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Tad Taube
Chairman



Shana Penn
Executive Director

Message from the Chairman and Executive Director

Dear Friends,

The frontiers of research and knowledge are expanding our capacity to overcome illnesses and disabilities, to rectify inequities, and to better educate the minds and bodies of future generations. Reaching to a better future, however, is far more costly than we imagined. To make the critical choices that return the highest reward for every dollar invested requires new levels of collaboration among donors and more coordination in our giving.

We at Taube Philanthropies have magnified our impact both domestically and internationally through collaborations to pool funds, share risks, and expand measurable outcomes. Recognizing that foundations, like multinational businesses, touch lives in every part of the world, we aim to form joint ventures to promote large-scale projects, enhance long-term stability in nonprofit institutions, and invest in new technologies.

This report reflects the diverse interests and possibilities for social good that define Taube Philanthropies. Multiple projects in health and wellness address addiction, childhood injuries, and terminal illnesses like Huntington’s disease. Taube Philanthropies also support youth programs that strengthen young minds and bodies for a better future. In the arts, Taube Philanthropies nourishes the creative spirit with support for large and small institutions and programs in the Bay Area, from the San Francisco Opera to the UC Theatre Taube Family Music Hall. We also support colleges, universities, libraries, and museums as visible evidence of our society’s commitment to the future and to the past.

Of special concern is the commitment to Jewish Peoplehood, which we regard as our shared heritage, values, and attitudes, part of the DNA of Jewish life, extending to every part of the globe. We express this commitment by contributing to the strengthening of Jewish life where it once thrived, particularly in Eastern Europe. We have made major investments in Poland, supporting the establishment of the Taube Center for the Renewal of Jewish Life in Poland Foundation and the POLIN Museum of the History of Polish Jews, as well as contributing to the Jewish Historical Institute in Warsaw and the Jewish Culture Festival in Kraków, among many others.

Each year has its own character, and these past two years were no different for Taube Philanthropies. We hope that this report captures the range and variety of Taube Philanthropies’ interests and the careful attention paid to ensure that our grants are successful investments in our collective future.

Tad Taube
Chairman

Shana Penn
Executive Director

At Taube Philanthropies, we are proud of the magnitude of the combined giving of our three funding entities:

- Taube Foundation for Jewish Life & Culture
- Taube Family Foundation
- Taube Family Donor Advised Fund at Stanford University

Since the year 2000, in line with our mission and goals, we have made grants totaling **\$300 million.**



Mission and Goals

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 all citizens will have full opportunity for advancement of their aspirations and potential. Its programs and initiatives are inclusive and address the concerns of diverse groups, with particular emphasis on Jews in the San Francisco Bay Area, Poland, and Israel.

Taube Philanthropies aligns its efforts according to three goals:

- **Nurture institutions** in the San Francisco Bay Area, Poland, and Israel that enhance the principles of an open, democratic, and opportunity-based society. Areas of concentration include education and scholarship, arts and culture, institution and community building, and public policy initiatives oriented to preserve American principles.
- **Strengthen Jewish communities** in the San Francisco Bay Area, Poland, and Israel. Areas of interest include preservation of Jewish heritage, Jewish cultural renewal, and the fostering of relationships among Jews globally.
- **Magnify the impact of grants** through collaborative relationships as a basis for establishing circles of donors to support various projects. Taube Philanthropies forges relationships with sister foundations and individual philanthropists who share our overall vision and philosophy.

Collaborative Philanthropy

Taube Philanthropies has succeeded in magnifying our impact through the pursuit of collaborative relationships to pool funds, share risk, and measure outcomes. “Collaborative philanthropy is the future of enlightened foundation engagement,” says Tad Taube.

Collaborative institutional partnerships have led to a new culture of working together among foundations. This, in turn, has deepened a culture of social responsibility that presumes wealth will be used in some significant part for the greater good.

We wish to thank our philanthropic partners, many of whom have been investing for many years with Taube Philanthropies in socially responsible endeavors.

Association of the Jewish
Historical Institute

Eric Benhamou

Riva Berelson

David Berg Foundation

William K. Bowes, Jr.
Foundation

Jerry and Maria Brenholz

Michael and Eugenia Brin

Jeffrey Chambers and
Andrea Okamura

Barry Cohn

49ers Foundation

Freidenrich Family

Friend Family Foundation

Sissy z”l and Theodore Geballe

Gregory J. and Sally U.
Hartman

Hellman Family Fund

Robert and Nita z”l Hirsch
Family Fund

Hochberg Family Fund

Jewish Community Federation
& Endowment Fund

Franklin and Cathie Johnson

Jim Joseph Foundation

Deborah Kirshman

Koret Foundation

James and Cathy Koshland
Philanthropic Fund

Kronhill Pletka Foundation

James z”l and Linda Law

Laszlo Tauber Family
Foundation

Libitzky Family Foundation

George and Judy Marcus

Daryl Messinger and
Jim Heeger

MZ Philanthropic Fund

William and Mary Poland

Clint Reilly

Rodan Family Foundation

Sigmund Rolat

Jackie Safier

Carol and Harry Saal

Sharks Foundation

Stuart and Josie Shiff

The Sobrato Foundation

Roselyne Chroman Swig

Jack z”l and Helen z”l Tramiel

Sam and Tzipi Tramiel

Warriors Community
Foundation

Esther and Stanley Wojcicki

Susan Wojcicki and
Dennis Troper

Alan and Lori Zekelman



Tad and Dianne Taube
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We share a strong belief with other similarly minded philanthropists that, in part through our effort, our great American experience will prosper stronger than ever.

— Tad and Dianne Taube

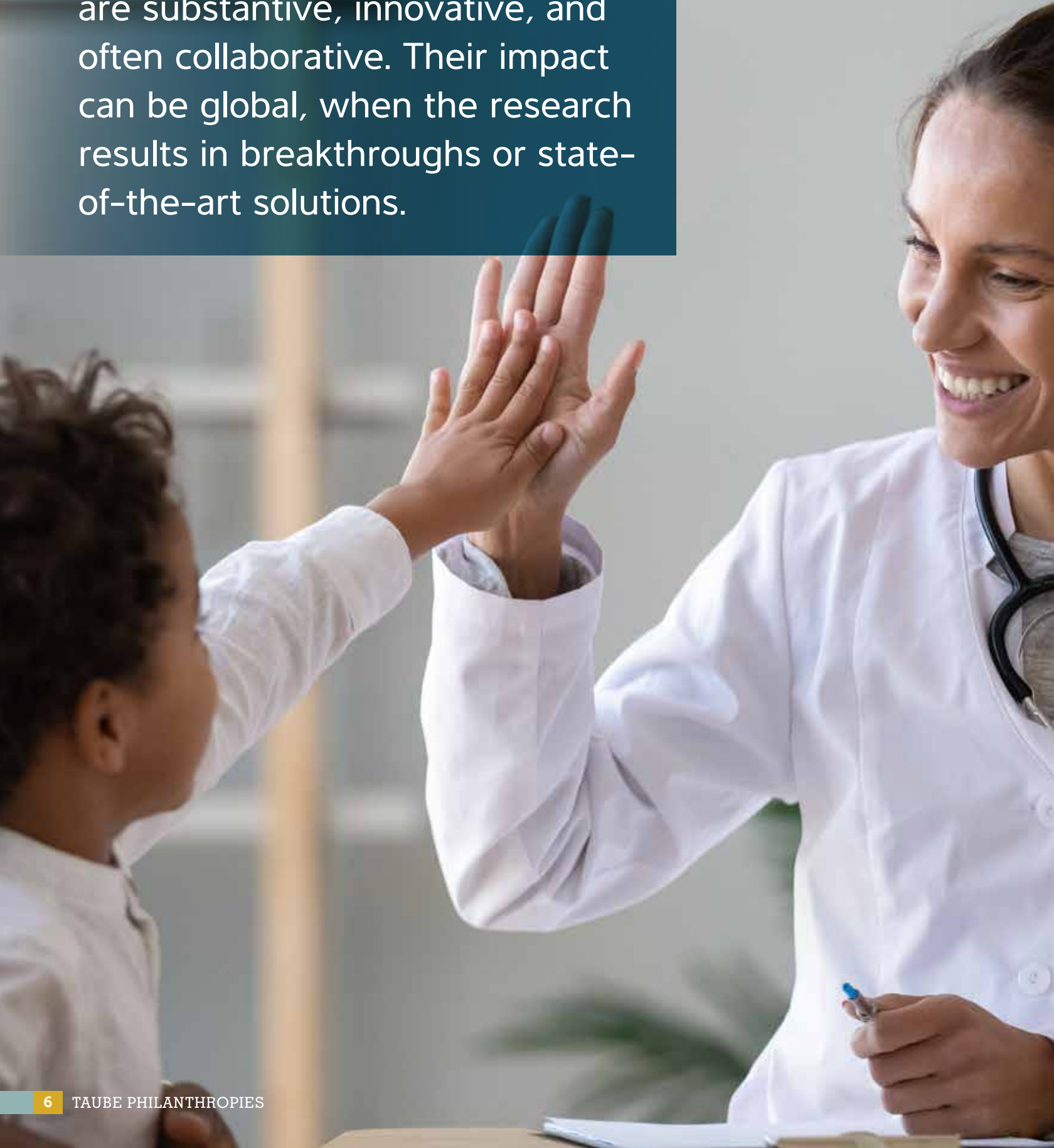
The Giving Pledge

The Giving Pledge is a commitment by the world's most philanthropic individuals and families to dedicate the majority of their wealth either during their lifetime or in their will to help address society's most pressing problems. Created by Bill and Melinda Gates and Warren Buffett in 2010, The Giving Pledge is envisioned as a multigenerational effort that aims over time to help shift the social norms of philanthropy toward giving more, giving sooner, and giving smarter.

Tad and Dianne Taube joined The Giving Pledge in 2013. Their adult children are also actively involved. Those who join The Giving Pledge often write a letter explaining their decision to engage deeply and publicly in philanthropy, as well as describe the philanthropic causes to which they are devoted. Tad Taube stated:

“There has existed in the minds of refugees, who have been embraced by this great country, a level of gratitude for the opportunities made available to us that is somewhat analogous to a debt that we feel needs to be repaid. Some of us refer to that feeling as wanting to ‘give back’— I personally prefer to call it wanting to ‘share opportunity.’ And in terms of the time, energy, and money already contributed by me to replicate such an opportunity for others, my family and I have already more than fulfilled the intent of The Giving Pledge. However, it is my plan to continue my commitment to Giving throughout my life and eventually through my estate plan.”

Awards from Taube Philanthropies are substantive, innovative, and often collaborative. Their impact can be global, when the research results in breakthroughs or state-of-the-art solutions.





Health and Wellness Across the Lifespan

MAKING AN IMPACT is the centerpiece of Tad and Dianne Taube's philanthropic philosophy. From basic research to sensitive caring, Taube Philanthropies is at the forefront of a better future through health and wellness care. With grants to selected hospitals and research centers that provide an array of services, Taube Philanthropies supports medical research for the whole person across the lifespan.

Whenever possible, Taube Philanthropies partners with other donors to leverage resources and commit to programs and projects that exceed the capacity of any one philanthropy. The Lucile Packard Children's Hospital building, for example, was constructed using \$265 million of community donations, which Taube Philanthropies leveraged with \$20 million of its own funds. Taube Philanthropies has also funded a bold initiative to advance education, care, and research about the growing nationwide incidence of childhood concussions and supported one of the nation's most comprehensive programs to attack adolescent drug addiction. Treatment and research for Huntington's disease and age-related illnesses such as prostate cancer extend the reach of Taube Philanthropies across the lifespan.

Awards from Taube Philanthropies are substantive, innovative, and often collaborative. Their impact can be global, when the research results in breakthroughs or state-of-the-art solutions. The impact can also be regional, when a hospital becomes an outstanding treatment center or a community group offers new options for wellness. "A lot of money is launched into the philanthropic space every year that has no impact whatsoever," said Tad Taube. "If we're going to support an organization or an individual or an initiative, we want to have the sense up front that we're going to make a difference."

CHILDREN'S MEDICAL SERVICES

Lucile Packard Children's Hospital, Main Building

A grant of \$20 million supported the Lucile Packard Children's Hospital's new main building. The gift helped establish the main hospital building, hosting 361 patient beds, as well as a new surgery center with six operating rooms. Specialized centers for cardiac and cancer care also opened. The hospital's original building is also leveraging the new opening to expand its services for expectant mothers. In recognition of the gift, the South Tower of the new building will be named the Tad and Dianne Taube Pavilion. ■

\$20 million
grant supported the Lucile Packard
Children's Hospital's new main building



Lucile Packard Children's Hospital, Taube Initiative in Pediatric Cancer Research

Taube Philanthropies allotted \$2 million each to support a Taube Scholar in Pediatric Immunotherapy and a Taube Scholar for Pediatric Oncology. In addition, Tad Taube made a \$2 million planned bequest to create the Taube Innovation Fund in Pediatric Cancer. A separate gift of \$3 million created the Taube Faculty Scholar in Palliative Care for Pediatric Oncology. And a grant of \$2 million was allocated to establish the Taube Family Children's Sarcoma Research Initiative to support collaborative work on improved survival for children, adolescents, and young adults.

Two other grants added to the suite of children's medical care initiatives at Lucile Packard: a \$1 million Tad Taube Maternal and Child Health Research Fund and \$1.375 million to support pediatric neurodegenerative research. ■

\$13.875 million

in 8 grants to Lucile Packard to fight pediatric cancer and support children's medical care



Stem Cell Transplantation at Lucile Packard Children's Hospital

A 1:1 matching grant of \$500,000 will support the work of Dr. Agnieszka Czechowicz in the Department of Pediatrics at Lucile Packard Children's Hospital. Her work promises to make stem cell treatments safer and available to more children with cancer. Before stem cell therapy can be done, the patient's own defective stem cells must be eliminated with toxic levels of chemotherapy or radiation. These treatments, requiring months of hospitalization, cause serious side effects, such as organ damage and infertility. In collaborations with colleagues, Dr. Czechowicz has developed a nontoxic treatment called monoclonal antibody conditioning that selectively kills only the diseased stem cells. This antibody conditioning promises to end chemotherapy and radiation for patients in need of stem cell transplants and will greatly increase the number of eligible patients. ■



Dr. Agnieszka
Czechowicz,
Assistant Professor
of Pediatrics
(Stem Cell
Transplantation)

Taube Endowed Professorship in Global Health & Infectious Diseases at Stanford Medicine



Dr. Yvonne (Bonnie) Maldonado, Professor of Pediatrics (Infectious Diseases) and of Health Research and Policy

A Taube Philanthropies matching grant of \$2 million supports an endowed professorship in Global Health and Infectious Disease at Stanford University School of Medicine. The gift was matched by \$2 million from Andrea Okamura and Jeff Chambers. The first recipient of the new title is Dr. Yvonne (Bonnie) Maldonado, Chief of the Division of Infectious Diseases at Stanford Department of Pediatrics. Her deep experience in global and community health, disease transmission, and epidemiology enable her to be a powerful voice in slowing the spread of COVID-19. Dr. Maldonado co-directs Stanford's COVID-19 clinical trials research unit and is involved in several of the many scientific investigations underway. The breadth of her research extends well beyond her leadership in the pandemic. Dr. Maldonado knows that her greatest successes are quiet ones: children who don't get sick. Her efforts have helped set global vaccine guidelines for polio, measles, meningitis, and influenza. Her work on mother-to-child transmission of HIV in sub-Saharan Africa is credited with preventing hundreds of thousands of babies from acquiring HIV. The Taubes have now made gifts totaling over \$48 million to support Packard Children's Hospital and Stanford Medicine's critical needs and funding research on pediatric cancer, youth addiction, concussions, and pediatric neurodegenerative disease. ■

Stanford–Weizmann Institute Research Collaborative in Childhood Leukemia

Taube Philanthropies has committed \$500,000 over four years to a research collaborative formed by Stanford University in California and the Weizmann Institute of Science in Israel, in which talent and resources will be combined to give all children with leukemia a better chance to live long and healthy lives. The joint study, carried out by Dr. Maya Kasowski at Stanford and Dr. Ayelet Erez at the Weizmann Institute, will look closely at the biochemical processes involved in the two most common childhood leukemias. The discoveries resulting from this research will help create targeted, personalized treatments for children with leukemia that will greatly increase their chances of surviving and that may be safer than standard chemotherapy. Together, they intend to address one of the most heartbreaking situations in children's medicine—the return of cancer following a treatment that had previously worked. The Taube grant of \$500,000 has been matched 1:1 by the Koret Foundation. ■



El Camino Hospital

Taube Philanthropies committed **\$5 million to benefit mental health and addiction services at El Camino Hospital** in Mountain View. The hospital's new mental health and addictions building will be named the Taube Pavilion, and a new programmatic adolescent mental health endowment will be named the Tad and Dianne Taube Program for Adolescent Behavioral Health to support direct care services for youth and young adults. Mary and Doug Scrivner collaborated in the effort through a \$4 million gift for the After-School Program Interventions and Resiliency Education (ASPIRE) endowment the couple previously seeded with a \$1 million challenge gift in 2015. The new building and programs will help define a collaborative, regional solution to the mental health crisis and reflects El Camino Hospital's patient- and family-centered approach to care that is adaptable to the changing needs of the community. ■



Ronald McDonald House

Ronald McDonald House at Stanford provides comfortable and secure accommodations, at little or no cost, for families that have traveled far from home to get treatment for a hospitalized child. By staying at a Ronald McDonald House, parents can better communicate with their child's medical team and keep up with complicated treatment plans. Located close to the Lucile Packard Children's Hospital Stanford, the Ronald McDonald House consists of two buildings that operate as one campus. **A \$4.25 million gift from Taube Philanthropies funded reconstruction of the 44,000 square-foot Taube Family Center**, which offers 56 family suites, kitchen and dining facilities, recreation rooms, salon, classroom, and laundry facilities, among many facilities. ■



NEURODEGENERATIVE DISEASE RESEARCH COLLABORATIVE:

*UCSF
J. David Gladstone Institutes
Stanford School of Medicine
Buck Institute for Research on Aging
Tel Aviv University*



“ Taube Philanthropies, with significant funding from Koret Foundation and others, and with invaluable coordination by Stanford’s Dr. Harvey Cohen, has assembled and funded an extraordinary international collaborative research team designed to develop a treatment, and hopefully a cure, for a cluster of neurodegenerative diseases that have plagued millions of our citizens, young and old.”

— Tad Taube

In September 2019, the Neurodegenerative Research Collaborative, launched more than 17 years ago, gained an exemplary international partner when a grant of \$2 million from Taube Philanthropies and \$2.5 million from the Koret Foundation brought the highly respected researchers of Israel’s Tel Aviv University into the collaborative. The funds will promote cross-institutional and cross-disease research to develop a unique and personalized platform for diagnosis and drug screening for Huntington’s disease, Parkinson’s disease, and amyotrophic

\$16+ million
from Taube Philanthropies and
the Koret Foundation in support of
neurodegenerative disease research
collaboration since 2003

lateral sclerosis. A conference to announce the new funds was held in Tel Aviv in January 2020. This was but one more giant step in the work toward finding treatments and cures for neurodegenerative diseases.

Taube Philanthropies began funding Huntington’s disease research at the University of California, San Francisco (UCSF) in 2003. Initially the research was under the auspices of the Institute of Neurodegenerative Disease under the direction of Dr. Stanley B. Prusiner, and funded with a grant from Taube Philanthropies of \$1.6 million.

In 2008 the Koret Foundation collaborated with Taube Philanthropies in a combined grant of \$2.6 million to establish the Taube-Koret Huntington’s Disease Research Program, which included a collaborative research effort between Dr. Frank Longo of Stanford University Medical Center Neurology Department and Dr. Stephen Massa of UCSF.

From 2009-2012, the collaborative research group expanded to include the J. David Gladstone Institutes under the direction of Dr. Steven Finkbeiner, with research grants from Taube Philanthropies and the Koret Foundation totaling \$3.6 million. During this period, Gladstone researchers determined that sufficient commonalities existed in the spectrum of neurodegenerative diseases that they warranted a consolidation with research efforts in Alzheimer’s disease, Parkinson’s disease, and other neurodegenerative conditions such as ALS. This led to an additional grant from the Michael J. Fox Foundation to advance its research efforts in Parkinson’s disease.

In April 2017, the collaborative efforts in neurodegenerative disease research received a major boost with the inclusion of stem cell technology via the Stanford Medicine Program in Regenerative Medicine, to be named the Taube Family Program



in Genome Editing, headed by Matthew Porteus, MD, PhD, and Maria Grazia Roncarolo, MD. The expanded collaborative is supported by a \$3 million grant from Taube Philanthropies with funding for the work of Dr. Steven Finkbeiner, MD, Ph.D., director of the Gladstone Institutes’ Taube-Koret Center for

Neurodegenerative Disease Research, and Frank Longo, MD, Ph.D., professor of neurology at Stanford School of Medicine. The program, coordinated by Stanford’s Dr. Harvey Cohen, introduces gene editing and stem cell therapies to effect treatments. The gift will be distributed in annual increments through 2021 to account for the long-term process of translating scientific insights into clinical trials and applications.

Also in 2017, Taube Philanthropies gave \$750,000 in support of Dr. Lisa Ellerby for her work at the Buck Institute for Research on Aging to collaborate in the development of Huntington’s therapeutics.

In August 2017, Retrotape Inc. was formally introduced to the collaborative by Dr. Harry Saal, its Executive Chairman. Retrotape has created an extraordinarily innovative approach to preventing, halting, and reversing a broad range of neurodegenerative disease indications. ■

Dr. Steven Finkbeiner,
Gladstone Institutes



Dr. Frank Longo,
Stanford University
Medical Center



Dr. Harvey Cohen,
Stanford University
Medical Center



Dr. Lisa Ellerby,
Buck Institute for
Research on Aging



Dr. Matthew Porteus,
Stanford University
Medical Center



Dr. Mara Grazia
Roncarolo,
Stanford University
Medical Center



Prof. Karen Avraham,
Tel Aviv University



YOUTH CONCUSSION AND ADDICTION

\$14.5 million

Taube Philanthropies made two gifts totaling \$14.5 million to Stanford University School of Medicine and the Lucile Packard Children's Hospital to address concussions and drug addiction—two of the most significant issues affecting the health and well-being of children and adolescents.

Children's Concussion Collaborative

A gift of \$5 million established the Taube Stanford Concussion Collaborative.

It leverages the medical expertise of Stanford School of Medicine and Packard Children's with TeachAids, a Stanford-founded educational technology nonprofit, to advance education, care, and research to protect children from concussions. As a part of the project, athletes will use "smart" mouth guards that measure head motion during impact and help predict the likelihood of concussion. The data gathered will be analyzed to develop algorithms for predicting an individual athlete's risk for concussion and lead to personalized approaches to preventing and treating concussions. An additional gift of \$1 million supports the Concussion Collaborative's online education initiative, "Crash Course," which corrects misconceptions about concussions, increases concussion reporting, and gathers clinical data. ■



The Youth Addiction Initiative

A gift of \$9.5 million launched the Tad and Dianne Taube Youth Addiction Initiative,

at the Division of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry in the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences at the Stanford University School of Medicine. The nation's first program of its kind to comprehensively address the treatment and prevention of addiction during adolescence, it is part of a major endeavor at Stanford School of Medicine and Packard Children's to address mental health—the greatest unmet healthcare need for young people ages 12 to 25. Traditional addiction programs wait until adulthood to treat the problem. By then, it has already reached crisis levels. The Tad and Dianne Taube Youth Addiction Initiative established an endowed directorship to organize and lead the initiative; an endowed postdoctoral fellowship to train a researcher or clinician in child and adolescent mental health with a focus on addiction; and three endowed faculty scholar awards for faculty members who will focus on clinical care, research, and community engagement. ■



Urology/Prostate Cancer Endowed Professorship

Taube Philanthropies has committed a \$5 million gift to endow a distinguished professorship in the Department of Urology at the University of California, San Francisco (UCSF). The establishment of the Taube Family Distinguished Professorship in Urology will support the research, teaching, and service activities of the recipient. “Supporting a leading prostate center adds or enhances a capability that’s going to multiply its impact, making something that’s already great even better,” Tad Taube said.

\$5 million

to endow the Taube Family Distinguished Professorship in the Department of Urology at the University of California San Francisco

Subsequently Taube Philanthropies granted \$50,000 to the Palo Alto Medical Foundation to support clinical trials that will provide additional data for prostate cancer research. ■

Children’s Health Council

The Taube Family Teen Mental Health Initiative (TMHI) supports teens and families with therapy, community education, and community engagement programs.

Tad Taube made a planned bequest of \$1.5 million to the Children’s Health Council to support the TMHI.

To speed activation of the program, Taube Philanthropies committed five consecutive annual payments of \$50,000 from the Taube Family Donor Advised Fund at Stanford. ■



Child Mind Institute

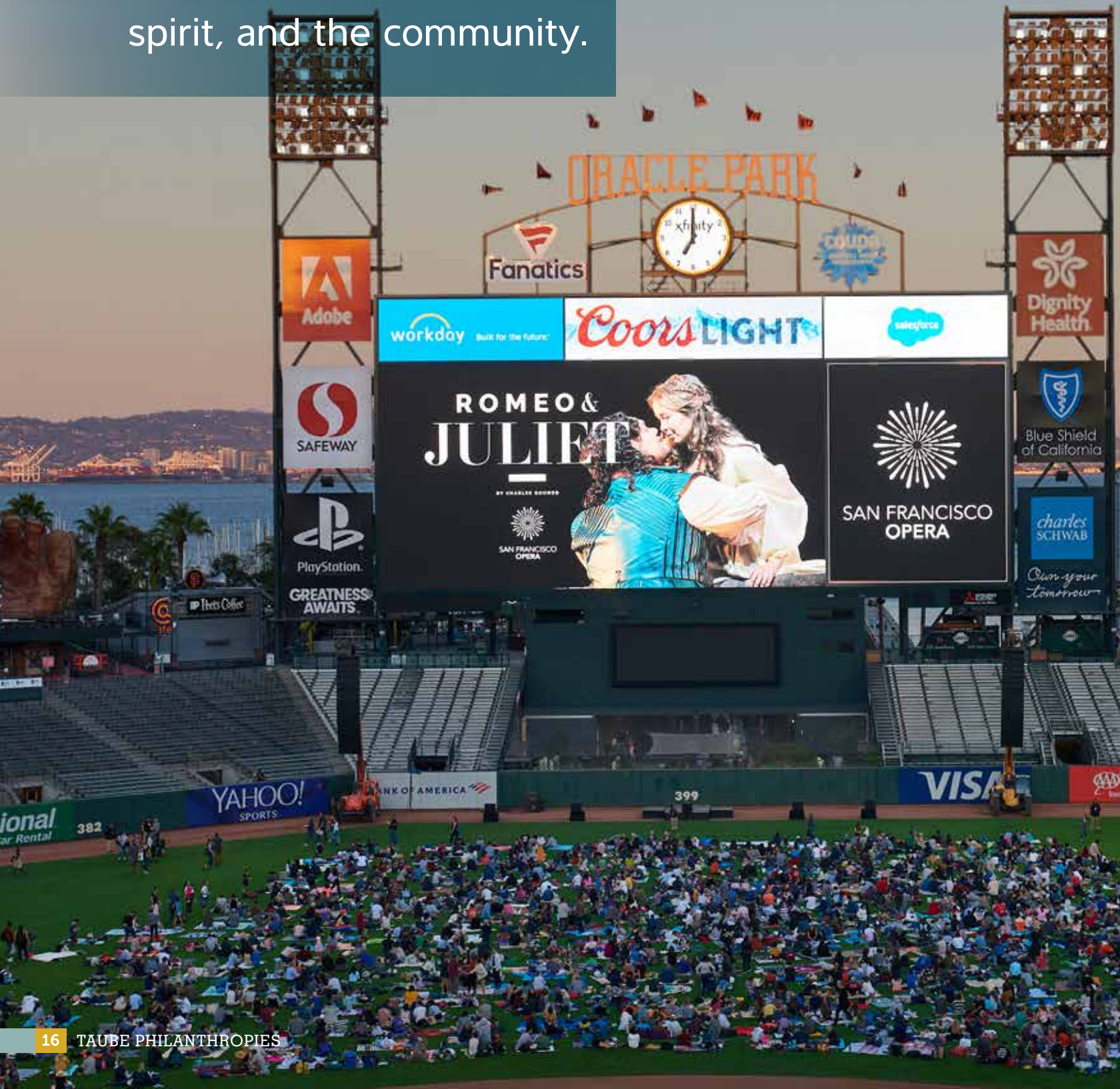
In pursuit of children’s mental health and learning ability, Taube Philanthropies supports the Child Mind Institute (CMI), dedicated to researching the developing brain, delivering clinical care, and improving access to evidence-based interventions. CMI’s Healthy Brain Network (HBN) campaign will compile the world’s largest dataset on the developing brain. ■



HBN participant gets fitted with an EEG cap, which evaluates the brain’s electrical activity.

Taube Philanthropies supports cultural and civic organizations that nourish the mind, the spirit, and the community.

September 21, 2019: a lively crowd enjoyed the live simulcast of the San Francisco Opera production of Charles Gounod's *Romeo and Juliet* at Oracle Park. Photo: Stefan Cohen/San Francisco Opera



Civic and Cultural Life

HISTORICALLY, renowned cultural institutions like the San Francisco Opera and civic spaces like Golden Gate Park have been the beneficiaries of Jewish giving. It is a legacy that Taube Philanthropies is proud to continue. Over the past two years, Taube Philanthropies has awarded more than \$20 million in major gifts and program grants to support and enhance civic and cultural life across the Bay Area.



The UC Theatre Taube Family Music Hall: Israel Out Loud concert, May 2018.
Photo: Dave Weiland

Golden Gate Park Tennis Center, Taube Family Clubhouse, and New Tournaments Program

Taube Philanthropies has committed \$8.6 million with 1:1 matching support toward the capital campaign to renovate the historic Golden Gate Park Tennis Center (GGPTC).

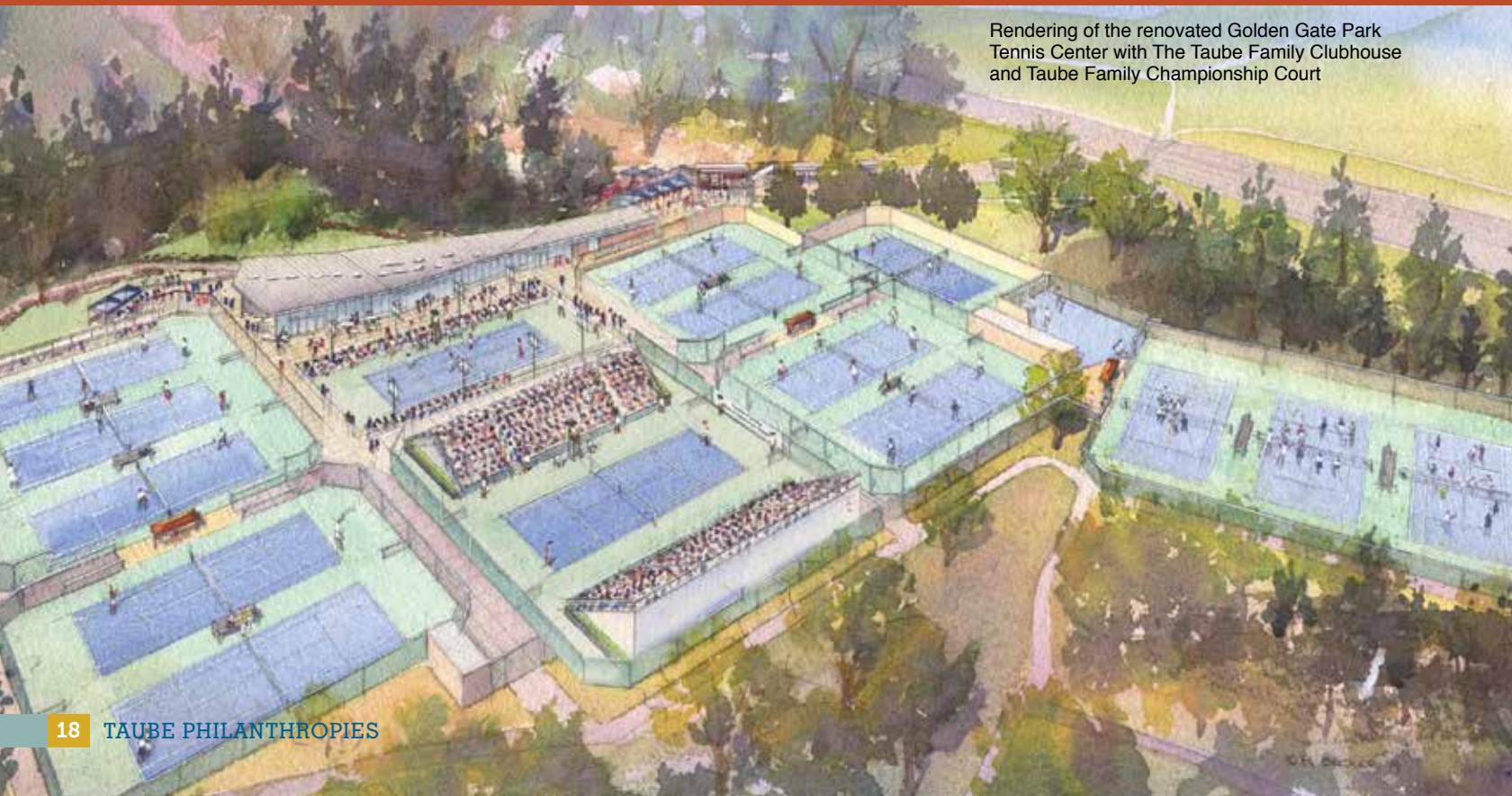
In recognition of this grant, the largest that the GGPTC has received, the San Francisco Parks Alliance will name the Tennis Center's clubhouse The Taube Family Clubhouse, and there will be three tennis court namings, including the Taube Family Championship Court. ■

\$8.6 million

to support the capital campaign to renovate the Golden Gate Park Tennis Center

In 2020, Taube Philanthropies also made a 1:1 matching gift of \$300,000 to facilitate the establishment of a series of tennis tournaments, four per year, in a partnership with the Tennis Coalition San Francisco, the San Francisco Parks Alliance, and former tennis professional Erik van Dillen.

Rendering of the renovated Golden Gate Park Tennis Center with The Taube Family Clubhouse and Taube Family Championship Court



San Francisco Opera's Tad and Dianne Taube General Director Matthew Shilvock

Tad and Dianne Taube have committed \$6 million to name the San Francisco Opera Company's general director position. In February 2020 Matthew Shilvock became the first Tad and Dianne Taube General Director. "Matthew's extraordinary artistic expertise and insightful management talents are a valuable asset to the San Francisco Opera," said Dianne Taube, who has served on the San Francisco Opera Association's Board of Directors since 2001. She is a past member of the Board of Directors of the San Francisco Opera Guild and chaired the Opera Ball in 2000.

As long-time patrons and sponsors of the San Francisco Opera, the Taube family has supported more than a dozen mainstage productions and provided signature funding for the innovative Dianne and Tad Taube Atrium Theater, an intimate, state-of-the-art, 299-seat venue in the Diane B. Wilsey Center for Opera. Support from the Taube family helped establish the Koret/Taube Media Suite and also sponsored free live simulcasts, Opera at the Ballpark, which have brought opera to more than 300,000 Bay Area residents and families since 2006. ■

\$6 million

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Company's general
director position



San Francisco Opera in the Ballpark

In collaboration with the Koret Foundation, Taube Philanthropies helped the San Francisco Opera develop the first permanent high-definition broadcast-standard video production facility installed in any American opera house. This capability has enabled the Opera to present performance simulcasts of outstanding visual and aural quality. Since 2006, San Francisco Opera simulcasts have drawn a combined crowd of more than 250,000 people to enjoy free, live opera. On September 21, 2019, a crowd flocked to San Francisco Opera's live simulcast at Oracle Park for a festive evening of Charles Gounod's *Romeo and Juliet*. The performance was broadcast live from the War Memorial Opera House three miles across town, and was made possible through the extraordinary technology of the San Francisco Opera Company's high-definition video production facility, the Koret-Taube Media Suite. ■

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Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's *Don Giovanni*, June 30, 2017.
Photo: Stefan Cohen

Bizet's *Carmen* at Opera in the Ballpark, July 4, 2016.
Photo: San Francisco Opera

San Mateo County Historical Association and Museum Taube Family Carriage House Project

To assist the San Mateo County Historical Association and Museum, in Redwood City, in creating a facility for showcasing its prized collection of 30 horse-drawn carriages from the 19th and early 20th century as well as historical automobiles and related items associated with the exploration and settlement of San Mateo County, **Taube Philanthropies committed \$7 million to the total capital campaign.** The gift provides a naming of the new facility, the Taube Family Carriage House. In addition, the entrance exhibit gallery will be named the Taube Legacy Gallery. The 14,000 sq. ft., three-level building will have glass walls so that nighttime lighting will allow the public to gaze in and enjoy the displays at any time. A rooftop terrace and ground floor courtyard will host events and enable summertime museum camps for children. Seeking to encourage collaborative philanthropic partners in support of the project, Taube Philanthropies has divided its gift into two parts. The first part, for \$1 million, is provided as matching funds. The second, of \$6 million, will be paid as construction of the facility proceeds. Currently the museum is in the final stretch of completing the capital campaign with close to \$3 million still to be raised. ■



The UC Theatre Taube Family Music Hall

Opened in April 2016, the new UC Theatre Taube Family Music Hall is a world-class music venue, cultural institution, and educational center, serving broad and diverse audiences and enriching the Bay Area community's music, culture, and quality of life while providing distinguished education and career pathways programs for local youth and especially underserved youth. In 2015, Taube Philanthropies committed a \$1.3 million matching grant to The UC Theatre, which facilitated the reopening of the 100-year-old theatre after a closure of 15 years, and its transformation from a cinema to a 1,400-seat performance space. On September 22, 2016, the Taube Family Music Hall was named in honor of this gift at a formal event and unveiling at The UC Theatre. Shana Penn, executive director of Taube Philanthropies, was also recognized with the naming of the Shana Penn Lobby. In 2020, Taube Philanthropies gave a 1:1 matching gift of \$100,000 for emergency operations. ■

Inside view of the Taube Family Music Hall.
Photo: Joe Keefe



San Francisco Zoo, Snow Leopard Exhibit


A Taube Philanthropies grant of \$1 million is enabling the San Francisco Zoological Society to create and house a new exhibit, to be named the Taube Family Snow Leopard Exhibit. Snow leopards are an elusive, endangered species of great cat, hunted for their fur and for bones which are used in Asian medicines. A very successful breeding program at the zoo has produced 42 snow leopards since 1958. The Taube Philanthropies grant provides for construction of a modern facility that will include climbing poles for the cats and viewing opportunities for the zoo's visitors. ■



San Francisco Ballet, Dance Workshops for Adults with Parkinson's Disease

A grant of \$20,000 over two years to the San Francisco Ballet expands an innovative and very successful program designed to benefit adults with Parkinson's disease. San Francisco Ballet School, in partnership with Taube Philanthropies, Kaiser Permanente and their physicians, offers dance classes designed for individuals living with Parkinson's and their family members, friends, and caregivers. Studies indicate that dance can help address the effects of the disease such as impaired walking and balance. Support from Taube Philanthropies enables the San Francisco Ballet to provide nearly 150 individuals and their care partners with dance classes tailored to their needs and abilities. ■





Taube Philanthropies regards education as the most powerful means we have to change the world.

The new library of the Taube Department of Jewish Studies at the University of Wrocław. Photo: Taube Department of Jewish Studies

Academia and Campus Life

CENTERS OF LEARNING AND SCHOLARSHIP

mark our quest for understanding the world around us. Never before have we felt more acutely the complexity and diversity of human society, and never has it been more critical that we appreciate its fragility. Taube Philanthropies is proud to support organizations and institutions in the United States and elsewhere that may approach research and learning from different perspectives and disciplines but share a commitment to excellence and to the well-being of our diverse human community.



Stanford Prof. Gabriella Safran teaches a GEOP seminar at POLIN Museum, Warsaw.

USC Thornton School of Music, Dianne and Tad Taube Polish Music Center Archives



**\$2
million**

supports the performance
and preservation of Polish
music at the University of
Southern California

Jazz violinist and composer Krzesimir Dębski, one of the musicians whose work is being collected at the USC Thornton School of Music Dianne and Tad Taube Polish Musical Archives. Photo: Jacek Nowaczyński

A grant of \$2 million from Taube Philanthropies supports the performance and preservation of Polish music at the University of Southern California and for global access. The Polish Music Center at the USC Thornton School of Music (PMC) holds the largest public collection of published and archival materials related to Polish music outside of Poland, and is the only center at an American university devoted solely to Polish music. Its library houses more than 15,000 items, including musical scores and copies of unpublished manuscripts dating back to 1800.

The grant provides a total of \$1.5 million to:

- 1) establish The Dianne and Tad Taube Polish Music Endowed Fund for general support of the Polish Music Center and
- 2) \$500,000 to establish the Dianne and Tad Taube Polish Music Current Fund, a two-year current-use fund to support the digitization of the Dianne and Tad Taube Polish Music Center Archives at the USC Thornton School of Music, with a preference for digitization of the most fragile, urgent, and important rare materials from the archives.

Polish music has a tradition reaching back to the Middle Ages but has suffered from official constraints over the centuries, during the country's complex and challenging history. Many of the source materials on Polish music were stolen or destroyed during the Nazi occupation of Poland. During the following four decades of communist rule, Poland's musical heritage was often suppressed, circumscribed, and censored. The PMC collects and preserves the widest spectrum of Poland's musical culture to ensure that it remains accessible to researchers, students, and music lovers of all generations and nations. ■

Taube Archive of the International Military Tribunal of Nuremberg 1945-46

Taube Philanthropies is proud to award a \$1.5 million gift to Stanford University Libraries to enable them to receive the entire digital archive of the International Military Tribunal — also known as the Nuremberg Trial of 1945-46 — from the International Court of Justice, The Hague. Stanford Libraries' agreement with the Peace Palace, together with the Taube gift, enables the Libraries to move forward with acquiring the digital archive, which includes the full texts, audio recordings, images, and moving images, and to create a host provider of public access to the digital archive with numerous research functions. From inception to completion, the work will take an estimated 24 to 36 months. The Nuremberg Trial archive is a unique and valuable information resource for researchers worldwide, especially scholars of international



United States Army clerks with evidence collected for the Nuremberg trials

law. It is also an invaluable educational tool for preserving the documentation and memory of the Holocaust and other aspects of the systematic mass atrocities perpetrated by the Nazi regime against occupied countries. The Taube Philanthropies gift will help make the complete record of the trial fully accessible for the first time for this generation and the future. ■



Nuremberg trial defendants in their dock, circa 1945-1946. (front row, left to right): Hermann Göring, Rudolf Hess, Joachim von Ribbentrop, Wilhelm Keitel (second row, left to right): Karl Dönitz, Erich Raeder, Baldur von Schirach, Fritz Sauckel. The main target of the prosecution was Hermann Göring, considered to be the most important surviving official in Nazi Germany

Jagiellonian University Taube Centre for Advanced Studies in the Social Sciences

A grant of \$3 million dollars has been committed to the establishment and multi-year support of the Taube Centre for Advanced Studies in the Social Sciences at Jagiellonian University's Faculty of International and Political Studies. The Centre will initiate and facilitate research in the field of the social sciences by supporting post-doctoral scholars and junior faculty in developing their research activities in a one- or two-semester residence at Jagiellonian University; conducting and supporting advanced research and activities in the field of the social sciences; organizing/participating in conferences, trainings, seminars, and workshops related to the Centre's program; giving lectures; publishing relevant academic papers; and strengthening the university's academic standing internationally. ■



Courtyard of Collegium Maius of Jagiellonian University, Krakow

Taube Department of Jewish Studies, University of Wrocław

A capital grant of \$100,000 over 4 years (2017-2020) supported the renovation of the University of Wrocław's Taube Department of Jewish Studies, which opened at its new city-center location on June 18, 2018. The facility provides an increased number of classrooms, offices, and conference and seminar rooms. The expansion also enables the Jewish studies program to house its extensive Jewish library collection, to which Taube Philanthropies first donated books 15 years ago. As Shana Penn, Taube Philanthropies executive director, stated in her remarks at the inauguration and ribbon-cutting ceremony: "When Taube Philanthropies Chairman Tad Taube, Koret Foundation President Dr. Anita Friedman, and I visited the Jewish Studies office two years ago, we were virtually heartbroken to witness boxes piled high one on top of another in a rather small room. We realized we could help make a difference." The new library is a fully functional, state-of-the-art facility worthy of the highly respected academics at the Taube Department of Jewish Studies.

The grant was part of a collaborative philanthropic effort with the Koret Foundation, Kronhill-Pletka Foundation, Adam Heimath, and other donors. At the ribbon-cutting ceremony, Executive Director Penn announced an additional \$25,000 grant to support faculty research, with \$1,200 earmarked for the publication of a new collected volume, translated into Polish, of Yiddish women poets, titled *My Wild Goat: An Anthology of Yiddish Female Poets*, in honor of the unveiling. ■



Third from left, Dr. Marcin Wodzinski, Chair of the Taube Department of Jewish Studies, Wrocław University, with faculty and students



Taube Family Chair in Jewish Studies at the Graduate Theological Union

A gift of \$750,000 to the Graduate Theological Union (GTU) establishes the Taube Family Chair in Jewish Studies, completing additional grants made by Taube Philanthropies to GTU over almost 20 years. The gift recognizes the fruitful relationship between Taube Philanthropies and the GTU's Richard S. Dinner Center for Jewish Studies (CJS) and will support the scholarship and faculty position of Dr. Sam Shonkoff. Currently, Dr. Shonkoff serves as Assistant Professor of Jewish Studies at CJS, where he teaches on Jewish religious thought and modern Jewish cultures. His research focuses primarily on German-Jewish and Hasidic theologies, as well as appropriations of Hasidism in relatively secular spheres. His writings on religion and spirituality have been published in many books, journals, and periodicals for both academic and general audiences. ■



Dr. Sam Shonkoff

Graduate Theological Union Interreligious Chaplaincy Training Program

A two-year grant of \$100,000 has established the Jewish chaplaincy training program, for the academic year 2019-20, at the Graduate Theological Union (GTU). The program is a component of a larger inter-religious chaplaincy initiative at GTU, directed by Dr. Kamal Abu-Shamsieh, and includes outreach to students, a lectureship, and two academic programs. The chaplaincy program shares resources with the Chaplaincy Innovation Lab—a national network out of Brandeis University. The program offers two tracks: a master's degree in Jewish studies for prospective Jewish chaplains plus a graduate certificate of interreligious chaplaincy; as well as a certificate-only track. Seminars introducing chaplaincy in various settings provide in-depth understanding of issues in Hindu, Jewish, and Muslim theologies. ■

Left to right: Munir Jiwa, Director of the GTU Center for Islamic Studies; Bruce Feldstein, founder and director of JFCS Jewish Chaplaincy Services serving Stanford Medicine, and Adjunct Clinical Professor at Stanford University School of Medicine; Deena Aranoff, Director of the GTU Richard S. Dinner Center for Jewish Studies; Kamal Abu-Shamsieh, Director of the GTU Interreligious Chaplaincy Program.



The George P. Shultz Visiting Fellowship at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library

A grant of \$400,000 to the Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation & Institute (RRPFI) establishes the George P. Shultz Visiting Fellowship, made in recognition of Hon. Shultz's centennial birthday on December 13, 2020. The grant will provide five years of support for the Fellowship.

Former U.S. Secretary of State George P. Shultz has had a distinguished career in government, in academia, and in the world of business. In the Reagan administration, Mr. Shultz was the Chairman of the President's Economic Policy Advisory Board (1981-82) and Secretary of State (1982-89). In January 1989, Mr. Shultz was awarded the Medal of Freedom, the nation's highest civilian honor. Since 1989, he has been a Distinguished Fellow at the Hoover Institution, Stanford University, and has also served as a member of the RRPFI Board of Trustees. He is a recipient of the Ronald Reagan Peace Through Strength Award for his lifetime of service dedicated to our nation's national security posture. The Ronald Reagan Presidential Library will collaborate with the Hoover Institution on various related educational activities and programs. ■



Koret Prize ceremony, 1996: Tad Taube, president of Koret; George Shultz, prize recipient



President Ronald Reagan and George Shultz outside the Oval Office

The Arnie Eisen Graduate Research Fellowship in Modern Jewish History

Taube Philanthropies committed \$75,000 over three years toward graduate research fellowships at the Jewish Theological Seminary of America in New York, the flagship of the conservative movement. The fellowships will be in Modern Jewish History and are named in honor of Chancellor Emeritus and Professor of Modern Jewish Thought Dr. Arnold Eisen. ■



Dr. Arnold Eisen, Chancellor Emeritus of the Jewish Theological Seminary

Aaron Panken Merit Scholarship, Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion at University of Southern California

A grant of \$150,000 creating the Aaron Panken Merit Scholarships was made in 2018 to honor the memory of the president of Hebrew Union College–Jewish Institute of Religion, who died in a plane crash on May 5, 2018. Rabbi Panken, who was president of the college from 2013 to 2018, was a noted scholar, dedicated teacher, and distinguished leader of the Reform movement for nearly three decades. Hebrew Union College was founded in Cincinnati in 1875 as a center of Reform Judaism and now operates additional campuses in Los Angeles, New York, and Jerusalem. The scholarships enable six rabbinical students of academic excellence to study at the college’s Jewish Institute of Religion campus at the University of Southern California. All of the North American rabbinical, cantorial, and education students are required to spend their first year of study at the Jerusalem campus, where they establish lifelong ties to Israel. ■



Rabbi Aaron Panken (1964-2018)

Oxford Centre for Postgraduate Hebrew Studies, Taube Family Scholarship Fund

A four-year grant of \$100,000 (2019-2022) established the Taube Family Scholarship Fund to support doctoral candidates accepted for a DPhil degree at the Faculty of Oriental Studies of the University of Oxford. The scholarship enables scholars to engage in research on topics of Hebrew and Jewish studies, making use of resources at the Bodleian Libraries of the University of Oxford, first opened to scholars in 1602 and holding more than 13 million printed items. ■



The Esther Wojcicki Annual Lectureships and Master Workshops 2018-2020

A three-year gift of \$150,000 underwrites The Esther Wojcicki Annual Lectureship and Master Workshop at the University of California, Berkeley Graduate School of Journalism. The 2018-2020 program honors internationally renowned journalism educator Esther Wojcicki, an alumna of the UCB Graduate School of Journalism and founder of the Palo Alto High School Media Arts Program, one of the nation's most distinguished scholastic media programs. The Wojcicki Lecturer is an outstanding journalist who exemplifies the commitment to public enlightenment through bold and eloquent reporting that Esther Wojcicki has championed throughout her career. Each Wojcicki Lecturer serves a week-long residency at the Graduate School of Journalism. The lecturers so far have been Kara Swisher, one of the country's most influential IT journalists, covering the Silicon Valley for over two decades; pioneering technology journalist John Markoff; and *Guardian/Observer* investigative journalist Carole Cadwalladr, who broke the Facebook-Cambridge Analytica scandal. ■



Tad Taube and Esther Wojcicki

Jewish Studies Program at University of California Santa Cruz

A three-year grant of \$75,000 enabled the Center for Jewish Studies at UC Santa Cruz to develop a wide range of courses, undergraduate fellowships, public-facing research projects, and events. Taube funding supported a new course offering, "Visualizing American Jewish History," which surveys the Jewish experience through digital means. It uses mapping, data visualization, and multi-modal storytelling methods to understand the religious, cultural, and political activities of American Jews.

The grant from Taube Philanthropies also supported other important activities. Among scholarship opportunities afforded by the grant, the Center for Jewish Studies supported four promising undergraduate students with summer fellowships. The Center for Jewish Studies hosted a public conversation at the Computer History Museum in Mountain View on "Anti-Semitism and the Internet: Old Hatred and New," involving the co-directors of the Digital Jewish Studies Initiative and the director of the Center for Jewish Studies, among others. The event was featured in a report on anti-Semitism by KQED. Support from the Taube Foundation enabled Nathaniel Deutsch to design the website for "The Minhag Project: A Digital Archive of Jewish Customs," which was featured in *Gazeta* 25:4, Fall/Winter 2018 and in *The Times of Israel*. ■



Professor Nathaniel Deutsch, Chair, Jewish Studies, UCSC

Women's Sports Foundation College Coaching Fellowships

A grant of \$100,000 supports the Women's Sports Foundation's Tara VanDerveer Fund for the Advancement of Women in Coaching. Inspired by legendary Stanford University women's basketball coach Tara VanDerveer, the fund seeks to address an alarming gender inequity in collegiate sports and is designed to provide fellowships to aspiring women coaches across all collegiate sports. VanDerveer Fellowships emphasize hands-on training and mentorship with established collegiate coaches in order to strengthen professional development, provide networking guidance, and identify paths to advancement.

The Women's Sports Foundation was established by tennis champion Billie Jean King in 1974 to advance the lives of women and girls through sports and physical activity. It advocates, educates, provides financial assistance to aspiring champion athletes, and funds groundbreaking research. The four-year grant from Taube Philanthropies will support four Tara Fellowships at \$25,000 each. ■



Tennis star Billie Jean King, who established the Women's Sports Foundation in 1974

Positive Coaching Alliance Winner of the 2020 Taube Family Prize for Excellence in Coaching

DeVon Holmes, from the Cindy Platt Boys & Girls Club of Transylvania County, was selected as the **2020 Positive Coaching Alliance winner of the \$10,000 Taube Family Prize in Recognition of Excellence in Coaching**. DeVon won \$2,500 and gave \$7,500 to the Cindy Platt Boys and Girls Club. The Positive Coaching Alliance is a national organization founded at Stanford University in 1988 by Jim Thompson while working with kids with behavioral and emotional issues. He found that all youth, no matter their circumstances, can benefit from a positive, inclusive sports culture that develops social and emotional skills, molds character, and prepares them for competition and life. The prize review committee felt strongly that "Coach Holmes exemplifies what it means to be a strong role model and leads his athletes with compassion, integrity, and joy." In response to the announcement, Tad Taube remarked, "We are pleased and proud of Coach Devon Holmes on his selection as the recipient of the Taube Family Prize in Recognition of Excellence in Coaching. We wish Coach Holmes continued success in serving as a role model for his fellow coaches and in advancing the highest standards of the coaching profession." ■



Jagiellonian University Awards Tad Taube with Highest Honor

On June 12, 2018, Tad Taube, Kraków-born founder of Taube Philanthropies, was awarded an honorary doctorate from Jagiellonian University in Kraków for his work supporting academic Jewish studies and Jewish life in Poland.

Mr. Taube is the only philanthropist among very few non-academic honorees — including the Dalai Lama, Mother Teresa of Calcutta, and President Woodrow Wilson — to receive this distinction in the course of the award’s 200-year history.

“I am delighted that the most important of titles conferred by the Jagiellonian University will be bestowed upon a person who has made an outstanding contribution to the development of Jewish studies in Poland,” wrote university rector Professor Wojciech Nowak, MD, PhD, in a letter congratulating Mr. Taube.

The custom of awarding the honorary doctorate dates back to the 1810s. The university, founded in 1364, is the oldest in Central Europe and one of the most esteemed universities in Europe. Mr. Taube’s journey to Kraków marked a return to a place with major significance for his family. His father earned a law degree from Jagiellonian University in 1928, only three years before Mr. Taube’s birth in Kraków in 1931. Less than a decade later, he and his parents left Poland for the safety of the United States just before the start of World War II. Family members who remained in Kraków were tragically caught up in the Holocaust.

“There are almost no words to describe what it means to stand in the very hall where my father received his law diploma ninety years ago, in a country he loved, at a university that gave him the chance to lead a successful life in Poland and the United States,” said Mr. Taube. “This award is a gift, and I am humbled and grateful to the Jagiellonian University for honoring me.” ■



Jagiellonian University Rector Wojciech Nowak awards an honorary doctorate to Tad Taube. Image courtesy of Jagiellonian University



Philanthropy for education must continually adapt to the constantly changing profile of our schools, colleges, and universities.



Education / Buildings and Programs

IN THE HISTORIC SPIRIT OF AMERICAN EDUCATION,

Taube Philanthropies has long supported learning and research both within and outside the university. The pursuit of education is the hallmark of a democracy in which every person can influence the nation's direction. Both formal and informal education can serve a wide variety of interests and inclinations. Education has also been a public/private pursuit. Independent schools, universities, museums, libraries, and archives have been shaped significantly by both public funding and private philanthropy.

From its earliest years, Taube Philanthropies has been a supporter of Stanford University and programs at the University of California, Berkeley. On-campus programs, such as Hillel, and curriculum innovations, such as Jewish Studies, now thrive, in part, due to key support from Taube Philanthropies. Taube Philanthropies has also contributed to a realignment and redefinition of educational functions over the past decades, as institutions expand and combine their offerings. Libraries now sponsor academic courses, archives host exhibitions, and museums have become multigenerational learning environments.

National World War II Museum

A \$2 million commitment from Taube Philanthropies and a Tad Taube legacy gift support the Taube Family Holocaust Education Program at the National World War II Museum, in New Orleans. The first five years of the program, beginning in 2018, are funded with a \$1 million grant. The second \$1 million is a bequest from Tad Taube's estate plan. The foundation's gift supports ongoing Holocaust educational initiatives, including free public programming presented annually on International Holocaust Remembrance Day (January 27), as well as year-round programs that allow students nationwide to explore individual and collective responsibility in the Holocaust.



High school students present their history projects at The National WWII Museum

To launch the Holocaust education initiative, on Thursday, October 25, 2018, the museum hosted a special two-day program starting with a screening of *Who Will Write Our History*, a feature-length docudrama examining how Polish Jewish historian Emanuel Ringelblum rallied a clandestine group within the Warsaw Ghetto to chronicle the lives of thousands of Polish Jews as they suffered and ultimately were deported to death camps. Producer/Director Roberta Grossman and Producer Nancy Spielberg were featured at the film's screening, along with historian Samuel Kassow, who wrote the acclaimed book on which the docudrama is based. A panel of speakers including Barbara Kirshenblatt-Gimblett and Daniel Greene held an accompanying public symposium on the question: "What do we do when the witnesses are gone?" ■



L to R: Taube Philanthropies' Joy and Rick Mayerson, Sean Taube, and Shana Penn with WWII Museum senior staff and donors and Museum President and CEO Stephen Watson, far right, at the Holocaust education initiative program in October 2018

Imperial War Museum, Taube Family Holocaust Learning Centre

Taube Philanthropies awarded a major grant of \$1,292,600 (1,000,000 GBP) to the United Kingdom's Imperial War Museum, to support the creation and operation of the digitally enabled Taube Family Holocaust Learning Centre, at its main museum complex in London. The Imperial War Museum will establish the learning center at a site adjacent to its Holocaust Galleries, now being completely updated. Both are scheduled to reopen in 2021.

Founded in 1917, the Imperial War Museum (IWM) has become a unique museum, research and learning center, and repository devoted to all conflicts in which British or Commonwealth forces were involved since World War I. Its vast collection includes not only the objects of war and related matters but also important works of art and an archive of written and audiovisual resources. Taube Philanthropies is proud to partner with one of the world's greatest history museums in presenting a cutting-edge understanding of the immediate, long-term, and global effects of the Holocaust for present and future generations. ■



Menlo School

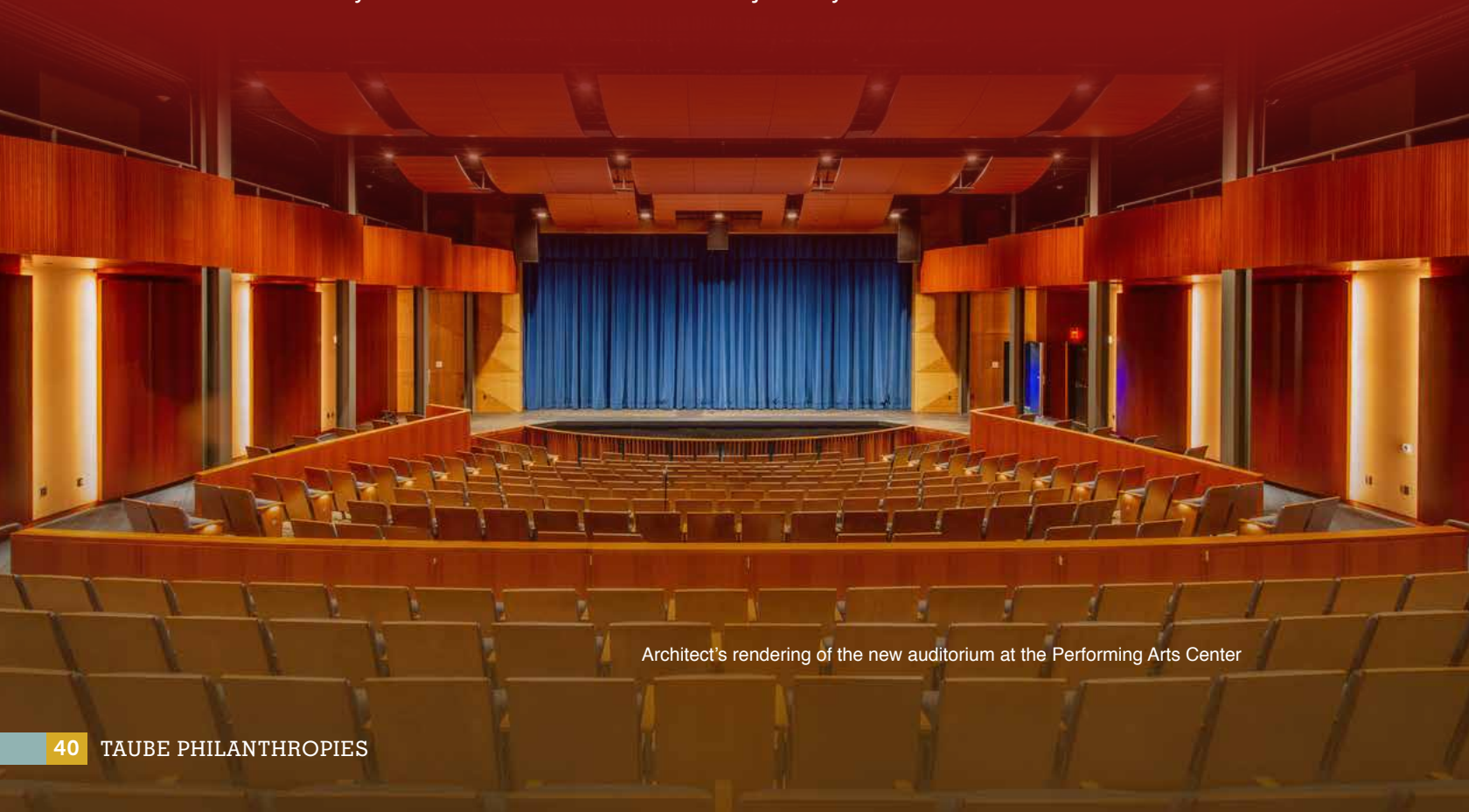
Taube Philanthropies gift of \$6.5 million supports the Menlo School Centennial Campaign, and is specifically directed toward the capital project for a new Performing Arts Center (PAC) with a state-of-the-art auditorium. The grant is distributed over five years beginning in April 2019.

Menlo School, established in 1915, is an independent, coeducational, college preparatory school in Atherton, California, for students in grades six through twelve. The school is dedicated to providing a challenging academic curriculum complemented by outstanding creative arts and athletic programs. Menlo's program encourages students to reach their full potential and to develop the skills necessary to respond intelligently and humanely to the complexities of a diverse and increasingly interconnected world.

The 40,000-square-foot Performing Arts Center will feature a nearly 400-seat auditorium, which will host approximately 80 annual performances showcasing the work of Menlo's entire student body over the course of their school journey. ■



Visualization of the Performing Arts Center main entrance



Architect's rendering of the new auditorium at the Performing Arts Center

Stanford Jewish Center (Stanford Chabad), A New Home

Taube Philanthropies awarded a total of \$2.3 million for the construction of a new home for the Stanford Jewish Center near the university campus, to be named Taube Chabad House. Chabad at Stanford had outgrown its space capacity; the new, larger space will enable it to do more and serve more community members. Tad Taube remarked, “It is a privilege to share in the good fortune I’ve had as a Jewish immigrant who came to the United States as a child from Poland. It is most satisfying to be able to support organizations that bring people of common interest together.” The Taube Chabad House’s entry hall will be named in honor of Sean Taube. ■



\$2.3 million

awarded for the construction of a new home of the Stanford Jewish Center near the university campus, to be named Taube Chabad House.







Sports for Youth Programs

TAUBE PHILANTHROPIES HELPS its grantees achieve impact and become winners through collaborative giving. Working in partnership with leading sports teams in the Bay Area, Taube Philanthropies multiplies the dollars invested in programs for at-risk youth by collaborating with major professional sports teams that care as much about winning as about giving back to the community.

In concert with a community of donors and in collaboration with Bay Area professional sports teams, Taube Philanthropies helps support a number of affiliated youth organizations that provide mentoring and tutoring and a safe after-school environment for at-risk youngsters.

Touchdowns for Kids through the 49ers Foundation

Hoops 4 Kids through the Warriors Community Foundation

Goals for Kids through the Sharks Foundation

Since the inception of Taube Philanthropies sports-related collaboratives with the 49ers, Warriors, and Sharks:

\$6.23 million

has been raised and over

1,500,000

at-risk youngsters have been able to improve their lives.

49ers Foundation Touchdowns for Kids

The idea behind Touchdowns for Kids (TDK) is simple: every time the San Francisco 49ers score a touchdown or a field goal or a defensive play, TDK and its collaborative partners provide a pre-established dollar amount to help underserved Bay Area youngsters.



Since launching the program in 2011, Taube Philanthropies, the 49ers Foundation, and other donors have contributed over

\$1,964,000

to support **38** preselected Bay Area charitable organizations that support at-risk youth through TDK on-field competition.



Warriors Community Foundation

HOOPS 4 KIDS

Every time the Golden State Warriors basketball team tosses a 3-point basket, it generates \$500 for selected Bay Area organizations supporting at-risk youth. The funds are donated by Taube Philanthropies and its collaborative partners to help make everyone a winner, regardless of the final score.



- Since launching the program in 2013, Taube Philanthropies, the Warriors Community Foundation, and other donors have contributed over

\$2,789,000

- to support **30** preselected Bay Area charitable organizations.



Sharks Foundation GOALS FOR KIDS

The San Jose Sharks hockey team scores numerous times during each season, and every goal since 2014 has helped youth in the Bay Area through the Goals for Kids program. For each goal, the Sharks team generates \$1,000 for local organizations dedicated to supporting underserved youth and families through Taube Philanthropies and its collaborative partners.



Since launching the program in 2014, Taube Philanthropies, the Sharks Foundation, and other donors have contributed over

\$1,447,000

to support **28** preselected Bay Area charitable organizations.



BENEFICIARY ORGANIZATIONS

Touchdowns for Kids

(2011-12 season inception)

10 Books A Home
49ers Academy
49ers EDU
49ers Prep
49ers STEM Leadership Institute
Aim High Academy
Bay Area Women's Sports Initiative
Bay Scholars
Breakthrough Silicon Valley
BUILD
Center for Youth Wellness
City Team Ministries
City Year
College Spring
Counseling and Support Services
for Youth
Cristo Rey San Jose Jesuit High
School
East Bay College Fund
East Palo Alto Tennis and
Tutoring Project
Fresh Lifelines for Youth, Inc.
Harper for Kids
Hidden Genius Project
Juma Ventures
JW House
KidPower
La Casa de Las Madres
Little Kids Rock
Navy Seal Foundation
Oakland Promise
Pathways for Kids
Playworks Northern California
Positive Coaching Alliance
Ronald McDonald House at Stanford
Reading Partners
Silicon Valley Education Foundation
Silicon Valley FACES
Somos Mayfair
Summer Search Foundation
VIA Services

Hoops4Kids


(2013-14 season inception)

Aim High Academy
Big Brothers Big Sisters
Boys & Girls Clubs of Oakland
Boys & Girls Clubs of San Francisco
BUILD
Champs at UCSF Benioff Oakland
CodeNow
College Track
East Bay College Fund
East Oakland Youth Development
Center
Edgewood Center for Children &
Families
Education Outside
Genesys Works
Hidden Genius Project
Juma Ventures
Oakland Digital
Oakland Promise
Oakland Public Education Fund
Playworks Northern California
Positive Coaching Alliance
Reading Partners
Safe Passages
San Francisco CASA
San Francisco Education Fund
SPARK* SF Public Schools (SFUSD)
Techbridge Girls
U Aspire
Urban Ed Academy
Vision To Learn
Youth Radio

Goals for Kids

(2014-15 season inception)

American Heart Association
Austen Everett Foundation
Bay Area Women's Sports
Initiative
Books Aloud, Inc.
Child Advocates of Silicon Valley
City Year San Jose/Silicon Valley
Folded Flag Foundation
Jewish Family Services of
Silicon Valley
JW House
Loved Twice
Loaves & Fishes Family Kitchen
Make-A-Wish Greater Bay Area
Muscular Dystrophy Association
O'Neill Sea Odyssey
Okizu
Racing Hearts
Rock the CASA
Ronald McDonald House at
Stanford
Ronald McDonald House Charities
Bay Area
Second Harvest Food Bank of
San Mateo and Santa Clara
Counties
Silicon Valley Children's Fund
Special Olympics Northern CA
Students Rising Above
Via Services
Victory Ranch Inc.
Wayfinder Family Services
(Blind Babies Foundation)
Youth Science Institute



In times of disaster or sudden need, Taube Philanthropies seeks to provide a prompt, humane, and compassionate helping hand.

California Governor Gavin Newsom and Oakland Mayor Libby Schaff arrive at a press conference in Oakland on January 16, 2020 to announce a plan for giving FEMA trailers to selected California cities to assist with housing the homeless.
Photo: Kate Munsch/San Francisco Chronicle/Polaris



Humanitarian Aid and COVID-19 Relief

HUMANITARIAN NEEDS may be ongoing or urgent, but they demand a response from the entire community, not only government, local groups and organizations, and individuals, but philanthropy as well. Taube Philanthropies continues its tradition of assisting those who, often through no fault of their own, are unable to cope with their circumstances and must rely on others for support. We try to focus on longstanding challenges like homelessness that may benefit from strategic thinking and investment, but sometimes the devastation of natural factors like fire or flood requires immediate attention.

“A priority for the homeless during COVID-19 should be access to interim shelter. Oakland Mayor Libby Schaaf has conceived the use of surplus mobile home trailers and surplus city land as an initial move toward sheltering those with pre-existing health conditions that make them vulnerable. Taube Philanthropies is pleased to provide funding for this innovative Oakland program — a step that can serve as a model for other cities in California and beyond.”

— Tad Taube

Homelessness

“I am so grateful to Tad and Dianne Taube for their compassion and generosity. Our homeless crisis requires all hands-on deck, and we are amazed at our community’s support.”

— Oakland Mayor Libby Schaaf

Oakland Mayor Libby Schaaf joined with community and philanthropic leaders on May 5, 2020 to announce the opening of Operation HomeBase, a new COVID-19 isolation trailer program located in East Oakland. A grant of \$500,000 by Taube Philanthropies helps fund this pilot program by the City of Oakland to provide housing for homeless individuals who are vulnerable to COVID-19 due to their age or preexisting health conditions. ■

Support for Undocumented Individuals

In July 2020, Taube Philanthropies contributed \$200,000 toward a philanthropic collaboration in support of 60,000 undocumented individuals in San Mateo County who are critical to the fabric of the community, pay taxes, contribute to economic growth and development, and fill important jobs, but are outside Federal relief programs and less likely to have health coverage. The fund, initiated and led by Taube Philanthropies partner John A. Sobrato, will provide 5,000 families with \$1,000 in cash each to address their most urgent needs and offer support services and resource connections. ■

California Wildfires Disasters Fund

Taube Philanthropies provided a \$50,000 grant to Jewish Family and Children’s Services (JFCS) of San Francisco to help with humanitarian services for thousands of residents forced to evacuate before the wind-blown forest fires that devastated portions of Marin and Sonoma counties in 2019. In 2020, Taube Philanthropies committed \$100,000 to support firefighters and disaster relief aid in all Bay Area counties most affected by the wildfires. ■



First Responders to the Bay Area Jewish Community's Emergency Needs in This Time of COVID-19

In early February as COVID-19 was rampaging in faraway China, here in the Bay Area, we were tending to new grants and matters of concern such as sheltering homeless families in Oakland and the leadership transition at POLIN Museum.

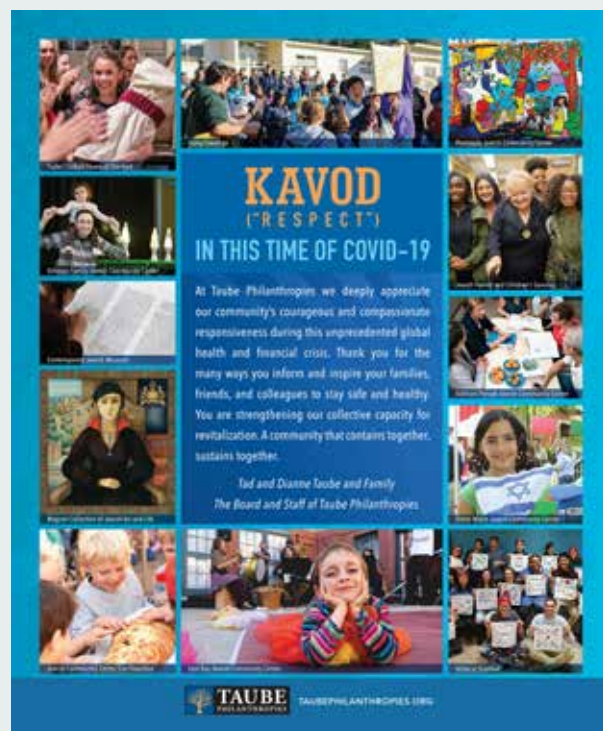
In mid-February, as the virus began ripping through Europe, we welcomed POLIN Museum's chief curator Barbara Kirshenblatt-Gimblett to the Bay Area, where she gave the keynote at the opening of an Arthur Szyk exhibition organized by the Magnes Collection of Jewish Art and Life at the University of California, Berkeley.

By March, the faraway virus had reached our shores, causing alarm and dismay, from Washington State down the coast to the Bay Area and beyond. Clearly, the pandemic's momentous events were demanding our attention.

We quickly recognized the challenges confronting us in today's COVID-19 environment and set about to provide emergency aid to local Jewish organizations, particularly the six Bay Area Jewish Community Centers (JCCs), which are the anchor institutions of our Jewish Peoplehood Initiative. The JCCs are distinctively mission-driven and entrepreneurial with 80% to 90% revenue-generating programs that empower and invest in people of all ages and backgrounds including seniors, the disabled, and diverse ethnic populations.

The current health and economic crises have devastated the JCCs' earned income financial engines. Each JCC is working to raise funds to bridge the current emergency needs and address the challenges of the next two-plus years. **Taube Philanthropies committed \$2,000,000 to support the JCCs and Jewish Family and Children's Services in new and repurposed grants.** In addition, we provided emergency support of over \$250,000 to Camp Tawonga, Kehillah Jewish High School, the Commonwealth Club of California, Mills College, and the San Francisco Zoo. We continue to assist these and other organizations.

In these months of unprecedented global health and financial crises, Taube Philanthropies salutes our community's courageous and compassionate responsiveness and the many ways our grantees and partners inform and inspire their families, friends, and colleagues to stay safe and healthy. Together we strengthen our collective capacity for revitalization. ■



“Jewish Peoplehood is part of the DNA of a Jewish life. It is not only American or Israeli but rather it includes all the nations of the earth.”

—Tad Taube





Jewish Peoplehood

THE 20TH-CENTURY JEWISH WRITER

Mordecai Kaplan distinguished nationhood, as in the state of Israel, from “peoplehood,” a sense of destiny and belonging that binds together all Jews around the world. Kaplan understood peoplehood as inclusive, inviting everyone into a shared Jewish community, irrespective of birth, nationality, tradition, or practice.

Recognizing that the participatory and experiential sense of Jewish peoplehood has become a significant aspect of Jewish identity, Taube Philanthropies awards grants to institutions devoted to building Jewish identity among inclusive and diverse populations. Combined with an expanding emphasis on personal choice in contemporary spiritual life, Jewish Peoplehood has come to signify contemporary Jewish identity locally, nationally, and globally.



Osher Marin JCC



JCC of San Francisco



Oshman Family JCC

Bay Area Jewish Community Centers

What is Jewish life in the Bay Area without its six distinctly vital Jewish Community Centers? Taube Philanthropies recognizes that Jewish Community Centers play a central role in 21st century Jewish life. In the 1990s, the Taube Foundation for Jewish Life & Culture began investing in infrastructure and programs at Bay Area JCCs. Since 2017, **matching grants of \$1 million to each of five Bay Area JCCs have helped them secure adequate physical infrastructure**, ensuring that they will have spaces where people of different theological perspectives, religious practices, and spiritual preferences can share food, music, literature, and social relationships. The grants went to:

- **Addison-Penzak JCC (APJCC) and the Jewish Federation of Silicon Valley** in addition to supporting Jewish Peoplehood programming since 2011, Taube Philanthropies supports the joint efforts of APJCC and the Jewish Federation of Silicon Valley to merge their two entities into a 21st-century philanthropic and communal model to better serve Jewish life in the Silicon Valley.
- **JCC of the East Bay** to support a regional expansion plan that includes a creative arts center at a new flagship site in Oakland
- **JCC of San Francisco** to support the Taube Center for Jewish Peoplehood

- **Osher Marin JCC (San Rafael)** to support a capital campaign for an expanded aquatics center and Jewish Peoplehood programming
- **Oshman Family JCC (Palo Alto)**, with an additional \$500,000 to support a capital campaign and provide funding for the creation of a town hall tower art installation and Taube Jewish Peoplehood programming



Peninsula JCC

- **Peninsula JCC (Foster City)** to support programming at the Taube Center for Jewish Peoplehood. A 2018 Hanukkah celebration saw the unveiling of the new Taube Center for Jewish Peoplehood, with PJCC's CEO Paul Geduldig, Tad Taube, Sean Taube, and Shana Penn in attendance.



Oshman Family JCC



Osher Marin JCC



JCC of the East Bay



Peninsula JCC



Addison-Penzak JCC



JCC of San Francisco

Strengthening Jewish Engagement for Bay Area Young Adults, A Philanthropic Partnership

Taube Philanthropies, the Rodan Family Foundation, the Libitzky Family Foundation, and associated partners have launched a new program in Strengthening Jewish Engagement for Bay Area Young Adults, which addresses the declining rates of Jewish identity, engagement, and support for Israel among young adults. The initiative focuses on the major personal inflection point that occurs in the years following university graduation, a pivotal moment as young adults launch into career paths, seek new social connections, choose life partners, become parents, and create families. How, or even if, an individual's sense of Jewishness carries forward in this stage of life has critical implications for our collective Jewish future. Building on the success of our Jewish Peoplehood Initiative, this new program strengthens many current Bay Area community offerings by targeting expectant parents, as well as singles and newly married or interfaith couples.



For the 2020 program, introduced as a pilot, the foundation partners have invited local organizations interested in expanding and/or piloting programming in the Bay Area to meaningfully reach Jewish young adults (mid-20s to 40, single and partnered, with and without children) at pivotal moments in their lives. Program objectives are to:

- 1. Offer** educational experiences that nurture meaningful, sustained connections to Jewish culture and community
- 2. Increase** the number of young people engaging Jewishly in the Bay Area, involving those who are not currently or actively participating in Jewish life
- 3. Foster** positive connections between Bay Area young adults and Israel.

The inaugural grant recipients are Addison-Penzak Jewish Community Center, Camp Tawonga, Honeymoon Israel, Jewish Community Center of the East Bay, Jewish Community Center of San Francisco, Jewish Studio Project, Oshman Family Jewish Community Center, Osher Marin Jewish Community Center, and the Peninsula Jewish Community Center. ■

Jewish Family and Children's Services



Jewish Family and Children's Services is the Bay Area's preeminent social welfare agency, providing professional and volunteer services that develop, restore, and maintain the competency of families and individuals of all ages.

Traditionally, Jewish Family and Children's Services carries a special responsibility within the Jewish community for reaching out to children, the aged, the alienated and the dependent, and for the resettlement and acculturation of refugees and immigrants. As part of its network of services, JFCS helps promote Jewish continuity through the provision of preventive, educational, therapeutic, and supportive services within the context of historic Jewish values, emphasizing inter-generational ties and community responsibility. ■

\$1 million

Since 2018, Taube Philanthropies has provided major annual grants of \$1 million to support the JFCS's diverse community programs, crucial social services, and complex operations.



Jewish Community Memory Garden

In 2019, the Taube Foundation for Jewish Life & Culture announced a 1:1 matching grant of \$100,000.00 to support the Jewish Community Memory Garden at the Eternal Home Cemetery in Colma, which is operated by Sinai Memorial Chapel Chevra Kadisha. This was supplemented by an additional 1:1 matching grant of \$70,000 in February 2020. The Memory Garden provides comfort and strength to families devastated by the unexpected loss of a pregnancy or infant by memorializing those losses and by ensuring that the Jewish community is a place of solace and support. Tad Taube learned of this project at a 2019 Jewish Family and Children’s Services FAMMY Gala, where the memory garden’s co-creators, Debbie Findling and Abby Porth, were honored. The project held special meaning for Mr. Taube, whose mother had lost a child to miscarriage in 1938, when Tad was 7 years old. “I was reminded how the idea of a memory garden might have helped my mother if such a place had existed decades ago.” The vision for the garden, spearheaded by Findling and Porth, is as a quiet, contemplative space, filled with native California trees, flowers, and plants. A circle of redwood trees will surround a private space for meditation or ceremonies, and a circle of water will contain stones that can be rearranged by visitors, reflecting the tradition of placing a stone upon leaving a Jewish gravesite. The success of the Taube Foundation’s two matching grants have gone a long way toward the completion of the capital funding. Spring 2020 landscaping is taking hold and flourishing, helping to create the environment of beauty and comfort envisioned by its founders. ■



Debbie Findling (left) and Abby Porth visit the planned site for the Memory Garden. Photo: Joyce Goldschmid

Jewish Community High School of the Bay

Since its inception 15 years ago, Jewish Community High School has become a unique college preparatory high school committed to integrating deep learning, universal wisdom, and Jewish values. JCHS empowers students to embrace their unique Jewish identities, express empathy, delight in lifelong learning, and improve the world. The school serves students in grades 9-12 who reside in San Francisco and the Bay Area. Taube Philanthropies is proud to make a first-time grant of \$250,000 to the JCHS to support general operations in its 2020-21 academic year. ■



Contemporary Jewish Museum

A grant of \$100,000 supported three major exhibitions at San Francisco's Contemporary Jewish Museum during 2017-20. *Contraption: Rediscovering California Jewish Artists* (Feb 22, 2018–July 29, 2018) was a group show presenting the work of 16 California-identified artists of Jewish descent—both historical and living—whose work refers to the machine either literally or metaphorically. *Veiled Meanings: Fashioning Jewish Dress, from the Collection of The Israel Museum, Jerusalem* (Aug. 30, 2018–Jan. 6, 2019) displayed costumes and dress from 19th- and 20th-century Jewish communities around the world. It invited viewers to consider the history and language of Jewish clothing, from cultural dress codes to modes of self-expression, as a means to discover information about gender, age, geography, background, and custom.

The most recent exhibition, *Tonight the World* by Daria Martin (June 27, 2019–Feb. 23, 2020), combined computer gaming technology and film to explore the unconscious memories of the artist's grandmother, Bay Area-based artist Susi Stiasni. The installation premiered at the Barbican Curve Gallery and was co-commissioned by Barbican, London, and the Contemporary Jewish Museum. ■



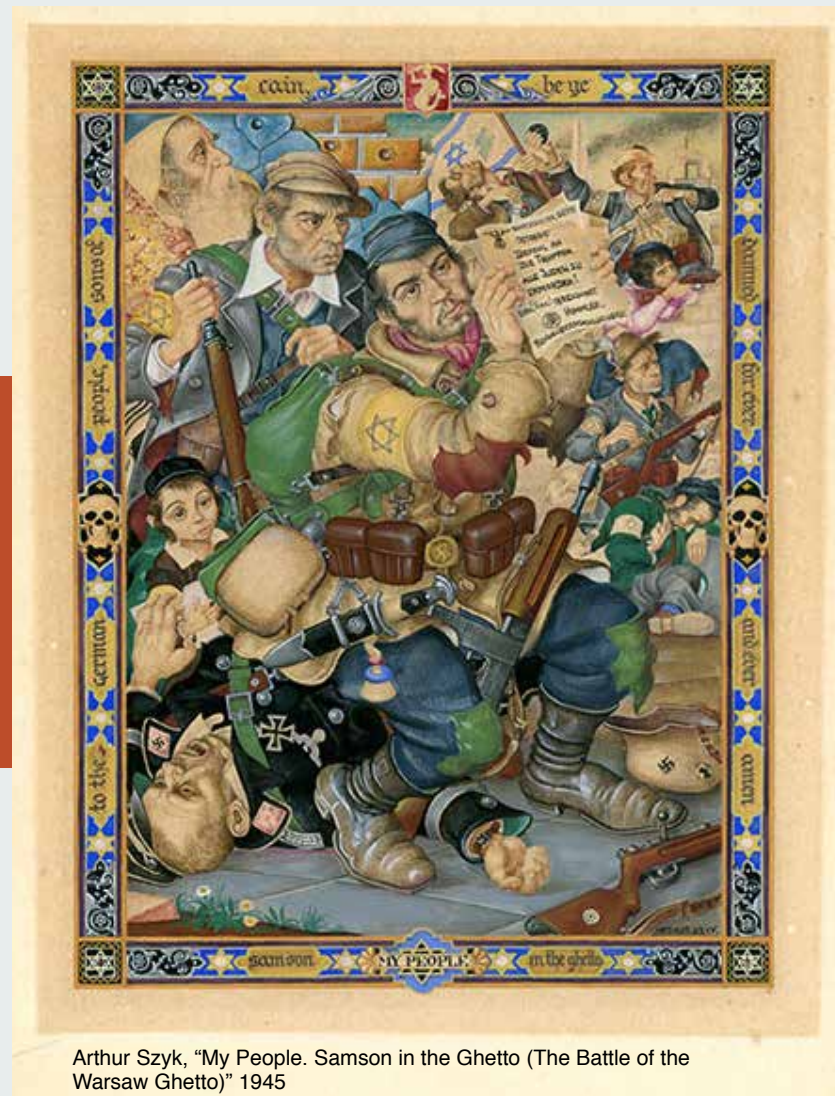
The Taube Family Arthur Szyk Collection at the Magnes Collection of Jewish Art and Life, University of California, Berkeley

Since the Taube Family Arthur Szyk Collection was acquired through a \$10.1 million gift to University of California Berkeley in 2017, the University's repository, The Magnes Collection of Jewish Art and Life, has diligently catalogued and digitized the

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to the University of California, Berkeley to acquire The Taube Family Arthur Szyk Collection

vast collection of art works and archives in preparation for making the collection globally accessible. Magnes curator Dr. Francesco Spagnolo supervised nearly 100 students working at The Magnes over three years through UC Berkeley's Undergraduate Research Apprentice Program. Students digitized the entire Taube Family Arthur Szyk Collection of more than 450 pieces. "It's a diverse group of students—some with Jewish backgrounds and some with no connection to Judaism. Szyk's work speaks to their shared concerns about human rights," notes curator Spagnolo. A major goal was



Arthur Szyk, "My People. Samson in the Ghetto (The Battle of the Warsaw Ghetto)" 1945

to prepare an exhibition, which was unveiled in January 2020 for year-long display. *In Real Times. Arthur Szyk: Art & Human Rights (1926-1951)* showcases 50 works of art and two digital workstations. A traveling version is being prepared for museums and campuses around the United States. ■



Curator of The Magnes Francesco Spagnolo, left, with Tad Taube at the opening of the new exhibit *In Real Times. Arthur Szyk: Art & Human Rights*



Left to right: Jeffrey Farber, CEO, Koret Foundation; Dr. Barbara Kirshenblatt-Gimblett, Chief Curator, POLIN Museum; Dr. Anita Friedman, Co-President, Koret Foundation; Sean Taube, Taube Philanthropies; Shana Penn, Executive Director, Taube Philanthropies



Entrance to the exhibit *In Real Times. Arthur Szyk: Art & Human Rights* at the Magnes Collection of Jewish Art and Life



One of a series of Arthur Szyk illustrations projected on the wall of the exhibit



Left to right: Barry Cohn, Taube Advisory Board; Anthony Cascardi, Dean, Arts & Humanities, University of California, Berkeley; Tad Taube; Danielle Mosse, great-granddaughter of Arthur Szyk



Dr. Barbara Kirshenblatt-Gimblett delivering the keynote speech at the exhibit opening

Photos: Keegan Houser

Hillel at Stanford University

A five-year grant of \$230,000 from Taube Philanthropies enables Hillel at Stanford to offer students opportunities to participate annually in a study tour to Poland organized in partnership with Taube Jewish Heritage Tours. The study tours are designed to introduce students to Polish Jewish history, the current revival of Jewish life in Poland, and how Jewish heritage is understood by Poles as part of Polish heritage.

In autumn 2019 a grant of \$50,000 was made in recognition of Hillel at Stanford's receipt of the Israel Education and Engagement Award, Hillel International's highest honor for campus Israel programming. The grant will further the development of Hillel at Stanford's Israel educational activities. ■

Hillel at Stanford University students tour Warsaw



Tawonga, “Down the Mountain” Program

A first-time \$50,000 gift over two years supports Camp Tawonga’s year-round programming for all ages. From tot shabbats to B’nai Mitzvahs and Jewish holiday gatherings, these year-round programs, held at sites throughout the Bay Area, are a direct response to the Camp Tawonga community declaring that summer camp and family camp weekends were not enough. Summer campers and their families can now experience the magic of Tawonga throughout the year. ■



Congregation Emanu-El, Taube Scholar

Starting with a three-year grant of \$200,000 in 2017-19 and continuing with a two-year grant of \$100,000 in 2020-21, Taube Philanthropies supports a rabbinical scholar-in-residence at Congregation Emanu-El, in San Francisco. The Taube Scholar for the entire five-year term is Stephen Pearce, senior rabbi emeritus. The purpose of the Taube Scholar is to enrich the intellectual and communal vitality of Congregation Emanu-El through a focus on scholarship for the entire temple, and by sharing Rabbi Pearce’s expertise in development, counseling, and leadership. ■



Taube Scholar Rabbi Stephen Pearce



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Jewish Heritage Initiative in Poland

In 2003, Taube Philanthropies established the Jewish Heritage Initiative in Poland (JHIP) to strengthen the institutional life of Polish Jews, further awareness and appreciation of Jewish heritage and contemporary Jewish life among Jews and others, and foster positive interest in Poland among American Jews, 85 percent of whom have Polish roots. The JHIP supports the development of a broad-based infrastructure of Jewish educational, communal, religious, and cultural programs in Poland. The JHIP also links Polish Jews and their programs with Jewish communities in North and South America, Europe, Israel, Australia, and the 15 independent states that were part of the former Soviet Union.

The JHIP emphasizes the critical importance of understanding and integrating the history of Polish Jews into a post-Communist and multicultural society; of addressing historical and contemporary antisemitism; and of strengthening the democratic values of a multiethnic civil society in Poland. Taube Philanthropies has strengthened the visibility, reach, and effectiveness of JHIP by enlisting philanthropic partners to co-sponsor JHIP programs that extend over multiple years. Taube Philanthropies is committed to the development of a cadre of leaders equipped to carry forward a future

of Polish Jews that reflects the diverse and inclusive values of Jewish Peoplehood, the JHIP participates in collaborative activities with new and established Jewish institutions and programs, such as JCCs, Hillels, museums, synagogues, festivals, and interfaith and multicultural events. It extends support for programs that are religious and scholarly, popular and celebratory, across Jewish communities in Poland, Europe, North America, and Israel that have links with Poland.

Since 2003, the JHIP has disbursed more than 500 grants totaling over \$35 million to more than 100 cultural and communal programs and organizations, including: POLIN Museum of the History of Polish Jews, Taube Jewish Heritage Tours, Jewish Culture Festival in Kraków, Galicia Jewish Museum, Global Education Outreach Program (GEOP) at POLIN Museum, Jewish Community Centers in Kraków and Warsaw, the Emanuel Ringelblum Jewish Historical Institute and its Jewish Genealogy & Family Heritage Center (JGFHC), and the Office of the Chief Rabbi of Poland. It provides core support to key institutions and funds programs in Jewish studies scholarship, museum exhibitions, archival preservation, genealogy, community and capacity building, and heritage study tours for youth and adults. It supports the arts and media through grants for specific artistic creations and through ongoing funding to selected organizations. JHIP increasingly devotes its resources to strengthening both local community and global connections. ■

Photo: M. Starowieyska /
POLIN Museum of the
History of Polish Jews



Emanuel Ringelblum Jewish Historical Institute



Recovering the Oneg Shabbat archive (left), and a pre-war image of the Jewish Historical Institute and the Great Synagogue (right)

As a longtime grantee, the Emanuel Ringelblum Jewish Historical Institute (JHI) is one of the first institutions funded by Taube Philanthropies' Jewish Heritage Initiative in Poland (JHIP). Since 2004, Taube grants have supported the Institute's core programs and continue to supplement the annual subsidies provided by the Ministry of Culture of the Republic of Poland. **The most recent gift of \$2 million, Taube's largest to the JHI,** supports the English-language production of a preeminent Warsaw Ghetto archive for global accessibility, renovation of the main hall of the Institute's historic building, and general operations for the JHI, including the Jewish Genealogy & Family Heritage Center.

Opened in 1947, the JHI has established itself as the premier address for collecting, archiving, researching, and exhibiting a world-class collection of art, artifacts, publications, and documents relating to the thousand-year history of Polish Jews. Scholars and other visitors can view historical and artistic exhibitions in two large halls, as well as attend lectures in Polish, English, and German. The educational department works with schools all over Poland, helping teachers develop "best practice" methods for introducing Jewish history to their classes, while the publishing division produces monographs, guides, and historical studies.



Self-portrait by Gela Seksztajn, a member of Oneg Shabbat

\$2 million

Taube's largest gift to the Jewish Historical Institute, supports the English-language production of a preeminent Warsaw Ghetto archive for global accessibility and the renovation of the main hall of the Institute's historic building

The Taube gift supports the English-language translation, publication, and digitization of the 36 volumes that make up the Ringelblum Archives, named after historian and ethnographer Emanuel Ringelblum. This collection of nearly 30,000 documents was preserved by Ringelblum's team of courageous documentarians in the Warsaw Ghetto and buried by them in milk canisters and metal boxes before the ghetto was liquidated. Unearthed after the war, the documents offer a unique testimonial to the plight and extermination of Polish Jews in 1940-43. Taube Philanthropies is proud to help make the collection accessible globally, in print, and on the Institute's website.

The gift also paid for the renovation of the impressive main hall, which, along with the entire building, survived the German occupation of Warsaw, and is now called the Taube Family Main Hall. ■



One of the of the thousands of documents in the Ringelblum Archive



Part of the Oneg Shabbat Exhibition in the Institute



Shana Penn, Executive Director of Taube Philanthropies, viewing an exhibit with Prof. dr hab. Paweł Śpiwak, Director of the Institute



Front view of the Emanuel Ringelblum Jewish Historical Institute

POLIN Museum of the History of Polish Jews, Taube Family Mayer July Collection of Art

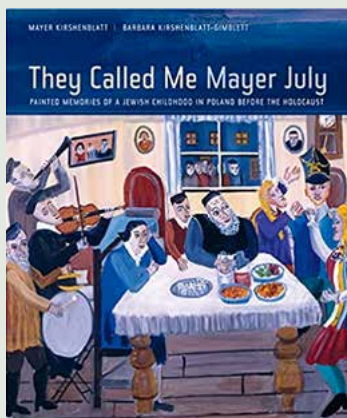
Gifts from Taube Philanthropies totaling \$1 million have secured the preservation and exhibition of the archive of Mayer Kirshenblatt (1916-2009), who painted what

he remembered about his childhood in the small Polish town of Opatów, from which his family emigrated in 1934. In addition to the paintings, his collection includes recorded interviews conducted over a period of more than 40 years by his daughter, Dr. Barbara

Kirshenblatt-Gimblett, as well as manuscripts, photographs, and notebooks.

With the support of Taube Philanthropies, an exhibition of the original paintings premiered at the Judah L. Magnes Museum (now The Magnes Collection of Jewish Art and Life, at the University of California, Berkeley), and was then exhibited at The Jewish Museum (New York), the Koffler Centre Simchas for the Arts (Toronto), and the Jewish Historical Museum (Amsterdam). Support from Taube Philanthropies also made possible the publication of a book, *They Called Me Mayer July: Painted Memories of a Jewish Childhood in Poland Before the Holocaust* (University of California Press, 2007), which received a National Jewish Book Award.

Taube Philanthropies' gifts will secure the preservation of the collection, its display at



Tad Taube (left) and Mayer Kirshenblatt z"l at the premiere of "They Called Me Mayer July: Painted Memories of a Jewish Childhood in Poland Before the Holocaust," exhibition at the Judah L. Magnes Museum, September 2007. Photo: David A Brown

POLIN Museum (with a major exhibition in 2020), and long-term programming based on the art. Multilingual programming will include traveling exhibitions, educational programs, and publication projects to extend outreach nationally and internationally. ■



The Gramophone, painting by Mayer Kirshenblatt. Courtesy: Dr. Barbara Kirshenblatt-Gimblett

POLIN Museum, Global Education Outreach Program (GEOP)

Taube Philanthropies has provided ongoing support grants to supplement a \$2 million start-up grant to the Global Education Outreach Program (GEOP) at POLIN Museum of the History of Polish Jews. GEOP's mission is to promote Polish-Jewish studies internationally by supporting research and scholarly exchange on the history and culture of Polish Jews. It aims to bring together scholars in Poland with those in other countries and ensure the development of a new generation for Polish-Jewish studies.

Thanks to GEOP, POLIN Museum is able to partner with universities and research institutions in Poland, Europe, North America, Israel, Russia, and Australia. POLIN Museum's effectiveness as an agent of change within Poland and beyond depends heavily on establishing connections

between its expanding resource collection and an international constituency. GEOP supports doctoral and postdoctoral fellowships and seminars, visiting lecturers, conferences, and workshops. GEOP has been extremely active since its founding. In 2019, for example, GEOP supported 9 doctoral seminars; 3 fellowships and 5 international interns; 8 travel grants; 3 research workshops and 9 distinguished lectures; 2 conferences, and answered 692 queries. During that time, GEOP was visited by 3,965 guests, and added 70,000 records to the genealogical database at POLIN Museum's Genealogy Center.

GEOP was established in 2014 with seed funding from Taube Philanthropies, the William K. Bowes, Jr. Foundation, the Association of the Jewish Historical Institute, and POLIN Museum. ■



Photo: M. Starowieyska / POLIN Museum of the History of Polish Jews

Taube Center for the Renewal of Jewish Life in Poland Foundation and Taube Jewish Heritage Tours

In 2009, Taube Philanthropies established the Taube Center for the Renewal of Jewish Life in Poland Foundation and its flagship program, Taube Jewish Heritage Tours (TJHT). The Taube Center is dedicated to enriching Jewish life in Poland and to connecting Jews from around the world with their East European heritage. In Poland its educational programs foster leadership among Jewish young adults and deepen Jewish literacy among educators and young professionals in Jewish institutions.

Taube Jewish Heritage Tours offers custom-crafted tours for communal organizations, families, students and faculty, and VIP delegations from North America, Israel, and Europe, as well as Australia and South America. Knowing that 75 percent of Jews worldwide have Polish roots, the TJHT education staff use their extensive knowledge of Polish Jewish history and heritage to connect visitors to their personal family legacies, to a rich 1000-year collective history, and to real people who are preserving our heritage and building a vibrant Jewish life for today and tomorrow.

In 2018 and 2019, over 1,000 people visited Poland through TJHT. With the onset of COVID-19, the Taube Center was forced to cancel most of its in-person programming for the year, including its many tours for international visitors. The Taube Center quickly pivoted around the question: how to bring Poland to people around the world when they could not physically come to Poland? Jewish heritage tourism in Poland depends on an emotional connection to the place: physically



being in Poland—in the towns and cities where one’s ancestors may have lived for centuries, in the camps and killing fields of the Holocaust, at the Shabbat dinner tables of the growing Jewish communities there today. The challenge was to facilitate these critical, complicated, and emotionally compelling experiences from a distance.

TJHTalks

A new, extremely popular webinar series, TJHTalks, presents luminaries of the Polish Jewish world to discuss key issues, including Chief Rabbi of Poland Michael Schudrich and Professors Deborah Lipstadt, Dariusz Stola, Samuel Kassow, Antony Polonsky, Marcin Wodziński, Natalia Aleksion, Glenn Dynner, and Barbara Kishenblatt-Gimblett. Topics include contemporary Holocaust denial, the future of Jewish museums, Ashkenazi food culture, Polish Jewish gender studies, and Warsaw Ghetto resistance.

Insights in Sites

A companion piece to TJHTalks, Insights in Sites features video interviews with local community leaders, educators, and cultural activists that focus on a less theoretical component of the Polish Jewish field. Viewers meet the people on the ground whose work drives heritage preservation initiatives, and community and cultural programs that bring together Poles, both Jewish and not Jewish, and invites people and institutions from outside Poland to participate.

Passport to Poland



Partnering with Hillels in the U.S., Passport to Poland offers campuses an informative and emotionally resonant engagement with contemporary Jewish Poland through virtual tours, presentations and discussions.

Minyan Makers

In collaboration with the Northern California Board of Rabbis (NCBOR), the Taube Center developed Minyan Makers, a text-based learning program for professionals from Polish Jewish partner institutions. Taught in English by NCBOR rabbis, each learning cycle is based on a current theme using texts as entrees into both traditional and contemporary responses.

Sefarim Book Publishing Program

Started in 2007, the Sefarim Book Publishing Program provides seed grants for publication or translation of nonfiction works that bring Polish Jewish history, memory, tradition, and culture to the public arena. The seed grants, ranging

from \$500 to \$5,000 are given to book projects nearing completion.

Yerusha Professional Development

Now in its second year, the year-long Yerusha program offers skills-building workshops for professionals in the Polish Jewish field, taught in Polish by Poland-based facilitators.

Educational Resources



With the support of a grant from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Taube Center has been able to expand its Timeline of 1000 Years of Polish Jewish History with print editions in English, Polish, and Hebrew. This essential reference contains informative maps showing the shifting borders of the Republic of Poland over the millennium. The Field Guides for Warsaw, Krakow and Lodz have been expanded for publication in English and Polish.

New European Partners

In 2021, the Taube Center, the European Association for the Preservation and Promotion of Jewish Culture and Heritage and the Unione delle Comunità Ebraiche Italiane will launch an Italian edition of the Taube Center's successful heritage-education and community-building program, Mi Dor Le Dor (2012-16). ■



Jewish Culture Festival in Kraków Celebrating 30 Years!

Taube Philanthropies provides ongoing support to the annual Jewish Culture Festival in Kraków, which began in 1988, one year before the official end of Communism in Poland, and has become the largest presentation of contemporary culture created by the Jews in Poland, Israel, and the Diaspora. The festival stretches over 10 summer days and nights, features 150 artists, and draws 30,000 participants from many countries. Participants enjoy workshops, lectures, discussions, guided tours, and musical performances.

The creation of the Festival 30 years ago signified a deep change in how Jews and Jewish culture were perceived and acknowledged in Poland. For many years after World War II, the communist regime discouraged open discussion of things Jewish, but with the loosening of government oppression and the rediscovery by many Poles that they had Jewish origins, two

gentile Poles, Janusz Makuch and Krzysztof Gierat, decided to organize a Jewish cultural festival. Their courage and foresight helped inaugurate the important process of regaining Jewish identity in Poland, and also began the process by which gentile Poles began to regain their shared cultural and historical ties with Poland's Jews.

During the past 30 years, the Festival has been both a celebration and a rediscovery. Through the efforts of its Polish organizers to come to grips with their own heritage, it has highlighted important and sometimes contentious issues of cultural identity and cultural appropriation and recovery. Taube Philanthropies' Jewish Heritage Initiative in Poland is proud to act as the principal American patron of the Jewish Culture Festival, an honor it has held since the beginning stages of the Festival. ■





Galicia Jewish Museum

Support from Taube Philanthropies and partner Koret Foundation enabled the Galicia Jewish Museum, in Kazimierz, the Jewish district of Kraków, to begin its major expansion initiative in 2018. The museum's cultural and education programs, among the most extensive in Poland, serve both individual and group visitors, and the Media Resource Centre houses a growing archive of films on Jewish and Holocaust-related subjects. Success in drawing visitors, scholars, artists, and others has brought the need to expand and enhance the facilities, especially the front space, which houses reception, exhibition entrance, coffee area, and bookshop. As a result, the museum decided to begin a major renovation effort. The first round of work, in spring 2018, focused on enlarging the reception area, reorganizing the bookstore, and reconfiguring and refurbishing the coffee area. The second stage will include renovation of the welcoming area, rebuilding the entrance to the exhibition spaces, installing an electronic information system, and building a roof over the patio connecting the original museum building with the new wing. ■



"Szancer. Imagine That." exhibition celebrating the famous Polish-Jewish children's book illustrator Jan Marcin Szancer



An educational workshop at the Galicia Jewish Museum



Viewing an exhibition in one of the museum's galleries

Jewish Genealogy & Family Heritage Center

Working closely with Taube Jewish Heritage Tours and the POLIN Museum, the Jewish Genealogy & Family Heritage Center, housed at the Emanuel Ringelblum Jewish Historical Institute in Warsaw, helps Jews to discover their Polish roots and assists Poles with discovering their Jewish



Aron Uszer Ładowski. Photo from the collection of the Jewish Genealogy & Family Heritage Center

roots. Its highly skilled staff helps visitors from all over the globe: Americans who want to trace their Polish heritage, Poles who come to the center looking for information on a Jewish family heritage that they may have discovered only recently, or Israelis who have heard that they once had family in this or that shtetl. Since 2004, Taube Philanthropies has been the lead and ongoing funder of the Jewish Genealogy & Family Heritage Center. The Genealogy Center has now entered a new phase of development: the building of an interactive website that will facilitate guided genealogical research with online consultations for scholars, the general public in Poland, and worldwide. ■

Berkowicz Family. Photo from the collection of the Jewish Genealogy & Family Heritage Center



Jewish Genealogy & Family Heritage Center researchers



Unknown girl. Photo from the collection of the Jewish Genealogy & Family Heritage Center



The JCCs of Poland

JCC Warsaw

Taube Philanthropies provides ongoing support to the Warsaw Jewish Community Center, established in 2013 through a partnership between Taube Philanthropies, the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, and the Koret Foundation. According to the JCC's Director, Agata Rakowiecka, "Some 25 years since the Jewish community in Poland was rejuvenated, we thought it was time for there to be an institution like this JCC in the capital." The center offers a wide variety of activities and events. On Sundays it runs a kosher vegetarian brunch called Boker Tov, while children enjoy activities especially designed for them. "There are religious and secular people of different ages sitting together, talking, laughing," remarked Rakowiecka. "I meet people who haven't been involved with Jewish life for years. At these moments, I realize how needed and how important our mission is." ■



Photos: Piotr Kulisiewicz

JCC Krakow

Ongoing support from Taube Philanthropies helps fund the operations of JCC Krakow, which was established in 2008 as the focal point of Jewish life for Kraków's residents as well as for visitors from Poland and the world. The JCC boasts more than 650 active Jewish members, including 70 Holocaust survivors.

Taube Philanthropies has also awarded a one-time grant of \$150,000 to build the Taube Family Playground and Shana Penn Garden. The playground and garden are part of the JCC's new Frajda Early Childhood Center, which is a pluralistic Jewish nursery school. "I am thrilled to see Kraków's Jewish children learning together in a Jewish school," said Poland's Chief Rabbi, Michael Schudrich, at the Center's dedication ceremony. ■



One of the play structures built for the new Taube Family Playground is the replica of a toy plane in which Tad Taube, aged five, and his sister, Nita, aged three, [inset] posed for a photograph in 1936 at a summer resort in Rabka, Poland, just three years before the Nazi invasion of Poland.



Centropa



Seminars for Educators

When Centropa was founded in 2000, its goal was to interview a thousand elderly Jews still living in Europe, but not to focus solely on the Holocaust. Director Ed Serotta and his teams in Vienna and Budapest wanted their respondents to tell stories about the entire 20th century, just as they lived it. Rather than use video, Centropa digitized tens of thousands of privately held photographs, and asked respondents to tell stories about the people in those pictures.

Taube Philanthropies underwrote Centropa's interview project in Poland. Led by Anka Grupinska, seven historians and journalists interviewed 68 elderly Jews still living in seven Polish cities and digitized 1,224 of their family pictures. Taube Philanthropies donated Centropa's Polish archive to the POLIN Museum in Warsaw so Polish teachers

would find "one-stop shopping" for teaching about the Holocaust and Poland's Jewish history.

Taube Philanthropies then helped Centropa move into teacher training by facilitating a partnership with the Galicia Jewish Museum in Kraków: Centropa has held nine seminars for 206 teachers, where educators brainstorm and share best practices with each other. Follow up found that 151 of those teachers remain highly active; 37 percent use Centropa films and databases for four hours or more each school year, and 26 percent devote up to 10 hours. The key to their success: Centropa and the Galicia Jewish Museum work with teachers to write their own lesson plans. Judging by the number of lesson plans teachers submit each year, as well as projects students proudly carry out, it is clear the goal is being met: developing sustainable models that will ensure that Poland's Jewish history is part of the educational landscape. ■



Hillel Warsaw

Hillel Warsaw opened its doors in August 2016 as the first organization to provide Jewish community life designed for college students, recent university graduates, and young Jewish adults in Poland. Now joined by a chapter in Kraków, Hillel organizes holiday, cultural, and Jewish learning programs, for young Jewish adults. Magda Dorosz, director of Hillel Warsaw, noted: “We have particular needs as a community and a unique story to share with the rest of the Jewish world. The recognition and resources that Hillel International is committing to young Jews in Poland is a fantastic benchmark for our community’s growth.” In line with the mission of collaborative giving, Taube Philanthropies supported the founding of Hillel Warsaw, joining the UJA-Federation of New York, which provided lead support, and the Koret Foundation. ■



Office of the Chief Rabbi of Poland

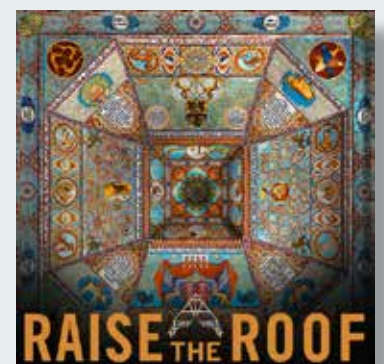
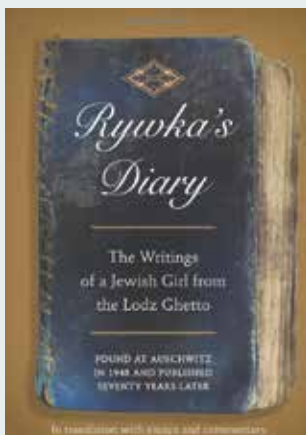
Taube Philanthropies provides ongoing support to the Office of the Chief Rabbi of Poland, which represents the organized Jewish community, the Gmina. Rabbi Michael Schudrich leads the community in solving an array of social issues and problems — from traumatized Holocaust survivors who wanted their children to be Jewish but feared the consequences, to their “second generation” children, who usually shared these fears but combined them with efforts to practice Judaism in the difficult circumstances in which Jews found themselves for decades after WWII. Rabbi Schudrich has assisted Jews regardless of their halachic status or complex identities. His mandate extends to synagogue congregations across the country, from Warsaw and Łódź to Wrocław and Kraków. A new and additional grant of \$250,000 over five years, initiated in March 2019, supports the work of five rabbis across Poland. ■

Chief Rabbi Michael Schudrich leads text study at Nożyk Synagogue, Warsaw. Photo: IMATHOME/Matt Kovalik



Publications and Films

Taube Philanthropies publishes an array of journals with partners including the American Association for Polish-Jewish Studies (*Gazeta*), the Center for Jewish Peoplehood Education (*Jewish Peoplehood Papers*), and the Taube Center for the Renewal of Jewish Life in Poland (*1,000 Years of Jewish Life in Poland; Field Guide to Jewish Warsaw; Field Guide to Jewish Krakow*). With the Taube Center and Libitzky Family funding, we published the *Field Guide to Jewish Łódź* and a Polish translation of *The Children of Willesden Lane*, in which Mona Golabek reconstructs her mother’s Holocaust experience as a teenager who survived Nazi-occupied Austria by fleeing on the Kindertransport to London. Taube Philanthropies also supports films and publications, including *Raise the Roof*, *Rywka’s Diary*, *The Remembered*, and *Who Will Write Our History*. ■





Irena Sendlerowa (Sendler) (1910-2008)



2020 awardee Dariusz Stola, director of the POLIN Museum of the History of Polish Jews from 2014-2019.

Irena Sendler Memorial Awards

Taube Philanthropies instituted an annual award in 2008 that recognizes Polish nationals for preserving and revitalizing the country's Jewish heritage. The award is named in memory of Irena Sendlerowa (Sendler), a social worker who saved hundreds of Jewish children from the Warsaw Ghetto during the Nazi occupation. She was identified by Yad Vashem as one of the Righteous Among the Nations, and the Irena Sendler Memorial Award has become recognized as a significant honor within Poland and among the world's Jews.

Awardees in 2018 were Ola Bilińska, a Yiddish language and culture researcher and acclaimed musical artist who has done exemplary work in preserving and celebrating Yiddish music, and Norman Conard, a renowned educator from Kansas who, together with his high school students,

brought the untold story of Irena Sendler to public view. In 2019, the honors went to Zuzanna Radzik, a public intellectual and activist recognized for her research, writing, teaching, and advocacy on issues such as Catholic-Jewish relations, and Adam Bartosz, an ethnographer and museologist who founded, 30 years ago, the Committee for Preservation of Jewish Heritage in Tarnów.

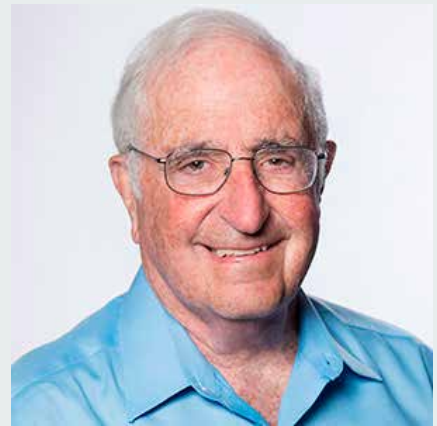
This year, 2020, the awardee is Professor Dariusz Stola, highly respected director of the POLIN Museum of the History of Polish Jews from the opening of its permanent exhibition in 2014 until February 2019, during which time the museum won multiple international awards.

Nominations for the Irena Sendler Memorial Award are reviewed by a panel of Taube Philanthropies advisory board members and Jewish cultural leaders in Poland. ■

Previous awardees include (from top left) Janusz Makuch, director, Jewish Culture Festival, Kraków (2008); Jan Jagielski, archivist, Emanuel Ringelblum Jewish Historical Institute (2009); former President Aleksander Kwaśniewski (2010); the late Magda Grodzka-Gużkowska, partisan with Irena Sendler (2011); Prof. dr hab. Jolanta Ambrosewicz-Jacobs, Holocaust scholar, and Prof. dr hab. Maria Janion, public intellectual (2012); Hanna Gronkiewicz-Waltz, Mayor of Warsaw, and Bogdan Zdrójewski, former Minister of Culture and National Heritage (2013); Małgorzata Niezabitowska, journalist, and Tomasz Pietrasiewicz, director, Grodzka Gate-NN Theatre Center (2014); the late Dr. Jan Kulczyk, Distinguished Benefactor of POLIN Museum of the History of Polish Jews, and Krzysztof Czyżewski, founder and director, Borderlands Foundation (2015); Prof. dr hab. Monika Adamczyk-Garbowska, Yiddish literary scholar, and the late architect Maria Piechotkova, synagogue architecture scholar (2016); Stefan Wilkanowicz, theologian, editor and educator, and Bogdan Białek, founder, Jan Karski Society and Institute for Culture, Meetings and Dialogue (2017); Ola Bilińska, Yiddish culture researcher and musical artist, and Norman Conard, educator who brought the story of Irena Sendler to public view (2018). Zuzanna Radzik, activist in Catholic-Jewish relations, and Adam Bartosz, ethnographer and museologist (2019)



Janusz Korczak Association Award



Dr. Harvey Cohen, Stanford School of Medicine



The Janusz Korczak Association honors the memory and work of Dr. Janusz Korczak, an educator, children’s author, and orphanage director, who refused to leave the children under his care in the Warsaw Ghetto

children’s orphanage when the Nazis deported them all to the Treblinka death camp. The association is digitizing Dr. Korczak’s letters, books, photographs, and memorabilia and making them available to scholars, students, and all interested individuals and organizations.

Yearly, the Vancouver-based Association awards a Janusz Korczak Medal to a pediatrician in North America or beyond who is distinguished in children’s health and/or medical research. The Taube Foundation for Jewish Life & Culture gave a grant of \$10,000 to support the 2020 award to Dr. Harvey Cohen, a pediatric hematologist-oncologist at the Stanford University School of Medicine and the Lucile Packard Children’s Hospital Stanford.

“The medal honors Dr. Cohen’s life-long commitment and dedication to children’s health and well-being throughout his career in clinical care, teaching and pushing the frontiers of interdisciplinary research,” wrote Jerry

Nussbaum, the association’s executive director, to Dr. Cohen. “With this medal the association recognizes your outstanding contributions to the promotion of caring for children in ways that encourage love for children, in the spirit of Dr. Korczak.”

Dr. Janusz Korczak, the pen name of Henryk Goldszmit (July 22, 1878 or 1879–August 7, 1942), was a leading figure in the Polish Jewish community of the interwar era and cared for children in the orphanage of the Warsaw Ghetto during the Nazi occupation. Refusing offers of refuge outside the ghetto, he remained with the children when they were deported to Treblinka in 1942. Dr. Korczak famously remarked: “Children are not the people of tomorrow, but are people today. They have the right to be taken seriously, and to be treated with tenderness and respect. They should be allowed to grow into whoever they are meant to be.”

The award ceremony will take place at the Lucile Packard Children’s Hospital Stanford in Fall 2020. ■



Taube Jewish Peoplehood Award

Noted filmmaker and writer Roberta Grossman has been selected to receive Taube Philanthropies' 2020 Jewish Peoplehood Award. The award honors Jewish men and women who have worked to foster pride in Jewish identity and heritage for new generations, making a uniquely Jewish contribution to global culture. The award was created in 2011 by the Taube Jewish Peoplehood Initiative and has three past recipients: the formerly Hasidic reggae musician Matisyahu; the board chairman of the Association of the Jewish Historical Institute Piotr Wislicki; and a co-founder of Warsaw's post-communist Jewish community Dr. Stanislaw Krajewski. The award includes a \$10,000 gift.

The honor recognizes Ms. Grossman for her groundbreaking feature-length documentaries made on Jewish historical subjects, which shed light on important 20th century histories that were otherwise little known to a multi-generational public. Notable among her films, produced under the auspices of the nonprofit production company Katahdin Productions, is *Blessed Is the Match: The Life and Death of Hannah Senesh* (2008), which tells the wartime experience of a World War II-era poet and diarist who made *aliyah* to British-mandated Palestine from Hungary, enlisted as a volunteer parachutist in the British Special Operations Executive in 1943, and returned to Nazi Europe in an aborted mission to rescue Hungarian Jews, her mother among them. This film won the audience award at 13 Jewish film festivals, was broadcast on PBS, nominated for a Primetime Emmy, and shortlisted for an Academy Award.



Together with Sophie Sartain, Ms. Grossman produced *Hava Nagila: The Movie* (2012), tracing the cultural journey of the popular song from Ukraine to YouTube. Released theatrically and screened at 80 Jewish film festivals, *Hava Nagila: The Movie* was either the opening or closing night selection at more than half of those festivals.

In 2015, Grossman directed producer Nancy Spielberg's feature-length documentary *Above and Beyond*, spotlighting the Jewish American World War II-era pilots who volunteered to fight for Israel in its 1948 War of Independence, also establishing the Israeli Air Force.

In 2018, Ms. Grossman wrote, produced, and directed a powerful documentary/dramatic feature about the secret archives of the Warsaw Ghetto during World War II, assembled under the leadership of historian Emanuel Ringelblum. The film, *Who Will Write Our History*, was executive produced by Nancy Spielberg and is based on the acclaimed scholarly work of the same title written by historian Samuel Kassow and published in 2007. Taube Philanthropies co-sponsored the Discovery Channel's global broadcast of the film in commemoration of International Holocaust Remembrance Day, January 27, 2020, which marked the 75th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau by the Soviet Red Army.

Said Taube, "Roberta Grossman has given the world a treasure trove of Jewish historical narratives that enrich our understanding of our history and deepen our sense of cultural pride." ■

Grants in Israel

Ahava (Love, in Hebrew), sculpted by Robert Indiana, on the grounds of the Israel Museum, overlooking Jerusalem



Hebrew Union College— Jewish Institute of Religion

In 2016, Taube Philanthropies announced its largest grant ever to a Jewish institution, a \$15 million gift providing for the expansion and enhancement of the Jerusalem campus of Hebrew Union College–Jewish Institute of Religion. In his remarks at the groundbreaking, Tad Taube spoke of the importance of HUC–JIR to the training of Reform rabbis, cantors, educators, and nonprofit leaders “for Israel and the Jewish people as a whole.”

Founded in Cincinnati in 1875, Hebrew Union College became the premier Jewish seminary in North America and the academic, spiritual, and professional leadership development center of Reform Judaism. It established additional campuses in Los Angeles, New York, and Jerusalem. As the pluralistic center of innovation for Jewish life and learning, HUC–JIR prepares Jewish religious leaders, educators, nonprofit professionals, pastoral counselors, and scholars to strengthen and transform Jewish communities and the larger world. All Hebrew Union College North American rabbinical, cantorial, and education students are required to spend their first year of study at the Jerusalem campus, where they establish lifelong ties to Israel that they later transmit as leaders of congregations, organizations, and communities worldwide.

When the Jerusalem campus was dedicated in 1963, its building included the first Reform synagogue in Israel. The Taube gift provides for a prominent new entrance designed by renowned architect Moshe Safdie, who designed an expansion of the campus three decades ago. A groundbreaking ceremony in 2016 was the occasion for naming the



Tad Taube receives a replica of the House of David stele, 9th century BCE, discovered at the Hebrew Union College–Jewish Institute of Religion excavation at Tel Dan in 1993, from Rabbi Aaron Panken z”l, President of HUC–JIR (2013–2018). Photo: HUC–JIR

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Taube Family Campus at Hebrew Union College–Jewish Institute of Religion. “Our gift to Hebrew Union College–Jewish Institute of Religion has special meaning for Taube Philanthropies,” said Shana Penn, Executive Director of Taube Philanthropies, “It is the Foundation’s largest gift to a Jewish institution, and the first naming that the Taube Family has made in Israel.” ■

Beit Hatfutsot Museum of the Jewish People

A \$5 million gift from Taube Philanthropies is funding the construction of a new gateway to the Museum of the Jewish People at Beit Hatfutsot on the Tel Aviv University campus, scheduled to open in late 2020. ■

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Renderings of the **Taube Family Memorial Entrance** (left), which honors Tad Taube's sister, Nita Hirsch, and his parents, Zyg and Lola Taube. **The Tad and Dianne Taube Lobby** (right).

Alexander Muss High School in Israel, Poland Study Tour Scholarship Fund

A grant of \$125,000 each year for two years provides Poland study tour travel stipends to 100 students per year from the Alexander Muss High School in Israel, located in Hod HaSharon, near Tel Aviv. The school offers educational programs for American high school students to provide learning inside and outside the classroom. The immersive experience is designed to stretch students intellectually and expand their empathy with and allegiance to Israel and to Judaism and Jewish life. ■



Scholarship Grants for Israel Defense Forces (IDF) Veterans

Taube Philanthropies made two separate grants to support the education of IDF veterans. The first, a \$100,000 grant over five years to Ben-Gurion University (BGU), supports five two-year Masters degree scholarships for IDF Elite Army Unit soldiers admitted to BGU. The second, a \$100,000 matching grant to Friends of the Israel Defense Forces (FIDF), provides student scholarships for former IDF soldiers from low socioeconomic backgrounds who are attending BGU in pursuit of their undergraduate degrees. In giving these grants, Tad Taube expressed his desire “to ensure that all honorably discharged IDF veterans will have the opportunity to pursue education that can make it possible for them to achieve their full potential.” ■



“At the FIDF Western Gala celebration in November 2019, Tad Taube was presented with the FIDF glass sculpture “Hero Award” in recognition of his philanthropy.

Israel Museum

Grants from Taube Philanthropies support the archaeology program, exhibitions, and related companion materials for the Israel Museum in Jerusalem. A gift in 2018 provided \$100,000 for archaeology-related exhibitions in honor of Abraham D. Sofaer, a former legal adviser to the U.S. State Department and now the George P. Shultz Senior Fellow in Foreign Policy and National Security Affairs at the Hoover Institution, Stanford University. In 2019 a grant of \$100,000 supported a traveling exhibition and companion books and a Bay Area Outreach Program. Another grant, of \$25,000, went to the Bay Area Outreach Program of the Israel Museum. In 2020 a new grant of \$50,000 was made to continue support of the Israel Museum’s Bay Area Outreach Program. ■



Grants and Leadership 2018-2020

Taube Foundation for Jewish Life & Culture (2018-20)

Medical Research and Treatment

Dignity Health
J. David Gladstone Institutes

Civic and Cultural Life

Autistic Self Advocacy Network
Berkeley Music Group
Cityside
Commonwealth Club of California
Filoli
Gazeta Wyborcza Foundation
GLIDE
Jazz at the Ballroom
J. The Jewish News of Northern California
KlezCalifornia
Liberty Justice Center
Moment Magazine
Operation Access
Pacific Research Institute
Riekes Center for Human Enhancement
Philanthropy Roundtable
Rock the CASA
San Francisco Ballet
San Francisco Opera
Think Freely Media
Washington Institute

Academia and Campus Life

Association of Jewish Studies
Graduate Theological Union
HUC Press
Jewish Theological Seminary
Mills College
University of California Regents
University of San Francisco

Education: Buildings and Programs

All Five
All Stars Helping Kids
Cristo Rey San Jose Jesuit High School
Jewish Community High School of the Bay
Kehillah Jewish High School
Menlo School

Sports for Youth Programs

Challenged Athletes Foundation
Pathways for Kids
San Francisco 49ers Academy
San Francisco 49ers Foundation
Warriors Community Foundation

Humanitarian Aid

Jewish Family and Children's Services of San Francisco, the Peninsula, Marin & Sonoma Counties
Legal Aid Society of San Mateo County

Jewish Peoplehood in California

Addison-Penzak Jewish Community Center
ADL
AJC San Francisco
American Private Radio
Chabad Noe Valley for Gan Noe Preschool
Chabad of Greater South Bay
Chai Lifeline
Congregation Emanu-El
Contemporary Jewish Museum
David Horowitz Freedom Center
Forward
HAMAQOM
Hillel at Stanford
Hold On To Your Music Foundation
Jewish Community Center

Maccabi Sports Camp
Jewish Community Center of San Francisco
Jewish Community Center of the East Bay
Jewish Community Federation and Endowment Fund
Jewish Educational Partisan Foundation
Jewish Family & Children's Services
Jewish Federation of Silicon Valley
Jewish Federation of the East Bay
Jewish Federations of North America
Jewish Funders' Network
Jewish Studio Project
Jewish Vocational Services
Honeymoon Israel
Magnes Museum Foundation
Moishe House
Moldaw Residences
Northern California Board of Rabbis
Osher Marin Jewish Community Center
Oshman Family Jewish Community Center
Peninsula Jewish Community Center
Silicon Valley Jewish Film Festival
Sinai Memorial Chapel/ Memory Garden
Tawonga Jewish Community Corporation

Jewish Peoplehood: Jewish Heritage Initiative in Poland

70 Faces Media
American Friends of POLIN Museum
American Jewish Committee
American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee
American Zionist Movement
Association of the Jewish Historical Institute of Poland

Auschwitz Jewish Center
 Brandeis University
 Center for Ethics in Action
 CENTROPA
 Centrum Dialogu im. Marka
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Chidusz
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 in Poland
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 Festival Society, Inc.
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 Wrocławskiego
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 Hiddush
 Hillel at Stanford
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 Jewish Genealogical Societies
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 Janusz Korczak Association
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 Office of the Chief Rabbi of Poland
 Osher Marin Jewish Community
 Center
 Polish American Film Society
 Polish American Foundation of
 Connecticut, Inc.
 Puszke Foundation

San Francisco-Krakow Sister Cities
 Association
 Taube Center for the Renewal of
 Jewish Life in Poland Foundation
 Warsaw Jewish Film Festival
 Westbury Group
 YIVO Institute for Jewish Research

Jewish Peoplehood in Israel

A Wider Bridge
 American Friends of Koret Israel
 Economic Development Funds
 American Friends of the Israel
 Democracy Institute
 American Friends of the Israel
 Museum
 American Friends of the Israel
 Philharmonic Orchestra
 American Society of the University
 of Haifa
 Friends of the Israel Defense Forces
 Hebrew Union College-
 Jewish Institute of Religion
 Jaffa Institute
 Shorashim School
 The Israel Project
 Tikvot
 TogetherWithIsrael

Taube Family Donor Advised Fund at Stanford (2018-20)

Medical Research and Treatment

Buck Institute for Research
 on Aging
 Children's Health Council
 Day-ALS Research Fund
 El Camino Hospital Foundation
 El Camino Hospital Foundation
 Gladstone Institutes
 Lucile Packard Foundation for
 Children's Health
 Palo Alto Medical Foundation

Ronald McDonald House
 Stanford University School
 of Medicine
 UCSF Cardiology Council
 Under One Umbrella

Civic and Cultural Life

American Foundation of the
 Imperial War Museum
 Commonwealth Club of California
 Federalist Society for Law &
 Public Policy Studies
 HairToStay
 Hudson Institute
 Independent Institute
 LAVate
 National WWII Museum
 Pacific Research Institute
 Riekes Center for Human
 Enhancement
 Roberts Enterprise Development
 Fund
 San Francisco Ballet
 San Francisco Opera
 San Francisco Parks Alliance
 San Francisco Symphony
 San Francisco Zoological Society
 San Mateo County Historical
 Association
 Think Freely Media

Academia and Campus Life

CalMatters
 Carnegie Mellon University
 Foundation for Individual Rights
 in Education
 Graduate Theological Union
 Hillel Center for Campus Climate
 Hoover House Circle, Stanford
 Stanford Institute for Economic
 Policy Research (SIEPR)
 Stanford University Libraries
 University of California, Berkeley,
 Graduate School of Journalism

University of California, Santa Cruz,
Department of Jewish Studies
USC Thornton School of Music

Education: Buildings and Programs

Menlo School
Windmill School, Inc.

Sports for Youth Programs

49ers Foundation
Chris Cammisa Tennis & Education
Foundation
Pathways for Kids
Positive Coaching Alliance
Sharks Foundation
Women in Sports Foundation

Humanitarian Aid

Housing Consortium of the East
Bay (HCEB)/City of Oakland
Jewish Family and Children's
Services of San Francisco,
the Peninsula, Marin &
Sonoma Counties
Roots Community Health Center /
City of Oakland

Jewish Peoplehood

American Associates, Ben-Gurion
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Forward
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Center
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Association
Stanford Jewish Center

UC Regents for Magnes Collection
of Jewish Art and Life
US Polish Trade Council

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10,000 Degrees
A Wider Bridge
AIPAC
AJC San Francisco
Alzheimer's Association of Northern
California
American Federation for Children
American Friends of the Israel
Museum
American Legion Capital Research
American Red Cross
Americans for Oxford
ARCS Foundation
Berkeley Music Group/UC Theatre
Boys & Girls Club of the Coastside
Caminar
Camp Ramah
Career Up Now
Caring for Children
CASA of San Mateo
Castilleja School
Catholic Charities
Center for Mathematics and
Teaching (CMAT)
CFACT
Chabad of Greater South Bay
Chabad of San Francisco
Child Mind Institute
CHP-11-99
City Youth Now
Clinic by the Bay
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Disabled Veterans
El Centro Chicano y Latino
EPATT
Facing History & Ourselves
Filoli
Fit Kids
For the Troops
Foundation for Hispanic
Education Stanford
Friends of Israel Defense Fund
Friends of San Francisco
Public Library
Friendship Circle
Gideon Hausner Jewish Day School
Global Fund for Women
Global Lives Project
Global Press Institute
Graduate Theological Union
Gustavus Community Center
HairToStay
Harper for Kids
Hillel at Stanford
Humane Society of the US
Icahn School of Medicine at
Mount Sinai
Imperial War Museum
Institute for World Politics
Jewish Community Center
Association of North America
Jewish Community Center of the
East Bay
Jewish Community Federation
of San Francisco
Jewish Community Foundation
of San Francisco
Jewish Community High School
of the Bay
Jewish Family and Children's
Services of San Francisco,
the Peninsula, Marin &
Sonoma Counties
Judicial Watch
LAVate

Linfield College
Menlo Atherton High School
Menlo Charity Horse Show
Menlo College
Mercy Volunteer Corps
Michael Harris Foundation
Mid-Peninsula High School
Midpeninsula Open Space
Mountain Bikers of Santa Cruz
Mutts with a Mission
National Police Association
Naval War College Foundation
Olivet University
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Osher Marin Jewish
Community Center
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Community Center
Pathways for Kids
Peninsula Humane Society
Peninsula Volunteers
Perlman Music Program
PGA Hope San Francisco
Beautiful
Philanthropy Roundtable
Poetry Unites Association
Positive Coaching Alliance
Press Institute for Women in
the Developing World
Project Glimmer
Project HEAL
Republican National
Committee
Rescue California Education
Foundation
ReSurge International
Riekes Center for Human
Enhancement
Rock the CASA Foundation
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San Francisco Campus for
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Jewish Home)
San Francisco Friends School
San Francisco Host
Committee
San Francisco Opera
San Francisco Zoological
Society
San Jose Museum of Art
San Mateo County Historical
Association
Schwab Charitable
Search Dog Foundation
Second Harvest Food Bank
of Santa Clara and
San Mateo Counties
Sempervirens Fund
Shalom Bayit
Slingshot
Soi Dog Foundation
Stand4Lyme Foundation
Stanford University
Stern Grove Festival
Students for Liberty
TASIS Foundation
Tea Party Patriots Foundation
Team BlueLine
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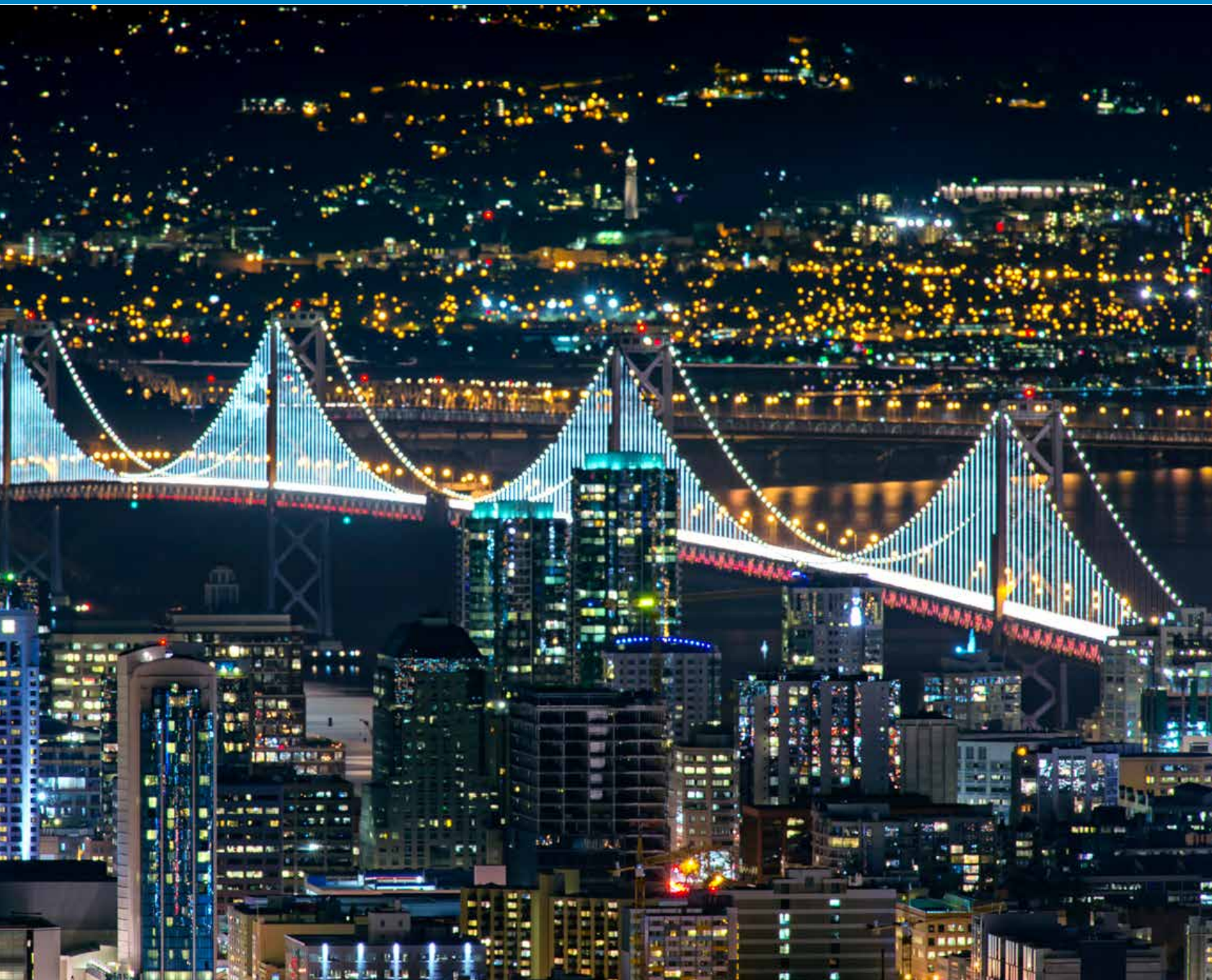
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