



Dear Friends,

With tremendous gratitude for her service, the Board of Directors of the Jewish Endowment Foundation of Louisiana (JEF) announces **Sandy Levy's year-end retirement after 27 years as our Executive Director.** We look forward to honoring Sandy at a community-wide celebration.

I have assembled a Search Committee to identify a new Executive Director and am very pleased that Jill Israel has agreed to co-chair the Search Committee with me. Together, the committee will seek a visionary leader who embodies JEF's core values and who will continue to build on Sandy's achievements. Please be assured that Sandy will stay to assist in the transition to our next Executive Director.

Under Sandy's leadership, JEF has grown, flourished, and undertaken many initiatives to strengthen the Greater New Orleans Jewish community and beyond. Among these initiatives are the Charitable Gift Annuity Program, the B'nai Maimonides Program, and Create a Jewish Legacy. JEF has provided emergency aid to communities recovering from hurricanes and worked with donors to establish specific programs to support campers, the arts, and programs for the elderly. Sandy's vigorous leadership has led to noteworthy growth of JEF's overall assets: from under \$10 million to the current level of more than \$59 million.

Sandy's contributions cannot be measured only in the growth of JEF's assets and funds, but also in her contribution to her profession. She has led the creation of a peer group of Jewish foundations to collaborate on ways to improve these important community funds. She is well known and respected throughout the country.

With your ongoing support and partnership, JEF is well poised to move from a position of great strength to even greater strength. The Board of Directors of JEF remains committed to fulfilling its mission of serving the present and saving for the future and to continue building a vibrant Jewish community for many generations to come.

Thank you for your support.

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