



JEWISH FEDERATION *of* CHICAGO

2025

ANNUAL REPORT



TOGETHER *for* GOOD

A year of resilience and resolve

THIS YEAR, our community stood at a crossroads, facing antisemitism the likes of which had not been seen in generations.

Arson at the Jewish Pennsylvania governor's mansion just following a Passover Seder.

The murder of a young Jewish couple in Washington, D.C.

The firebombing of a vigil for Israeli hostages in Colorado.

And when Israel struck Iran, aided by the United States, to set back its nuclear program, much of the world vilified Israel—and Jewish communities across the globe were advised to further heighten their security.

This frightening level of anti-Jewish hate impacted our community on many levels, threatening our safety and challenging our resilience—and creating new demands on the Jewish United Fund/Jewish Federation of Chicago that simply had to be met.

Only JUF has the capacity to address this menacing new reality while continuing to sustain people in need and nurture Jewish life. So this year JUF assumed wider responsibility for fighting antisemitism, deepening our investment in security, grassroots activism and support for affected individuals.

Ours is not the first generation of American Jews to stand at a crossroads that necessitated expanding the scope of our support for our community.

In 1900, JUF was created to care for the unprecedented number of impoverished Jewish immigrants who had settled in Chicago.

Half a century later, with the birth of the modern State of Israel, JUF expanded its mission to include caring for Jews in need overseas.

Thirty years ago, JUF stepped up again, spearheading new initiatives to engage the next generation in Jewish life.

Now, staring down a painful post-Oct. 7 reality, JUF is also leading the fight against anti-Jewish hate.

At the same time, JUF has doubled down on our investment in Jewish life, learning and community.

Because the Jewish people refuse to be defined by the hate of others.

In fact, while the events of Oct. 7 triggered a record wave of antisemitism, that day also unleashed a tremendous surge of Jewish pride and a new hunger for connection across our community.

JUF responded by launching new opportunities for people of all ages to come together, connect to community and celebrate Jewish life.



◀ Tiny chefs get in the Chanukah spirit and learn how to make *sufganiyot* (donuts) at an event hosted at the Lake County JCC by JUF's Russian-speaking Jewish Division.



▲ With four local neighborhood locations, Silverstein Base Chicago has become a cornerstone of JUF's young adult programming, engaging thousands of Jews in their 20s and 30s in Jewish life, learning and community. Pictured here, volunteers with Base Logan Square and Repair the World Chicago pack meals for the Night Ministry.

As a result, in 2025 the number of people participating in JUF programs and events doubled. Young adults especially showed up—for each other and for their community—in record numbers.

All the while, JUF continued to provide the day-to-day human services relied on by 500,000 Chicagoans of all faiths and millions of Jews in Israel and across the globe.

During the fiscal year ended June 30, 2025, our community's collective generosity fueled the allocation and expenses of nearly \$300 million to support a wide variety of life-transforming programs and services, including the following:

- **\$45 million** through the Jewish Federation of Chicago to fund local human services, and **\$21 million** to fund Jewish education, continuity, identity-building, outreach and advocacy programs;
- **\$38 million** through the Jewish United Fund devoted to help millions of Jews in Israel and 70 countries worldwide;
- **\$14 million** in Israel Emergency Fund allocations to meet emergency needs on the ground in Israel; and
- **\$92 million** allocated to global charitable efforts in partnership with our 1,000-plus Donor Advised Funds and Supporting Foundations.

This year and every year, it is Jewish Chicago's steadfast support for the JUF Annual Campaign that enables us to power these initiatives, which bring hope and help to those who need it most.

We are grateful to all of the individual JUF donors, corporate partners, foundation funders and volunteers who make this sacred work possible.

We are incredibly proud of our community's vibrance and resilience during this enormously challenging year.

We do not know what challenges lie ahead. One thing is certain: Backed by the most generous community in the world, JUF will be there.

Thank you for coming together for good.



Wendy C. Abrams
Board Chair



Lonnie Nasatir
President



In May, JUF hosted a Yom HaAtzmaut celebration in Daley Plaza. The event, held in the heart of Chicago's Loop, honored Israel's 77 years of independence and the resilience of the Israeli people, while spotlighting the plight of the hostages still held by Hamas.



Our community came together to mourn on the first anniversary of the Oct. 7 massacre. Attended by 1,400 people in person and another 1,500 online, the JUF event attracted 43 cosponsoring organizations.



▲ In October, an offensive and hateful billboard appeared on the Edens spur in Northbrook. JUF intervened to get it taken down and replaced with this powerful message.

Fighting anti-Jewish hate

THE FIGHT against anti-Jewish hate starts with ensuring that our community can participate in Jewish life free from fear, and this year JUF’s experienced team of security experts worked tirelessly to help safeguard Jewish institutions, programs and events across the Chicago area.

JUF Security provided one-on-one guidance to hundreds of Jewish schools, camps, youth groups, synagogues, JCCs, Hillels and agencies, identifying potential gaps in their security and offering expert guidance in how to address those gaps. Then the JUF Grants team helped them secure funding to pay for needed enhancements.

As part of this effort, JUF played the lead advocacy role in getting significantly more funding for the Illinois Nonprofit Security Grant Program, increasing the pool of available funds from \$2 million to \$7.5 million for the year ahead—grants that will have a substantial impact in safeguarding our community.

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Throughout the year, JUF Security continually monitored for potential threats to the community, including the dark web, working in partnership with the Secure Community Network (SCN), where an embedded Intelligence Analyst is dedicated exclusively to our Chicago Jewish community.

We remained in constant communication with all levels of law enforcement, including the FBI and Homeland Security, serving as a bridge between law enforcement and local Jewish institutions.

In addition, JUF conducted or facilitated dozens of security trainings for the leadership and members of local Jewish institutions.

In partnership with our Hillels of Illinois, JUF was intensely engaged on 16 college campuses, deepening our support for Jewish students, providing welcoming spaces, and fighting against antisemitism.

Working in partnership with Northwestern University, JUF created an antisemitism awareness video that was required viewing for all its 22,000 graduate and undergraduate students, a model JUF will explore with other universities in the year ahead.

To increase awareness of antisemitism in the greater Chicago community, JUF launched powerful, multi-channel campaigns across the metropolitan area in 2025, placing billboards in prime city and suburban locations with companion social media and digital advertising—plus messages on mobile truck billboards driven around highly visible areas. This outreach was complemented by extensive editorial and media placements, ensuring that our community felt seen and empowered.

In the coming year, JUF will continue to do everything we can expose and call out anti-Jewish hate, to advocate for our community in the media and the halls of power, to ensure our community’s safety, and to ensure that our voices are heard.



Dr. Keren Fraiman, Chief Academic Officer and Professor of Israel Studies at Spertus Institute for Jewish Learning and Leadership (standing), teaches lay leaders at a Combating Antisemitism seminar, one of numerous trainings held by JUF and our partner agencies throughout the year.

▼ Throughout the year, JUF worked to ensure a safe and welcoming environment for Jewish students on Illinois college campuses. Pictured here, UIUC students gather for a pro-Israel vigil.



But fighting the cancer of antisemitism starts with prevention and early detection.

The seeds for antisemitism are sown early, and JUF is fighting in every corner of Chicagoland to prevent them from taking root.

JUF is building a corps of grassroots activists to fight antisemitism in local school districts, businesses, civic organizations, nonprofits and municipal governments across our region.

The launch of JUF’s civic engagement program began with training local school administrators to address antisemitism and empowering parents and students to be advocates in their own schools and neighborhoods.

In the year to come, we will unveil the next phases of this important new civic engagement initiative.

Because in addition to making Jewish spaces safe for all, we must ensure that all civic spaces are safe for Jews.

Investing in Jewish life and community

OCTOBER 7, 2023 was a turning point in Jewish history, but the anti-Jewish hate unleashed in its wake is only part of the story.

In the nearly two years since that awful day, Jewish Chicago also has experienced an unprecedented surge of Jewish pride and participation.

People who had never before worn religious jewelry started wearing Stars of David. Some began going to synagogue more and attending classes. Others launched employee resource groups (ERGs) in their workplaces. And people sought out Jewish community gatherings in record numbers.

In 2025, twice as many people came to JUF programs and events as the year before.



▲ JUF's Russian-speaking Jewish Division hosted a Shabbat celebration in Millennium Park, one of countless examples of opportunities for young families to come together.



▲ A record number of young people participated in JUF programs and events in 2025, part of a surge of Jewish pride and participation. Pictured here, the JUF Professionals Network hosted professionals of all ages for its Bagels & Business speed networking event.

Heightened participation by young Jews was especially heartening. Some 14,000 Jews in their 20s and 30s engaged in programs provided by JUF and our agencies—more than ever before—along with 36,000 young families, 7,000 teens and nearly half of all Jewish college students in Illinois.

The message was clear: Community members wanted more Jewish places and spaces to come together. And JUF was proud to be there for them, ensuring continual touchpoints and creating new and added opportunities for them gather, connect and celebrate their identity.

Fueled by the success of last year's JUF Annual Campaign, JUF exponentially grew our Young Adult Engagement grant pool to \$145,000 for 2025, enabling us to fund 14 young adult initiatives that will foster new opportunities for young Jews in areas ranging from health and wellness, Jewish arts and culture, and professional development to interfaith programming, inclusion of young adults with disabilities, and Jewish education.

These exciting projects include: a collaboration among Mishkan Chicago, Honeymoon Israel and 18 Doors to foster conversations between interfaith partners; a partnership between Keshet and Institute of Soil & Soul to harvest and package herbs to be donated to local food pantries and Keshet's culinary training program; and Shabbat dinners to educate young Jews about hereditary cancer risk, hosted by Sharsheret in partnership with Anshe Sholom B'nai Israel, Norton & Elaine Sarnoff Center for Jewish Genetics, and BBYO Alumni Association.

Since 2022, JUF has awarded 31 grants to innovative Young Adult Engagement projects across 19 organizations, helping to strengthen the next generation in building a bright Jewish tomorrow.

Part of Jewish Chicago's strength today is the way we care for the most vulnerable.

JUF stands at the heart of a vast network of agencies that serve people of all faiths with nowhere else to turn. In 2025, our flagship agencies—CJE SeniorLife, JCFS Chicago, JCC Chicago and Sinai Chicago—cared for tens of thousands of people at every stage of life, regardless of their ability to pay.

Food and financial aid for people in crisis.

Physical and mental health care for those in need.

Career counseling for unemployed professionals.

Employment support for people with disabilities, along with a growing array of programs to ensure their inclusion in Jewish community.

This year, a record level of financial aid was given to local Holocaust survivors, largely for home care, part of the specialized assistance provided to help them continue to live with independence and dignity.



▲ Nearly 12,000 people of all ages engaged in volunteerism through JUF's TOV Volunteer Network, delivering groceries and serving meals to those in need, visiting homebound seniors and cleaning up neglected neighborhoods.



Delivering human services with respect and compassion, JUF worked with key community partners from The Ark, EZRA Multi-Service Center and JUF Uptown Cafe to Maot Chitim, SHALVA and Keshet.

And as inflation had a growing impact on our community's most vulnerable people, JUF agencies accelerated foundational services to meet their basic needs.

This ability to scale up these services in urgent moments is only possible because of the power of the JUF Annual Campaign, which has built the infrastructure that is foundational to our community's resilience and strength.

◀ Over the summer, children experienced the magic of Jewish summer camps, building their own Jewish identities while making lifelong friends.



▲ An elderly Israeli woman receives an emergency kit and preparedness training from a JDC worker. JDC is a JUF partner that has provided intensive services to vulnerable people since Oct. 7.



Throughout the year, Jewish day school students delved into the teachings and values that have sustained the Jewish people for generations. Pictured here, students from Ida Crown Jewish Academy put those values to work on Capitol Hill, advocating for the hostages.



▲ JUF sent multiple solidarity and volunteer missions to Israel. Pictured here, volunteers gather produce for distribution at Leket Israel.

Delivering vital aid to Israel

OUR LEGACY of investment in strong, trusted partnerships and infrastructure enables JUF to respond swiftly and effectively in times of crisis in Israel.

Because of these decades-long partnerships and investments, in June 2025 JUF was able to deliver life-sustaining aid within hours after Iran's first strikes on Israel, just as we did after the attacks of October 7th.

JUF also advanced \$2 million to our Israeli partners to provide resources that might be needed immediately as Israel battled Iran and all its terrorist proxies.

These funds provided emergency relief for families who lost loved ones, were wounded or whose homes were damaged. The added resources also delivered assistance to vulnerable popula-

tions, including the homebound elderly, people with disabilities, and new immigrants.

JUF helped deliver mental health support to over 400,000 Israelis.

Prior to Iran's missile attacks, one in 20 Israelis was already suffering from PTSD, and providing trauma relief has been a JUF priority. Over the course of the year, JUF helped deliver mental health support to over 400,000 Israelis.

Throughout these many months, JUF has helped Israelis heal from economic as well as emotional devastation, assisting some 62,000 Israelis through economic relief and recovery programs. We helped displaced workers with job placement and extended a

lifeline to small business owners and microenterprises with loans, strategic planning and debt management services.

All told, following Oct. 7, 2023, JUF's Israel Emergency Fund mobilized an additional \$62.5 million in critical support for the Israeli people. As of June 30, 2025, JUF had distributed a total of \$52.2 million of these vital Israel Emergency Funds in the following areas of impact:

- Multi-faceted support for specific kibbutzim: **\$3.2 million;**
- Trauma relief and emotional support: **\$12.9 million;**
- Employment and economic resilience: **\$5.8 million;**
- Housing, food, and physical needs: **\$4.5 million;**
- Emergency medical and first responders: **\$6.5 million;**
- Support for victims of terror and their families: **\$3.8 million;**
- Special populations (such as Holocaust survivors and minorities): **\$3.1 million;**
- Other emergency needs and local efforts: **\$9.3 million;**
- Jewish Federations of North America Collective Projects: **\$3.1 million;**

Recovering from the longest, most intense war Israel has fought since its War of Independence 77 years ago, will itself take years. Our support will not falter. JUF is committed to being there for the Israeli people as they heal.

Our Chicago Jewish community, too, is healing from the trauma of the last two years.

On Oct. 7, 2024, almost 3,000 community members came together, in person and online, to mark the first anniversary of one of the darkest days in modern Jewish history. We gathered across politics and perspectives, united in our grief, led by community leaders, interfaith allies and rabbis and cantors across denominations.

We heard messages of resilience and resolve from a survivor of the Nova festival and from relatives of Hersh Goldberg Polin, of blessed memory. We prayed for the State of Israel and our own nation, along with the remaining hostages, the wounded and the brave young women and men defending our Jewish homeland. A crowded podium of elected officials led the community in the Prayer for Peace.

At the program's conclusion, community members lit memorial candles and held them high. Then we took those candles home with us to place in our windows as a symbol of remembrance into the night—knowing that our love for Israel and *Klal Yisrael* continues to burn bright, always.

FUNDED PROGRAMS & AGENCIES ACROSS OUR COMMUNITY

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

The Ark

Anna and Jacob Fine Social Services Center; Michael E. Schneider Spiritual Enrichment Program; Northwest Satellite Office; Rhea Segal Food Pantry Program; Sarnoff-Levin Housing Continuum; Seymour H. Persky Building; Program Support for: Holocaust Survivor Services, Critical Supports (General), Coat Club, Local Ukraine Response, JUF Mental Health Initiative—Family and Child Wellness Program

CJE SeniorLife

Berman and Hannah Friend Center for Early Alzheimer's Care; Bernard Horwich Building; The Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Community for Senior Living; Helen and Norman Asher Day Services Program; Joseph L. and Emily K. Gidwitz Place for Assisted Living; Krasnow Residence; Robineau Residence; Swartzberg House; Village Center; Program Support for: Care Management, Benefits Services, Critical Supports, Irving H. and Jane W. Goldberg Legal Service, Holocaust Community Services Program

Dina & Eli Field EZRA Multi-Service Center and the JUF Uptown Cafe

Program Support for: Critical Supports (Food, Financial, Dental), Coat Club, Local Ukraine Response

JCFS Chicago

Abe and Ida Cooper Center; Community Counseling Centers (City North, Downtown, North Suburban, West Suburban); Elaine Kersten Children's Center on the Harry & Jeanette Weinberg Campus; Glick Center for Early Childhood Services including Virginia Frank Child Development Center; Seigle Campus (Skokie) including Seigle Building (Response for Teens) and Goldie Bachman Luftig Building (Counseling, Career Services, Immigration and Citizenship and other community supports); Joy Faith Knapp Children's Center and Knapp School and Yeshiva (Skokie); Program Support for: JVS Chicago Career and Employment Services (Downtown, City North, West Suburban, Northbrook); HIAS Chicago; Response for Teens and Young Adults; Services for People with Disabilities; J-CERT; Addiction Services; Illness, Loss and Grief Supports; Jewish Chaplaincy Services; JCFS—JCC Integrated Therapies Partnership; Critical Supports (Emergency Financial Assistance) and Employment Training Stipends; Coat Club; Local Ukraine Response; JUF Mental Health Initiative—Kaufman Wolf Center for Trauma and Resilience; Early Childhood Mental Health

Libenu

Program Support for: Respite

Maot Chitim

Program Support for: Critical Supports (Food Assistance)

Mount Sinai Hospital Medical Center

Program Support for: Local Ukraine Response

SHALVA

Program Support for: Legal Services

COMMUNITY BUILDING, JEWISH EDUCATION & CULTURE

Akiba-Schechter Jewish Day School

Arie Crown Hebrew Day School

Associated Talmud Torahs (ATT)

Bais Yaakov Girls High School

BBYO

Campus Affairs & Student Engagement:

The Hillels of Illinois/Israel Education Center

Abel and Judy Friedman Center for Jewish Life at the Louis & Saerree Fiedler Hillel at Northwestern University

Bradley University

Harriet & Maurice L. Lewis Family Summer Intern Program in Jewish Communal Service

Illinois State University

Johanna & Herman H. Newberger Hillel Center at the University of Chicago

Margie K. and Louis N. Cohen Center for Jewish Life, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Metro Chicago Hillel

Anna & Fred Doppelt Base—Andersonville

Base Logan Square

Columbia College Chicago

DePaul University

Illinois Institute of Technology

Loyola University of Chicago

Luba & Bernard Friedman Base Loop

Northeastern Illinois University

Northern Illinois University

Oakton Community College

Roosevelt University

School of the Art Institute

Silverstein Base Lincoln Park

Southern Illinois University, Carbondale

University of Illinois at Chicago

Western Illinois University

Chicago Board of Rabbis

Chicago Jewish Day School

Hanna Sacks Bais Yaakov

Hebrew Theological College

Beis Midrash and Men's College

Fasman Yeshiva High School

Sarah Hartman Women's College

Yeshivas HaKayitz Camp

Hillel Torah North Suburban Day School

Honeymoon Israel

Ida Crown Jewish Academy

Illinois Holocaust Museum and Education Center

Israel Experience Savings Programs

Gift of Israel

JUF B'nai Mitzvah Israel Experience Certificate

Send-a-Kid-to-Israel Partnership (SKIP)

JCC Chicago

Bernard Horwich JCC, Bernard Weinger JCC, Early Childhood at Beth Emet and Am Shalom, Florence G. Heller JCC, 'Z' Frank Apachi, Lake County Jewish Community Campus

JCC Camps and Vacation

Apachi Evanston, Apachi Irving Park, Apachi Northside, Apachi Old Town, Apachi Village Day Camp at Weinger JCC, Camp Chi, Elaine Frank Apachi Day Camp, 'Z' Frank Apachi Day Camp, Perlstein Retreat Center

JCC Community-Wide Programs and Services

JCC Chicago Jewish Film Festival, JCC Maccabi Games and Artsfest, Jewish Student Connection, Pritzker Center for Jewish Education, Rose and Sidney N. Shure Kehilla for 20s and 30s, JUF Mental Health Initiative—JCC Social Services Expansion, South Suburban Shalom Over 50

Jewish Neighborhood Development Council

Jewish Residential Camp Scholarships

Agudah Midwest, Beber, Bnos Ma'arava, Camp Ben Frankel, Camp Chi, Camp Young Judaea Midwest, Habonim Camp Tavor, Moshava, Nageela Midwest, Olin-Sang Ruby Union Institute, Ramah, Yeshivas HaKayitz

Joan Dachs Bais Yaakov/Yeshivas Tiferes Tzvi

JUF Birthright Israel

JUF Camp Supports

Camp Coupons

One Happy Camper

JUF Education

Early Childhood Education Collaborative

Initiatives for Supplemental Education Excellence

IsraelNow 8th Grade Israel Experience

JUF Staff Education

Synagogue Sustainability

JUF Teen Programming

18 Under 18

Camp TOV

Diller Teen Fellowship

Peer Ambassadors

Springboard

TOV Teens

Voices: The Chicago Jewish Teen Foundation

Voices Alumni Foundation

JUF Russian-speaking Jewish Division

JUF-TOV Volunteer Network

JUF Young Families

jBaby

JUF Right Start Preschool Vouchers

PJ Library

Keshet

Culinary Skills Training

Program Support for: Summer Camp Vocational Skills Training, Young Parent Pilot Program

Lubavitch Girls High School of Chicago

Mem Global (Moishe House)

NCSY

NFTY

Norton & Elaine Sarnoff Center for Jewish Genetics

OneTable

Philip and Rebecca Esformes Cheder Lubavitch Girls School

REACH Chicago

Program support for specialized services in day schools

Rochelle Zell Jewish High School

Seymour J. Abrams Cheder Lubavitch Hebrew Day School

Solomon Schechter Day School

Spertus Institute for Jewish Learning & Leadership

Telshe Yeshiva

USY

Yeshiva Ohr Boruch/The Veitzener Cheder

COMMUNITY RELATIONS & OTHER NATIONAL/LOCAL AGENCIES

18Doors

Bernard Zell Anshe Emet Day School Foundation for Jewish Camp

Hillel: The Foundation for Jewish Campus Life

Jewish Community Relations Council of the Jewish United Fund

Jewish Council for Public Affairs

Jewish Federations of North America

Israel Action Network

Jewish Labor Committee

JUF Government Affairs Offices

Springfield, Illinois and Washington, DC

Keshet LGBTQ+

Moving Traditions

National Conference Supporting Eurasian Jewry

Prizmah

Repair the World

Resetting the Table

ISRAEL & OVERSEAS

PRIMARY OVERSEAS PARTNERS

American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC)

Jewish Agency for Israel (JAFI)

Partnership Together

World ORT

OTHER SUPPORTED ISRAEL AND OVERSEAS PROGRAMS

Ahari

Amit Laderech

Bar Da'at

Be Free Israel

Benetivei Udi

BINA

Chabad Ukraine

Dor – The Center for Religious Education

Edith Falk Community Center

Educating for Excellence

Enosh

The Equalizer

Etgarim

Hashgacha Pratit

Hillel in Kyiv

Hoshen

IGY

IRep

Israel Movement for Progressive Judaism

Israel ParaSport Center

ITIM

JCC Krakow

Jewish People Policy Institute

Juice Volunteering for Young Adults

Kol Yisrael Haverim

Kolot

Krembo Wings

Lachish Community Center

Machshava Tova

Marianne Early Childhood & Family Center in Kiryat Gat

MASA Israel Teaching Fellows

Maslan

Masorti Movement

Mem Global Kyiv

Merage Foundation

Ne'emanei Torah Va'Avodah—Kolech

Neve Hanna Children's Home

Nirim

Ofanim

Or Torah Stone

Orek

PJ Library Ukraine

Project Keshet

Ramon Foundation

SAHI

Schechter Institutes

Shafir Community Center

Shekel—Community Integration for People with Disabilities

Sulamot—STEM Education

Beit Yatziv

Davidson Institute

Tenufa Bakehila

United Hatzalah

Women of the Wall

Women's Spirit

World Union for Progressive Judaism

Yaacov Herzog Center

Yachdav

Yedidim

Youth Futures

Yozmot Atid

FISCAL YEAR 2025 STRATEGIC GRANTMAKING

Each year, through JUF's Overall Planning & Allocations and Commission processes, community members direct over \$100 million to support our partners. Most of these ongoing, annual dollars provide core unrestricted support for agencies and schools in line with JUF's institutional priorities: strengthening Jewish life and deepening Jewish identity; caring for people in need; and supporting safe and secure Jewish communities.

As funding has become available through designated allocations, new endowments, or special fundraising campaigns, the Commission launched strategic grant initiatives aimed at addressing emerging priorities and pressing community needs. In FY25, funding for strategic grantmaking increased by \$2 million. This increase led to the development of a new and expanded multi-year grant process focused on deepening JUF investment in projects that help strengthen Jewish organizations. These actions collectively expanded available grantmaking pools, which funded the work of over 100 organizations, including 34 organizations new to Commission grantmaking.

Below are the strategic grant focus areas and list of FY25 grantees:



◀ In 2025, a new initiative engaged young adults with disabilities from JUF-supported programs in both Chicago and in Israel, enabling them to celebrate Jewish holidays together virtually. Pictured here, members of Keshet's GADOL program in Chicago and the SHEKEL program in Israel gather via Zoom to celebrate Chanukah.

ENHANCING ISRAEL EDUCATION & ADDRESSING ANTISEMITISM

AEPI
 BBYO
 Be the Narrative
 Camp Ramah Wisconsin
 Foundation for Jewish Camp
 Honeymoon Israel
 The iCenter
 Illinois Holocaust Museum & Education Center
 Keshet
 Mishkan Chicago
 OpenDor Media
 OSRUI - Olin Sang Ruby Union Institute
 The Pardes Institute of Jewish Studies
 Solomon Schechter Day School
 StandWithUs
 TribeTalk
 United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism (USY)

DISABILITIES & INCLUSION

The Ark
 JCC Chicago
 JCFS Chicago
 Keshet
 Libenu
 Yachad

EMERGENCY NEEDS IN UKRAINE

Chabad Ukraine (Jewish Relief Network)
 Hillel Kyiv
 JAFI
 JCC Krakow
 JDC
 JUICE
 Mem Global (formerly Moishe House)
 Midreshet Schechter
 PJ Library
 Project Keshet
 World ORT
 WUPJ

DAY SCHOOLS

INNOVATION FUNDING
 Arie Crown
 Associated Talmud Torahs/REACH
 Bernard Zell
 Chicago Jewish Day School
 Hanna Sacks Bais Yaakov
 Ida Crown Jewish Academy

LITERACY
 Associated Talmud Torahs/REACH
 Hillel Torah
 Prizmah
 Shaarei Chinuch Day School
 Upward Community

JEWISH POVERTY

The Ark
 CJE SeniorLife
 EZRA Multi-Service Center
 JCFS Chicago
 Jewish Free Loan Chicago

MENTAL HEALTH

The Ark
 CJE SeniorLife
 EZRA Multi-Service Center
 JCFS Chicago
 Jewish Free Loan Chicago

JEWISH POVERTY

The Ark in Partnership with Upward Community
 CJE SeniorLife
 Hinda Institute
 JCFS Chicago
 Libenu
 Midwest Refuah Health Center
 Mishkan
 No Shame On U

SUPPORTING ISRAEL

PARTNERSHIP TOGETHER (P2G)
 Atidim
 Enosh
 The Equalizer
 IGY
 JDC
 Kiryat Gat Community Center
 Kol Yisrael Haverim
 Lachish Community
 Machshava Tova
 Marianne Center
 Maslan
 Merage Foundation
 Neve Hana
 Nochah
 Rimon Farm
 Shafir Community Center
 Shekel
 Tenufa Bakehila
 Yachdav
 Yedidim
 Youth Futures
STREAMS
 Alliance: Kol Israel Haverim
 Be Free Israel/Israel Hofsheets
 Chuppot - Hashgacha Pratit

IMPJ

ITIM - the Right to Live Jewish
 Kolot
 Masorti Movement in Israel
 Ne'emani Torah Va'Avodah
 Ohr Torah Stone
 Schechter Institute of Jewish Studies
 Women of the Wall
 Yaacov Herzog Dor Center

YOUNG ADULT ENGAGEMENT

American Jewish Committee
 Anshe Emet Synagogue
 Avodah
 BBYO
 Hadar Institute
 Hebrew Seminary
 Jewish National Fund
 Jewish United Fund - YLD
 Keshet
 Florence Melton School of Adult Jewish Learning
 Mishkan Chicago
 OneTable
 SHALVA
 Sharsheret

ALLOCATIONS & EXPENSES *for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2025*

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

The Ark CJE SeniorLife • <i>Holocaust Community Services Program</i>	Dina & Eli Field EZRA Multi-Service Center Disabilities Set-Aside Grants JCFS Chicago • <i>HIAS Chicago</i>	• <i>Response for Teens</i> JUF Mental Health Initiative JUF Poverty Initiative Grants Maot Chitim	Mount Sinai Hospital SHALVA	\$45,439,242
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COMMUNITY BUILDING & JEWISH CONTINUITY

Akiba-Schechter Jewish Day School Arie Crown Hebrew Day School Associated Talmud Torahs • <i>REACH Chicago</i> • <i>Program support for specialized services in day schools</i> Bais Yaakov Girls High School BBYO Chicago Board of Rabbis Chicago Jewish Day School	Fasman Yeshiva High School Hanna Sacks Bais Yaakov Hebrew Theological College Hillel Torah North Suburban Day School Honeymoon Israel Ida Crown Jewish Academy JCC Chicago Jewish Neighborhood Development Council Joan Dachs Bais Yaakov–Yeshivas Tiferes Tzvi	JUF Birthright Israel JUF Day School Innovation Fund JUF Enhancing Israel Education & Addressing Antisemitism Grants JUF Young Adult Engagement Grants Keshet Lubavitch Girls High School of Chicago Mem Global (Moishe House) NCSY NFTY	OneTable Rochelle Zell Jewish High School Seymour J. Abrams Cheder Lubavitch Hebrew Day School Solomon Schechter Day School Spertus Institute for Jewish Learning & Leadership Telshe Yeshiva USY Yeshiva Ohr Boruch/The Veitzener Cheder	\$15,692,969
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FY JEWISH UNITED FUND/JEWISH FEDERATION COMMUNITY PROGRAMS & SERVICES

Campus Affairs & Student Engagement: The Hillels of Illinois/Israel Education Center Community Outreach and Engagement Programming • <i>Access and Affordability</i>	• <i>JUF Education</i> • <i>IsraelNow</i> • <i>JUF Young Families</i> • <i>Norton & Elaine Sarnoff Center for Jewish Genetics</i>	• <i>TOV Volunteer Network</i> • <i>Youth Initiatives</i> Evaluation and Quality Improvement Government Affairs Office, Springfield	Jewish Community Relations Council of JUF	\$30,231,528
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GRANTS TO ORGANIZATIONS WITH A NATIONAL REACH & OTHER LOCAL/NATIONAL

18Doors Academic Scholarships Chicago Jewish Population Study Foundation for Jewish Camp Hillel International Illinois Holocaust Museum	and Education Center Israel Action Network Israel Studies Program JCERT Emergency Services (JCFS) Jewish Council for Public Affairs Jewish Labor Committee	Jewish Women's Foundation Keshet LGBTQ+ Live Secure Moving Traditions MRHT Fund for Innovation and Health National Coalition Supporting Eurasian Jewry	Preservation of Historic Jewish Cemeteries Prizmah Repair the World Resetting the Table	\$5,234,209
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ISRAEL EMERGENCY FUND

				\$14,495,903
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UKRAINE EMERGENCY RELIEF

				\$882,000
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ISRAEL & OVERSEAS ALLOCATIONS

Ahrai American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC) Amit Laderech Bar Da'at Be Free Israel Benetivei Udi BINA Chabad Ukraine Dor–The Center for Religious Education Edith Falk Community Center Educating for Excellence Enosh The Equalizer Etarim	Hashgacha Pratit Hillel in Kyiv Hoshen Interagency Taskforce IGY iRep Israel Movement for Progressive Judaism Israel ParaSport Center ITIM JCC Krakow Jewish Agency for Israel (JAFI) Jewish People Policy Institute Juice Volunteerism Among Young Adults Kol Yisrael Haverim	Kolot Krembo Wings Lachish Community Center Machshava Tova Marianne Early Childhood & Family Center in Kiryat Gat MASA Israel Teaching Fellows Maslan Masorti Movement Meitarim Mem Global Kyiv Merage Foundation Ne'emani Torah Va'Avodah-Kolech Neve Hanna Children's Home Nirim	Ofanim Or Torah Stone Orek PJ Library Ukraine Project Keshet SAHI Schechter Institutes Shafir Community Center Shekel–Community Integration for People with Disabilities Sulamot–STEM Education • <i>Beit Yatziv</i> • <i>Davidson Institute</i> Tenufa Bakehila United Hatzalah Women of the Wall	Women's Spirit World ORT World Union for Progressive Judaism Yaacov Herzog Center Yachdav Yedidim Youth Futures Yozmot Atid	\$38,083,209
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OTHER EXPENDITURES

Expenditures via Government Grants	JFMC Facilities Corporation	Jewish United Fund Office Budget	\$57,073,643
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DONOR ADVISED FUND & SUPPORT FOUNDATION DISTRIBUTIONS

			\$92,119,804
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TOTAL ALLOCATIONS & EXPENSES

			\$299,252,507
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