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More than a year has passed since the Federation Board authorized conducting a detailed Jewish Community Population Study. The months that followed have been filled with defining the purposes of the study, selecting a professional demographer, creating survey questions that addressed Hartford's needs, implementing the study, writing reports and putting in place a process to insure broad dissemination of the study findings.

We share Paula's excitement and deep pride in the results of this study and in their potential as a catalyst for an even more vibrant Greater Hartford Jewish community in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. It is our hope that readers of this report will commit themselves to celebrating all that is positive about our community and helping to work on areas where more needs to be done.

Special thanks and mention should be given to the Board of the Jewish Federation of Greater Hartford for having the insight to make this commitment to the future of our community. The Hartford Jewish Population Study Committee has also put in many hours ensuring that the survey was comprehensive and inclusive. A great deal of thanks goes to Andy Paller, Associate Executive Director of the Federation, for his guidance, insight and commitment, as well as to Alys Krichavsky, Senior Planning Associate, for her devotion and input. Without their participation, as well as that of their assistant Barbara Galin, this report would not have been possible. We would like to thank Dr. Ira Sheskin, our demographer, whose professionalism and expertise helped this process move forward and the population study to be completed. Also, thanks to the Endowment Foundation of the Jewish Federation of Greater Hartford for their financial support and encouragement.

Sincerely,



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