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JIM JOSEPH FOUNDATION NAMES CHIP EDELSBERG EXEC

New Board to Guide Over \$1/2 Billion in Philanthropy to Jewish Children, Youth

San Francisco, February 15, 2006 – The Jim Joseph Foundation, now one of the largest Jewish philanthropies in world, has selected a new leadership that will soon begin to guide the foundation which has assets well in excess of half-a-billion dollars. This extraordinary funding will seek to support the generous vision of its founder, the late Jim Joseph, by investing in programs that will affect the lives of children and youth in the United States, particularly in the fields of formal and informal education.

After an extensive national search, Dr. Charles (Chip) Edelsberg, Vice-President at the Jewish Community Federation of Cleveland, has been selected as the Foundation's new Executive Director. Edelsberg, also a veteran educator and synagogue and Federation executive, will begin his new duties in San Francisco, the Foundation's home, in April.

"We are thrilled that Chip will help us lead the Foundation into this new era," says Alvin T. Levitt, president of the board of the Foundation and a long-time confidant of its benefactor. We can think of no one better to help honor the memory, the generosity and the vision of Jim Joseph."

Jim Joseph was President and Founder of Interland Corporation, a developer of investment properties headquartered in San Francisco and Davis, California. Interland's developments included corporate headquarters and offices for major corporations, multi-family residential communities, and commercial properties. Mr. Joseph served on a wide range of charitable boards, with a special emphasis on educating Jewish children and youth and assisting Jewish elderly. Mr. Joseph established the Jim Joseph Foundation in 1987. The Foundation's primary interest has been to ensure a strong, self-supporting, respected Jewish community, through improving the formal and informal education of Jewish children and youth in the United States. Mr. Joseph died in December, 2003.

The new Foundation, now incorporated as a private foundation, is the successor to the old non-profit trust that existed during Mr. Joseph's lifetime. Its focus similarly will be on the lives and formal and informal education of Jewish American children and youth, with both regional and national emphases.

"We are excited at the opportunity to make a significant and sustained contribution to the quality of educational experiences – formal and informal, religious and secular – for Jewish children and youth in the U.S.," says Edelsberg, the Foundation's new executive, "an extraordinary and fitting legacy for the Foundation's founder."

All grants will be by invitation only, with the Foundation determining its grant making strategies through a structured, formal planning process, and will also continue to maintain ongoing

relationships and continued support for organizations such as the Partnership for Excellence in Jewish Education and The Curriculum Initiative.

The new Board enjoys an impressive diversity of age, gender, Jewish denomination and geography, giving it an unusually broad perspective.

Directors include the president, Al Levitt, a San Francisco real estate and tax attorney who was Mr. Joseph's lawyer and helped him set up the Foundation; Phyllis Cook, Executive Director of the Endowment Fund of the Jewish Community Federation Of San Francisco; Susan Folkman, Ph.D., Distinguished Professor of Integrative Medicine and Director of the [Osher Center for Integrative Medicine](#) at the University of California San Francisco; Mr. Joseph's daughter, Dvora Joseph, an HIV/AIDS expert working with Population Services International, an international AIDS prevention organization; Mr. Joseph's brother-in-law, Jack Slomovic, a Beverly Hills businessman and investor in Southern California real estate; and Jerome Somers, a Boston labor lawyer and former head of the Reform Movement's Union of American Hebrew Congregations, also a past advisor. All of the Directors are also very active in synagogue, Federation and/or Jewish day school life.

As its first act, the new Board employed a deliberate and thoughtful process to identify and select Dr. Edelsberg as Executive Director of the Foundation.

Edelsberg is Vice President and Director of Endowments & Foundations for the Jewish Community Federation of Cleveland. He has had leadership responsibility for a department that staffs 53 supporting foundations, services 1,100 donor-advised funds and has awarded \$700 million in grants during the past eight years. His portfolio there also includes major gift fundraising. He is past Co-chair of the United Jewish Communities Endowment and Family Philanthropy Advisory Committee and previously co-chaired two UJC Endowment Leadership Institutes. Edelsberg has published articles on Federation participatory philanthropy and philanthropic effectiveness in an effort to stimulate conversation in the field on the future of Federation resource development.

Previously, Edelsberg served as Executive Director of Temple-Tifereth Israel, where he managed all planning initiatives as well as Board leadership and fund development programs. He worked in education for 15 years, holding a variety of teaching and administrative positions, including the Superintendency of Oberlin Schools. He has also consulted widely in the areas of strategic planning, resource development, and governance. Edelsberg is a Phi Beta Kappa, Summa Cum Laude graduate of Ohio State University. He received his master's degree from Brown University and his doctorate from Ohio State. Chip has been married to his wife, Leslie Grand Edelsberg for 32 years. They have three twenty-something children.

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