



Dear Friends,

As Hanukkah begins, its message of hope and rededication is so important now as we face a surge in COVID-19, financial uncertainty, extreme political partisanship, and racial and economic disparity. It feels like we are living in very dark times.



Rick Linsk



Ted Flaum

Yet we Jews create light and hope. We light the menorah at dusk and place it in a window to remind ourselves and others that a single light makes a difference. We light an additional candle for the next seven nights so by the eighth night, the menorah glows bright. These lights act as a beacon for all the world to see.

Each member of our Jewish community is like a Hanukkah candle. While an individual deed can serve as a light, our collective actions are even brighter. The St. Paul Jewish Federation is the menorah of our community because we bring individual community members together to be that bright beacon in the darkness.

This is exemplified by our \$1.9 million Annual Campaign that helps rescue vulnerable Jews and provides a range of Jewish educational, cultural, and social programs here and in 70 other countries.

In response to COVID-19, we launched a supplemental Yad B'Yad Campaign to support individuals, families and agencies in our community affected by COVID-19. More than \$1 million is necessary to meet COVID-19 related needs. This is in addition to the \$1.9 million we are raising for our Annual Campaign.

To those who already have contributed, thank you! For those who have not, please consider donating before the end of the year. Jewish Federations of North America is offering a 50% match of up to \$200,000 on all gifts that are in addition to a donor's usual annual campaign contribution.

Thank you for your support, and we look forward to the time when we can physically convene again as a community. We wish you all the best in 2021.

Be safe and stay well,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "M. Linsk".

Rick Linsk, President

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ted".

Ted Flaum, CEO