

## Financial Report for 2013

Jeff Lewy, SFBAJGS Treasurer

Our financial performance represents the mission of the San Francisco Bay Area Jewish Genealogical Society only indirectly, but certainly helps make our work possible. SFBAJGS had another good financial year in 2013. Included in this article are simple pie charts showing the major categories of our income and expenses. We recognize that our financial position does not include the volunteer efforts by the Board of Directors and others who provide substantial numbers of hours managing the activities of SFBAJGS. We thank the Board and our volunteers for their valuable contributions of time and expertise.

Our revenue was almost \$8,000, the bulk of it as dues from a total of 214 members. In addition, our members donated more than \$2,800, or 36% of the total revenue, to support our activities. We are very grateful for these donations, as they allow us to support projects by us and other groups to document and remember our Jewish past.

Our major categories of expenses were:

- about \$1,300 to present almost 20 meetings, including room rentals, honoraria for speakers, and handouts

- about \$1,150 to create, print, and mail four issues of the *ZichronNote* newsletter to our members and to organizations which have expressed interest in our work, including more than 120 other Jewish genealogical societies worldwide and about 40 local congregations and libraries

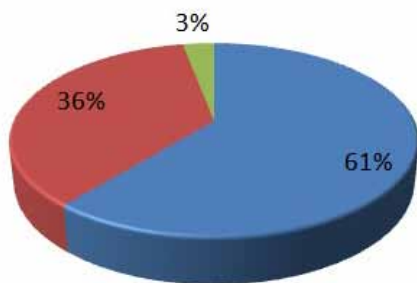
- other administrative costs, largely for publicity, insurance, Web site maintenance, and member renewal mailings

- grants to other organizations working to document, digitize, and make available online Jewish birth, marriage, and death records, and documentation and memorials for Jewish cemeteries and *shtetlach*, many of which no longer exist. These grants were described in the February 2014 issue of *ZichronNote*. Each year we evaluate our financial position to see whether we can make grants to other groups. In 2013 we decided to spend \$5,300, or almost \$2,000 more than our current year revenue, in a conscious effort to make good use of some of our surplus over the last few years.

Thank you for your support of SFBAJGS! Please let us know if you have any questions or comments. Also, let us know how we can most effectively help you with your genealogical research.

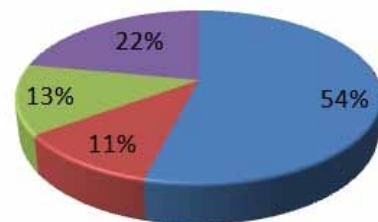
SFBAJGS Revenue - 2013

■ Dues ■ Donations ■ Interest and other



SFBAJGS Expense - 2013

■ Grants to others ■ Newsletters ■ Meetings ■ Admin



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they argue, as many as 100,000 Jews could have been saved, even at the late date of 1944. Perhaps the most ignominious example of America's refusal to intervene was the turning away in 1939 of the MS *St. Louis*, a German ocean liner captained by Gustav Schroeder and packed with 937 desperate Jews, about a quarter of whom were eventually gassed.

"The good part about Oswego is that 1,000 innocent men and women went on to lead meaningful, productive lives," says Dr. Schum. "The bad part is that this is all we did."

Most of the original Oswego residents ultimately became successful doctors, lawyers, and businessmen. One was part of the team that developed the world's first CAT scan. Another worked in espionage, helping dismantle atomic bombs in Russia. Almost all went on to raise families.

"The Oswego refugees made their mark on this country," says Dr. Schum, who has developed close ties with some of the former residents. "Who knows what we could have done had we opened our gates to more."

