In conjunction with its 20th anniversary, the Maurice Greenberg Center for Judaic Studies announced the creation of a second endowed professorship. The Philip D. Feltman Professorship in Modern Jewish History is named in honor of the longtime chair of the board of visitors at the Greenberg Center.

Director Richard Freund stated, “This new professorship will be an important resource, not only to the Greenberg Center but to many different departments on campus, in the general community, and the region.” He adds that the center will conduct an international search to fill the position as soon as possible.

The Feltman Professorship is the result of a yearlong fundraising effort that culminated on June 4 with a dinner honoring Feltman, chair of the center’s board since 1992. It will provide an expert who will teach about the modern State of Israel, the Holocaust, and American Judaism while serving as an informed spokesperson for the news media and the Jewish and interfaith communities. This second endowed chair joins the Greenberg Professorship in Judaic Studies, which was established by Beverly and Arnold C. Greenberg in 1985. It is currently held by Freund, who is an expert in ancient Jewish history.

Feltman, a successful businessman, has held leadership positions on the boards of many organizations within the Jewish community. A Hartford native, he graduated from Weaver High School in 1938 and the University of Connecticut College of Pharmacy in 1943. He was a founder of Ames Department Stores as well as many other successful businesses.

After a long and distinguished tenure as chair of the Greenberg board of visitors, Feltman stepped down as its chairman at the end of June. His successor is Paula S. Steinberg, former chair of the board and president of the Jewish Federation of Greater Hartford. She has been a member of the Greenberg board for the past decade.

**Hartford Scholars Gala Raises More Than $100,000**

The Hartford Scholars program, which provides half-tuition scholarships at the University for Hartford high school graduates, raised more than $100,000 at its annual fundraising dinner in June.

John H. Motley, former executive director of external affairs for the Hartford Public Schools and former president of the St. Paul Travelers Connecticut Foundation, was the keynote speaker.

Peter Stevens, president of JCJ Architecture, presented Hartford Scholar Elizabeth Rodriguez ’07 with the $1,000 Mayor’s Scholarship Award, which recognizes academic achievement and the role a student plays on campus and in the Greater Hartford community. The award is funded by JCJ Architecture.

In accepting the award, Rodriguez, who is the first in her family to attend college, said, “The Hartford Scholars Program has been a blessing that determined whether or not I furthered my college education. I thank you all.”

Philip D. Feltman (center) was honored at a dinner in June as part of the fundraising effort to create a new endowed chair at the Maurice Greenberg Center for Judaic Studies.