

▼ JUF supports CJE SeniorLife in offering holistic services to Holocaust survivors and create meaningful opportunities for connection, including a special Passover Seder. (Photo credit: Jeff Warner)



► Chicagoans gather at Daley Plaza for JUF's annual Yom Ha'atzmaut flag-raising celebration. (Photo credit: Matthew Reitman)



▲ Volunteers from JUF's Young Leadership Division (YLD) pack meals at The Night Ministry, among the many projects YLD members carry out to build a better community.



◀ JUF's Tikkun Olam Volunteer Network (TOV) connects community members of all ages with opportunities to give back through special projects and events. (Photo credit: Robert Kusel)

A YEAR OF COMMITMENT, GENEROSITY AND HOPE

2026 Annual Report of the Jewish Federation of Chicago

FOR THE PEOPLE served by the Jewish United Fund/Jewish Federation of Chicago, the past year has reaffirmed an enduring truth: Even in difficult times, our community comes together with extraordinary compassion, generosity and resolve. We have drawn strength by remembering what matters most: our shared values and our commitment to one another.

That spirit has been tested. Across the Chicago area, more people are facing economic hardship, including one in five local Jewish households that report struggling to make ends meet. Reductions to the social safety net and the affordability crisis have put basic necessities out of reach for many people and prevented some families from participating fully in Jewish life.

At the same time, members of our community have confronted rising anti-Jewish hate. Headlines from Boulder; Bondi Beach; Washington, D.C.; and Michigan demonstrate how quickly hate-filled rhetoric can escalate into violence. More hate crimes are committed against Jewish Chicagoans than against any other group in this city. Images of war and destruction continue to intensify our concern for the people

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of Israel, while polarization within the Jewish community strains political discourse and personal relationships alike.

These realities are sobering. But they are not the whole story. Every day at JUF, we see abundant reasons for hope. Our optimism is grounded not simply in faith, but in real results, tangible outcomes and visible signs of our community's ability to meet new and expanding needs.

Together, JUF and our network of agencies continue to serve as an essential lifeline to those in need—feeding 20,000 hungry people last year, delivering \$24 million in financial assistance and providing 64,000 people with access to healthcare.

We are inspired by the growing desire for Jewish connection, especially among those who represent our community's future. Engagement among young adults has risen by nearly 20% since the year before October 7, 2023. We are proud to have answered this call by creating meaningful opportunities to strengthen Jewish identity, build community and celebrate Jewish life.

We are encouraged by the growing number of synagogues, schools, camps and other organizations that have leveraged JUF's security resources, giving members of our community the confidence to gather and participate safely in Jewish life.

We are also heartened by the resilience of the people of Israel, coupled with the extraordinary generosity of people in our own community whose investments continue to promote healing, recovery and hope in the face of unimaginable loss.

The highlights that follow, representing some of the approximately \$330 million invested during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, reflect far more than responses to moments of crisis.

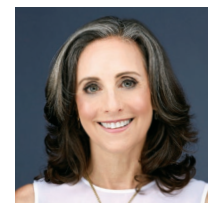
- **\$46 million** to fund local health and human services and meet community members' fundamental needs;
- **\$23 million** to fund Jewish education, continuity, identity-building, outreach and advocacy programs;
- **\$110 million** allocated to global charitable efforts in partnership with our 1,000-plus Donor Advised Funds and Supporting Foundations.

This remarkable level of giving is rooted in enduring principles passed from generation to generation and reflects the values that have defined JUF for 126 years: caring for those in need, strengthening Jewish life and building a more hopeful future together.

The year ahead will undoubtedly bring new challenges and unforeseen needs. But we also know something else with certainty: Members of the JUF community will once again respond with compassion, generosity, and resolve.

In doing so, you will provide far more than food, financial assistance, healthcare, security or opportunities for connection. You will remind people that they are not alone. And you will provide something just as essential: hope.

Thank you for coming together for good.



Wendy C. Abrams
Board Chair



Lonnie Nasatir
President

A commitment to meeting fundamental needs across the Chicago area

WHEN PEOPLE ARE IN NEED, we step up.

As one of the nation's largest humanitarian organizations, JUF and our agencies deliver essential services to individuals and households across our community—especially to people who are struggling to make ends meet.

Throughout the past year, we provided meals to people facing food insecurity, delivered financial aid to families facing economic hardship and protected the health and well-being of individuals who might otherwise have lacked access to life-saving care.

In many ways, the need has never been greater. Demand for services is growing; the number of families in economic jeopardy is on the rise, including one in five local Jewish households that report struggling financially. During the past year, thousands of people in our community have been forced to go without key benefits, like SNAP, due to lapses in government funding and shifts in policy. More people face uncertainty about future access to programs such as Medicaid due to looming changes mandated by federal legislation.

Meanwhile, neither JUF nor its partner agencies are immune from the impact of inflation. While we are being asked to do more and assist more people—like any business or organization in the current economic climate, we must stretch every dollar further.

Fortunately, although the demands and challenges are growing dramatically, the response from our community has been unprecedented. You answered the call last year in record numbers, providing \$96.2 million through the Annual Campaign to sustain and expand the life-changing work JUF delivers year-round.

Because of this level of collective generosity, JUF and its flagship agencies—CJE SeniorLife, JCFS Chicago, the Hecktman Family JCCs of Chicago and Sinai Chicago—can continue to serve people of all faiths and backgrounds across Chicagoland.

Thanks to you, JUF—working in partnership with dedicated teams from The Ark; the Dina and Eli Field EZRA Multi-Service Center and JUF Uptown Cafe; and Keshet—was able to offer a helping hand to people who needed help the most.

You enabled 64,000 people to access direct healthcare, including thousands of patients at Sinai Chicago regardless of their ability to pay for services.

You helped JUF deliver \$24 million in financial aid to more than 5,000 households—a 16% increase in families assisted and a 27% spike in dollars distributed.

You played an essential role in assisting 11,700 immigrants and refugees as they built new lives in America, contributing to our communities and to our country.

You helped maintain JUF's premier mental health support programs, resulting in 27,500 people receiving mental health services or education, vital to people of all ages—especially young people confronted by antisemitism in their schools and over social media.

You championed inclusion, individualism and independence for 4,600 people with disabilities—a record number of individuals served by JUF—and helped us enhance the knowledge, skills and resources of 1,400 family members who support their loved ones.

You made it possible for JUF and CJE SeniorLife to provide holistic support to 1,700 Holocaust survivors whose needs continue to grow, including financial aid that amounted to \$17.3 million, an increase of 11% over the prior year.

You empowered 4,000 people to help themselves through impactful career services.

You allowed 1,100 people to benefit from free legal assistance, gain representation and navigate the complexities of the judicial system.

These represent just a sampling of the many ways that the people of JUF and its agencies succeeded in meeting the challenges of the past year.

Our ability to respond to these expanding needs with immediacy, care and compassion is, above all, a testament to the collective efforts and energy displayed by members of our community whose generosity fuels the JUF Annual Campaign.



▲ JUF and its partners provide food assistance more than 20,000 individuals per year.



▲ On Good Deeds Day, hundreds of JUF volunteers carried out projects supporting more than 30 organizations across Chicagoland. (Photo credit: Matthew Reitman)



▲ For more than 40 years, JUF has administered the State of Illinois' Refugee Resettlement Program.

◀ As one of the nation's largest humanitarian organizations, caring for people is core to JUF's mission and defines the strength of our community. (Photo credit: Matthew Reitman)

A dedication to connecting people to each other and to Jewish life

WHILE DEMAND for JUF's services is expanding across all areas of impact, perhaps nowhere is this more apparent than in the community's increased appetite for dynamic, inclusive and welcoming programming.

Here, too, JUF is proud to have delivered and answered a rapidly growing need.

JUF enables people at all stages of life to engage with one another, learn from each other and celebrate their Jewish identity together. In the process, we sustain Jewish traditions and forge unbreakable links between members of different generations.

The sheer level of participation tells a remarkable story: Fully 39% of Chicago-area Jewish community members took part in programs and experiences offered by JUF and its partner agencies last year.

By continuing to fulfill the thirst for meaningful connection and engagement, we can help build a strong foundation of support for Jewish organizations and Jewish life in Chicago for years to come.

Young adults, including those starting new families, have eagerly taken advantage of the diverse catalog of experiences designed for them. More than 550 distinct programs and events were held for young families last year—ranging from playgroups to parenting workshops. Last year, repeat visits to JUF and its agencies by this cohort rose by 78%, underscoring their satisfaction with the programming made available to them.

JUF is supporting students and their parents by working to make Jewish education more affordable and accessible. More than 3,600 local Jewish day school students received scholarships or tuition assistance last year, totaling \$48 million. Additionally, JUF provides support to teachers who are offering classroom instruction to nearly 800 students enrolled in Hebrew language courses in Chicago-area public schools.

Beginning at summer camp and preschool, and extending into and beyond their college years, JUF helps young people develop lasting relationships with their peers and with Jewish traditions. More than \$1 million in need-based scholarships or incentives went toward Jewish summer camp experiences for 900 children last year. More than 6,400 teens engaged in Jewish programming. A total of 3,800 students—57% of all Jewish students on Illinois campuses—participated in Hillel last year. Meanwhile, Silverstein Base Chicago provided a welcoming space and a home away from home to more than 1,400 undergraduates and young adults.

Innovation is a hallmark of our engagement work. During the past year, JUF conducted its first-ever Civic Leadership Development Program, where emerging local leaders received training that will enable them to serve the greater community through a Jewish lens as they take on more prominent roles in the private, public and nonprofit sectors.

We take great pride in knowing that the thirst for connection by members of the JUF family is marked by a spirit of giving back to everyone who calls the Chicago area their home. Fueled by JUF's Tikkun Olam Volunteer network (TOV), 12,400 people volunteered 250,000 hours of their time to serve others in and around the city.

It is through the efforts of the larger JUF community—including the supporters of the Annual Campaign—that we have been able to develop these vitals points of connection, enabling people to boldly celebrate Jewish identity and joyfully participate in life-enriching Jewish experiences.

▼ JUF is making Jewish education more affordable and accessible through scholarships and tuition assistance to students at preschools and Jewish day schools.



▼ The inaugural cohort of JUF's innovative Civic Leadership Development Program. (Photo credit: Matthew Reitman)



▼ Volunteers visit residents at Park Plaza on Chicago's North Side, among the many ways that JUF's network provides life-enriching engagement experiences to Jewish seniors. (Photo credit: Matthew Reitman)



◀ JUF provides more than \$1 million in need-based scholarships and incentives, enabling young people to experience the magic of Jewish summer camp.

A steadfast resolve to secure a Jewish future

FULFILLING OUR COMMUNITY MEMBERS' DESIRE for more engagement and programming requires us to ensure that local Jewish places and spaces are as safe, secure and welcoming as they can possibly be.

Alarmed by skyrocketing antisemitism and spikes in anti-Jewish hate crimes, JUF launched an ambitious initiative in recent years to expand our security umbrella to all 300-plus Jewish institutions in the Chicago area, enabling students, campers, congregants and event attendees to feel confident that they can participate safely in Jewish life.

Throughout the year, JUF's team of experienced security professionals stand ready to make their services available on a 24/7 basis and free of charge.

JUF's team has conducted more than 400 security assessments of local Jewish groups and events in recent years, identifying risks and strengthening organizations' preparedness.

We facilitate coordination between Jewish groups and law enforcement officials at federal, state and local agencies. We have posted a dedicated JUF intelligence analyst within the Secure Community Network (SCN), the Jewish community's central hub for nationwide threat monitoring, while a JUF assistant deputy director of security is embedded within the West Rogers Park area.

Our team monitors social media and the dark web to detect risks and help coordinate timely security responses.

We have assisted groups in securing more than \$47 million in federal and state grants and helped more than 35 Chicago-area preschools receive emergency security grants.

Through these efforts, JUF is doing more than enhancing the on-site security of local Jewish institutions—we are also maximizing their finite resources and allowing them to remain focused on their own mission-driven work.

Securing a Jewish future also entails giving people of all ages the tools they need to fight anti-Jewish hate, supporting people who have been the targets of bigotry, and encouraging leaders and community members alike to stand up against antisemitism.

This important work begins in classrooms and extends to college campuses and corridors of power.

Since 2023, JUF has trained administrators from school districts representing more than 400,000 students to support Jewish students, teachers and families.

In support of Jewish college students, JUF has responded to hundreds of reports of antisemitic incidents since October 2023 and facilitated meaningful conversations with campus officials.

Our public affairs team helped ensure unanimous adoption of recommendations from the Chicago Commission on Human Relations to address the 58% surge in anti-Jewish hate crimes in the city.

In Springfield, we drafted and steered passage of a state law to ensure that Illinois schools avoid scheduling major events on cultural and religious holidays that conflict with student observances.

Our team met with dozens of candidates for state and federal office and made their responses to JUF's candidate questionnaires—including their proposals for combating antisemitism—available to the community prior to election day.

We have led the fight against efforts to roll back the state law that prohibits Illinois retirement systems from investing in foreign companies that engage in boycott, divestment and sanctions (BDS) activities targeting Israel.

Meeting with lawmakers in both Springfield and Washington, we have promoted increases to the Nonprofit Security Grant Program to protect Jewish institutions across the country.

JUF is gratified by the contributions of community members whose support of the Annual Campaign has strengthened security of local Jewish institutions, and who have raised their collective voices to promote our shared goals.

► Throughout the year, JUF facilitates coordination between Jewish organizations and local, state and federal law enforcement. (Photo credit: Robert Kusel)



▼ JUF conducts security assessments at schools, camps, synagogues and other sites across the Chicago area, so our community members can fully engage in Jewish life.



◄ JUF's Chief Public Affairs Officer testifies in front of lawmakers on the need to maintain Illinois' current anti-BDS law. (Photo credit: Matthew Reitman)

A promise to help Israelis recover and rebuild

WE ALL REMEMBER where we were and what we were doing on that heart-wrenching October day in 2023. Even during those first moments of shock and the period of mourning that followed, there was no hesitation in our desire to help, take action and show solidarity with the people of Israel.

Within days of the Hamas attacks, the Chicago-area Jewish community mobilized and established a lifeline to a nation in its moment of greatest need and well beyond, offering meaningful, strategic assistance to people facing unimaginable trauma, loss and fear.

Through trusted partnerships across Israel, funds were directed where needs were most critical and where the impact would be most profound. JUF helped equip hospitals and ambulances, provided therapy and emotional support to doctors and other first responders working around the clock, and established trauma centers across Israel.

Our help took the form of emotional support services, financial assistance and additional resources to victims of terror and their families, including food, housing and essential needs for people forced to flee their homes.

JUF cared for evacuees and restored a sense of normalcy in places such as Kibbutz Nir Oz, a community that suffered devastating losses on October 7. There, JUF partnered with residents to begin the long journey to recovery, offering enrichment opportunities to young people and helping revive and expand the economic lifeblood of the *kibbutz*.

Today, JUF is poised to accelerate the nation's long-term recovery and make multi-year investments aimed at prioritizing sustained healing.

We will maximize our impact by supporting programs that directly support the people of Israel and promote trauma recovery; mental health resilience; housing and economic stability; and assistance to family members of those who serve.

While ensuring that the people of Israel have the resources they need to fully heal over the long term, we will continue to encourage young people from Chicago to learn about and experience Israel through valuable travel and educational opportunities. Even during a time of war and ongoing conflict, 705 young people and young adults traveled to Israel on JUF-supported educational trips last year, an increase of 19% over the previous year.

As we continue to monitor developments in the region, we are preparing for future travel through the Onward Israel program, IsraelNow, Honeymoon Israel and other JUF-sponsored opportunities. In the years ahead, fellowships honoring Chicago-area native Hersh Goldberg-Polin will enable more young people to travel to, study in and experience Israel.

We remain committed to helping all Israelis achieve their full potential for their benefit and for the sake of the nation. JUF's Sanabel Druze Leadership Program, an initiative designed to foster educational and leadership for young members of this ethnic minority community, reinforces the values of pluralism and inclusion, while empowering the next generation of Israelis who will build, protect and enrich the state of Israel.

We are able to carry out these efforts because of the generosity demonstrated by members of the Chicago-area Jewish community who support the JUF Annual Campaign, and because of the inspiration that we draw from the extraordinary courage, strength and resilience of the people of Israel.

▼ Following the attacks of October 7, JUF and the Chicago-area Jewish community acted quickly, strategically and compassionately to fuel a comprehensive recovery for Israelis.



► Participants in the Diller Teen Fellowship Program celebrate *Havdalah* during their Israel Summer Seminar.



▲ JUF's TOV volunteers make an impact during a trip to Tel Aviv.



◀ JUF partners with nonprofit organizations in Israel to support family members of those who serve, and has helped relieve the trauma faced by children, teens and young adults.

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, Emergency Food Assistance

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, Emergency Food Assistance, 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, Emergency Food Assistance

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); JUF-Encompass Residential Capacity Building; 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; JCFS–JCC Integrated Therapies Partnership; Critical Supports (Emergency Financial Assistance); Coat Club

Libenu

JUF-Encompass Residential Capacity Building; Program Support for: Respite

Maot Chitim

Program Support for: Critical Supports (Food Assistance), Emergency Food Assistance

Mount Sinai Hospital Medical Center

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

Hecktman Family JCCs of Chicago

Bernard Horwich JCC, Bernard Weinger JCC, Early Childhood at Beth Emet and Am Shalom, ‘Z’ Frank Apachi, Lake County Jewish Community Campus

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 Camps and Retreats

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

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

JUF-Encompass Residential Capacity Building

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

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

aChord

Alliance: Kol Israel Haverim

Atidim

Briah Foundation

Chabad Ukraine

Dor – The Center for Religious Education

Enosh

The Equalizer

Fem Forward

Hillel in Kyiv

IGY

IRep

Israel Movement for Progressive Judaism

Israel ParaSport Center

Israel Women’s Network

ITIM

Jewish People Policy Institute

Juice Volunteering for Young Adults

Kiryat Gat Community Center

Kol Yisrael Haverim

Kolenu

Kolot

Lachish Community Center

Machshava Tova

Marianne Early Childhood & Family Center in Kiryat Gat

Maslan

Masorti Movement

Mem Global Kyiv

Merage Foundation

Neve Hanna Children's Home

No to Violence Against Women

Or Torah Stone

Out for Change

Pa’amonim

PJ Library Ukraine

Project Keshet

Rimon Farm

SAHI

Schechter Institutes

Shafir Community Center

Shalom Hartman Institute

Shekel–Community Integration for People with Disabilities

Tenufa Bakehila

Women of the Wall

World Union for Progressive Judaism

Yaacov Herzog Center

Yachdav

Yedidim

Youth Futures

FISCAL YEAR 2026 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 FY26, nearly \$4 million was awarded across strategic grantmaking priorities, supporting 76 different organizations, including 25 new to Commission grantmaking. These grant investments help strengthen Jewish organizations locally and overseas as they work to care for the most vulnerable, support Jewish education, expand Jewish engagement and combat antisemitism.



▲ JUF and its agencies supported more than 4,600 people with disabilities last year—an all-time high—through activities such as summer camp programs.

Following are the strategic grant focus areas and list of FY26 grantees.

DAY SCHOOLS

EDUCATOR PIPELINE

- Arie Crown Hebrew Day School
- Associated Talmud Torahs (ATT)/REACH Chicago
- Jewish New Teacher Project
- Pedagogy of Partnership
- Prizmah

LITERACY

- Associated Talmud Torahs
- Prizmah
- REACH Chicago

DISABILITIES & INCLUSION

- CJE SeniorLife
- Hecktmann Family JCCs of Chicago
- JCFS Chicago
- Keshet
- Libenu
- Yachad

ENHANCING ISRAEL EDUCATION & ADDRESSING ANTISEMITISM

- Alpha Epsilon Pi (AEPi)
- Descendants Media Group NFP | Courtroom 600 Project
- Illinois Holocaust Museum & Education Center
- Keshet
- Moving Traditions
- StandWithUs
- Student to Student
- TribeTalk
- United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism (USY)

EMERGENCY NEEDS IN UKRAINE

- American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC)
- Hillel Kyiv
- Jewish Agency for Israel (JAFI)
- JUICE
- Jewish Relief Network Ukraine (Chabad Ukraine)
- Mem Global
- Midreshet Schechter
- PJ Library
- Project Keshet
- World ORT
- World Union for Progressive Judaism (WUPJ)

MENTAL HEALTH

- The Ark
- CJE SeniorLife
- Hinda Institute
- JCFS Chicago
- Libenu
- Midwest Refuah Health Center
- No Shame On U
- Upward Community

NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

- Jews of Color Initiative
- Keshet
- K’ilu Company
- Network of Jewish Human Service Agencies (NJHSA)
- OpenDor Media
- Project Shema

POVERTY & FINANCIAL VULNERABILITY

- The Ark
- Chesed Chicago
- CJE SeniorLife
- EZRA
- JCFS Chicago
- Jewish Free Loan Chicago
- Maot Chitim of Greater Chicago
- SHALVA

SUPPORTING ISRAEL

NON-EMERGENCY

- aChord
- Fem Forward
- Israel Women’s Network
- No to Violence Against Women
- Out for Change
- Pa’amonim
- The Briah Foundation

STREAMS

- Alliance: Kol Israel Haverim
- Dor – The Center for Religious Education
- Israel Movement for Progressive Judaism
- ITIM
- Kolenu
- Kolot
- Masorti Movement
- Ohr Torah Stone
- Schechter Institute
- Shalom Hartman Institute
- Women of the Wall
- Yaacov Herzog Center

YOUNG ADULT ENGAGEMENT

- Hebrew Seminary
- itreK
- Keshet
- Northwest Suburban Jewish Partnership
- Olami
- Repair the World
- SHALVA
- Sharsheret

COMMUNITY BUILDING & JEWISH CONTINUITY COMMISSION STRATEGIC GRANTS

- Foundation for Jewish Camp
- Hecktmann Family JCCs of Chicago
- Keshet
- Organization for Social Media Safety
- REACH Chicago

ALLOCATIONS & EXPENSES for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2026

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES. \$46,426,129

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

COMMUNITY BUILDING & JEWISH CONTINUITY. \$15,217,409

Akiba-Schechter Jewish Day School	Hebrew Theological College	JUF Birthright Israel	OneTable
Arie Crown Hebrew Day School	• <i>Fasman Yeshiva High School</i>	JUF Day School Innovation Fund	Rochelle Zell Jewish High School
Associated Talmud Torahs	Hecktman Family JCCs of Chicago	JUF Enhancing Israel Education & Addressing Antisemitism Grants	Seymour J. Abrams Cheder Lubavitch Hebrew Day School
• <i>REACH Chicago</i>	Hillel Torah North Suburban Day School	JUF Young Adult Engagement Grants	Solomon Schechter Day School
Bais Yaakov Girls High School	Honeymoon Israel	Keshet	Spertus Institute for Jewish Learning & Leadership
BBYO	Ida Crown Jewish Academy	Lubavitch Girls High School of Chicago	Telshe Yeshiva
Chicago Board of Rabbis	Jewish Neighborhood Development Council	Mem Global (Moishe House)	USY
Chicago Jewish Day School	Joan Dachs Bais Yaakov–Yeshivas Tiferes Tzvi	NCSY	Yeshiva Ohr Boruch/The Veitzener Cheder
Hanna Sacks Bais Yaakov		NFTY	

FY JEWISH UNITED FUND/JEWISH FEDERATION COMMUNITY PROGRAMS & SERVICES. \$30,205,206

Campus Affairs & Student Engagement: The Hillels of Illinois/ Israel Education Center	• <i>Access and Affordability</i>	• <i>TOV Volunteer Network</i>	Evaluation and Quality Improvement
Community Outreach and Engagement Programming	• <i>JUF Young Families</i>	• <i>Youth Initiatives</i>	Government Affairs Office, Springfield
	• <i>Norton & Elaine Sarnoff Center for Jewish Genetics</i>	• <i>IsraelNow</i>	Jewish Community Relations Council of JUF

GRANTS TO ORGANIZATIONS WITH A NATIONAL REACH & OTHER LOCAL/NATIONAL. \$7,556,363

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

ISRAEL EMERGENCY FUND. \$6,549,783

UKRAINE EMERGENCY RELIEF. \$490,000

ISRAEL & OVERSEAS ALLOCATIONS. \$42,597,756

aChord	Interagency Taskforce	Kol Yisrael Haverim	Neve Hanna Children's Home	Shekel–Community Integration for People with Disabilities
Alliance: Kol Israel Haverim	IGY	Kolenu	No to Violence Against Women	Tenufa Bakehila
American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC)	iRep	Kolot	Or Torah Stone	Women of the Wall
Atidim	Israel Movement for Progressive Judaism	Lachish Community Center	Out for a Change	World ORT
Briah Foundation	Israel ParaSport Center	Machshava Tova	Pa'amonim	World Union for Progressive Judaism
Chabad Ukraine	Israel Women's Network	Marianne Early Childhood & Family Center in Kiryat Gat	PJ Library Ukraine	Yaacov Herzog Center
Dor–The Center for Religious Education	ITIM	Maslan	Project Keshet	Yachdav
Enosh	Jewish Agency for Israel (JAFI)	Masorti Movement	Rimon Farm	Yedidim
The Equalizer	Jewish People Policy Institute	Meitarim	SAHI	Youth Futures
Fem Forward	Juice Volunteerism Among Young Adults	Mem Global Kyiv	Schechter Institutes	
Hillel in Kyiv	Kiryat Gat Community Center	Merage Foundation	Shafir Community Center	
			Shalom Hartman Institute	

OTHER EXPENDITURES. \$70,618,536

Expenditures via Government Grants	JFMC Facilities Corporation	Jewish United Fund Office Budget
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DONOR ADVISED FUND & SUPPORT FOUNDATION DISTRIBUTIONS. \$110,379,785

TOTAL ALLOCATIONS & EXPENSES. \$330,040,967

GRANTS & CONTRACTS received and/or spent in FY26

FOUNDATION/ SPECIAL GRANTS

American Online Giving Foundation
Aon
The Barnett Family
Alvin H. Baum Family Fund
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BLS Family Foundation
Blue Grass Community Foundation
Martin and Mary L. Boyer Foundation
Paul & Pearl Caslow Foundation
Caterpillar Foundation
Center for Jewish and Israel Education & Meyerhoff Center for Jewish Experience
Champaign Urbana Jewish Endowment Federation
Champaign-Urbana Jewish Foundation
Judith & Edwin Cohen Foundation
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Jane B & John C. Colman Philanthropic Fund

The Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany
The Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany for the Holocaust Survivor Emergency Assistance Program, from the Successor Organization
Crown Family Philanthropies
Charles and Audrey Dann Charitable Foundation
The Albert and Lucille Delighter and Marcella Winston Foundation
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Cindy & Howard Garoon
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Generations of Giving Foundation Inc.
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Marcy Gringlas and Joel Greenberg, Seed the Dream Foundation
Harold Grinspoon Foundation
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Hillel International
Armin & Esther Hirsch Foundation
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Israel on Campus Coalition
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JFNA's Center on Aging, Trauma, and Holocaust Survivor Care
Jewish Federation Fund for Innovation in Health (supported by the Michael Reese Health Trust)



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Jewish Funders Network
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Labkon Charitable Fund
Marilyn & Mark Labkon Charitable Fund
Harry and Sadie Lasky Foundation
The Francis L. Lederer Foundation
Eugene & Janet Lerner Family Foundation
The Lillian and Maurie Lipsey Fund for Jewish Community Enhancement
McKinley Foundation
Men of Reform Judaism
Michael Reese Health Trust
Michael Reese Research and Education Foundation
Hymen Milgrom Supporting Organization
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United Way of Metropolitan Chicago
Weinger/Spector Foundation
Matthew Zell Family Foundation
Eugene and Delores Zemsky Charitable Foundation
Anonymous

GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS & GRANTS

Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunities
Illinois Department of Homeland Security – Nonprofit Security Grant Program
Illinois Department of Human Services – Bureau of Refugee and Immigrant Services
U.S. Department of Homeland Security – Nonprofit Security Grant Program

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