



Dear Friends,

The Jewish Grandparents Network was founded in Lee's backyard in August 2017. As we began our work together, we recognized that we had so much to learn. We reviewed the literature, conducted multiple interviews and focus groups with community leaders, professionals, and, of course, grandparents. While important findings emerged, we identified the need for a study exclusive to Jewish grandparents. We engaged Karen Radkowsky, CEO and Founder of Impact NPO, to conduct the National Study.

The survey went online on November 5, 2018. When the survey closed a month later with close to 8,000 respondents from across the nation, we knew that the response alone had begun to validate the need and opportunity we initially envisioned when we created the Jewish Grandparents Network.

Over the past months, we have presented different aspects of the findings over 20 times at a range of national and international conventions, professional development workshops, meetings, and on-line briefings of community leaders and professionals. We learned from every presentation as invaluable participant feedback deepened our understanding of the study's findings.

As a result, the study report represents the collective input of hundreds of lay and professional leaders who helped us to build on Karen's remarkable research. In thinking about the study report and these many encounters, we recognize that moving from findings to action can be challenging, especially when a population has long been overlooked. Thus, we've also included supplemental material to help organizations and communities maximize the study's findings when thinking of how best to engage grandparents and their families.

As stated in the study report, "We invite you to use this document to begin important conversations." We hope that you will include the Jewish Grandparents Network in these dialogues. We welcome your feedback and partnership as we continue our efforts to "foster new models of grandparent engagement for the benefit of our families, our communities, and our future."

We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

**Lee M. Hendler**  
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