The Hebrew word *Hineni*, which can be translated as *I am here*, appears many times in the Torah. Perhaps the most well-known appearance occurs in the story of the binding of Isaac when God calls upon Abraham to perform a holy task. And Abraham responds, *Hineni, I am here.*

This ancient word evokes images of all Jewry, standing shoulder to shoulder across continents and thousands of years, accepting the blessing and the responsibility of ensuring the future of our people.

Imagine thousands of Jews right here in Milwaukee responding in unison: *I am here.* This is the Milwaukee Jewish Federation, a communal response to the extraordinary and everyday needs of our community.

Since 1902 the Federation has rallied our community around important causes such as providing for local Jews in need, fighting bigotry, supporting the State of Israel and rescuing Jews in crisis. And while the causes may have evolved, the Federation continues to serve as our united commitment to ensuring a vibrant Jewish community today and in the future.
I AM HERE. I AM READY.

This Annual Report tells the story of a community that has responded to need with great generosity—a community that distributed $20 million in support to nonprofits through the Milwaukee Jewish Federation and our Jewish Community Foundation. The story is presented not only through numbers and graphs but also through profiles of individuals who have been touched by the work of the Federation and our partner agencies. You may even recognize a story like your own.

With gratitude,

Marlene Lauwasser
Board Chair
Through August 2014

Hannah Rosenthal
President & CEO
I am a gardener, a cat lover and President/CEO of Jewish Family Services. As our 150th anniversary approaches, we want to ensure that JFS will be serving the community for the next 150 years. Building our endowment through the Milwaukee Jewish Federation’s Jewish Community Foundation secures the future for JFS and for the vulnerable individuals who depend on us.

– Sylvan Leabman

I am a creative writer, a traveler, a freshman at the University of Pennsylvania and a recipient of a scholarship from the Jewish Community Foundation of the Milwaukee Jewish Federation. The Hecht Family Memorial Scholarship has allowed me to pursue my dream of studying at Penn. Even more, it has given me confidence and a firm connection to my Jewish community.

– Hope Merens
I am a gardener, a chef, an entrepreneur and a supporter of Women’s Philanthropy of the Milwaukee Jewish Federation. I believe that women come from a place of the heart more than the mind, and it’s important for us to be vocal about this in our charitable giving. Women’s Philanthropy gives women an opportunity to speak from the heart and put our money where it matters most.

— Barbara Glazer

I am a Bishop in the Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Milwaukee. The Jewish Community Relations Council of the Milwaukee Jewish Federation is a partner in our common commitment to pursuing social justice rooted in both the Hebrew and Christian scriptures. That shared commitment to justice is very important to me and important for the Milwaukee community.

— Bishop Steven Miller
I am a mother, a radiation oncologist and a participant in Shalom Baby, a program of the Milwaukee Jewish Federation. Shalom Baby reaches out to young families and introduces them to Milwaukee’s Jewish resources. The program lends support during the busy years of raising young children. Through Shalom Baby, I established a meaningful connection with the Milwaukee Jewish community.

— Malika Siker, MD

HINENI
I AM HERE
I AM READY.

I am a swimmer, a cat lover, a meteorologist and a participant in Shalom Milwaukee, a program of the Milwaukee Jewish Federation. Shalom Milwaukee is an invaluable asset to our community. When I moved to town, I was warmly welcomed through this powerful resource for anything and anyone Jewish. Shalom Milwaukee connects newcomers like me to all that the Milwaukee Jewish community has to offer.

— Michael Schlesinger
I am a reader of fiction, a student of history and a middle school teacher at U.S. Grant School in the City of Milwaukee. The Nathan and Esther Pelz Holocaust Education Resource Center, a program of the Milwaukee Jewish Federation, is an invaluable resource for me and my students. HERC enables my students to delve into the past while making meaningful connections to present day events.

– Carrie Felde

HINENI I AM HERE
I AM READY.

I am a cook, a religious school teacher and a participant in the Congregational School Initiative of the Coalition for Jewish Learning, a program of the Milwaukee Jewish Federation. I am committed to Jewish education, but like many religious school teachers, I’m not a professional educator. CJL gives me the classroom skills I need to share my knowledge of Judaism in a way that’s meaningful to my students.

– Jill Weinshel

HINENI I AM HERE
I AM READY.
I am a sports fan, a cook, a hiker and a former Shaliach (Israeli cultural emissary). My wife, Michal, was the Israel Campus Fellow working at UW-Milwaukee and Marquette University. Our three-year term was sponsored by the Milwaukee Jewish Federation’s Israel Center. We created hundreds of one-to-one connections between Milwaukeeans and Israel, strengthening Jewish identity, understanding and commitment.

– Ro’ee Peled

I am a clarinetist, a voracious reader and the editor of The Wisconsin Jewish Chronicle, a publication of the Milwaukee Jewish Federation. It is my privilege and pleasure to learn and write about Jewish life in all its amazing diversity. I believe that through sharing information and ideas, The Chronicle contributes to the survival and strengthening of the community, locally and internationally.

– Leon Cohen
I am a golfer, a BBYO advisor and a participant in the Young Leadership Division of the Milwaukee Jewish Federation. I benefited from the Federation’s investment in our community when I was growing up. I want to ensure that the same opportunities are available for young adults living and working in our community. Being involved in YLD allows me to give back to the Milwaukee Jewish community that has given so much to me.

– David Cohn

I am a teacher, a gardener and a docent at Jewish Museum Milwaukee, a program of the Milwaukee Jewish Federation. The museum is a precious resource – a repository of our history and a tool for building bridges with the larger community. It’s a place of learning for students and teachers, children and adults, and everyone who cares about the story of our people.

– Renice Konik

I am a golfer, a BBYO advisor and a participant in the Young Leadership Division of the Milwaukee Jewish Federation. I benefited from the Federation’s investment in our community when I was growing up. I want to ensure that the same opportunities are available for young adults living and working in our community. Being involved in YLD allows me to give back to the Milwaukee Jewish community that has given so much to me.

– David Cohn
I am a golfer, a baseball fan (Brewers and Cubs), and a City of Milwaukee police officer. The Milwaukee Jewish Federation has invested hundreds of thousands of dollars and many hours improving the security of our Jewish community. They have earned the respect of local and national law enforcement officers by working together to create a safer community for us all.

— Officer Mitch Ross
We are the collective strength of thousands of local Jews who, together, help ensure a vibrant Jewish community for today and tomorrow.

Together, we—

- Develop financial resources to meet today’s needs (Annual Campaign) and to secure our financial future (Jewish Community Foundation)
- Stand up for the rights and security of our people (Jewish Community Relations Council)
- Teach the lessons of the Holocaust so the world will never forget (Nathan and Esther Pelz Holocaust Education Resource Center)
- Offer a forum for communication to foster community (The Wisconsin Jewish Chronicle)
- Train the teachers who pass along the torch of Jewish identity (Coalition for Jewish Learning)
- Tell the story of our people (Jewish Museum Milwaukee)
- Strengthen our connection with Israel (Israel Center)
- Engage women as philanthropic and volunteer leaders (Women’s Philanthropy)
- Connect Milwaukeeans to the Jewish community (Shalom Milwaukee and Shalom Baby)
- Grow strong leaders who will guide us into the future (Weinstein Fellowship and Young Leadership Division)
- Provide scholarships so our children can attend Jewish camps and schools (Jewish Community Foundation)
- Finance and maintain seven community properties for the enjoyment of all
- Build financial stability to meet the future needs of our community (Jewish Community Foundation)

And these are just the programs and services of the Milwaukee Jewish Federation. Continue through these pages to see more of our impact and that of our partners at work locally, in Israel and around the world.
YOUR DOLLARS AT WORK

MJF PROGRAMS AND SERVICES
Coalition for Jewish Learning
Israel Center
Jewish Community Foundation
Jewish Community Relations Council
Jewish Museum Milwaukee
Nathan and Esther Pelz Holocaust Education Resource Center
The Wisconsin Jewish Chronicle

COMMUNITY PROPERTIES*
Evan and Marion Helfaer Community Service Building
Golda Meir Apartments
Habush House
Hillel Milwaukee Student Center / Joseph & Vera Zilber Building
Maurice S. Surlow Senior Residences
Max and Anita Karl Jewish Community Campus
Shlichut Residence

MJF PARTNER AGENCIES

Local
BBYO-Wisconsin Region
Harry & Rose Samson Family Jewish Community Center
Hillel Foundation-University of Wisconsin (Madison)
Hillel Milwaukee
Jewish Beginnings Lubavitch Preschool
Jewish Family Services
Jewish Home & Care Center
Milwaukee Jewish Day School
The Academy (Hillel)
Yeshiva Elementary School

…and around the world
American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee
Jewish Agency for Israel
Jewish Federations of North America

*Owned and managed by the Milwaukee Jewish Federation.
IMPACT ON OUR COMMUNITY

SUPPORTING THOSE IN NEED
• Distributed $618,000 in scholarships for school and camp
• Delivered food and medicine to 28,000 children in Europe and the former Soviet Union
• Provided food for 27,300 visitors to the Jewish community pantry
• Aided 12,000 beneficiaries of economic development programs in Israel
• Assisted 1,420 older adults and disabled individuals with social services
• Provided counseling services to 980 individuals

STRENGTHENING OUR COMMUNITY
• Taught the lessons of the Holocaust to 15,000 students and teachers
• Educated and entertained 10,000 visitors at our Jewish Museum Milwaukee
• Published and delivered The Wisconsin Jewish Chronicle to 8,000 households every month
• Provided 8,000 Shabbat dinners for college students

ENGAGING OUR CHILDREN
• Educated 850 students at Jewish day schools (PK-8)
• Trained and supported 75 congregational school teachers serving 720 students
• Engaged 490 students through Jewish youth groups
• Provided Jewish overnight camp experiences to 475 children

CONNECTING WITH ISRAEL
• Created Israel Center programs enjoyed by 3,400 participants
• Reached 400 children each week with our Shin Shin (young Israel emissary)
• Engaged 335 young people through Passport to Israel
The Jewish Community Foundation, the Milwaukee Jewish Federation’s program for developing planned gifts and endowments, partners with donors to match philanthropic opportunities with their charitable goals. The Foundation has worked with hundreds of families to establish endowment funds, donor advised funds, charitable trusts and gift annuities. We facilitated the distribution of $16 million to worthwhile charities in 2013-2014 alone. With $150 million in assets, the Foundation provides financial support to our community today and builds financial security for the future.
TOGETHER, WE WILL CREATE A BRIGHTER FUTURE
In 2013-2014, the Foundation launched Create a Jewish Legacy, a program that helps individuals and families create legacy gifts, providing a permanent source of support for the Jewish causes they care about. The program is founded on the principle that all of us, regardless of age, wealth or affiliation, can make an enduring financial impact. The Foundation is sponsoring Create a Jewish Legacy in partnership with area synagogues, agencies and day schools. At the end of this two-year program, we will be a giant step closer to a more endowed and fiscally stable Jewish community in the years to come.

SUMMARY OF GRANTS AND DISTRIBUTIONS FROM THE JEWISH COMMUNITY FOUNDATION TOTALING $16,059,910

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$16,059,910
2013-2014 SUMMARY OF SUPPORT FOR OUR COMMUNITY

Through our Annual Campaign and our Jewish Community Foundation, the Milwaukee Jewish Federation develops and distributes financial resources to support our community locally, in Israel and around the world.

SUMMARY OF COMMUNITY SUPPORT TOTALING $20,269,937

- Local Partner Agencies: 44%
- Milwaukee Jewish Federation: 13%
- National and Overseas Jewish Organizations: 17%
- Local Secular Organizations: 10%
- National and Overseas Secular Organizations: 5%
- Local Jewish Organizations: 11%
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<sup>(a)</sup> In addition to external grants, generous donors in the Jewish Community Foundation distributed nearly $4.0M to the Annual Campaign and over $450K to assist with operating costs and direct services (CJL, Jewish Museum Milwaukee, Israel Center, JCRC, HERC, and Wisconsin Jewish Chronicle). In total, over $16.0M of charitable distributions were made from JCF funds during 2013-14.

<sup>(b)</sup> Includes the costs of managing community properties such as debt service, maintenance, IT consulting, bill payment, marketing services and similar services.
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Dr. Shay Pilnik, Executive Director
Joan Champion*, Coordinator
Mary Murphy*, Educator

*Part time
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Past President
2013-2014 ANNUAL CAMPAIGN

Generous donors to our Annual Campaign provide essential funds to our partner agencies and to the programs and services of the Milwaukee Jewish Federation, supporting the vital needs of our Jewish community. In 2013-2014, $6,071,827 in campaign funds were distributed, making a difference locally, in Israel and around the world. The success of our Annual Campaign depends on the hard work and commitment of our Campaign Chairs, hundreds of Campaign volunteers and thousands of generous donors.

ANDREA SCHNEIDER
ANNUAL CAMPAIGN CHAIR

DR. SHARYL PALEY
WOMEN’S CAMPAIGN CHAIR
2013-2014 COMMITTEES

COALITION FOR JEWISH LEARNING – SUSIE ROSENGARTEN
Coordinates community-wide educational initiatives
• Day of Discovery - Susan Gray
• Day School Grant Allocation - Penny Wynn
• Educator Recognition - Sherry Blumberg
• J-WISE - Pam Roza & Brent Arnold

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Monitors partner agencies, recommends Annual Campaign allocations
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• Yom HaZikaron – Monica Arnstein & Amy Bazelon

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Advises & oversees Foundation’s policies, fund development, investments & distributions
• Create a Jewish Legacy – Jody Kaufman Loewenstein
• Endowment - Stephen L. Chernof
• Scholarships - Allan J. Carneol

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Represents the Jewish community in public affairs
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• Exhibits – Deborah Wilk
• Spirit of Community – Beverly Greenberg

NATHAN AND ESTHER PELZ HOLOCAUST EDUCATION RESOURCE CENTER – BETTY CHRUSTOWSKI
Teaching the lessons of the Holocaust
Kristallnacht -
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Educates and engages women in the Federation
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• Lauri Roth
• Andrea Schneider
• Melinda Swartz
• Marci Taxman
I am a dog lover, a techie and a parent at Jewish Beginnings, which is supported by the Milwaukee Jewish Federation. Jewish Beginnings is a home away from home with an incredibly nurturing atmosphere and a warm, dedicated staff. It's difficult to leave your children each day and head to work. Knowing they're in such a loving, learning environment makes us so much more comfortable.

— Scott Steele

I am a high school junior, a midfielder in soccer, a photographer and a member of BBYO-Wisconsin Region, which is supported by the Milwaukee Jewish Federation. As president of my BBYO chapter, I have developed strong leadership skills that will stay with me for life. I also feel more connected to Judaism through BBYO. Being Jewish is more than saying prayers; it's who I am.

— Sydney Stelzer

I am ready.
I am a soccer player, an aviation geek and a student at Hillel Academy, which is supported by the Milwaukee Jewish Federation. Hillel has changed my life. I am surrounded by good people who can teach me science and math but also have the answers to my questions about being Jewish. Now I can inspire more people to become closer to Judaism.

– Arie Guerrero Mandelblum

I am a swimmer, an artist, a baker and a camper at the Steve & Shari Sadek Family Camp Interlaken JCC, which is supported by the Milwaukee Jewish Federation. Going to camp made me feel more independent. It also made me feel Jewish in different ways than in my classroom or with my family. Camp helps make being Jewish just part of being me. I can’t wait to go back!

– Talia Bernstein

I am a soccer player, an aviation geek and a student at Hillel Academy, which is supported by the Milwaukee Jewish Federation. Hillel has changed my life. I am surrounded by good people who can teach me science and math but also have the answers to my questions about being Jewish. Now I can inspire more people to become closer to Judaism.

– Arie Guerrero Mandelblum
I am a craftsman in woodwork, a techie and a Judaic Studies teacher at Yeshiva Elementary School, which is supported by the Milwaukee Jewish Federation. YES helps children grow into adults who contribute to the Jewish community and to society as a whole. I was a student at YES, and now as a teacher I have the opportunity to continue the tradition of excellence in Torah education.

– Rabbi Hersh Hiller

I am an employee at Solly’s Grille, a basketball player and a member of the Sandy Naimon Breakfast Club, a program of Jewish Family Services, which is supported by the Milwaukee Jewish Federation. The SNBC works together to plant seeds and maintain the JFS gardens. By donating our extra produce to people who can’t afford it, JFS allows me to help others in our community.

– Andres Junker
I am a teacher, a JCC Maccabi Games volleyball coach and a member of the Harry & Rose Samson Family Jewish Community Center, which is supported by the Milwaukee Jewish Federation. The Games enabled me to experience a sense of community with thousands of Jews from around the world, and it embodies the JCC’s commitment to providing both profound and everyday opportunities to be a part of something bigger than myself.

– Dann Jacobson

I am a Jewish student at Marquette University, a human rights blogger, an advocate for Israel and a fan of Hillel Milwaukee, a partner agency of the Milwaukee Jewish Federation. As a young Jewish adult at a Jesuit university, Hillel, with the backing of the Milwaukee Jewish community, helps amplify my voice on campus. I know that wherever I go, my community is here for me.

– Michaela Bear
I am a dancer, water-skier, snowboarder and a graduate of the Milwaukee Jewish Day School, which is supported by the Milwaukee Jewish Federation. My teachers at MJDS definitely prepared me well for my classes at Homestead High School. They also taught me that I am a part of a bigger community. I am inspired to do things for others because I know I can make a difference.

— Chandlar Strauss

I am a special needs support person, a graduate student and a fan of Hillel Foundation at UW–Madison, which is supported by the Milwaukee Jewish Federation. When I went to college, I wasn’t sure what Judaism meant to me. Experiencing my religion with other students helped make Judaism become an important part of who I am. Hillel helped me discover myself as a person and as a Jewish adult.

— Alanna Koritzinsky
I am a survivor, a volunteer and a participant in the Lakeside Senior Enrichment Program, which is funded by the Milwaukee Jewish Federation. Many seniors sit at home looking out the window. Here they can eat a hot meal and socialize with other people. It gives them a reason to get out of bed and get dressed. It’s my home away from home.

– Tauba Bitterman
MISSION

Through the development of community-wide financial support, planning and allocations, the mission of the Milwaukee Jewish Federation is to ensure the continuity of the Jewish people, to enhance the quality of Jewish life, and to build a strong and unified Jewish community in Milwaukee, in Israel and around the world.

In fulfilling its mission, the Federation is committed to the principles of Klal Yisrael (the collective unity of the Jewish people), Tzedakah (the obligation to care for one another) and Tikkun Olam (improving the world in which we live).