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.

“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
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 (RIICS)
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
Tikk’ah 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
Dan Bacine, Fund Holder

“My wife and I have been donors to the Jewish Federation for many years and had confidence in its staff to manage our fund professionally and transparently. We never even explored the alternatives to the Jewish Federation’s Donor Advised Funds.”

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

Cheder 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
Partnership Through: Netivot and Sedot Negev/Philadelphia
Shlichim (Israel Emmissaries)

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 Chaimach 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

Kolosov Yeshiva High School
Day School Per Capita Scholarship Fund

Kosloff Torah Academy
Day School Per Capita Scholarship Fund

Makom Community
Makom Community Center

Moshava 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
Bais/Bais Mitzvah Initiative

Perelman Jewish Day School
Day School Per Capita Scholarship Fund

Pollitz 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.
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.

In this way, when you support the Jewish Community Fund, you become a torchbearer, helping to Carry the Light and lead the way for generations to come.

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