

## Appreciate the Unique Resources of the Next Generation

Families should recognize that Gen Y/Millennials bring their own special resources to the family dialogue about philanthropy. "They have great access to technology, so they come with skills and an understanding of philanthropy and are able to research what they don't know in ways that previous generations did not," Goldseker said.



Joseph Miller with his grandparents Judy and Louis Miller.

A member of Gen Y asked how family foundations could better handle deciding between Jewish and general humanitarian concerns. "How do we get the older generations to see the world more globally?," asked **Joseph Miller, 23**, grandson of **Louis and Judith Miller**, and chief financial officer for **The Society of Young Philanthropists**, an all-volunteer organization formed in 2004.

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An answer was suggested by **Steven Price**, vice president of advancement for The Foundation. "If you can get past the most superficial aspects, common ground emerges," said Price. "It's not about what separates but what binds us together."

The discussion then stimulated Miller to come up with his own answer. "Maybe you find something to support that crosses the interests of both, like giving money to the Jewish poor in Los Angeles or to Jews who are displaced by international disasters," he said. "If we put our values together and collaborate then we can get to a common end."

The evening also encouraged his grandparents. "We've had a family foundation for a few years," Judith Miller said. "This program has motivated us to get moving with the kids. I want to use these values cards with them." Added Louis Miller, "I like the idea of giving a small slice to the kids to give them philanthropic experience."

After the program, Schotland said he saw the evening as helping family foundations to value and explore the potential contributions of family members across generations. "I hope the information and ideas generated are just the beginning of further engaging Jews of every age in philanthropy," he said. "When generations collaborate we learn from each other and better serve the community." ✧



Joseph Miller and Elishia Shokrian.