The Max and Marian Farash Charitable Foundation is dedicated to the civic and religious communities of its founders, who believed in the importance of education in all of its aspects and knew the power of entrepreneurial creativity. The Foundation places its highest priority on endeavors designed to transform the lives of individuals and the work of organizations.
Jewish Life Signature Programs

The Max and Marian Farash Charitable Foundation is committed to improving the quality of Jewish Life in Monroe and Ontario counties through investments in Jewish education, leadership development, arts and culture, synagogue life, Jewish agencies, summer camp, and Israel teen travel.

The Foundation puts an emphasis on programs of social importance in Israel and elsewhere in the world, which mirrors the work the Foundation does in impoverished neighborhoods in the Rochester area, all with a commitment to fulfill the imperative of “tikkun olam”, repairing the world.

Since 2011, the Foundation has significantly enhanced the cohesiveness of the Rochester Jewish community and has invested more than $20 million in a vision to make Rochester a great city for Jewish Life.

Jewish summer camp gives a child the opportunity to strengthen Jewish identity, grow and gain independence and make lifelong friendships. One Happy Camper provides incentive grants of $1800 to every first-time camper attending a Jewish not-for-profit overnight camp. Income-based grants of $1000 are also available for second-time campers.

Financial assistance grants are available for teens who cannot otherwise afford to enroll in a travel/study program in Israel. In addition, a gift of $360 is provided to all teens who choose to travel to Israel.

The Farash Fellows Program will select one extraordinary Jewish luminary who exemplifies excellence and celebrated accomplishment in the field of Jewish scholarship, arts and culture. Fellows will receive a $100,000 award in recognition of their outstanding work in the Jewish Humanities. Intric Peace with the program is a residency in Rochester, New York, exact time to be determined. Fellows will live and work in the Rochester area, supported by a generous residential allowance.

Starting in 2018

The Farash Foundation supports the continuum of Jewish Life in Monroe and Ontario Counties. In the first 6 years, the Farash Foundation has donated more than $20,000,000.

The mission of the Wexner Heritage Program is to expand the vision of Jewish volunteer leaders, deepen their Jewish knowledge and confidence, and inspire them to exercise transformative leadership in the Jewish community.

The program fulfills this mission by educating up-and-coming Jewish lay leaders in the history, thought, texts, and contemporary leadership challenges of the Jewish People.

Starting in 2019