Laszlo N. Tauber

The Laszlo N. Tauber Family Foundation, Inc. was established in 2003 through a bequest from Dr. Tauber, who died in 2002. Born in Budapest, Hungary in 1915, he emigrated to the United States in 1947. Building from his successful medical practice, Dr. Tauber began a series of real estate ventures, which eventually established him as one of the most successful developers in Washington, D.C. In addition to these financially successful projects, he established the Jefferson Memorial Hospital in Alexandria, Virginia and continued an active surgery practice until the age of 80.

History of Tauber Philanthropy

Dr. Tauber began his most notable philanthropic activities with a donation to Brandeis University in 1977 to establish the Tauber Institute for the Study of European Jewry. This gift was the first of several major donations in memory of the Jews persecuted by the Nazi regime. These included donations of significant endowments at the United States Holocaust Museum in Washington D.C., Yad Vashem (Jerusalem), The Museum of Jewish Heritage (New York), Holocaust Center of Northern California (San Francisco), as well as other numerous awards to memorialize the victims of the Jewish Holocaust. Dr. Laszlo Tauber also supported biomedical research and university scholarships in the United States and Israel.
Introduction

The Laszlo N. Tauber Family Foundation, established in 2003 by Dr. Ingrid Tauber and Professor Alfred Tauber in memory of their father, Dr. Laszlo N. Tauber, has diverse interests, which have continued the long-standing philanthropic activities of the family.

The current programs divide into seven categories:

- Care and support of those afflicted with psychiatric disorders
- Graduate education and training in psychology and social work
- Biomedical-psychiatric research
- Jewish education, culture, and identity
- Jewish Holocaust remembrance and education
- Arts and culture
- Humanitarian aid

While The Tauber Family Foundation has diverse interests, its primary focus is on the advancement of the rehabilitation of people with psychiatric disabilities and their integration into the community. With the goal of systemic change, the Foundation is committed to promoting new initiatives through educating professionals responsible for this population and directing basic and clinical research targeted at innovative clinical approaches to treatment. In order to advance these objectives, the Foundation sponsors both cooperative programs as well as initiating its own projects. The Jerusalem office was established in 2007 in order to strengthen the Foundation’s activities in Israel, which now comprises almost two-thirds of resource allocations.

I. Care and Support of those Afflicted with Psychiatric Disorders

San Francisco’s Tipping Point, one of the most innovative philanthropic organizations in the Bay area, was founded in 2005 with a vision of fighting and preventing poverty and thus provides organizational and technological support to various agencies and charities functioning in this domain. In 2008, the Tauber Foundation proposed a Mental Health initiative to address the psychological needs of the clients of these organizations. In partnership with the Child Trauma Research Program (CTRP) at University of California, San Francisco (UCSF), this initiative addresses community mental health needs by providing child-parent clinical consultation, evidence-based, culturally informed mental health services to a population that ordinarily would be deprived of such services. CTRP supervises clinicians, consults with and treats families, and provides training for agency staff. Seven organizations are benefitting from child-parent psychotherapy (CPP) and/or clinical consultation: Compass Community Services, Bayview Child Health Center (BCHC), Homeless Prenatal Program, Canal Alliance, Shelter Network, Good Samaritan Family Resource Center, and San Francisco Child Abuse Prevention Center (SFCAPC).

Of the more than 300 families engaged in CPP, most have shown significant improvements, as measured by two well-known clinical assessments, the Child Behavior Checklist and the Beck Depression Inventory (for caregivers). The percentage of caregivers demonstrating signs of severe depression decreased from 29% at intake to 11% at program exit. There were also reductions in psychiatric symptoms among children following treatment: aggressive behavior, internalizing, externalizing, somatic complaints, withdrawn and attention problems.
In addition, this initiative has placed trained and supervised clinical interns in many of the organizations served through Tipping Point. In addition to psychotherapy and consultation services, the Mental Health Initiative strives to increase the capacity of staff to address the mental health needs of their clients. With the current structure of providing approximately six days of trainings per year, caregivers have access to high-quality trainings on well-researched, evidence-based practices – trainings that most attendees would not be able to access without Tipping Point. Working closely with CTRP staff and other trainers, the pedagogic content offers attendees concrete skills they can take back to their everyday work. To date, 346 staff members across 36 agencies have participated in mental health trainings from field experts. Groups have continuously requested more capacity-building opportunities.

Training in previous years has covered child abuse detection and reporting, how parents and children cope with trauma, and building rapport with difficult-to-serve clients. Motivational interviewing, a semi-directive, client-centered counseling style for eliciting behavior change, has been one of the most well received programs. In 2011, beyond addressing the needs of early trauma in children, the Tauber Foundation expanded this mental health initiative to meet the growing needs of the community and expanded its reach to adolescents. Despite the additional capacity added to grantee organizations through both trainings and psychotherapy/consultation services, service groups are seeing more demand for mental health services as economic difficulties continue to plague Bay Area families. Current providers of mental health services face significant budget cuts and have fewer resources to meet growing needs. In light of this demand, the Tauber Foundation will offer additional support for this effort by increasing funds for additional training opportunities and adding to the number of interns trained through CTRP.

In Boston, the Tauber Foundation has continued its support of Combined Jewish Philanthropies (CJP) and Jewish Family & Children's Service (JF&CS) efforts to fill gaps in services for adults with severe, persistent mental illness through the Coordinated Stabilization and Recovery (CSR) program. Over 100 clients are under supervision to help attain and maintain greater clinical stability.

The Foundation also actively supports two programs in the Center for Psychiatric Rehabilitation at Boston University:

1. an evaluation project for an emerging model of combining supported education and employment for young adults to evaluate their use of mental health and support services, their perceived health functioning, their sense of efficacy and clinical, educational and vocational outcomes.

2. a training project for global leaders committed to embedding recovery-oriented psychiatric rehabilitation services in their region. Participants (psychiatrists, managers, providers and consumers) from six countries (Taiwan, Greece, Italy, Israel, South Africa and the U.S.) participated in lectures on topics such as the individual course of recovery, programmatic implications of recovery, systems issues, leadership principles and a session on promoting and managing change. Following the visit to Boston and a self-assessment evaluation, participants continued instruction and guidance through a web-based interactive system.

In Israel, the Foundation’s work continues to be focused on rehabilitation of those suffering from psychiatric illnesses. Our program is divided between 1) advocacy, 2) education of those professionally responsible for the care of this population, and 3) the implementation of strategic changes to improve rehabilitation and care. Partnerships with the Health Ministry, several universities and medical centers have resulted in significant progress. With satisfaction, we have witnessed the Health Ministry's growing attention to this population and the results of that interest are most promising as the experimental caseworker's program is about to be expanded and assumed by the Government as part of its routine services. Further, in early 2012, the Foundation entered into an ambitious co-
The Laszlo N. Tauber Family Foundation sponsored research program with the Health Ministry and Haifa University to evaluate all psychiatric rehabilitation services in Israel. This five-year program will be the first comprehensive assessment of such services.

**Psychiatric Rehabilitation Case Managers Programs**

The Moshe Hess Amuta [Charity], founded by the Foundation as part of a joint initiative with the Ministry of Health for the coordination of individualized rehabilitation programs (case-management), began its fourth year of operation in 2011. Approximately 900 individuals with recognized psychiatric disability of greater than 40% receive services. In the course of the past year, emphasis was placed upon advanced training of the coordinators to work more effectively with client family members and with the professional staff in the rehabilitation, treatment and welfare system.

A research team under the direction of Professor David Roe of University of Haifa is evaluating the Amuta’s case-workers program. The data gathering process has been concluded, and the initial findings indicate that those who undergo rehabilitation in the Amuta program better define rehabilitation goals for themselves than unassisted controls. We also have preliminary evidence that the professional staffs of the treatment and rehabilitation system now view the needs of persons undergoing rehabilitation in a more comprehensive manner than in the past, and it seems that this project has contributed to this shift. At present, the Amuta is well-known to all providers of psychiatric rehabilitation services, and feedback received from many professionals indicate that the coordination services provided by it has made a significant contribution to people undergoing rehabilitation.

**Supportive Communities for People with Psychiatric Disabilities**

*Masad Disabilities* is a partnership with the Unit for Disabilities and Rehabilitation of Joint Israel, the Government of Israel, and the Ruderman Family Foundation for the planning and development of programs for the integration of people with disabilities in the community and for the strengthening of independent life in the community. In accordance with the goals of the general program of the supportive communities, the Tauber Foundation’s participation in the program fosters expansion of the circle of those with psychiatric disabilities living in the community, who might benefit from the program’s expertise.

**Integrating People with Psychiatric Disability in the “Masira” (“Journey”) Program for the Advancement of the Status of Persons with Disabilities in Israeli Arab Society**

The Division for Disabilities and Rehabilitation of Joint Israel has been operating the “Masira” program for the advancement of the status of persons with disabilities in Israeli Arab society for the past six years. Each year, Masira assists approximately 10,000 persons with disabilities in the Arab sector, primarily in the field of physical and sensory disabilities. As a result of this successful experience, the Tauber Foundation has joined this effort by supporting expansion of support services to those with psychiatric disabilities and their families in the southern “Triangle” area. Recruitment of leaders from various segments of society is one of the tools for the advancement of people with disabilities, to effect changes in societal attitudes and for insuring continuity of care. In the past year, a process of recruiting Arab businessmen has begun, alongside the recruitment of clergymen and professionals, who constituted the main target in the first years of the project.

**Field of Advocacy**

**Bizchut**

The grant for a mental health project to Bizchut, the Israel Human Rights Center for People with Disabilities, is intended to effect systemic changes in the protection of rights of those with psychiatric disabilities and thus it covers a wide variety of issues:

1. Protection of the rights of residents living in institutions;
2. The right to employment in therapeutic residences;
3. A demand for the expansion of hostels in the community;
4. Protecting the rights of residents of institutions with psychiatric disabilities;
5. Improve the mental health care opportunities for residents of East Jerusalem, through the expansion of clinics in their neighborhoods.

The Israel Center for the Treatment of Psycho-trauma (ICPT)

2011 was the fourth year in which the Foundation provided a grant to the Israel Center for the Treatment of Psycho-trauma for the program "Parents Place" in Sderot. The program was established in order to strengthen the abilities of parents to cope with living under the continued threat of missile attacks. The program, based on the model of the Parents Place (developed and supported by the Family and Children Services of the Jewish community in San Francisco), provides various support and counseling services to those raising children under conditions that require management of the transition between daily routines and emergency situations.

Activity with Consumers

The Lishma Amuta for the Integration and Empowerment of those Dealing with Psychiatric Disability

The Lishma Amuta is a non-profit consumer organization dedicated to those with mental health disabilities. Given the importance of the consumer movement and the desire to strengthen it, the Foundation supported the Lishma Amuta in its efforts to receive government and other organizational support, as well as financing organizational consultation services through Shatil. The main activity of 2011 was directed at assisting the Amuta to establish procedural protocols in coordination with various governmental authorities in order for it to be able to receive grants for various programs. The Foundation was also an active partner in improving administrative services as well as advancing projects in organizational management and continued professional advancement under the auspices of Shatil.

Development and Implementation of a Kit for Psychiatric Advance Directives

Psychiatric Advance Directives are a legal tool already adopted in several countries to enable consumers to make decisions about their own psychiatric health care, by choosing various options for future care at a time they are in crisis. The Foundation, with the cooperation of the Beer-Sheva Mental Health Center, the Center for Community Mental Health Research, Practice and Policy of the University of Haifa, and ISPRA (the Israel Psychiatric Rehabilitation Association) supported efforts to develop and to implement such a tool for consumers of mental health services in Israel. The Beer-Sheva Mental Health Center, as part of its on-going implementation of novel tools and interventions directed to recovery, has included the development and implementation of psychiatric advance directives in its agenda.

The Israel Psychiatric Rehabilitation Association (ISPRA)

The Foundation supported the establishment of the Israel Psychiatric Rehabilitation Association (ISPRA) with the goal of creating a professional community for those working in the field of psychiatric rehabilitation and to promote broader discussions to widen the influence of the field. The promotion of a professional association for psychiatric rehabilitation led by the Tauber Foundation has already had an impact on defining a new professional identity for those working in this field. With this newly opened coordination with the international community, we expect that these efforts will further promote the development of this professional group. These include opportunities for professional study (e.g., workshops, special lectures, and topical conferences), special training offerings, the establishment of a website www.ispraisrael.org.il for distribution of professional materials (e.g., video clips, interviews, informational bro-
chures, reports of current research, and news) and materials related to legal matters and the diverse professional demands faced by workers in psychiatric rehabilitation.

**Implementation of the Recovery Approach in Mental Health Services in the South**

In order to deepen the implementation of the recovery approach in the mental health services in the south, the Foundation provided a grant to the Department of Social Work of Ben-Gurion University for a cooperative program with the Beer-Sheva Mental Health Center. The program included a clinical seminar and two intensive workshops, which were held as part of the academic social work curriculum with a concentration on mental health. Additionally, initial steps were taken towards the development of collaborative research in this field.

**II. Graduate Education and Training in Psychology and Social work**

Our support of education at the masters, doctoral, and post-doctoral levels represents a major investment in the future development of psychiatric rehabilitation. In Israel, we are helping to establish the next generation of academic and professional practitioners with the highest educational standards and research capacities. With an eye to the future, support of research and clinical professionals will ensure that Israel has the professional personnel to care for those who are most vulnerable and too often neglected.

In San Francisco, the Tauber Foundation funds training programs in the behavioral sciences at Access Institute, Alliant International University, and UCSF. Support provides stipends for intern training and community-based programs to address mental health needs in the community. In addition, support for the Child Trauma Training Institute (CTTI), a joint program administered through Jewish Family and Community Services (JFCS) and UCSF and additionally funded by the John and Lisa Pritzker Foundation, is similar to the program sponsored at Tipping Point (described above).

CTTI trains and educates mental health professionals in the field to identify and treat early trauma. A part of CTTI’s training has recently focused on Trauma-Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (“TF-CBT”), which has been proven to be highly effective in improving symptoms and adaptive functioning in children who have experienced multiple traumatic events as well as in helping their non-offending parents who have participated in treatment. These workshops train clinicians in TF-CBT and its implementation in the community setting. Through multiple case examples, training focuses on the practice components of the model: psycho-education, parenting skills, cognitive processing, trauma, narrative, in vivo mastery of trauma reminders, and conjoint child-parent sessions.

**Hebrew University in Jerusalem, Baerwald program**

The program for specialization in psychiatric rehabilitation, as part of the studies for a Master’s degree in social work, was supported by the Foundation for the third year. This program is intended for employed social workers, who seek to expand their knowledge and skills in the field of psychiatric rehabilitation. This year, 15 students completed the program. The course of study includes a diverse offering of theoretical and practical courses on the subject of recovery-directed rehabilitation, approaches that emphasize client needs, an advanced course in psychopathology, psychology and pharmacology, a course on the subject of psychiatric rehabilitation policies in Israel, and a research seminar. The Baerwald program is unique among the social work schools in Israel, and represents the most innovative theory and methods in psychiatric rehabilitation. The program also constitutes a model for successful specialization for a master’s degree in social work. Since the students in the program come with a variety of professional experiences in rehabilitation services, in different geographic areas, and from various sectors of Israeli society, the program contributes to advancing the knowledge, the skills and the rehabilitative approach more generally throughout the country.
University of Haifa

1. Masters Program, The Department of Community Mental Health

2011 marks the Foundation’s third year of support for the practicum program in community mental health at the University of Haifa, which integrates theoretical material taught in the academic setting with work in the field. This unique program enables students to gain practical experience, under comprehensive supervision, of interventions designed to promote recovery (for example, illness and recovery management, motivational interviews, and assessments for readiness for change). The role of the supervision is directed at expanding and bringing together diverse aspects of professional study (knowledge, practical approaches, skills and tools) and includes three aspects: education, support, and supervision of professional development. Thirteen students from diverse cultural backgrounds participated in the program this year.

2. Psychiatric Rehabilitation Doctoral Program, The Department of Community Mental Health

In the past decade, the field of psychiatric rehabilitation has developed to the point at which it constitutes a large social movement that provides diverse services with a variety of approaches and ideologies resulting from scores and perhaps hundreds of beliefs regarding what is effective and what should be part of an effective rehabilitation process. This trend has also influenced policy-makers in the health care systems both in Israel and in other countries. In order to improve knowledge and to provide proper direction for the decision-making processes in this field, the training of a pool of academic experts, who are capable of extending knowledge based on research and thereby advancing the field as a part of social sciences is of utmost importance. The Foundation provided a grant for seven years to support 15 doctoral students, whose studies are directly related to psychiatric rehabilitation.

III. Research

Israeli Psychiatric Rehabilitation Research Project

With the beginning of the implementation of the Israeli Rehabilitation Law a decade ago, the importance of examining the effect of rehabilitation services and the extent to which they advance the objectives for which they were created became apparent. In order to address this need, the Foundation has joined with the Ministry of Health to jointly administer a “National Project for the Evaluation of Processes and Results in Community Rehabilitation Settings.” The Department of Community Mental Health at the Faculty of Social Welfare and Health Sciences has chosen University of Haifa to carry out this project. Planning and implementation of the project that will be conducted over six years began in 2011.

The objective of the project is to build a system to gather data from diverse sources (e.g., consumers, providers, governmental agencies, etc.) concerning the effectiveness of community rehabilitation, which will be used by the Ministry of Health for on-going evaluation of their services. With strong evaluative procedures and improved feedback to the rehabilitation frameworks, policy planning and general administration is expected to improve services. This data will also assist those undergoing psychiatric rehabilitation and their professional staff to evaluate client progress and recovery in order to better address client skills and abilities to work and function in the community. Simply, each client requires relevant services to maximize function and these require individual assessment within the context of services provided. This research will contribute to understanding the steps and processes that can be carried out in order to improve psychiatric rehabilitation and recovery. This has potential impact not only on practical application of rehabilitation efforts, but may contribute to the academic progress of psychiatric rehabilitation as part of the health care profession.

The Tauber Foundation also supports a model developed at UCSF to provide a broad array of services
to those suffering from prodromal symptoms. The Prodrome Assessment, Research and Treatment Program (PART) provides expert clinical assessment and treatment services to adolescents with early symptoms of psychosis. This program has had extensive progress in this critical area, and as a result of the outreach staffing support, PART evaluated 62 high-risk and recent-onset patients, enrolling 33 in research at UCSF. This active participant flow allowed completion of a randomized controlled trial of neuropsychology-based computer training in recent-onset schizophrenia, which showed improvements in global cognition, verbal learning and memory, and problem-solving as a result of the training in 40 patients, compared to 40 control patients who played computer games. This is the first study to demonstrate improvements in the cognitive symptoms of schizophrenia in recent-onset schizophrenia, similar to previous studies in chronic schizophrenia. This protocol directly impacts long-term functioning.

Schizophrenia is estimated to account for 2.5 to 3 percent of United States health care expenditures. Without an intervention like PART, as many as 90 percent of the patients served would be Supplemental Security Income/Medicare recipients (up from 30 percent now) by the time they reached their 30s. Through evidence-based treatments, medication management, and care management, PART aims to prevent the onset of full psychosis, and in cases in which full psychosis has already occurred, seeks to fully remit the disease and rehabilitate the cognitive functions it has damaged.

As a direct result of Tauber funds, UCSF has been invited to become a site for the NIH-funded North American Prodromal Longitudinal Study (NAPLS), a multi-site study examining the predictors of psychosis onset among at-risk youth. Large sample sizes are required for statistical prediction of long-term outcomes for high-risk youth. Therefore, collaborating with other research sites is imperative to conduct high-risk research. This group has been successful in both identifying predictors of psychosis outcomes in their previous studies as well as in obtaining ongoing NIH funding for this critical work.

The goals of this research match the goals of PART that the Tauber Foundation has supported over the years.

Through The Helen Diller Cancer Center at University of California San Francisco and the Breast Cancer Fund, the Tauber Foundation supports breast cancer research, with an emphasis on 1) evaluating the psycho-social aspects of this disease and 2) examining and translating the scientific evidence linking exposures to chemicals and radiation with the incidence of breast cancer. A report, State of the Evidence: The Connection between Breast Cancer and the Environment is in its 6th edition and serves as a critical resource for policy, market-based and educational information.

In Israel, the Foundation supports basic research in 1) complex systems at Tel Aviv University, 2) bioinformatics at Haifa University, and 3) various projects in brain science directed at elucidating biological causes of schizophrenia at both universities.

**IV. Jewish Education, Culture, and Identity**

In Northern California, a dramatic expansion of adult Jewish education was apparent during 2011 in Jewish day schools, synagogues, community centers, and museums, which was most evident in the Foundation’s support of Lehrhaus Judaica, which is the largest school for adult Jewish education on the West Coast. Now in its thirty-eighth year, Lehrhaus enrolls over 4,000 students annually in its courses, conferences, and study tours. The Tauber Foundation was instrumental in hiring Rabbi Peretz Wolf-Prusan to join the Lehrhaus faculty. In the past academic year, he initiated and directed many important programs that have enhanced the thirty-eight-year-long history of Lehrhaus Judaica.

While the Foundation has been a major contributor to Lehrhaus for many years, the addition of Rabbi Wolf-Prusan has deepened the partnerships with dozens of local Jewish organizations and two key agencies in particular: the Jewish Community Center of San Francisco...
(JCCSF) and the Jewish Family and Children’s Services, both major recipients of Tauber grants. For instance, in partnership with the JCCSF, the Tauber Foundation supports both domestic and international study tours, which over the past four years to seventeen countries on five continents (including Holocaust educational tours to Berlin, Poland, and Israel) have had a huge impact on its participants.

The Tauber Foundation especially values these collaborations and synergies, which promote community outreach, inclusiveness, and expansion of educational resources. For instance, working closely with JFCS, a series of symposia have included various cohorts in the community that has enabled Jewish adult education to thrive in a collaborative manner and has created expanded educational opportunities. In addition, educational programs—multi-session courses, lectures, docent training, and tours—supplementing exhibits with Jewish themes at the many museums in the Bay Area offer another important educational venue. This year, sponsorship of traveling exhibits to the Bay Area has included Discovering Our Biblical Ancestors, a course-customized exhibit presented in Berkeley and The Lod Mosaic: A Roman Masterpiece at the Legion of Honor in San Francisco.

The Tauber Foundation supports other educational activities including Brandeis-Hillel Day School (K-8), The Jewish Community High School (9-12), and Jewish studies for adults in synagogues and programs on college campuses. The Foundation also provided scholarship assistance to families who otherwise would be unable to send their children to these schools. Through the Bureau of Jewish Education, the Foundation also funds teacher training, curriculum development, and program evaluation, which enhances the quality of Jewish education serving the Bay Area.

Adult Jewish education is also an important focus of the Foundation. Through Temple Emanu-El, the Tauber Jewish Studies Program was initiated to provide an intensive opportunity for students to explore Jewish texts, thinkers, and ideas from a modern perspective. This program provides a variety of ways to engage with Torah and Jewish tradition. Now beginning its 8th year, the Tauber Jewish Studies program has drawn hundreds of students to this rare opportunity for in-depth study. Many of these students continue on to train for professional opportunities such as teaching in Jewish schools.

The Kevah program at Temple Emanu-El has established learning groups based on need, location, and themes. These groups are then matched with an educator to continue this educational process. Kevah, a Bay Area-wide grassroots organization based in Berkeley, has created pluralistic classical text study groups and has helped with the recruitment of young adults in particular. In this program, students learn the basic structure of the Talmud, identify key figures and centers, and locate the Talmudic literature in time and place. Through seminars with Lehrhaus faculty and hevruta (partner) study, students become familiar with Talmudic narratives and arguments, and develop a deeper understanding of Judaism.

Recently, the Tauber Foundation has contributed to a salient component within the New Israel Fund, the New Generations program. This program is not only a means of engaging future leaders, but is also a vital offering for young Jews seeking connection with Israel that reflects their social justice values. Current attitudes of young Jews towards Israel is complicated. Recent studies describe an alienated young adult population that is disengaged from Israel altogether. Such reports underscore the importance of this effort. Accordingly, the most effective strategy for enabling young adults to experience Israel as more than an abstract concept, is, of course, to spend time in the country itself. Part of this grant enables young Jews to experience Israel first hand.

An endowed fellowship was established by the Foundation at Facing History, Facing Ourselves, an organization dedicated to education directed at combating racism and discrimination. The fellowship supports the early career of those committed to work in this area of educational activism.
Jewish Holocaust remembrance and education

The re-organization of the Holocaust Center of Northern California took place in January of 2011. Through the efforts of the Tauber Foundation, a major grant enabled the Holocaust Center to re-locate to a new location at the Jewish Family Children’s Services (JFCS). A social service agency, the JFCS has served Holocaust survivors in our community for many years through outreach and emergency assistance programs. This re-organization has enabled the Holocaust Center to expand into a major regional center devoted to education and research, housing an extensive library and archive (that enhances the educational arm of the Center). As a direct result of the Foundation’s efforts and support, the instability and lack of community support for the Holocaust Center has finally been replaced with a sense of permanency and solidity that had never existed in its history in the Bay Area. The Holocaust Center is in the process of raising a substantial endowment, an effort led by the Tauber Foundation.

One of the more intensive programs of the Center is the Manovill Fellowship for high school students, who are competitively selected to study at the Center and take advantage of the rich resources of the Tauber Holocaust Library and Education Program. The Fellowship provides students, in a college-level format, with the opportunity of exploring a variety of sources. Fellows illustrated great dedication to their monthly assignments, and reported that each month they spent an average of 8-10 hours outside of class. The new space provided them with an ideal environment to participate in seminars and independently conduct research in the library, view oral histories, and work with archival materials to complete their monthly case study assignments. The Manovill Fellowship curriculum has a dual focus. The program strives to grow the fellow’s academic knowledge of the Holocaust as well as improve their public speaking and civic engagement skills. In April each fellow created an original lesson plan and engaged classrooms on their own campuses.

V. Arts and Culture

The Foundation supports selected arts and cultural activities. In recent years, one of the priorities has been on museum development, supporting the Judah Magnes reorganization under the University of California Bancroft Library. Support of the new Contemporary Jewish Museum in downtown San Francisco has also been provided through the Tauber Foundation.

The Foundation has also been a participant in the San Francisco Jewish Film Festival, which supports community-based opportunities to share and experience this unique cultural occasion. The San Francisco Jewish Film Festival is the largest and oldest event of its kind in the country. The Foundation supports the Friends of the San Francisco Public Library. Over twenty branches in the area have been renovated and modernized to meet the needs of the 21st century. This has been an extensive project that is nearing completion.

The Foundation also sponsors summer educational programs for urban youth through the Boston Celebrity Series. In Israel, support of the Jerusalem Conservatory Hassadna funds Ethiopian children music education.

VI. Social Aid

The Tauber Foundation offers humanitarian and educational support ranging from overseas efforts to the local tradition of Season of Sharing, a community campaign for the underserved. Other programs include the Codman Academy in Boston, the San Francisco Food Bank, the Huckleberry Youth Programs Inc., the Athletic Scholars Advancement Program and the Baton Rouge Youth Coalition, the later two designed to assist college-bound students.

The Tauber Foundation supports Jews in need overseas through the American Joint Distribution Committee, the American Jewish World Service, and the International Rescue Committee. And in Israel, the Tauber Foundation supports the New Israel Fund (NIF), an organization
committed to equality and democracy for all Israelis. NIF supports hundreds of non-profit organizations working to protect civil and human rights, to promote religious tolerance and pluralism, and to narrow economic and social gaps in Israeli society. In addition, religious pluralism is promoted through support of Tzohar, Ginor Ha’ir, Itim, and Bizchut.

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