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Taube Philanthropies Kicks Off 2017 With \$2 Million+ in Grants to Jewish Community Organizations

Taube Philanthropies strengthens Jewish programs and initiatives in the Bay Area, Israel, and Poland through its support of local Jewish social service groups

SAN FRANCISCO – Taube Philanthropies today announced its first major grants of 2017 with impact grants to Jewish community organizations in the Bay Area, in Israel and in Poland, totaling over \$2 Million. The grants will help fund a number of initiatives including Jewish Peoplehood programming, academia and education, arts, culture and heritage programs, history and genealogy projects, emergency preparedness, and general operations.

American Friends of the Koret Israel Economic Development Funds (AFKIEDF) has been awarded \$400,000 in honor of Carl Kaplan, Abraham Sofaer, and Jeffrey Farber, whose outstanding leadership contributed to the success of KIEDF. As the largest private loan guarantor to small businesses in Israel, KIEDF loan programs have facilitated thousands of private industry jobs.

In addition, several beneficiary programs included in the announced funding package serve to strengthen Jewish life and culture in Poland.

“We are pleased to be able to support the many outstanding Jewish organizations that advance Jewish Peoplehood, here in the Bay Area, as well as in Israel and Poland,” said **Tad Taube, Chairman of Taube Philanthropies**. “It is most satisfying to be able to help community organizations and their leadership enhance their work and their impact in Jewish Peoplehood programming.”

Grants were issued to the following organizations:

In The Bay Area:

Jewish Family & Children’s Services (JFCS), San Francisco
San Francisco Jewish Community Federation
Jewish Federation of the East Bay, Berkeley
Silicon Valley Jewish Community Federation, Los Gatos
Jewish Community Center, San Francisco
Osher Marin Jewish Community Center
Peninsula Jewish Community Center
Addison-Penzak Jewish Community Center
Jewish Community Center of the East Bay

Graduate Theological Union's Center for Jewish Studies
Congregation Emanu-El
Northern California Rabbis Association
Jewish Theological Seminary (NY)

In Poland:

Emanuel Ringelblum Jewish Historical Institute and Genealogy Center
Wroclaw University's Taube Center for Jewish Studies
Office of the Chief Rabbi of Poland
Jewish Community Center, Krakow
Jewish Community Center, Warsaw

In Israel:

Koret Israel Economic Development Funds (KIEDF)

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Taube Philanthropies was established in 1981 by its founder and chairman, Tad Taube. Based in the San Francisco Bay Area, the foundation makes philanthropic investments in Jewish, civic, and cultural life primarily in the Bay Area, Poland, and Israel. Its grant making programs support institution-building, scholarship, heritage preservation, arts and culture, and education. Taube Philanthropies is committed to collaborative grant making for greater charitable impact and actively partners with other philanthropic organizations and individuals. taubephilanthropies.org