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## ***NEWS! Irving Moskowitz pays himself over \$320,000 from "charitable" bingo—this plus bingo money he's channeled to his private company.***

**June 17, 2001. Irving Moskowitz, who provides major funding to militant Israeli settler groups from his Hawaiian Gardens California bingo, has disclosed that he paid himself more than \$320,000 from the purportedly "charitable" bingo in 1999. Over the years, Moskowitz has channeled millions of dollars from his family-controlled Irving Moskowitz Foundation, which runs the bingo, into his private company. This is the first time, though, that he has paid himself directly, as president of the foundation.**

"It is shocking that he pays himself so much and gives so little to the community," said former Hawaiian Gardens Mayor Kathleen Navejas. "When we let Dr. Moskowitz open the bingo in 1988, he told us he'd donate one hundred percent of the profits to local charities."

Moskowitz, a wealthy businessman, lives in Florida and rarely visits Hawaiian Gardens, where he is widely viewed as controlling the local government. (He funded a 1996 recall of Navejas.) That local government invested millions of public dollars in a for-profit casino Moskowitz recently opened next-door to his "non-profit" bingo.

A paid staff has run the bingo for years, so it is not clear why Moskowitz decided to pay himself a total of \$322,880 in 1999, the

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latest year for which the Moskowitz Foundation's federal disclosure<sup>1</sup> is available.

The 1999 disclosure shows that the Moskowitz Foundation grossed about \$26 million on the bingo and gave grants totaling \$2,653,627.<sup>2</sup> Most of that money went to Israel- and US-based groups fighting Israeli-Palestinian peace. Moskowitz gave \$340,000 to Ateret Cohanim, an extremist settler group that has made provocative purchases of Palestinian homes in Jerusalem, and \$380,000 to Young Israel, a US-based group that, just before the outbreak of the current violence, played a prominent role in a campaign against Israeli compromises with the Palestinians.

Said former Mayor Navejas: "We didn't learn Moskowitz was using the bingo to fund such groups until after Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin was assassinated by a radical settler [in 1995]."

The Moskowitz Foundation's local "giving" in 1999 went almost entirely to two Moskowitz-controlled entities. The largest local grant, \$448,500, went to a food bank run by a Moskowitz-dominated private foundation, which, says Navejas, "is used for political control."

Moskowitz gave the other large local grant, \$301,521, to the local hospital – but he bills the facility more than that amount in rent. He owned the hospital until 1996, when he reorganized it as a non-profit. However, his Cerritos Gardens General Hospital Company (CGGHC) retained ownership of the land and building and Moskowitz, through his CGGHC, charges the non-profit hospital about a million dollars a year in rent. Despite being in the midst of a very poor community, the hospital gives no charity care. Moskowitz's federal disclosure states that the hospital might be required to return "a portion of the grant."

According to the disclosure, the Moskowitz Foundation pays up to \$1 million in rent for the bingo hall and its parking lot to owner CGGHC. Additionally, the Moskowitz Foundation paid over \$100,000 in "legal fees" to the law firm that represents Moskowitz's private business interests.

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<sup>1</sup> IRS Form 990 (available from the California Attorney General's website: <http://caag.state.ca.us/charities>)

<sup>2</sup> The foundation says it gave out \$19.1 million in bingo prizes.