Stroum Jewish Community Center of Greater Seattle exists because of and to serve the growing Puget Sound Jewish community. We continue working hard to match our programs, offerings, and experiences to your expectations, whether you’re new to the region or a lifelong resident.

Throughout this newsletter, you’ll see evidence of what’s happening inside the J on Mercer Island and at off-site programs to bring our values to life. At the same time, we’re working hard to maintain the building to serve our needs while planning for our future.

Just this past year we upgraded the cardio equipment in the Fitness Center, remodeled the main men’s and women’s bathrooms, and are in the process of upgrading the exterior pool doors. We installed a new access control system to facilitate your movement in the facility and help better manage building traffic. Soon you’ll experience a new online engine to register for classes and events. And for anyone who missed a show, we’ve launched SJCC On Demand, featuring a selection of our fantastic Arts + Ideas programs for streaming on your favorite device.

Upgrades keep us at our best while we start initial planning for our future. The next few pages highlight your incredible past support while also noting specific ways you can help keep the SJCC vibrant inside and out.

Campus Planning

In early 2017, discussions began with various organizations about the idea of creating a campus south of Interstate 90 to house more than just the SJCC. Recently, a working team with representatives from those organizations and community leaders has been assembled to explore the possibilities.

In the near term, we are also working with the city of Mercer Island to explore how this campus might look and function to best serve our neighborhood community. This is the very beginning of a long and exciting process. Along the way, you will have opportunities to provide input and ideas. We will prioritize outreach to our constituents, communities, and neighbors as this plan progresses, and we look forward to bringing you into the conversation as we have more information to share and discuss.

» STAY UPDATED: bookmark SJCC.org/blog
Past, Present, and Future

In 2019, we’ll celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Stroum Jewish Community Center on Mercer Island. Here’s a preview of how we plan to honor our past, celebrate our present, and pave the way into the future.

HONORING OUR PAST

The Circle of Friends Luncheon is a long-standing annual tradition and successful fundraiser for the SJCC. In the past 13 years, the luncheon has raised more than $4.5 million to support the programs and services that are important to so many.

As we look for new ways to celebrate our community and raise funds to support the J, we’ll honor the legacy of the luncheon by rededicating the Chai Society as the Circle of Friends giving society. When you give to the Stroum Jewish Community Center, you become part of a community of donors united in their support of our vision, mission, and impact. Our generous donors energize the J’s growth, enhance accessibility, and enrich our welcoming character. We are grateful to honor those who support the SJCC at every level in our Circle of Friends giving society.

CELEBRATING OUR PRESENT

Get ready for a great party with a purpose! We are excited to kick off our anniversary year with a casino-themed celebration and fundraiser, Diamonds, Denim, and Dice, on Saturday, January 12, at the J. This celebration will be our largest fundraiser of the year. Planning is underway to create a dazzling event that will bring our community together to enjoy an evening of delicious food and drink, schmoozing, music, and games—all while raising money to keep our programs and services affordable and accessible to all.

PAVING THE WAY INTO OUR FUTURE

We are embarking on an exciting journey to envision the future of the SJCC—a new journey for some and a familiar one for others. This is a time to build on the collective experience and wisdom of the past while embracing new momentum, and the many new people who are moving to the Puget Sound. Beginning with our celebration in January, we look forward to involving the community, sharing our progress, and making exciting things happen for our collective future.

2017 Financial Information

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Donations provide the quickest and most significant opportunity to provide immediate program and scholarship support. Gifts may be made online or by returning your gift in the enclosed envelope. You can also request a distribution from your qualified donor-advised fund or charitable checking account.

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Consider donating appreciated stock to make your annual or year-end gift simple. Stock, bonds, mutual funds, and life insurance policies can all fuel the important work we do. You also continue to receive a charitable income tax deduction and pay no capital gains tax if your gift is made with appreciated stock held for more than one year.

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If you are 70 and a half years or older, you can take advantage of a qualified IRA Rollover distribution. It’s a simple way to benefit the J and get tax benefits in return. You can give up to $100,000 from your IRA directly to a qualified charity like the Stroum Jewish Community Center without having to pay income taxes on the money you contribute.

» LEARN MORE contact Senior Director for Advancement Tammy Cohen at 206-829-2665 or TammyC@sjcc.org.

» DONATE NOW at SJCC.org

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