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To be Jewish is to live an identity defined by unique and deeply historical concepts, beliefs, and values. The tree of knowledge symbolizes this profound understanding of the world. A living thing, the tree is always growing. Its leaves reach higher into the sky, searching and exploring; its branches of thoughts and deeds spring from exploration and reflection; in its trunk are the values, ideals, and principles that give our world shape and structure, while its roots go deep into the earth for insight, creativity, and understanding.

Each generation is responsible for growing and shaping the tree of knowledge. Taube Philanthropies embraces and celebrates this responsibility, cherished by Jews for thousands of years and filled with promise for the future.

Our Mission

Dedicated to the principles of a democratic society, including open economic enterprise, self-reliance, freedom of inquiry, and limited government, Taube Philanthropies works to ensure that free citizens will have full opportunity for advancement of their goals and dreams. Taube Philanthropies supports programs in the San Francisco Bay Area, Poland, and Israel. Areas of concentration include education and scholarship, Jewish cultural renewal and heritage preservation, institution and community building, and public policy initiatives oriented to preserve American principles.

Taube Philanthropies consists of two separate grant-giving foundations:

The Taube Family Foundation (TFF) has been a leader for over thirty years in supporting diverse educational, cultural, and civic and communal organizations, as well as public policy initiatives, in the San Francisco and Greater Bay Area community.

The Taube Foundation for Jewish Life & Culture (TFJLC), established in 2001, helps ensure the survival of Jewish cultural life in the face of unprecedented global threats to the Jewish people. The Foundation promotes Jewish Peoplehood in order to strengthen Jewish community and sustain Jewish heritage. The Foundation celebrates current Jewish achievement in all aspects of human endeavor and seeks to advance the reform of Jewish institutions, which have often become disconnected from the people they serve.

COLLABORATIVE GIVING

Bringing donors together to collaborate can achieve a much greater impact than a single charitable entity may otherwise be able to accomplish. “Leveraging of impact through collaborative funding is what we strive to do,” says Tad Taube. Numerous examples of collaborative giving follow in this report, most prominently between Taube Philanthropies and the Koret Foundation, which share similar values and missions. In addition, Taube Philanthropies partners with more than thirty donors and foundations to provide multiyear support to its Jewish Heritage Initiative in Poland (JHIP).



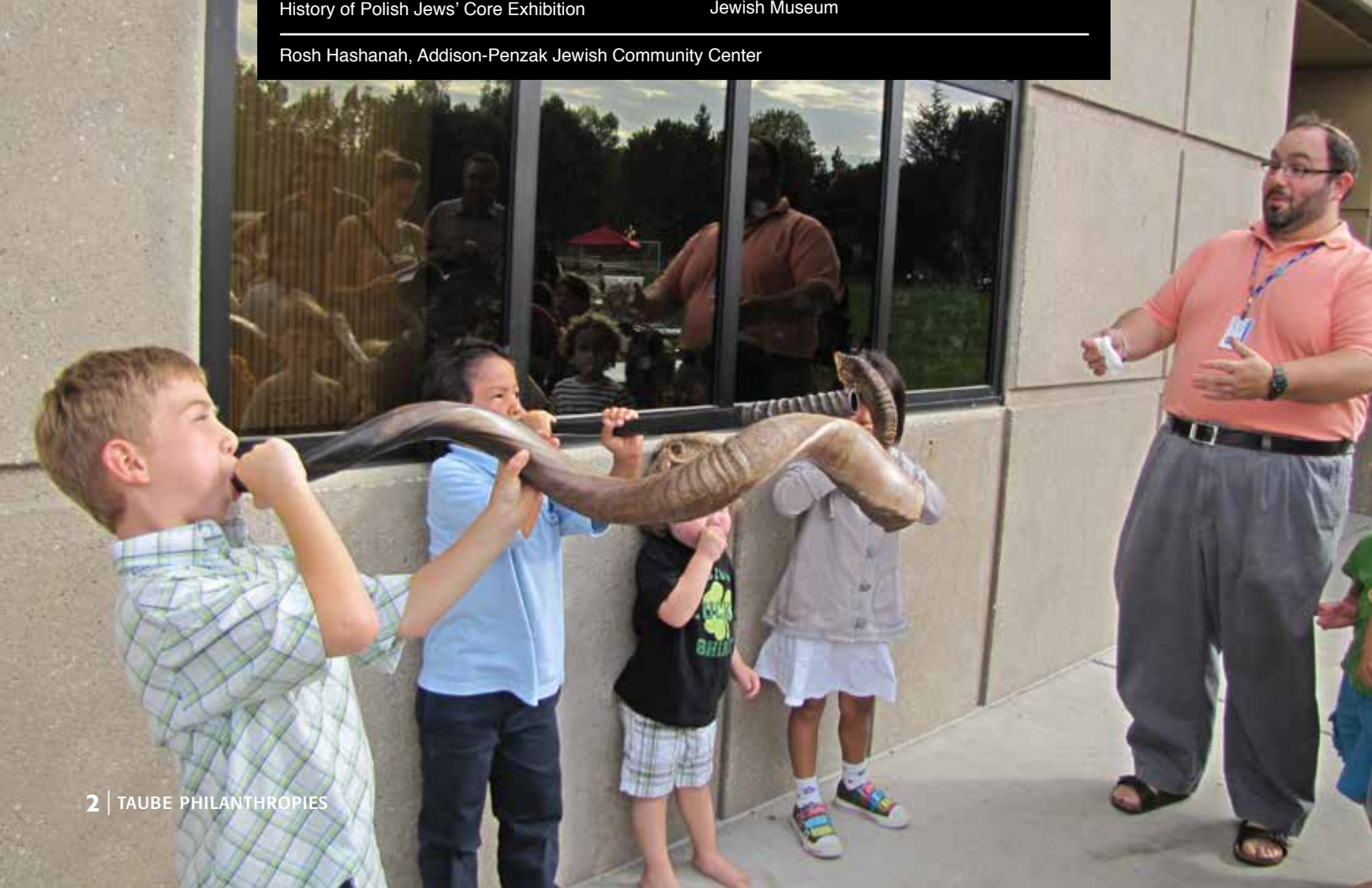


Timber-framing of the replica of the Gwoździec Synagogue, centerpiece of the Museum of the History of Polish Jews' Core Exhibition



Female Torah scribe Julie Seltzer pens an entire Torah at the Contemporary Jewish Museum

Rosh Hashanah, Addison-Penzak Jewish Community Center



Dear Friends:

We are pleased to present this review of our activities for the past two years – a time filled with new beginnings and the fulfillment of many dreams in both the United States and Europe. Out of the vast number of exciting developments, we highlight three below.

First, here in the United States we have continued and intensified our work to advance our core concept of **Jewish Peoplehood**. Peoplehood offers a way

“To a large extent, a democracy such as ours has to be affirmed and nurtured by its people. As an immigrant and direct beneficiary of American democracy, I have tried to fashion my own affirmation through the work and philosophies represented by Taube Philanthropies.” –Tad Taube

of defining what it means to be a Jew in the modern world, and particularly in an environment like that of the United States, where Jews have complete freedom and opportunity. Acknowledging the gift of religious and cultural freedom, our Peoplehood Initiative invites positive action and the development of a better understanding of modern Jewish identity.

Second, one of our prime examples of **collaboration** is the philanthropic and institutional partnership to bring the **Magnes Collection of Jewish Art and Life** to the Bancroft Library of the University of California at Berkeley. With combined gifts from the Taube Foundation, the Koret Foundation, and

Warren Hellman z”l, the Collection, now situated in its new home, has already drawn wide audiences.

Third, we have expanded our programs for nurturing the revival of Jewish life in Poland, the ancestral homeland of Jewish culture. Taube Philanthropies, together with the Koret Foundation, has made the largest private commitment to the **Museum of the History of Polish Jews**, which was unveiled in April

2013. Promising to be one of the world’s finest and most innovative museums, it chronicles the history of Jews in the greater Polish lands over a thousand-year period and depicts the flourishing of a rich Jewish civilization that has profoundly shaped Judeo-Christian Western culture.

We believe that it is vital that the tradition of Jewish cultural life, as lived for thousands of years, will continue into future generations. We hope you enjoy this account of our work and welcome your thoughts and contributions as we move forward into an exciting future.

Tad Taube, *Chairman*
Shana Penn, *Executive Director*



Shaping the Tree: Jewishness in Today's World

The Taube/Koret Initiative on Jewish Peoplehood

Why be Jewish? Why participate in Jewish communal life? These questions are central to the Taube/Koret Initiative on Jewish Peoplehood. Officially launched in 2010, the Initiative serves as a central organizing force for reinvigorating Jewish communal interests, deepening Jewish consciousness, and stimulating multigenerational participation in Jewish life and culture in the San Francisco Bay Area, Eastern Europe, and Israel.



Shabbat, Jewish Community Center of San Francisco



Left: Hanukkah, Oshman Family Jewish Community Center; Center: Mural, Peninsula Jewish Community Center, Right: Rosh Hashanah, Addison-Penzak Jewish Community Center

In the San Francisco Bay Area, Taube Philanthropies has helped empower organizations such as Jewish Community Centers to become cornerstones of multigenerational Jewish communal life. Recognizing the important role of the younger generation for the future of the Jewish community, the Taube/Koret Initiative on Jewish Peoplehood has engaged in a first round of funding to innovative “next generation” organizations that promote the evolution of Jewish arts, culture, and community.

The global view of Peoplehood entails helping to reestablish Jewish life in places where it once thrived, particularly in Eastern Europe. Major grantees in Poland include the Museum of the History of Polish Jews, the Taube Jewish Heritage Tourism Program, Mi Dor Le Dor Educators Program, the Emanuel Ringelblum Jewish Historical Institute, the Jewish Genealogy & Family Heritage Center, JCCs in Kraków and Warsaw, the Kraków Jewish Culture Festival, and the Galicia Jewish Museum.

The Taube/Koret Peoplehood Initiative offers a language for public discourse about a common Jewish context and destiny not limited to traditional texts, religious observances, or practices. It reflects a diverse Jewish world in which diaspora communities, as well as Israel, provide meaningful sites for Jewish engagement. Taube Philanthropies seeks to advance vital Peoplehood discussion and illuminate the broader issues of Jewish identity, life, and culture in today’s world.

Peoplehood Centers at Bay Area JCCs

Taube Philanthropies, in collaboration with the Koret Foundation, has strategically focused on JCCs to support the development and discussion of Jewish Peoplehood. The JCCs play a central role for Jewish communities throughout the Bay Area. Despite recent changes in the demographic profile of the region’s Jews, JCCs continue to be the main portal of Jewish life for families and individuals. Taube Philanthropies helps ensure that these institutions can provide Jewish learning and instill cultural pride for individuals of all ages, backgrounds, and levels of observance.



Exhibit Opening, Osher Marin Jewish Community Center



Bookfest, Jewish Community Center of San Francisco



Sukkot, Jewish Community Center of the East Bay

Extending the Branches: Support for Jewish Culture

Taube Philanthropies has provided major support to many Jewish cultural institutions in the San Francisco Bay Area, one of America's most vibrant Jewish communities. Taube Philanthropies' goals are to preserve Jewish cultural heritage and ensure that it remains vital and creative through new works, events, and ideas.



"California Dreaming: Jewish Life in the Bay Area from the Gold Rush to the Present,"
Contemporary Jewish Museum



“Do Not Destroy: Trees, Art, and Jewish Thought,” Contemporary Jewish Museum



Opening Ceremonies, Magnes Collection of Jewish Art and Life

The Magnes Collection of Jewish Art and Life

The Magnes Collection of Jewish Art and Life, the third largest collection of Judaica in the United States, has become much more publicly visible owing to gifts totaling \$2.5 million over five years from philanthropist Warren Hellman z”l, Taube Philanthropies, and the Koret Foundation. The collaborative gift allowed the Magnes Collection to become a Research Unit of the Bancroft Library of the University of California, Berkeley. The transfer ensures that the Collection will be more visible in the scholarly world, receiving attention deserved by its remarkable holdings. The transfer was built on a self-sustaining financial model to ensure permanence.

The collaboration with Bancroft Library partners a world-class collection with a world-class university, complementing the school’s academic offerings. Since its re-launch in a beautiful new UC Berkeley space, the Magnes Collection has hosted ten exhibitions and attracted thousands of visitors.

Contemporary Jewish Museum

Support from Taube Philanthropies has helped San Francisco gain one of the world’s finest Jewish cultural and art museums. Since its opening in 2008, the Contemporary Jewish Museum (CJM) has offered diverse audiences a place to discover and explore new ways to interact with tradition. Visitors passing through the main doors of this San Francisco landmark enter a dramatic space, the Taube Koret Grand Lobby. Daniel Libeskind’s reworking of the landmark Jessie Street Power Substation, designed by Willis Polk in 1907, inspires visitors to explore the fabric of Jewish life.

Taube Philanthropies, the Koret Foundation, and the CJM have established a strong partnership linking these three community-focused institutions. By supporting the Museum’s exhibitions and operations with a collaborative gift of \$5 million, the Taube and Koret Foundations are enabling the CJM to bring the works of highly insightful and thought-provoking artists to the Bay Area.



Magnes Collection of Jewish Art and Life

Nurturing New Leaves: Education and Civic Engagement for the Whole Community

Taube Philanthropies has partnered with community organizations as well as academic institutions to support multigenerational Jewish and non-Jewish education within and without classroom walls. These partnerships have enabled Taube Philanthropies to advance public engagement with issues of significance to both the Jewish community and the entire Bay Area.



Touchdowns for Kids Program, 2011-2012 season



L to R: Sergey Brin, Anne Wojcicki, Esther Wojcicki, Susan Wojcicki, Dr. Stanley Wojcicki, and Tad Taube at the Commonwealth Club Distinguished Citizen Award Dinner, April 10, 2013



Joanne Pasternack, Director of Community Relations, 49ers Foundation and Shana Penn (center) hold a \$200,000 check from the Taube and Koret Foundations payable to the Touchdowns for Kids Program

Touchdowns for Kids Program

In keeping with its goal of advancing opportunities for underserved youth in the Bay Area, Taube Philanthropies has supported an innovative and successful program, Touchdowns for Kids. For two successive National Football League seasons, Bay Area fans had even more of a reason to celebrate the on-field success of the San Francisco 49ers. With each touchdown, field goal, interception, or quarterback sack, the Taube Family Foundation and Koret Foundation’s Touchdowns for Kids Program directed crucial funding toward improving the lives of at-risk youth. In the 2011 and 2012 seasons, Touchdowns for Kids benefitted 11 local organizations: 49ers Academy, Aim High, Bay Area Women’s Sports Initiative, Bayview Hunters Point YMCA, BUILD, East Palo Alto Tennis & Tutoring, Eastside College Preparatory School, Fresh Lifelines for Youth, Pathways for Kids, Ronald McDonald House at Stanford, and Summer Search.

Tad Taube praised the team’s long record of achievement. “The San Francisco 49ers have served not only as an important institution in representing excellence in sports; the 49ers have also provided positive role models and financial support for at-risk youth throughout the Bay Area.”

Commonwealth Club

Taube Philanthropies regards engagement with the community as essential for the full expression

of citizenship in America. The Commonwealth Club of California is the nation’s oldest and largest public affairs forum, offering its more than 18,000 members over four hundred annual events on topics ranging across the spectrum of politics, culture, society, and the economy. The mission of the Club is to foster open public discussion in the San Francisco Bay Area and throughout the nation. Taube Philanthropies has committed \$100,000 over four years to support a series of lectures named the “Taube American Values Series.” The goal of the series is to bolster civic discourse, leading to a broader understanding and reinvigoration of American democratic values.

In 2011 the Commonwealth Club honored Tad Taube with the Distinguished Citizen Award at its 108th Anniversary and 23rd Annual Distinguished Citizen Award Dinner in San Francisco.

The 2013 Commonwealth Club honorees are: Susan Wojcicki, Senior Vice President of Product, Google; Janet Wojcicki, Ph.D., MPH, Adjunct Professor of Pediatrics, UCSF; Anne Wojcicki, Co-Founder, 23andMe; Jed York, CEO, San Francisco 49ers; Esther Wojcicki, Founder & Sr. Vice President, ClassBadges, and Vice Chair, Creative Commons (Lifetime Achievement Award); and Stanley Wojcicki, Ph.D., Professor (Emeritus), Department of Physics, Stanford University (Lifetime Achievement Award). Taube Philanthropies congratulates these honorees.

Tending the Roots: Research, Scholarship, and Campus Life

Taube Philanthropies strongly supports the rigorous examination of Jewish history and culture throughout the world. Through grants and partnerships for conferences, public events, and other media, Taube Philanthropies also seeks to communicate the findings of research and scholarly endeavors to the broader community.



Center for Jewish Studies at the Graduate Theological Union



Cantorial Students, Jewish Theological Seminary



Dr. Gabriella Safran, Taube Center for Jewish Studies at Stanford

Taube Center for Jewish Studies at Stanford

The Taube Center for Jewish Studies at Stanford is one of the top Jewish Studies programs in the United States. In 2011-12 the Taube Center for Jewish Studies welcomed its new director, Dr. Steve Weitzman, former Director of the Jewish Studies program at Indiana University, Bloomington.

Dr. Weitzman has been implementing innovative new programs such as “From Generation to Generation: Scientific and Cultural Approaches to Jewish Genetics,” an interdisciplinary series investigating current scientific thinking about Jewish history and disease. The series is an initiative of the Taube Center for Jewish Studies and Stanford’s Department of Biology, with major support from Taube Philanthropies. It explores diseases common to Jewish subgroups, illuminates the origins of the Jewish people, and analyzes cultural and social questions that emerge from the study of Jewish genetics.

Graduate Theological Union: Richard S. Dinner Center for Jewish Studies

Taube Philanthropies, together with the Koret Foundation, has provided institution-building support to enrich the academic programs and administration of the Center for Jewish Studies (CJS) at the Graduate Theological Union (GTU). It provides graduate fellowship support at the M.A. and doctoral levels and has helped fund summer research and study trips in the United States, Eastern Europe, and Israel. Students of the Center for Jewish Studies can now develop a multifaceted appreciation of the Eastern European Jewish experience, past and present.

The annual Taube Conference in 2011, entitled “Formations of Orthodoxy,” featured Chief Rabbi of Poland Michael Schudrich as keynote speaker in conversation with the president of the GTU, Dr. James Donahue, and Visiting Scholar Shana Penn. In November 2012 the CJS held its annual Taube Conference on Eastern European Jewish Culture and History. The conference, “Captives of the Dawn: Remembering Soviet Yiddish Culture,” honored the 60th anniversary of the assassination of Soviet Jewish authors.

Jewish Theological Seminary

The Jewish Theological Seminary of America (JTS) is a preeminent institution of Jewish higher education that integrates rigorous academic scholarship and teaching with a commitment to strengthening Jewish tradition, life, and communities. JTS educates intellectual and spiritual leaders for Conservative Judaism and provides an intellectual and educational center for rabbis, cantors, scholars, educators, communal professionals, and lay activists. Grants to JTS from Taube Philanthropies and the Koret Foundation are supporting programs that raise the level of dialogue about Israel and foster new ideas about Jewish Peoplehood. JTS articulates a vision of Judaism that is learned and passionate, pluralist and authentic, traditional and egalitarian; one that is thoroughly grounded in Jewish texts, history, and practices, and fully engaged with the societies and cultures of the present.

Planting New Shoots: Jewish Heritage Initiative in Poland

How does one bring Judaism back to a community that had been denied so much and for so long? How does one encourage a new generation of young Polish Jews, intent on joining the job market in the European Union, to remain in their native country, develop cultural ties to their roots and religion, and take on the mantle of Jewish communal leadership? In response to these questions, the Taube Foundation for Jewish Life & Culture created the Jewish Heritage Initiative in Poland.



Museum of the History of Polish Jews, Warsaw (back), facing and in dialogue with the Natan Rapoport Monument to the Warsaw Ghetto Heroes (front)



“Tad Taube’s philanthropy is strengthening democracy in Poland.”

—The Honorable Aleksander Kwaśniewski, *President of Poland, 1995–2005*

Taube Philanthropies created the Jewish Heritage Initiative in Poland (JHIP) in 2003 to support key cultural, educational, and communal programs that are strategically addressing these issues and meeting the diverse and complex needs of reemerging Jewish communities.

Now in its tenth year, the Jewish Heritage Initiative in Poland (JHIP) has become a major force in the revitalization of Jewish life and culture in Poland. JHIP supports more than seventy programs that meet the dual needs of strengthening Jewish communities in Poland and linking American Jews to their East European heritage. It sponsors and funds programs in academia and publishing, genealogy, heritage tourism, the arts and media, and Jewish literacy and leadership training for young adults.

All of this remarkable progress is possible because Poland overthrew its communist shackles and reinvented itself as a democracy in 1989. The rebirth of Polish society is testament to our deepest conviction that democracy works. We know from history that wherever democracy thrives, Jewish life also thrives. Now that Poland speaks again with its full and free voice, it has publicly reclaimed the central role of Jewish culture in Polish society.



Chief Rabbi of Poland, Rabbi Michael Schudrich, with children at Hanukkah celebration

Institution Building

Taube Philanthropies has made significant gifts to strengthen institutions that advance the revival of Jewish communities in Poland. Grants are given to organizations that nourish the multiple and diverse needs of the growing communities, from museums, archives, and publications that preserve Poland’s rich Jewish history, to specially designed tours of Poland’s Jewish sites and community institutions.



“The Museum is a geographical place of memory. You cannot be on the site of the Ghetto Uprising and not feel something very deep.

There were 1,000 years of Jewish history in Poland. 1,000 years of extraordinary endeavors, dreams and metamorphoses; 1,000 years, which must be studied, communicated and shared.”

—Dr. Elie Wiesel, 1986 Nobel Peace Prize Recipient; Honorary Member, Taube Advisory Board

Museum of the History of Polish Jews Ceremonial Opening, April 19, 2013

The Museum of the History of Polish Jews is the seminal project of our Jewish Heritage Initiative in Poland. The communal and cultural infrastructure that the JHIP supports has made the Museum possible; and the Museum, in turn, will become a portal to Poland and its Jewish community.

The Museum, which directly faces the Natan Rapoport Monument to the Ghetto Heroes, reached a major milestone on April 19, 2013, with a ceremonial opening on the historic 70th anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising.

Taube Philanthropies and the Koret Foundation hosted a 50-person VIP delegation to participate in the Ghetto Uprising commemoration. Polish President Bronisław Komorowski presided over an international audience including a U.S. Presidential Delegation, ambassadors, the German Bundestag, the Israeli Knesset, former Polish presidents, and surviving Warsaw Ghetto fighters. Major donors present included Eric Benhamou, Jerzy and Maria Brenholz, Greg and Sally Hartman, Victor Markowicz, the Parasol Family, Irene Pletka, Sigmund Rolat, Stuart Shiff, Sam and Tziporah Tramiel, Dr. Stanley Wojcicki, and Alan Zekelman. Taube Philanthropies and the Koret Foundation were represented by Tad Taube, Shana Penn, and Jeffrey Farber.

Following the Ghetto Uprising commemoration, the Museum opened its doors and guests were welcomed in by the Polish President and the Museum’s public- private partners: the Minister of Culture, the Mayor of Warsaw, and the Museum Board of Directors. Guests viewed the Core

Exhibition centerpiece, a replica of the destroyed 17th-century Gwoździec Synagogue.

The Museum is expected to draw as many as 1,000,000 visitors annually and millions more via the Internet. The Museum represents the largest “public-private partnership” in Poland, with a total cost of over \$150 million. Taube Philanthropies and the Koret Foundation collaborated with partner donors to commit the largest private gift to the capital cost of the Core Exhibition and Education Center.

jewishmuseum.org.pl/en/

Promotional Film for the Museum

Emmy Award-winning David R. Grubin Productions has created a promotional film for the Museum



of the History of Polish Jews, underwritten by the Taube and Koret Foundations. The film features Dr. Elie Wiesel, Nobel Peace Prize recipient, and Dr. Barbara Kirshenblatt-Gimblett, Director of the Core Exhibition, describing the beginning of Jewish civilization through World War II, culminating in the Jewish cultural revival in Poland’s new democracy. Distinguished Benefactor Tad Taube discusses the need for this landmark institution. The film was made possible with additional contributions from Lori and Alan Zekelman, the Friend Family Foundation, and the Jewish Community Endowment Fund of San Francisco.



Taube Center for the Renewal of Jewish Life in Poland

The Taube Center for the Renewal of Jewish Life in Poland was established by the Taube Foundation for Jewish Life & Culture in 2009 to serve as its representative office in Poland, to oversee its educational and cultural heritage tourism program, and to support its Jewish Heritage Initiative in Poland (JHIP). The Center connects Jews from around the world with their East European heritage through educational and cultural programs in tourism, Jewish studies, publishing, and the arts and media. The Taube Foundation is the only American Jewish foundation to have an office in Poland.

Taube Jewish Heritage Tours

Tours for individuals and groups are important means for introducing Jews to Polish Jewish culture, celebrating Jewish heritage, and renewing connections between Jews in America and those in Poland. The Taube Heritage Tour Program offers tailor-made study tours for individuals, families, and groups from around the world seeking to discover their personal histories, explore a collective past, and participate in the continuing revival of Jewish life in Poland. The tours integrate sites of Polish Jewish heritage and memory with visits to cultural venues and to Jewish institutions, and include special meetings with individuals dedicated to Jewish heritage preservation and those active in contemporary Polish Jewish life. The Taube Center for the Renewal of Jewish Life in Poland also offers tour consultations and provides speakers for organized tour programs.

The group tours are developed and operated in cooperation with Momentum Tours & Travel. Taube

Jewish Heritage Tours has planned trips based around the ceremonial opening of the Museum of the History of Polish Jews in April 2013 and the grand opening, which will take place in early 2014. centrumtaubego.org.pl/taube-jewish-heritage-tour-program

Field Guide to Jewish Warsaw and Kraków



As part of its mission to preserve cultural memory and to foster understanding among Jews in Poland and throughout the world, the Taube Center for the Renewal of Jewish Life in Poland commissioned the writing of a guidebook to the Jewish sites in Warsaw and Kraków. Completed in 2012, the richly illustrated *Field Guide to Jewish Warsaw and Kraków* complements the Taube Center Jewish Heritage Tours of Warsaw and Kraków. The Guide begins with a concise overview of the thousand years of Jewish life in greater Poland and then presents eight specially designed walking tours, four in each city, accompanied by full-color maps, detailed directions, and illustrated discussions of important sites and personages. The *Field Guide to Jewish Warsaw and Kraków* was created by an international team of experts and writers and underwritten by the Taube Foundation for Jewish Life & Culture and the Rothschild Foundation Europe.



Taube Center for the Renewal of Jewish Life in Poland, *continued*

Mi Dor Le Dor Educators Program

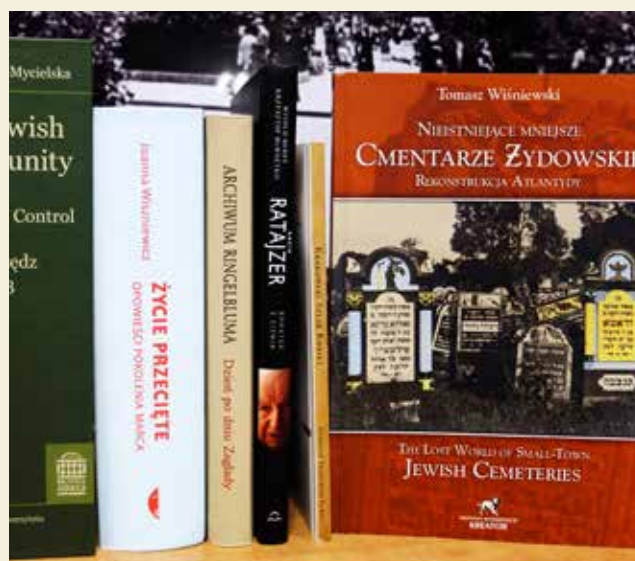
In 2012 the Taube Center for the Renewal of Jewish Life in Poland began a new educational initiative called Mi Dor Le Dor (Heb.: “From Generation to Generation”) as a programmatic response to requests from young Jewish educators, tour guides, and graduate students to learn Polish Jewish history in the very place where it happened. Mi Dor Le Dor teaches the history and traditions of Polish Jewish culture, focusing on Jewish life while honoring the Jewish past. This unique experiential learning program enhances Jewish literacy, instills cultural pride, and prepares participants to assist in the year-round Taube Jewish Heritage Tour Program. The fall 2012 edition of Mi Dor Le Dor expanded the original five-month pilot program to ten months and drew participants from across Poland.



Sefarim – “Books”

The Taube Center for the Renewal of Jewish Life in Poland is pleased to announce receipt of a grant from the Dutch Jewish Humanitarian Fund in support of its book publishing project, Sefarim (Heb.: “Books”). The grant is matched by support from Taube Philanthropies and will enable the Taube Center to expand this valuable endeavor.

Sefarim supports the publication of non-fiction works that add new perspectives on Polish Jewish history, heritage, and contemporary Jewish life, and promote public discourse. The educational goals of Sefarim further the Taube Center’s mission of enriching Jewish life in Poland and connecting Jews from around the world with their East European heritage. The project has published 13 original works in Polish or in translation. Inquiries can be made at sefarim@centrumtaubego.org.pl.





Emanuel Ringelblum Jewish Historical Institute

Taube Philanthropies has been a lead supporter of the Emanuel Ringelblum Jewish Historical Institute, the world's largest repository of Polish Jewish



historical records, documents, artifacts, and art. The Institute is named to honor historian Emanuel Ringelblum, who organized a clandestine network of writers, journalists, historians, and artists in the Warsaw Ghetto to collect documentation about Jewish life and death during the war, intended for use in war crime tribunals against Nazis after the war. Most of the documents were later recovered and became the basis for the Institute's large and constantly growing collection. The Institute is preparing to digitize its entire collection, making it accessible online to a global audience.

In July 2012 Tad Taube had the privilege of opening the Institute's exhibition "Memory of the World: The Warsaw Ghetto Underground Archive," the first-ever public display of the Ringelblum Archives. "These archives are a time capsule, a chorus of voices to speak for the experience of millions who lost their lives during this unthinkable time," he noted. "Without them a critical chapter of Jewish history would be lost. It is our honor to support their preservation and use by many thousands of researchers and visitors."

Jewish Genealogy & Family Heritage Center

The Emanuel Ringelblum Jewish Historical Institute is home to another invaluable repository of Polish Jewish records, the Jewish Genealogy & Family Heritage Center. Thousands of individuals, from Poland and abroad, turn to the Genealogy Center to help them uncover documents, contact long-lost relatives, or research their ancestral home.

The Genealogy Center is now in the process of making its vast records and services available online. Taube Philanthropies has provided lead support to develop an interactive website that will facilitate guided genealogical research with online, real-time consultations for lay people and scholars in Poland and worldwide. The Genealogy Center's collections will also be digitally linked with those of the Institute, giving instant access to the combined records of both organizations.

www.jhi.pl/en/genealogy



Yale Reisner, Jewish Genealogy & Family Heritage Center



JCCs in Kraków and Warsaw

JCC Kraków



Since its opening in 2008 the JCC Kraków has flourished and become the center of the city's small yet remarkably diverse Jewish community. The JCC's weekly Shabbat dinners now serve 60-90 people per week, the largest Jewish community dinner in Poland. The JCC serves the multigenerational Krakovian Jewish community with its Seniors Club, Student Club, Jewish Business Forum, and Sunday school. It houses a highly frequented Jewish library, as well as art exhibitions. Its recent "21x21" photography exhibit featured 21 members of the Polish Jewish community, in partnership with the Galicia Jewish Museum. Director Jonathan Ornstein attributes the JCC's success, as well as positive media in Poland and abroad, to its inclusivity and diversity of programming.

JCC Warsaw

Taube Philanthropies and the Koret Foundation are proud to support the development of the JCC Warsaw, established in 2011 by the American

Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC). The Warsaw JCC has become a vital gathering place for the diverse community of Warsaw Jews, providing cultural and educational activities for all ages. In 2012, the JCC celebrated the launch of its summer camp for children, from pre-school to elementary school age. In 2013, they moved into a new space to accommodate increased members and activities, including weekly Shabbat programs and holiday celebrations. Shana Penn and members of a Taube and Koret VIP Delegation and the Warsaw Jewish community attended a preview of the new JCC space in April 2013.



JCC Warsaw Summer Camp

“Words are inadequate to convey the joy and sense of connectedness that we both feel upon our return from the Festival. Just being in that remarkable place, throbbing with change and with Jewish feeling, defying 20th-century history and writing a chapter for the future.”

—Howard and Judy Sacks, *Ohio*

Tasting the Fruit: Cultural Heritage

Jewish Culture Festival

The 22nd annual Jewish Culture Festival was held under the honorary patronage of the President of



the Republic of Poland, Bronisław Komorowski. The Festival offered 213 events, including musical performances, lectures, workshops, and guided tours, presented by 158 artists from France, Germany, Israel, Poland, and the United States. More than 25,000 people attended from the EU, Israel, Poland, the United States, and many other countries. Taube Philanthropies has been a major supporter of the Festival, which recently received a grant for its Volunteer Program from the Swiss Contribution Fund for new EU countries. **The 23rd Festival will take place June 28-July 7, 2013.**



Galicia Jewish Museum

The Galicia Jewish Museum in Kazimierz, the Jewish district of Kraków, commemorates the victims of the Holocaust and celebrates the Jewish culture of Polish Galicia. Its objectives are to challenge the stereotypes and misconceptions typically associated with the Jewish past in Poland and to educate both Poles and Jews about their own histories, while encouraging them to think about the future. Taube Philanthropies has contributed to the establishment of the Museum and its many cutting-edge exhibits.



The Museum is the permanent home of the internationally acclaimed photographic exhibition, “Traces of Memory: A Contemporary Look at the Jewish Past in Poland.” It presents the work of photojournalist Chris Schwarz z¹, and toured the United States in 2012, where it drew large audiences at the Osher Marin Jewish Community Center in San Rafael, California, and the Washington DC Jewish Community Center.

Making an Arbor: Civic Life

In addition to funding organizations in the San Francisco Bay Area and Poland, Taube Philanthropies offers strategic support to programming that enhances the cultural connections between the two communities.

San Francisco-Kraków Sister Cities Association

The San Francisco-Kraków Sister Cities Association (SFKSCA) has significantly advanced cultural, communal, and academic exchanges between the two communities. The SFKSCA inaugurated its first year of an academic exchange between Jagiellonian University Law School in Kraków and the University of California, Berkeley, School of Law. Through the International and Executive Legal Education program (IELE), the Boalt School offers a certificate in American law. The exchange program is designed for law students and lawyers referred by Jagiellonian University's Law School. SFKSCA also participates in the annual Poland 500 Innovators Program, created by the Polish government and the EU, which took place at Stanford University's Center for Professional Development.



Honorary Consuls from the San Francisco Bay Area Tad Taube, left, and Christopher Kerosky, right, at the 2009 signing of the Sister Cities agreement between Kraków and San Francisco

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CULTURAL & CIVIC PROGRAMS

California Academy of Sciences
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David Horowitz Freedom Center
The Independent Institute
International Center for Photography
San Francisco Opera
UC Berkeley International House

ACADEMIC & EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

Graduate Theological Union
Hadassah-Brandeis Institute's (HBI) Project on Families, Children, and the Holocaust
Hebrew Union College – Jewish Institute of Religion
Hoover Institution
Jewish Theological Seminary
Magnes Collection of Jewish Art and Life
New Community Jewish High School
Pacific Research Institute for Public Policy
Stanford University School of Medicine
UC Berkeley Art Museum/Pacific Film Archive (BAM/PFA)
UC Santa Cruz, Jewish Studies
USC Shoah Foundation
Yahad-In Unum

JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS

Addison-Penzak Jewish Community Center of Silicon Valley
American Jewish Committee
Chabad of Greater South Bay

Congregation Emanu-El

Contemporary Jewish Museum

Hebrew Free Loan

Hillel at Stanford

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Institute for Jewish and Community Research

Jewish Community Center of the East Bay

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Los Angeles Museum of the Holocaust

National Center for Jewish Film

NCSJ

National Jewish Theater Foundation

Osher Marin Jewish Community Center

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Silicon Valley Jewish Film Festival

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SPECIAL INTEREST

San Francisco-Kraków Sister Cities Association

ISRAEL

CAMERA (Committee for Accuracy in Middle East Reporting in America)

Imagination Productions/
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Koret Israel Economic Development Fund

JEWISH HERITAGE INITIATIVE IN POLAND

INSTITUTION BUILDING

Emanuel Ringelblum Jewish Historical Institute

Galicia Jewish Museum

Jewish Community Center Kraków

Jewish Community Center Warsaw

Jewish Culture Festival

Jewish Genealogy & Family Heritage Center

Museum of the History of Polish Jews

Taube Center for the Renewal of Jewish Life in Poland

SCHOLARSHIP & HERITAGE PRESERVATION

Emanuel Ringelblum Jewish Historical Institute

Foundation for the Preservation of Jewish Heritage in Poland (FODZ)

Jewish Genealogy & Family Heritage Center Digitization Project

Littman Library of Jewish Civilization

Material Heritage Conference

Sefarim ("Books")

EDUCATION, CIVIC & SPIRITUAL LIFE

Auschwitz Jewish Center Fellows

Balliol College

Chief Rabbi of Poland, Rabbi Michael Schudrich

Czulent (Kraków Jewish Youth Association)

Dzieci Holocaustu/Children of the Holocaust

Irena Sendler Memorial Award

Mark Edelman Dialogue Center

Moishe House, Warsaw

Moses Schorr Center

Stanislaw Staszic Upper-Secondary School of Economics

Stradom Dialogue Center

ZOOM (Warsaw Jewish Youth Organization)

ARTS & MEDIA

CENTROPA

Centrum Edukacji Obywatelskiej Polska Izrael

Film Forum

Fundacja "Pro Arte 2002"

Fundacja Zeszytów Literackich Journal

"Gazeta" of the American Association of Polish Jewish Studies

Irena Sendler: "In the Name of Their Mothers." A Film about Irena Sendlerowa

Jan Karski Society

Jewish Life TV (JLTV)

Łowiczanie Polish Folk Ensemble

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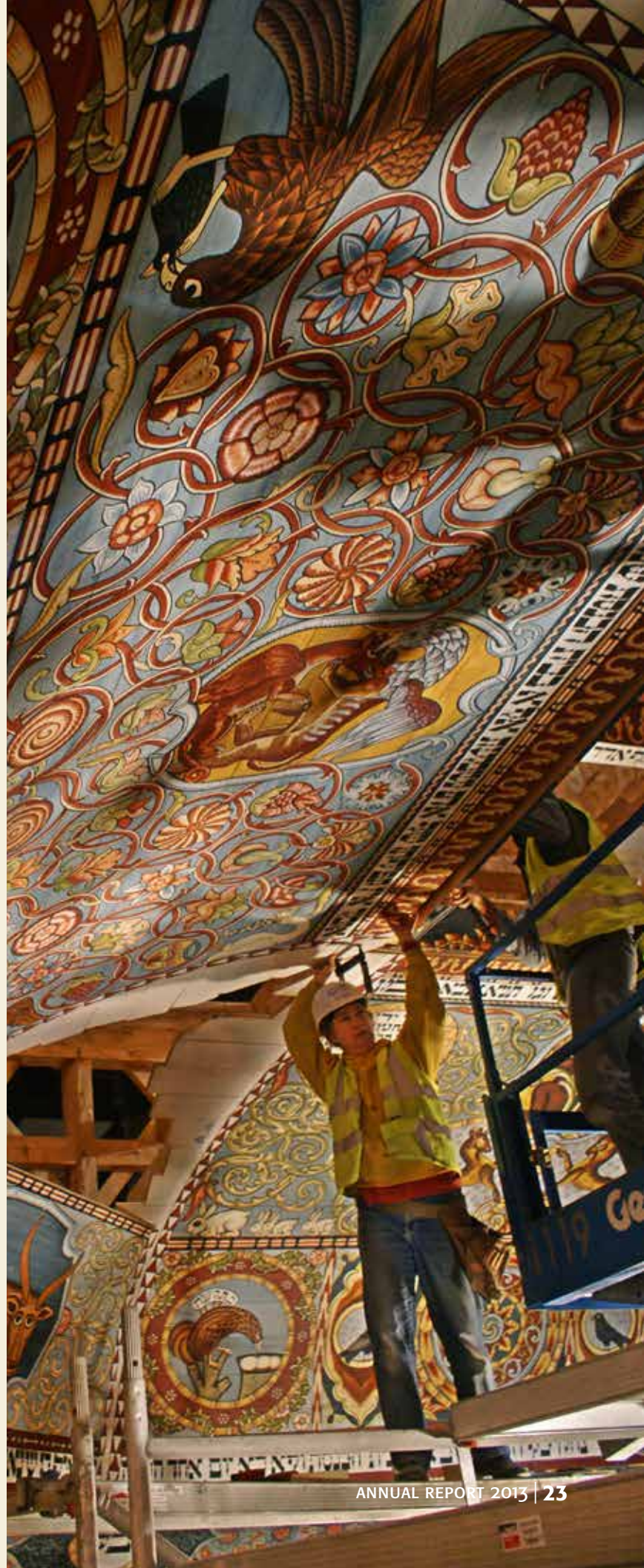
Warsaw Jewish Film Festival

CROSS-CULTURAL EXCHANGES

ELNET (European Leadership Network)

Westbury Group

Workers installing hand-painted ceiling panels of the reconstructed 17th-century Gwoździec Synagogue, part of the Core Exhibition of the Museum of the History of Polish Jews in Warsaw



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Alex Lauterbach	Family & Children's Services	Parkside Middle School
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Boys & Girls Clubs of North San Mateo County	Freedom Works Foundation	San Francisco Opera Association
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Breakthrough Collaborative	Hospice of the Valley Service League	San Francisco Symphony
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Bridge School	J. David Gladstone Institutes	Senior Services of Northern California
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Chabad of Greater South Bay	Jewish Family & Children's Services of San Francisco	Stanford Law School
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Congregation Emanu-El	The Marin Humane Society	UniHi Education Foundation
Congregation Kona Beth Shalom	Massachusetts General Hospital	University of California, San Francisco Cardiology Center
Corporation of Fine Arts Museums (COFAM)	Menlo School	The Valley Medical Center Foundation
Crohn's & Colitis Foundation of America	Molokai Museum & Cultural Center	Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW)
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