JEWISH HISTORICAL SOCIETY
of the Upper Midwest

2011 ANNUAL REPORT
2009–2011 IN REVIEW

The Jewish Historical Society of the Upper Midwest promotes the vitality and continuity of Jewish culture in the Upper Midwest through preservation, interpretation, and education. We continue our 27-year tradition of collaborating with other organizations to bring our materials, programs, and exhibits to a wide audience. JHSUM recognizes the particular importance partnerships play in times of lean resources. The range of our partnerships spans the Jewish community and beyond enabling JHSUM to impact a much larger audience together than we would be able to singularly. Looking back at our interpretative and educational programming over the past two years reveals Minneapolis’ Jewish North Side in the spotlight and Rimon, the Minnesota Jewish Arts Council, as a key organizational partner.

In 2010, JHSUM and Rimon held the first of two mutual benefit events celebrating Jewish arts, culture, and history. The first event was “An Afternoon of Art in the Garden” held at the St. Paul home of Katherine Tane. Tane’s private garden with its sweeping views, unusual plants, great stonework, and beautiful curved paths, was an enchanting setting for delicious food and wine. Art by nine local Jewish visual artists was installed in the garden and a portion of the proceeds from their sale benefited JHSUM and Rimon.

The 2010 Summer North Side Walking Tour was bigger than ever, attracting more than 100 people. The popular walking tour, co-sponsored by the Minneapolis Heritage Preservation Commission, covers a neighborhood once home to the largest Jewish community between the Mississippi River and the West Coast. Tour leaders were Bob Roscoe, owner of Design for Preservation and a former member of the Heritage Preservation Commission, and Iric Nathanson. Tour highlights included a discussion of building design features at three former synagogues—Mikro Kodesh, Tifereth B’nai Jacob, and Shari Zedek—as well as a narrative history of the development of the North Side between the turn of the century and the post-war era. The large turnout prompted us to split the 2011 version of the tour into two parts. Nathanson led part one, which focused on the history of some of the gathering places of North Minneapolis’ Jewish community, including three extant synagogue buildings, the Emmanuel Cohen Community Center, and the Jewish Sheltering Home for Children. Roscoe focused on the architectural features of the buildings in part two. This year’s tour partner was Preserve Minneapolis.

JHSUM’s 2010 Fall Meeting at the University of Minnesota’s Urban Research and Outreach Center located at Penn Ave. N. and Plymouth, once the heart of the Jewish community’s commercial district. Featured speaker was local historian and North Side native Iric Nathanson. Nathanson, author of Minneapolis in the Twentieth Century: the Growth of an American City (MHS Press, 2009), spoke on the history of Minneapolis, and the North Side in particular.

At the invitation of the Sholom Community Alliance, we kept the North Side focus with the North Side Reunion at Knollwood Place. After remarks by Katherine Tane, over 100 former North Siders viewed the walking tour “extra” added to the second edition of the JHSUM documentary DVD, “We Knew Who We Were.” Board member Lisa Heilicher led a post-film discussion.

For the past year, JHSUM has been a key partner in a major endeavor of the University of Minnesota and Twin Cities Public Television, the documentary film “Cornerstones: A History of North Minneapolis,” which will prominently feature the Jewish community.

Award-winning filmmaker Dan Bergin of tpt offered a sneak preview of his documentary as part of the 2011 joint benefit for Rimon and JHSUM, held this year at the home of Rimon Executive Director, David Jordan Harris. Harris’s home, located in the Homewood neighborhood of North Minneapolis, was also the locale for the second talk in the joint benefit series, featuring North Side native and nationally known visual artist Seitu Jones.

The JHSUM / Rimon benefits kicked off a two-week art exhibition hosted by Homewood Studios on Plymouth Avenue, “The North Side Today: Memory, Place, Home, Community”, featuring more than a dozen Minnesota-based artists. Artists were challenged through visual interpretations of the neighborhood to interpret this longtime home for immigrant groups and minorities through the multiple lenses of memory, place, home, and community. A historic walking tour of Plymouth Avenue led by Iric Nathanson focused on neighborhood transformation.

What you, our members and supporters, may not see out in our community is the quiet, day-to-day work we do to preserve and make available the compelling stories of Upper Midwest Jewish experience. After two years of careful, steady work we now have a state of the art, online, database and our materials are receiving unprecedented access and greatly expanded use. Each month our web site, www.jhsum.org, is visited by hundreds of people looking for stories and images of Jewish people, families, and institutions. We set a new JHSUM record serving well over 400 users in the last two years who requested collections assistance, materials or photos. Our photos have been published around the world, in print and on the web and appeared in film and at the new Jewish Museum in Philadelphia. Our archival documents were used by historians, students, scholars, film makers and even fiction writers. We could not do any of these things without your support. You ensure JHSUM continues to be where our region’s generations connect to get the whole story.

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JHSUM FINANCIAL OVERVIEW 2010-2011

TOTAL REVENUE: $154,092

Revenue does not include investment gains of $36,998 or $9,859 of prior year temporarily restricted income.

TOTAL EXPENSES: $189,798

Included in Contributions:
- Restricted amounts of $37,903
- New program grants of $11,998
- Nathan and Theresa Berman endowment of $55,000
- Unrestricted gifts of $28,673

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Thank you to our major funders

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GRANTS

Three Minnesota Historical and Cultural Grants funded by the Arts and Culture Heritage Fund to support collections database enhancement; St. Louis Park oral histories and Minnesota Jewish history on Placeography. JHSUM partnered on two additional Legacy grants supporting Jewish former Soviet Union and Sholom Community Alliance residents oral histories.

Two Oren and Sharron Steinfeldt Family Foundation grants to support completion of our membership and collections database projects.
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