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The American Jewish Archives Awarded Grants from the Jack, Joseph and Morton Mandel Foundation & the Mandel Supporting Foundations

Grant monies will establish the new Jack, Joseph and Morton Mandel Fellowship

CINCINNATI, OH:—The Jacob Rader Marcus Center of the American Jewish Archives (AJA) is pleased to announce that it has received two prestigious grants from the Jack, Joseph and Morton Mandel Foundation and the Mandel Supporting Foundations, both based in Cleveland, Ohio. The American Jewish Archives is located on the Cincinnati campus of Hebrew Union College – Jewish Institute of Religion.

A \$250,000 grant has been awarded to establish the Jack, Joseph and Morton Mandel Fellowship at the AJA. An additional grant of nearly \$140,000 will provide funding for the digitization of the AJA's collection of archives and records that documents the work of the Foundation through two initiatives which were launched during the 1980's: The Commission on Jewish Education in North America and the Council for Initiatives in Jewish Education, both founded and chaired by Morton L. Mandel.

The Mandel Foundation works to cultivate outstanding leadership for the non-profit world. Its areas of engagement include leadership of nonprofits, management of nonprofits, Jewish education, humanities in education and the arts, and urban renewal.

“The AJA is exceedingly proud to be able to offer the new Jack, Joseph and Morton Mandel Fellowship, which will draw attention to the Foundation's extraordinary contributions to Jewish education and Jewish communal leadership,” said Dr. Gary P. Zola, Executive Director of the AJA.

The Marcus Center's world renowned Fellowship Program, established in 1977 by the AJA's founding director, Dr. Jacob Rader Marcus (1896–1995), is currently comprised of 16 named and perpetually endowed fellowships. The program creates a forum where outstanding scholars and noteworthy researchers (15–20 per year) are provided with the financial

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resources needed to travel to Cincinnati and delve into the AJA's rich collection of primary source material.

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Since the establishment of The Marcus Center's Fellowship Program, more than 400 scholars and academics from North America and across the globe have visited Cincinnati to examine the holdings of the AJA, widely regarded as the world's largest catalogued collection of primary source materials documenting the history of North American Jewry.

Zola also said, "For the first time, scholars, researchers, students, and documentarians will have access to source materials that reveal the story of the evolution of Jewish philanthropy and Jewish education in the latter part of the 20th century. That era saw a tremendous shift in the public agenda of America's Jewish community from concerns about post-World War II America and Israel to Jewish continuity and meaningful American Jewish life experiences. It was the Mandel Foundation which convened a major commission comprised of some of the most influential leaders of the day—representing every ideology and approach—to address these emerging uncertainties."

The AJA, with its state-of-the-art facility and impressive professional staff, is world-renowned for its attention to both preservation and access. In the modern age of archival science, digital access to the AJA's most important collections has become imperative. The AJA will be on the cutting edge of presenting these digital assets in a way that meets the needs of all those who utilize the AJA as a world-class resource for the documentation of the American Jewish experience.

"We are so very pleased and honored to entrust the care and preservation of our records to the American Jewish Archives. That will enable the collection to be easily accessed by scholars, students and researchers throughout the world," said Mr. Morton L. Mandel, Chairman and CEO of the Jack, Joseph and Morton Mandel Foundation.

Please watch for news and updates on the digitization of all of the Mandel Foundation records on our [Facebook](#) page, or on our [website](#).

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About the Jack, Joseph and Morton Mandel Foundation

Jack, Joseph and Morton Mandel founded the Mandel Foundation in 1953 in their hometown of Cleveland, Ohio. The work of the Foundation is grounded in the belief that exceptional leaders, inspired by powerful ideas, are key to improving society and the lives of people around the world. The Mandel Foundation has identified five areas of engagement: leadership of nonprofits, management of nonprofits, Jewish education, humanities in education and the arts, and urban renewal.

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About the AJA

The Jacob Rader Marcus Center of the American Jewish Archives, founded in 1947 by its namesake on the historic campus of the Hebrew Union College–Jewish Institute of Religion, is committed to preserving a documentary heritage of the religious, organizational, economic, cultural, personal, social and family life of American Jewry. The Marcus Center contains over 15,000 linear feet of archives, manuscripts, nearprint materials, photographs, audio and videotapes, microfilm, and genealogical materials.

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