



JEWISH COMMUNITY FUND

Lighting the Way



Jewish Federation
of Greater Philadelphia

“The power of a collective model, a collective community of tzedakah, is the most impactful gift you can give.”

Karen Kramer, Jewish Community Fund Donor



For more than a century, the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia has been proud to Carry the Light for our Jewish community by embracing three key roles: convening the community, providing services and support to our diverse populations, and encouraging and stewarding the generosity of our donors.

By mobilizing our collective resources, the Jewish Federation is uniquely positioned to serve the entire Jewish community, collectively strengthening our traditions and values and ensuring that each of us has the opportunity to enjoy a meaningful Jewish journey.

Serving that mission, the Jewish Community Fund combines the generosity of our annual contributors to meet the most urgent needs in Philadelphia, in Israel and around the world.

By supporting the Jewish Community Fund, you become a torchbearer, helping to Carry the Light and lead the way for generations to come.



WHAT IS THE JEWISH COMMUNITY FUND?

The Jewish Community Fund (JCF) is the core of our Annual Campaign efforts, providing essential support to Jewish organizations locally, in Israel and around the world.

Every gift to JCF is combined with thousands of others to accomplish what no individual could accomplish on his/her own. As the convener and central hub of Jewish activity in our community, the Jewish Federation looks across all populations, evaluates challenges and opportunities, and considers all available resources like no other single organization can. With this rich intelligence and insight, every year, we identify the areas of greatest need and the projects of most pressing importance and allocate donor funding accordingly.

Our rigorous vetting process ensures that granted funds are only distributed to organizations that demonstrate strength and viability, and that make lasting, impactful contributions to the Jewish community.

To be considered, requests for support must align with an acknowledged community need and identify specific and measurable outcomes. All requests for funding undergo an extensive review process involving dozens of expert staff and trained volunteers. After each grant is awarded, grantees undergo significant monitoring and evaluation both to ensure effective and efficient use of funds, and to facilitate and measure successful outcomes.

**“We owe something to those
who came before us and those
who will follow us.”**

Nathan Relles, Jewish Community Fund Donor

THE IMPACT OF GIVING

Gifts to JCF make a difference in millions of lives. Each year, the Jewish Federation invests millions of dollars in critical projects to support Jewish communities in Greater Philadelphia, in Israel and around the world.

For the **2017-2018** grant year, **54 agencies** were awarded grants, 41 of which were local and 13 were overseas, with nearly **\$11 million** being distributed among these agencies. There were **96 total programs**, 80 of which were local and 16 were overseas. In addition, the Jewish Community Fund supports the programs and operations of the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia.

2017 - 2018 Grant Recipient Programs

SERVING VULNERABLE POPULATIONS

Abramson Center for Jewish Life

Bundled Services

JDC (Joint Distribution Committee)

Core Allocation

Atidim

Cadets for Transportation

Branco Weiss Institute

All Options are Open

ELI

Safe Parenting Schools

Federation Housing, Inc.

Senior Congregate Meal Program

Female Hebrew Benevolent Society

Emergency Aid

Emergency Response Systems

Golden Slipper Center for Seniors

Congregate Meal Program

HIAS Pennsylvania

Refugee, Immigration, and Citizenship Services (RICS)

Jewish Family and Children's Services

Adult and Family Services

Holocaust Survivor Support

Older Adults Services

People Living with Disabilities (PLWD)

Transportation Services

JEVS Human Services

Career Strategies

Tikvah Residence

Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia

Mitzvah Food Project

Northeast Naturally Occurring Retirement Community

(NORC)

Jewish Relief Agency

Food Distribution Program

Judith Creed Homes for Adult Independence

JCHAI At Home

KleinLife

Active Adult Life Program

Home Delivered Meals

In Home Support Program

RSVP (Retired Senior Volunteer Program)

Kol Israel Haverim

Graduation for All

Latet

Aid for Life

City Without Hunger

Leket Israel

Project Leket

Nirim

Nirim in the Neighborhoods: Girls

Olim Beyahad

Employment, Empowerment, and Leadership for

Ethiopian Israeli University Graduates and Students

Orr Shalom for Children and Youth at Risk

Beating the Odds

Yad LaKashish

Congregate Meal Program

“The NORC makes my life so much easier. I know where I can turn for help. It’s such a relief.”

Jack Belitsky, Volunteer and Northeast NORC beneficiary



SERVING JEWISH LIFE AND LEARNING

Abrams Hebrew Academy
Day School Per Capita Scholarship Fund

B’nai B’rith Youth Organization
BBYO Boys

Challah for Hunger
Social Change Bakery Project

Chedar Chabad of Philadelphia
Day School Per Capita Scholarship Fund

The Chevra
Philly/Israel Fellowship

Federation Housing, Inc.
L’Dor v’Dor

Foundation for Jewish Day Schools
Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC)

Friendship Circle
Sunday Circle and Friends at Home

Gratz College
Jewish Community High School
New Excellent Teacher Training (NEXT)

Hillel of Greater Philadelphia
Drexel Hillel
Graduate Student Network
Hillel at Temple
Hillel at the University of Pennsylvania
Hillels in Philadelphia (HiP)
Israel Encounters
Penn State Hillel

InterfaithFamily/Philadelphia
Outreach to Engage Interfaith Couples and Families

Jewish Agency for Israel
Core Allocation
Partnership2Gether: Netivot and Sedot Negev/Philadelphia
Shlichim (Israeli Emissaries)

Jack M. Barrack Hebrew Academy
Day School Per Capita Scholarship Fund

Jewish Farm School
Jewish Urban Sustainability Program

Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia
Day Camp Scholarship Fund
Israel360
Israel Programs Scholarship Aid Fund (IPSAF)
Keren Chinuch Scholarship Fund
Neighborhoods Partnership Fund
One Happy Camper
Overnight Camp Scholarship Fund
Israel Cultural Grants
Passport to Israel

Taglit-Birthright Israel
Core Allocation

Jewish Learning Venture
Boomer Engagement Network
Jewish Education and Leadership Development (JELD)
jkidphilly
Whole Community Inclusion

Kohelet Yeshiva High School
Day School Per Capita Scholarship Fund

Kosloff Torah Academy
Day School Per Capita Scholarship Fund

Makom Community
Makom Community Center

Mesivta High School of Greater Philadelphia
Day School Per Capita Scholarship Fund

Moishe House
Moishe House Philadelphia

Moving Traditions
Rosh Hodesh and Shevet Achim

OROT
Day School Per Capita Scholarship Fund

Panim
Bar/Bat Mitzvah Initiative

Perelman Jewish Day School
Day School Per Capita Scholarship Fund

Politz Hebrew Academy
Day School Per Capita Scholarship Fund

Torah Academy
Day School Per Capita Scholarship Fund

Tribe 12
Spectrum Philly
The Collaborative

PROVIDING OTHER COMMUNITY SERVICES

Board of Rabbis
Rabbinic Engagement

Jewish Council for Public Affairs
Core Allocation

Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia
Community Studies
Innovation Fund
Israel Advocacy Programs
Israel70
Jewish Community Relations Council Program
Mandell Campus Support
Policy, Strategy and Funding Committee Urgent Needs Reserve

Jewish Federation of North America
Core Allocation
Israel Action Network
Negev Funding Coalition
Secure Community Network (SCN)

Pennsylvania Jewish Coalition
Regulatory and Policy Advocacy



“The food I get from the food pantry, it’s how I eat. That’s my main source of food. It’s a blessing. It’s an honest blessing. I can’t say enough for how much they’ve helped me.”

Lisa Berkowitz, Northeast NORC and Digital Choice Food Program Client

HOW DOES JCF GRANT MAKING WORK?

The Jewish Federation’s grant making practice is grounded in the two core principles of transparency and commitment to service. Each grant cycle*, the Jewish Federation’s governing boards follow a strict vetting process to grant Jewish Community Fund dollars.

This process involves nearly 100 people, and each grant must address one or more of the Jewish Federation’s institutional priorities: **serving vulnerable populations, facilitating community engagement and supporting Jewish life and learning.**

HERE’S HOW:

- 1 Community needs are identified by Jewish Federation professionals and trained volunteers.
- 2 Proposals that address identified needs are requested from organizations that serve the Jewish community.
- 3 Submissions are reviewed to ensure they align with needs and include specific and measurable outcomes.
- 4 Selected organizations are approved by successive governing entities: Commissions of Social Responsibility, Jewish Life and Learning, and Global Partnership → Policy, Strategy, and Funding Committee → Board of Directors → Board of Trustees.
- 5 Approved grantees meet with Jewish Federation professionals to determine metrics of success.
- 6 Grantees submit written evaluation reports semi-annually and consult with Jewish Federation professionals regularly regarding progress during each grant term*.

**Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia is currently on a three-year funding cycle.*

“Jewish Federation has the professionals and resources to identify the needs of our community and the programs best suited to address them.”

Dan Bacine, Jewish Community Fund Donor



MAKE YOUR GIFT TODAY

The Jewish Community Fund is at the core of what we do, granting essential dollars to organizations that provide unparalleled services to our local community and to those in need around the world.

So much more than just a philanthropic resource, the Jewish Community Fund is a promise that social services and vibrant community organizations will remain strong and active. It also provides each of us with the opportunity to foster and celebrate Jewish identity and values for future generations.

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The Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia mobilizes financial and volunteer resources to address the communities' most critical priorities locally, in Israel and around the world.

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