

# JOIN Chai Society



Contributing to our Annual Fund is the easiest way to make a lasting gift to the J. Chai Society gifts start at as little as \$180, and Chai Society members enjoy exclusive offers and invitations to events at the J.



## What is *Tzedakah*?

*Tzedakah* is the Hebrew word for philanthropy and charity. It is a form of social justice in which donors benefit from giving as much or more than the recipients. So much more than a financial transaction, *tzedakah* builds trusting relationships and includes contributions of time, effort and insight.

## Why Give to Chai Society?

In 2003, David Katz and a number of other loyal supporters of the J recognized a need for an organized annual fundraising campaign. When you support the JCC with your gift to the Chai Society, you give us the resources to create exceptional programs that serve and sustain a thriving Jewish community...today and for the future. Your support of the J can transform community.

## A Message From Rich Goldstein, JCC Board President

As I write to you our Springfield J is again alive and bustling with activity. The JCC staff is doing the critical work of setting the course for the coming year with renewed vision as we move closer to our full expanse of programs. For more than 100 years, the J has served our community with distinction.

The J's mission is more vital than ever. We continue to promote the well being of the Jewish community through our mission driven programs—Jewish engagement & education, inclusion programs that allow all to participate—regardless of ability—and financial support for camp, preschool, and after school care are just a few. Your support of the Chai Society makes it possible for refugee children to attend camp for free, to provide adaptive bicycles to children with different abilities, and to create cultural programming that enriches the entire Pioneer Valley.

As a thank you for your support, I look forward to seeing you at our annual Chai Society cocktail party in the fall to celebrate our successful annual appeal. Please return the enclosed card with your gift, or use the QR code to make your gift quickly and save a stamp! As a reminder, the JCC fiscal year ends September 30. Thank you for supporting the J.

—Rich Goldstein, JCC Board President



*“The J has meant so much to my family and me as it’s grown my sense of Judaism and community, and for that, I couldn’t be more grateful.”*

—Tova Granowitz, JCamp Leadership Team Member



### Youth & Family Programming

More than 1,000 young people utilize our services annually at our after school program, summer camp, and Early Learning Center.

### Kehillah (Special Needs)

Our Kehillah Department provides enrichment programs for children, teens, and adults with special needs, including: Adaptive Aquatics, Inclu-

sion Camp, Project R.I.D.E., youth and adult classes, and sensory motor gym.

### Jewish Life, Culture & Education

From Shabbat family programs, to PJ Library, and holiday events, our J is the cultural epicenter for all things Jewish in the Pioneer Valley—and EVERYONE is welcome!



We provide a variety of cultural, social, educational, and recreational programming, including:

- Life Lessons: The William and Margery Sadowsky Center for Adult Learning
- Pioneer Valley Jewish Film Festival: Award-winning films from around the world
- Literatour: A Community-wide Celebration of Jewish Books and Authors



### Health, Wellness & Recreation

Our members enjoy access to our swimming pool, gym, fitness center, and access to health, wellness & recreation programs that spans ages 3 – 99.

## Ways to SUPPORT



Your investment of money or time empowers us to meet the ever-changing needs of our center and helps provide quality, accessible programming and a safe, inclusive environment that inspires and supports meaningful connections throughout our community. Here are just a few ways you can contribute:

- Make a gift. Join the Chai Society.
- Refer a member or a new staff person.
- Make a gift in honor or in memory of a loved one.



To learn more about how you can support the J: contact Bonnie Cox at [BCox@SpringfieldJCC.org](mailto:BCox@SpringfieldJCC.org) or call (413) 739-4715

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