

## **Jacob Frydman - Fosters Values of Judaism Among Youth through NCFJE's Released Time Program**

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The Released Time program helps Jewish youth in public schools by educating them about the history, customs, and prayers of Judaism. Since its creation in 1941, NCFJE's initiative has inspired more than a quarter of a million Jewish boys and girls in New York City, Rockland County, Long Island, Massachusetts, New Jersey, New England, Ohio, Pennsylvania and California to discover the history of their heritage. The program has expanded and now services more than 125 sites in the New York City area. Throughout the year, each Wednesday afternoon during the last hour of school, dedicated instructors instill the joy of Judaism and create a warm atmosphere of religion and acceptance for over 900 students currently enrolled in the program. The classes are available at every public school in New York, free of charge. Rabbi Hanoch Hecht of The Rhinebeck Jewish Center was the one who introduced Frydman to this initiative and continues to praise Frydman for his sustained commitment and the work he is doing for the community.

Jacob Frydman understands the importance of reaching out to young people and believes it is imperative that children within the Released Time program, who come from households that experience a range of economic and social hardships, are nurtured just as attentively as any other. Not a stranger to making a difference in the lives of the new generation, in 2013 Jacob founded a scholarship fund, helping countless American students gain access to higher education and inspiring them to reach their full potential. The program awarded \$100,000, over three years, to students who best answered the question, "How Do I Invest in My Future?"

Over his 30-year career, Jacob Frydman made a positive and lasting impression with the real estate investment industry. Through his vast experience in structuring, financing, and executing highly complex real estate transactions, he has acquired over five million square feet of American property and has participated in investments valued at over \$2 billion. He often speaks at Columbia University and in the Master's Lecturer series at New York Law School, discussing business, law, and ethical elements of real estate management to aspiring students. Frydman is an avid philanthropist, who cares greatly for his Jewish community, and supports of many other charitable committees, including The Chabad of Dutchess County and The Brem Foundation, which focuses on the eradication of breast cancer among women and men in the Washington DC metropolitan area.

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