp Grant

Where to find it: www.jewishomaha.org

- Navigate to Our Priorities → Scholarships & Grants → Grant Programs

DEADLINE: Awards are capped at 96 overnight and 100 day campers for summer 2027. Don't miss out!

For questions or to request an application link: Diane Walker at (402) 334-6551 or dwalker@jewishomaha.org.

YOUTH GROUP PROGRAMS

Scholarships are available for youth group programs based on financial need.
Application: Youth Group Program Scholarship
Where to find it: www.jewishomaha.org

- Navigate to Our Priorities → Scholarships & Grants → JFO Scholarships & Grants

DEADLINE: This scholarship opportunity is available year-round. Please submit your application at least two weeks prior to the start date.

For questions or to request an application link: Diane Walker at (402) 334-6551 or dwalker@jewishomaha.org.

CULTURAL ARTS PROGRAMS

Scholarships are available for music and cultural arts programs through the Dorothy Lustgarten Riekes Children's Cultural Arts Endowment Fund. This fund is available for students under the age of 21 pursuing lessons in cultural arts with an emphasis on music. Lessons in dance and art are also considered.

Application: Dorothy Lustgarten Riekes Music and Cultural Arts Scholarship
Where to find it: www.jewishomaha.org

- Navigate to Our Priorities → Scholarships & Grants → JFO Scholarships & Grants

DEADLINE: This scholarship opportunity is available year-round. Please submit your application at least two weeks prior to the start date.

For questions or to request an application link: Diane Walker at (402) 334-6551 or dwalker@jewishomaha.org.

TRIPS TO ISRAEL

Support for trips to Israel may be available through:

- JFO's Need-based Scholarship Funds
- Israel Experience Grants
- Passport to Israel

- Margie and Paul Alperson Summer Experience Award
- Albert & Eleanor Feldman Family Israel Foundation Fund

JFO'S NEED-BASED SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS

Application: 2027 Jewish Federation of Omaha Scholarship Application
Where to find it: www.jewishomaha.org

- Navigate to Our Priorities → Scholarships & Grants → JFO Scholarships & Grants

DEADLINE: Applications are due Wednesday, **January 27, 2027** to be considered for summer 2027 or academic year 2027-2028 awards.

ISRAEL EXPERIENCE GRANTS

Israel Experience Grants are provided by the Jewish Federation of Omaha. This non-need-based funding is available to anyone meeting the program requirements. The Israel Experience Grant provides up to $1,500 to students in grades 9 – 12 or young adults aged 18 – 25 for an Israel peer program. An additional stipend of $1,000 is provided for the bi-annual community teen trip to Israel. Funding can also be used for domestic airfare and a trip extension fee for Birthright Israel participants.

Application: Israel Experience Grant
Where to find it: www.jewishomaha.org

- Navigate to Our Priorities → Scholarships & Grants → Grant Programs

DEADLINE: For summer 2027 programs, applications must be returned by **January 27, 2027**. For non-summer programs, applications are needed 30 days prior to the program start date.

PASSPORT TO ISRAEL

A risk-free opportunity to grow $2,000 savings to $6,000, Passport to Israel helps Omaha Jewish youth fund a future Israel trip. The family opens an account in the child's name through the Jewish Federation of Omaha. Children are eligible for enrollment from kindergarten through eighth grade. Annual contributions between $150 to $250 may be made to a maximum account balance of $2,000 or through the tenth grade, whichever comes first. At the time of an approved educational trip to Israel, the child's account funds are matched by both the Jewish Federation of Omaha and the family's participating synagogue (Beth El, Beth Israel, and Temple Israel). Specific requirements for involvement with the JFO and the participant's synagogue apply.

DEADLINE: Sign up is available year-round.

For additional information or to request an application: Naomi Fox at (402) 334-6424 or nfox@jewishomaha.org .

MARGIE & PAUL ALPERSON SUMMER EXPERIENCE AWARD

This program of the Jewish Community Foundation of Greater Kansas City was established in memory of Margie and Paul Alperson, formerly from Omaha. Teens in Omaha can apply for this award to participate in a summer Israel experience.

Application: Summer Experience Scholarship Application
Where to find it: www.jcfkc.org
- Click on the How We Can Help You tab
- Grants & Scholarships, then on Scholarships
- Summer Experience Fund

DEADLINE: For summer 2027 programs, applications must be returned by **February 28, 2027.**

Questions: Beatrice Fine at (913) 327-8245 or bfine@jcfkc.org.

ALBERT & ELEANOR FELDMAN FAMILY ISRAEL FOUNDATION FUND

This fund was created to honor and perpetuate the philanthropic goals of Albert and Eleanor Feldman. Their wish is to implement and enhance the relationship of metro-Omaha Jewry with Israel; to bring Omaha Jewry closer to their homeland and to recognize how important Israel is to the preservation of the Jewish people. This foundation will provide scholarship funds for Birthright Trips for young adults, teen trips to Israel, and for helping Jews from the Metropolitan Omaha area make Aliyah. Financial need will be considered.
For questions or to request an application: Diane Walker at (402) 334-6551 or dwalker@jewishomaha.org.

POST HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS

- Undergraduate and Graduate Studies
- Vocational and Technical Studies
- Professional Studies
- Yeshiva Studies

There are three options for post-high school scholarship support:

1. **NEED BASED** – for students with financial need, Jewish Federation of Omaha administers scholarships from more than 70 funds with just

one application. Descriptions of the specific funds are available in Appendix A of this guide.

Please answer all questions on the application as we may be able to match you with a fund with specific requirements. For example, did you know one fund favors female education majors at UNO. One fund specifically helps students with lower grade point averages. And again, one application accesses over 70 funds.

Application: 2027-2028 Post-Secondary Scholarship Application
Where to find it: www.jewishomaha.org

- Navigate to Our Priorities → Scholarships & Grants → JFO Scholarships → JFO College Scholarships

DEADLINE: Applications are due Monday, **March 1, 2027**

2. **MERIT BASED** – The Jewish Federation of Omaha also administers a merit-based scholarship, the David Keiser and Lillian Keiser Stoms Foundation Education Endowment Fund for Academic Excellence. This fund was endowed to provide university funding for those who will be entering their freshman year of college. The award is made primarily on scholastic merit, with high school GPA and advanced coursework used as the key measure to determine the winner. The recipient must also demonstrate a strong and active commitment to the Omaha Jewish community.

Application: College Academic Excellence Scholarship

Where to find it: www.jewishomaha.org

- Navigate to Our Priorities → Scholarships & Grants → JFO Scholarships → College Academic Excellence

DEADLINE: Applications are due Monday, **March 1, 2027**.

For questions or to request an application link: Diane Walker at (402) 334-6551 or dwalker@jewishomaha.org.

3. **ADDITIONAL SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES** – Both need- and merit-based scholarships are also available through other committees with their own application requirements. *These scholarships are outside the realm of the Financial Aid Committee and the Jewish Federation of Omaha.* Please read the section below to see which scholarships are available and how to apply.

MERIT BASED:

- Bennett G. Hornstein Endowment Fund
- The Phil & Ruth Sokolof Honor Roll Scholarships
- A.A. and Ethel Yossem Scholarship

NEED BASED:

- Bruce M. Fellman Charitable Foundation Fund
- Leon Fellman, DDS '32 Scholarship Fund
- Robert H. & Dorothy G. Kooper Charitable Foundation Fund
- Natan & Hannah Schwalb UNO Scholarship
- Theodore M. & Sarah N. Seldin Scholarship

BRUCE M. FELLMAN CHARITABLE FOUNDATION TRUST

The family of Bruce M. Fellman established this scholarship fund in his memory. The fund provides scholarships to Jewish undergraduate students that meet eligibility requirements including financial need. Applications are due by **March 1, 2027**. To apply or for more information, please call Jan Roos at Broadmoor Development Company, (402) 384-6471 or email jroos@broadmoor.cc .

LEON FELLMAN DDS '32 SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The Leon Fellman, DDS '32 Scholarship Fund was established to assist students enrolled in the School of Dentistry at Creighton University. Though not required, the Donors hope the recipients who benefit from this scholarship will engage with the Omaha Jewish community while studying at the School of Dentistry and ultimately establish dental practices in the Omaha area. Doing so will provide personal enrichment and the opportunity to build relationships in Omaha.
For additional information, please contact the Creighton School of Dentistry Admissions office at (402) 280-2695 or (800) 544-5072 or denschadm@creighton.edu.

BENNETT G. HORNSTEIN ENDOWMENT FUND

The family and friends of the late Bennett G. Hornstein endowed this fund to provide scholarships for aspiring law students. Students must be enrolled at either the University of Nebraska College of Law or Creighton University School of Law and display a commitment to community service. Applications are available at www.jfofoundation.org/bghendowment. Contact Diane Walker at (402) 334-6551 or dwalker@jewishomaha.org with questions. Applications are due by **April 1, 2027**.

ROBERT H. & DOROTHY G. KOOPER CHARITABLE FOUNDATION TRUST

This fund was created to honor the memories Robert and Dorothy Kooper and their many years of service to the Omaha Jewish community. The fund provides scholarships to Jewish undergraduate students that meet eligibility requirements including financial need. Applications are due by **March 1, 2027**. To apply or for more information, please call Jan Roos at Broadmoor Development Company, (402) 384-6471 or email jroos@broadmoor.cc.

NATAN & HANNAH SCHWALB UNO SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The Natan and Hannah Schwalb Scholarship Fund is available at the University of Nebraska Omaha for undergraduate students referred by the Jewish Federation of Omaha. Criteria include financial need, participation in extracurricular activities, class rank, and/or GPA. Interested students should complete the general scholarship application in MavLINK once they are admitted to UNO. This application is used for nearly all scholarship opportunities at UNO. Applications for the Schwalb scholarships are due **February 1, 2027**. For additional information, contact the University of Nebraska Omaha Financial Aid office at (402) 554-2327.

THEODORE M. & SARAH N. SELDIN SCHOLARSHIP IN REAL ESTATE LAW

Ted and Sarah Seldin have endowed a scholarship in real estate law at the University of Iowa College of Law. The tuition scholarship will be awarded to law students who demonstrate financial need and share Seldin's interest in improving the quality of life in the Midwest through well planned real estate development, including the preservation of affordable housing. Preference is given to students from eastern Nebraska and western Iowa. For information, call (319) 335-9142 or 800-553-IOWA, ext. 914 or email law-financialaid@uiowa.edu.

A.A. & ETHEL YOSSEM SCHOLARSHIP AT CREIGHTON UNIVERSITY

Creighton has established the A.A. and Ethel Yossem Scholarships, available only to Jewish students entering any of Creighton's undergraduate programs or the law school. Details can be obtained by contacting the University's Department of Admissions at 1-800-282-5835 or (402) 280-2703.

SOKOLOF MERIT SCHOLARSHIPS

These scholarships are awarded by the Sokolof Scholarship Committee of the Jewish Federation of Omaha Foundation. Criteria differ from those used by the Financial Aid Committee. Applicants must have lived in the Omaha metropolitan area for at least the past two years.

THE PHIL & RUTH SOKOLOF HONOR ROLL SCHOLARSHIP

$10,000 merit scholarships for college or university education to two graduating Jewish high school students (going immediately to college) in recognition of their overall good character, scholastic performance, personal achievements, and community service.

$10,000 merit scholarships to two Jewish students currently pursuing post-undergraduate studies leading to a career in the field of health care.

THE KAREN SOKOLOF JAVITCH MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP

Up to two annual merit scholarships to Jewish students currently attending college, university, or music conservatory who are majoring in or pursuing a degree in music performance, composition, or music education.

Application(s): Sokolof Honor Roll Scholarship – High School / Sokolof Honor Roll Scholarship – Health Care / Javitch Music Scholarship

Where to find it: www.jfofoundation.org
- Navigate to Engagement → Sokolof Merit Scholarships
- www.jewishomaha.org
- Navigate to Our Priorities → Scholarships & Grants → Additional Scholarship Opportunities

DEADLINE: Applications are due Wednesday**, April 1, 2027**.

NOMINATE A TEACHER WHO HAS MADE A DIFFERENCE

The Phil and Ruth Sokolof Honor Roll Fund will present an annual $10,000 award to a Jewish teacher currently teaching in the Omaha metropolitan area, with preference to those who teach K-12. This award recognizes outstanding contributions as a teacher and mentor to the education and overall achievements of his/her students. You may nominate a teacher by writing why you think he/she deserves to win this Sokolof award. Be sure to include the teacher's school, your name and telephone number. (There is no limit to the number of times a teacher can be nominated.) The ***nomination is due by April 1, 2027****, to the Sokolof Scholarship Committee, Jewish Federation of Omaha Foundation, 333 South 132 Street, Omaha, NE 68154.* Contact Diane Walker at (402) 334-6551 or dwalker@jewishomaha.org with any questions.

Additional information is available on the Jewish Federation of Omaha Foundation's website at **www.jfofoundation.org**. For questions or to request an application link: Diane Walker at (402) 334-6551 or **dwalker@jewishomaha.org**

SCHOLARSHIPS FROM AREA SYNAGOGUES

Beth El Synagogue offers service grants for Jewish camps and Israel programs, for children of members, and financial assistance to synagogue members for other programs.

Beth El Synagogue
14506 California Street
Omaha, NE 68154
(402) 492-8550

Youth Programs: Mark Kelln, Education Director
Other Programs: Allison Newfeld, Executive Director

Beth Israel Synagogue has funding for Jewish summer camps, and Israel programs, high school and post-high school study, youth group events, and other educational experiences. Beth Israel also provides a tuition grant at Friedel Jewish Academy for synagogue members.

Beth Israel Synagogue
12604 Pacific Street
Omaha, NE 68154
(402) 556-6288

Laurie Peatrowsky, Executive Director

Temple Israel has funding available to meet a wide variety of its congregants' needs. For further information, please contact:

Temple Israel
13111 Sterling Ridge Drive
Omaha, NE 68144
(402) 566-6536

Damien Timms, Executive Director

APPENDIX A

SCHOLARSHIP FUND DESCRIPTIONS

The Financial Aid Committee determines awards from specific scholarship funds. Support is available only to Jewish residents of the Omaha metro area, unless noted. Most awards are based on financial need. Scholarships and loans are provided from the following funds:

ANONYMOUS FUND FOR NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND

An anonymous donor has provided a generous gift for scholarships for Jewish families with children at the Pennie Z. Davis Early Learning Center. These funds are specifically designed for children who might not otherwise be able to attend the ELC.

LENORE SIMON ARONSON EDUCATIONAL FUND

This fund was created to honor Lenore Simon Aronson and provides scholarship support for Jewish women seeking a degree in Education or STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) at either UNL, UNO, or any other accredited university in Nebraska. If not needed for college scholarships, funding can be used to support Jewish youth attending Jewish camp programs locally or nationally.

DAVID E. BEBER SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The Milton S. and Corinne N. Livingston Foundation endowed this fund for scholarships, loans, and grants. This fund is dedicated to the memory of David E. Beber, a leader of the Omaha Jewish community, who devoted years to philanthropic service as a Trustee of the Livingston Foundation. The Beber Fund provides loans to college students, loans and grants to those who wish to enter professional service to the Jewish community, grants for studying in Israel, and grants to youth for attending seminars, conventions, and similar programs.

BLOCK YOUTH EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENT

Realizing the cost of Jewish education continues to rise, this fund was created to provide an educational scholarship for Jewish children to attend either the Pennie Z. Davis Early Learning Center or Friedel Jewish Academy.

B'NAI B'RITH/DR. ABE GREENBERG/HENRY MONSKY LODGE ENDOWMENT FUND

The Henry Monsky Lodge of B'nai B'rith established this fund as an everlasting memorial and tribute to the late Dr. Abe Greenberg, a leader of the Omaha Jewish community. The fund provides scholarships for youth attending the Pennie Z. Davis Early Learning Center and/or Friedel Jewish Academy along with BBYO support.

M.RONALD & BETH H. BRODKEY JEWISH CAMP SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Beth and Ron understood first-hand the role Jewish summer camps play in Jewish education, leadership development, continuity, confidence, and camaraderie. It is in that spirit that they created the M. Ronald and Beth H. Brodkey Jewish Camp Scholarship fund to help make sure the Jewish summer camp experience is accessible.

ELLIOT BROWN LIFE & LEGACY ENDOWMENT

A bequest from Elliot Brown's estate provides support for scholarships for the Pennie Z. Davis Early Learning Center.

THE ANNUAL CAMPAIGN ALLOCATION OF THE JEWISH FEDERATION OF OMAHA

Provides scholarships for children to attend the Pennie Z. Davis Early Learning Center preschool, Friedel Jewish Academy, the Jewish Community Center summer camp, residential summer camps and Israel trips.

THE CHESED FUND

Formerly the Murray H. & Sharee C. Newman Supporting Foundation, the Chesed Fund Trustees have provided funds to assist with attendance at the Friedel Jewish Academy, the Pennie Z. Davis Early Learning Center, JCC summer camps and Jewish residential summer camps.

TRUMAN & ROSEMARY CLARE SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENT FUND

This fund was established to honor the Clare's dedication and service to the Omaha Jewish community. The fund provides scholarships to attend Jewish summer camp, Israel trips, to attend conventions and leadership development programs or to attend the Friedel Jewish Academy. Preference is given to special needs individuals and children of single custodial parents.

CORNERSTONES FUND

CornerStones provides funding for Jewish educational opportunities for children

of the community to participate in Jewish preschool, Jewish summer camps, Jewish day school and synagogue youth programs.

HENRY DAVIS CUSTODIAL FUND

The purpose of this fund is to cover up to 50% of the cost of adult Jewish education courses for Jews and for non-Jews considering conversion to Judaism. Courses may be sponsored by the Jewish Federation, one of its agencies, local synagogues, or colleges/universities in the Omaha metro.

LEO & AILEEN EISENSTATT SCHOLARSHIP FUND

This fund was established by Leo and Aileen Eisenstatt to provide funding for scholarships to attend Creighton University Law School.

BARRY E. EPSTEIN MEMORIAL HEALTH CARE FUND

Geraldine and Irving Epstein established this fund in memory of their son, Barry. Barry Epstein was trained as a radiation oncologist at Johns Hopkins Medical School and served on the faculty at Fox Chase Cancer Institute. The purpose of the fund is to provide scholarships for graduate or professional school.

ALBERT & ELEANOR FELDMAN FAMILY ISRAEL FUND

This fund was created to honor and perpetuate the philanthropic goals of Albert & Eleanor Feldman. Their wish is to implement and enhance the relationship of metro-Omaha Jewry with Israel, to bring Omaha Jewry closer to their homeland, and to recognize the importance of Israel to the preservation of the Jewish people.

SANDRA L. FELDMAN SCHOLARSHIP FUND

This fund is dedicated to the memory of Sandra L. Feldman who graduated Phi Beta Kappa from Northwestern University and studied at the University of Vienna, Harvard University, and the Business School at the University of Nebraska at Omaha. To perpetuate her memory and her exceptional achievements, her family established this fund to allow others to partake of the benefits of graduate education.

NATHAN & ROSE LILLIAN FINE FUND FOR THE EDUCATION OF STUDENTS OF THE JEWISH FAITH

This fund was established to provide scholarships for undergraduate and graduate students who qualify scholastically with special consideration given to those who have exhibited active service in various programs of the Jewish community and who have been active volunteers in their synagogue/temple. Scholarship preference given to students in the Jewish communal professions.

ALAN & ANNIE FLEISHMAN SCHOLARSHIP FUND

This fund was endowed in honor of Alan and Annie Fleishman for the purpose of providing scholarships for university students. Preference is given to students with a 2.0 to 3.0 GPA.

DAVID W. & MINNIE FRANK MEMORIAL FUND

The daughters of David and Minnie Frank established this scholarship fund to aid students entering their junior or senior year of college who have demonstrated success in academics.

JACOB FRIEDMAN & BETTY TARNOFF FRIEDMAN COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENT FUND

This endowment was created for scholarships that enable Jewish residents in the metropolitan Omaha area who need financial assistance to attend college as undergraduate or graduate students. One third of the award will be available to a Creighton University student, one third to a University of Nebraska Omaha student, and one third to a student enrolled at the University of Iowa in Iowa City, IA.

REBECCA FRIEDMAN SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The family and friends of Rebecca Friedman endowed this fund to provide scholarships for students seeking a high school or college-level yeshiva education.

CARL L. FROHM EDUCATIONAL CUSTODIAL FUND

The fund provides scholarships for any Jewish child, teen, and young adult in need of financial assistance for education and Jewish experiences.

ARTHUR H. & RUTH M. GOLDSTEIN FAMILY ENDOWMENT

Established to provide scholarships to enable Jewish children in the Omaha metro to participate in JCC daycare programs, i.e., the Pennie Z. Davis Early Learning Center.

GARY & BARBARA GOLDSTEIN JEWISH YOUTH CAMP FUND

This fund was established to enable metro Omaha Jewish youth under age 18 who need financial assistance to attend summer residential camps and day camps sponsored by the Omaha JCC, Omaha-area synagogues, or other summer camping programs sponsored by a Jewish organization and approved by the JFO.

LEONARD & SHIRLEY GOLDSTEIN FAMILY FUND

Leonard “Buddy” and Shirley Goldstein created this fund to provide scholarship assistance for youth to attend Jewish summer camps.

SHIRLEY & LEONARD GOLDSTEIN SUPPORTING FOUNDATION

The Board of the Shirley & Leonard Shirley Goldstein Supporting Foundation have provided funds to assist with attendance at the Friedel Jewish Academy, the Pennie Z. Davis Early Learning Center, JCC summer camps and Jewish residential summer camps.

HERBERT GOLDSTEN SCHOLARSHIPS

The Goldsten scholarships were established by the Herbert Goldsten Fund to provide Jewish educational opportunities for children and youth, such as Jewish camping and day school education.

NANCY & DON GREENBERG SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The family and friends of Nancy, of blessed memory, and Don Greenberg established this fund to recognize their leadership in the Omaha Jewish community. Preference is given to a Jewish resident of Omaha, Nebraska desirous of entering a college or university of their choice, in a geographical area of their choice.

ANN & ARTHUR GROSSMAN SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Created with a charitable remainder trust, this fund provides scholarships to enable Jewish high school students in the Omaha, Nebraska metro area to travel to Israel on trips sponsored by the Federation, synagogues, or Jewish youth organizations.

HARRIS FAMILY ENDOWMENT FUND

This fund was established to provide scholarships for young Omahans with developmental disabilities. The funds are available for college scholarships for special needs students or students majoring in special education.

JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER BUDGET ALLOCATION

Funding is provided for scholarships to the Pennie Z. Davis Early Learning Center for children under the age of three years.

JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER ENDOWMENT

This fund was created to provide scholarships to the Pennie Z. Davis Early Learning Center.

JEWISH WAR VETERANS EPSTEIN-MORGAN POST #260 / NATHAN MARCUS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The Epstein-Morgan Post #260 created this fund to honor the memory of Nathan

Marcus. It is intended to provide funds for university, business and vocational scholarships to students who possess a GPA of 2.0 or better.

ELLEN CANAR JOSEPH MEMORIAL ENDOWMENT FUND

Established in loving memory of Ellen Canar Joseph, this fund provides scholarships for Israel experiences for college students and young adults.

SAMUEL & IDA KAIMAN ENDOWMENT FUND

Samuel and Ida Kaiman established this fund to assist parents wishing to enroll their children in preschool or summer camps sponsored by the Omaha Jewish Community Center.

BEN E. KASLOW SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The Howard and Richard Kaslow families established this fund to honor and perpetuate the memory of their late father, Ben E. Kaslow. The fund is intended to provide scholarships for Jewish summer camps, summer study trips to Israel and Jewish youth programs, seminars, or conventions.

DAVID KATZMAN ENDOWMENT FUND

Funds from this endowment are available for university/college scholarships.

JOSEPH & MAXINE KIRSHENBAUM CAMP SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENT FUND

This fund was established by Joe & Maxine Kirshenbaum to enable Jewish youth under 18 years residing in the Omaha metro with financial need to attend Jewish summer camps.

MAXINE & JOE KIRSHENBAUM SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Maxine and Joe Kirshenbaum created this fund to provide scholarships for college and university students from disadvantaged families who are residents of the Omaha metro, desirous of attending a college or university of their choice.

PHIL & MARIAN KUTLER ENDOWMENT FOR JFO

Established by Stuart Kutler and his late sister, Barbara Peck, in loving memory of their parents Phil and Marian Kutler, this fund shall be used to provide scholarships for Jewish children enrolled in the Pennie Z. Davis Early Learning Center at the JCC of Omaha, Nebraska.

HARVEY & MARCIA LIPSMAN JCC YOUTH ENDOWMENT FUND

This fund was created in loving memory of Harvey Lipsman, a long-time avid supporter of Jewish youth participation in JCC athletics, and in honor of Marcia

Lipsman, Harvey's devoted and loving wife. Primary consideration will be given to Jewish families with a child or children participating on sports teams sponsored by the JCC, secondary consideration will be for Jewish summer camp.

THE LIVINGSTON SCHOLARSHIPS

The Livingston Scholarships were established by the trustees of the Milton S. and Corinne N. Livingston Foundation to provide scholarship funds for any post-secondary program, including vocational studies and college, Jewish summer camp experiences, and summer trips to Israel for high school students.

STANLEY & BARBARA MALASHOCK CAMP SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENT FUND

This fund was established to enable Jewish youth under the age of 18 residing in the Omaha metropolitan area to attend Jewish summer camps. Preference shall be given to children with learning disabilities or other developmental challenges. Secondary preference shall be financial need.

BETTY MARGEL SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENT FUND

This fund provides undergraduate or graduate scholarships to Jewish students.

DAVID J. & SUE MEYERS JEWISH EXPERIENCE SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENT FUND

This fund was endowed to provide scholarships for Jewish youth to attend Jewish summer day camps and summer residential camps sponsored by Jewish organizations, to attend Jewish youth group conventions, and to take organized trips to Israel.

JOHN H. MOSOW & ELLIN B. SIEGEL LIFE & LEGACY ENDOWMENT FUND

This fund was established with a twofold purpose: a. to enable Jewish youth under 18 to attend Jewish summer camp; and b. to assist Jewish adults over 40 years of age to travel to Israel on community or group trips. Primary consideration for both categories will be given to residents of the Lincoln, NE metro area.

ALBERT M. & JEANETTE T. NEPOMNICK EDUCATION FUND

This fund was established in memory of Albert and Jeanette Nepomnick by their family and friends. It provides financial assistance for non-tuition related expenses incurred in the university education of children of single parent families.

CAROLYN KULLY NEWMAN MEMORIAL FUND

This fund was established by the Milton S. and Corinne N. Livingston Foundation in memory of Carolyn Kully Newman who was active in youth work. This fund provides support for Jewish children of kindergarten age or younger whose families need financial support that will allow them to participate in programs and activities of the Jewish community of Omaha.

ESTHER K. NEWMAN MEMORIAL FUND

The Jewish Federation of Omaha has dedicated this trust to perpetuate the memory of a woman who devoted herself to the needs of the Omaha Jewish community. The endowment provides funds for special educational programs while it seeks to promote an increasingly higher level of Jewish education. Scholarships are available for Jewish camping, Israel pilgrimages and Jewish day school education. This fund also provides Jewish camp scholarships for Jewish youth residing in Lincoln, Nebraska.

GERTRUDE T. & ALBERT B. NEWMAN ENDOWMENT FUND

This fund was established for educational purposes of the Jewish Federation of Omaha and scholarships for courses in Judaic studies at Creighton or UNO for Jewish young adults.

SUSAN ROFFMAN NORTON ENDOWMENT FUND

This fund was created to support trips to Israel for youth, teens, and young adults up to age 30, Jewish overnight summer camps, other needs of those in the Jewish community, and for Temple Israel.

JEWISH FEDERATION OF LINCOLN JUDGE BEN NOVICOFF SCHOLARSHIP FUND

This fund was created for scholarships for post-secondary education, Jewish preschool, Jewish day school, Jewish summer camp, or other Jewish experiences. These awards are made by the Jewish Federation of Lincoln.

JAMES E. O'CONNOR SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENT

This fund was created to honor the memory of James E. O'Connor and will provide scholarships to students enrolled at the respective law schools of Notre Dame University, Creighton University, or the University of Nebraska, or students attending a local university with a major in computer science.

DANA NOGG KIPER & MICHAEL O'SULLIVAN FUND

This fund was created to support college and university scholarships for Jewish

students from disadvantaged families who are residents of metro Omaha desirous of attending a university of their choice. Funding is also available for grooming and beautification services or other programs that enhance the quality of life for Jewish residents of the Rose Blumkin Jewish Home.

OMAHA EARLY CHILDHOOD JEWISH LEARNING GRANTS ENDOWMENT

This fund was created to support Omaha Jewish families with assistance for the Pennie Z. Davis Early Learning Center, Friedel Jewish Academy, and Jewish summer camps.

DAVID S. RICE & ESTHER ZORINSKY RICE ENDOWMENT FUND

This fund is dedicated to the memories of David S. Rice and Esther Zorinsky Rice. It was the wish of the donors that these monies be used to provide financial assistance to children for educational programs, camp, and trips to Israel.

JOE M. & RUTH E. RICE SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Joe and Ruth Rice established this fund to provide scholarship assistance to university students. This fund provides loans and grants to Jewish college students.

CARL & ZOË RIEKES SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENT FUND

Carl & Zoë Riekes established this fund to enable Jewish youth from families residing in the Omaha metro who need financial assistance to attend the Pennie Z. Davis Early Learning Center. Should the funding not be needed for the ELC, it shall be used for need-based support for Jewish summer camp or trips to Israel.

DOROTHY LUSTGARTEN RIEKES CHILDREN'S CULTURAL ARTS FUND

Established to honor the memory of Mrs. Riekes, a renowned classical violinist raised in Omaha, this fund provides support for Jewish students under the age of 21 pursuing lessons in cultural arts with an emphasis on music, dance, and art.

RIEKES FAMILY JEWISH YOUTH EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENT

The Carl and Steven Riekes families established this fund to provide financial assistance scholarships to the Pennie Z. Davis Early Learning Center, Friedel Jewish Academy, and Jewish summer residential camps.

BURTON L. ROBINSON STUDENT ATHLETE SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The Burton L. Robinson Fund was established in memory of Burton L. Robinson by his family and friends. This fund is specifically designed to benefit and assist

students who are planning a career in physical education, health recreational science, or related and similar fields. Funds are also available for scholarships for summer camps sponsored by the Omaha Jewish Community Center.

JEROLD I. & SHEILA E. ROSEN ENDOWMENT FUND

This fund was endowed in honor of Jerold and Sheila Rosen for the purpose of providing college scholarships. Mr. Rosen was Endowment Director of the JFO Foundation from the Foundation's establishment in 1984 until his death in 1992.

LOIS JEANNE SCHRAGER MEMORIAL FUND

Phillip G. Schrager established this fund as a lasting tribute to his late wife who was actively devoted to community service. The fund provides college scholarships to Jewish students who have demonstrated success in academics and leadership in the Omaha Jewish community.

PHILLIP & TERRI SCHRAGER SUPPORTING FOUNDATION

These scholarships are funded by the Phillip and Terri Schrager Supporting Foundation. They are available on a continuing basis to undergraduate students who meet eligibility requirements of academic success and financial need. Funds are also available for need-based scholarships for youth to attend the Pennie Z. Davis Early Learning Center, Jewish residential and summer day camps.

NATAN & HANNAH SCHWALB JEWISH / ISRAEL FUND

This fund was established by Natan and Hannah Schwalb to support missions to Israel hosted by or in partnership with the Jewish Federation of Omaha, Israel programming presented by the Federation, and Israel missions hosted by the Schwalb Center.

NATE H. & BEATRICE SHERMAN SCHOLARSHIP FUND

This fund provides scholarships for academically qualified students with Jewish commitment and financial need to their education. Named in memory of an Omahan well known for his generosity to Omaha and other communities.

SIGMA ALPHA MU SCHOLARSHIP

For undergraduate and graduate students enrolled at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Based on financial need and scholastic ability, with first priority given to current members of the UNL Sigma Alpha Mu Fraternity Chapter. Second priority to descendants UNL Sigma Omicron Chapter of Sigma Alpha Mu Fraternity members. Third priority to descendants of members of

Sigma Alpha Mu Fraternity at universities other than UNL.

LAZIER L. & HARRIET B. SINGER MEMORIAL FUND FOR YOUTH

This fund provides scholarships for Jewish overnight summer camp to children with demonstrated financial need for the 2027 summer camping season.

SUZANNE RICHARDS SINGER ENDOWMENT FUND

The Milton S. & Corinne N. Livingston Foundation endowed this fund for scholarships for Jewish students attending the JCC's Pennie Z. Davis Early Learning Center. It was established in honor of Suzanne Richards Singer, a dedicated Omahan, on the occasion of her being named JFO's 2005 Humanitarian of the Year.

PHIL & RUTH SOKOLOF HONOR ROLL FUND

In addition to providing the Phil & Ruth Sokolof Merit Scholarships and the Jewish Teacher of the Year award, Phil Sokolof also designated funding to enable Jewish high school students residing in the Omaha metro to participate in attend conventions and leadership development programs of Jewish youth organizations and otherwise strengthen their Jewish identity.

RUTH SOKOLOF SPECIAL EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP FUND

This fund was endowed by Phil Sokolof as a lasting tribute to his late wife. Ruth was actively involved in the education of blind and handicapped children. Endowment income is to benefit students who are enrolled at Nebraska universities and are pursuing graduate degrees in special or general education.

SPECIAL DONOR-ADVISED FUND OF THE JEWISH FEDERATION OF OMAHA FOUNDATION

Funds have been provided historically to support youth group activities and the non-endowed CornerStones Fund which helps with Jewish educational opportunities for metro Omaha children.

BENJAMIN & ELIZABETH "BESS" STERN SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Available to qualified Jewish students pursuing graduate studies at Creighton University, the University of Nebraska Omaha, or the University of Nebraska Medical Center. First priority is to Jewish graduate level students pursuing degrees in specific fields. Second priority is Jewish graduate level students pursuing any field of study at these universities.

DAVID KEISER & LILLIAN KEISER STOMS ENDOWMENT FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

This fund was endowed to provide university funding for those who will be entering their freshman year of college. The award is made primarily on scholastic merit. The recipient must also demonstrate a strong and active commitment to the Omaha Jewish community.

DAVID KEISER & LILLIAN KEISER STOMS FOUNDATION EDUCATION ENDOWMENT FUND

This fund was endowed to provide university funding for those who have earned a minimum 3.0 or B grade average to attend a school of their choice.

LILLIAN KEISER STOMS EDUCATIONAL FUND

This fund was endowed in honor of Lillian Keiser Stoms and provides financial assistance to Jewish single, custodial parents, or the child of a Jewish single custodial parent, to attend a college or university of their choice.

HAROLD S. TUCHMAN FAMILY ENDOWMENT FUND

Created by Claire Tuchman Hartstein to honor her late husband, Harold “Chic” Tuchman, this fund shall be used to provide reduced fees for childcare services for Jewish children enrolled at the JCC’s Pennie Z. Davis Early Learning Center.

ROBERT L. WEINSTEIN JCC ELC SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENT FUND:

This fund was created to assist Jewish families from the metro Omaha area who require financial assistance or scholarships for their children to attend the Pennie Z. Davis Early Learning Center.

EDWARD ZORINSKY ENDOWMENT FUND

This fund was established by Sonia Zorinsky in memory of her son, Senator Edward Zorinsky. It is intended to facilitate education through scholarships for Jewish summer camps, summer study trips to Israel for high school students and university tuition for college freshman.

JEWISH FEDERATION OF OMAHA
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Let the Jewish Federation of Omaha Foundation help you create a legacy for the future.

The mission of the Jewish Federation of Omaha Foundation, which was established in 1983, is to gather, preserve and increase philanthropic giving to ensure the continuity and enhancement of Jewish life in Omaha.

The Foundation is responsible for development, investment, accounting, administration, and donor contact for 165 donor-advised funds; more than 105 B'nai Tzedek teen donor-advised funds; over 480 endowment, custodial or discretionary funds; and five supporting foundations. In the past fiscal year, the Foundation distributed more than $14.1 million to local and national charities, including all of Omaha and Lincoln's synagogues, the Federation, and other Jewish organizations and causes, including more than $445,000 in scholarships.

The Foundation provides a wide variety of donor services and can help you create a customized philanthropic gift. Please contact Amy Bernstein Shivvers, Executive Director at (402) 334-6466 to begin the discussion. Additional information on the Foundation is also available at www.jfofoundation.org.

HOW WE HELP

Programs & Support

Jewish Life & Learning

- Scholarships for camps & Jewish experiences
- Kaiman Family Camp Grants
- Kaiman Family BBYO Grants
- Youth group programs
- Friedel Jewish Academy
- Pennie Z. Davis Early Learning Center

Arts & Culture

- Music, Dance & Art Programs

Scholarships & Merit

- Post-high school scholarships
- Merit-based scholarships
- Teacher of the Year Award
- Sokolof Merit Scholarships for college, healthcare & music

Israel Experiences

- Passport to Israel
- Israel Experience Grants

Application Deadlines

JAN 27 Summer camp, Friedel Jewish Academy & Pennie Z. Davis Early Learning Center

MAR 1 College scholarships

SCAN TO APPLY

EVERYDAY NEEDS

If you need help with basic necessities, please contact **Heather Topil** at **Jewish Family Service**, **htopil@jfsomaha.com**.

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