

OVDIM *B'YACHAD:* **WORKING TOGETHER**

A Resource Guide for Synagogues | 2020-2021



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Dear Friends,

At the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia, we are devoted to helping our communities build, grow and connect with one another. Inside this booklet are details about ways we can help you further engage your membership.

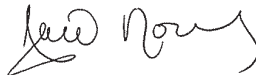
Whether you are looking for opportunities for congregants to volunteer together, learn together or socialize together, we can offer resources to supplement your synagogue's programming. In addition, we have included programs that can help strengthen and support your synagogue's staff and lay leadership, as well as scholarship information to help your community members achieve their Jewish life and learning goals. This content is also available at **jewishphilly.org/workingtogether**.

Despite COVID-19, the work continues, albeit with changes and more virtual offerings. We hope you are inspired by what you find here. If you have any questions, we urge you to call the contact person listed by your program of interest or contact us directly at **aklein@jewishphilly.org**. We can also arrange for a consultation about these offerings with a Jewish Federation professional. The entire booklet is also available online at **jewishphilly.org/workingtogether**.

We look forward to a year filled with new and creative opportunities for connection. Thank you for helping to Carry the Light of Jewish community.



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Co-Chairs of the Board of Directors

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**MITZVAH OPPORTUNITIES
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These programs can either be geared for general audiences or they can be adapted for a specific demographic: your sisterhood, men's club, older adults, Hebrew school or b'nai mitzvah class.

Advocacy Days

In place Interested

Our lobbying trips to Harrisburg are an easy way to make a difference. Participants receive education about important domestic issues (past topics have included nutritional assistance, elder services, disability rights, Holocaust education and day school scholarships) and, in turn, educate legislators on issues important to our Jewish communities.

Contact Robin Schatz at rschatz@jewishphilly.org or 215.832.0654.

Cook for a Friend

In place Interested

Through this program, small groups get together to cook nourishing kosher meals for homebound older adults in the Greater Philadelphia Jewish community. This *mitzvah* opportunity is also a means for congregants to strengthen their bonds with one another as they work side by side in the warm intimacy of the kitchen.

For people ages 21-45, register at jewishphilly.org/cookforafriend or contact Andrea Cantor at acantor@jewishphilly.org or 215.832.0861.

For other age groups, contact Cook for a Friend coordinator John Eskate at jeskate@kleinlife.org or 215.698.7300 ext. 196.

Disability Advocacy and Inclusion

In place Interested

Every February, during Jewish Disability Awareness and Inclusion month, communities all across America join to advocate for people with disabilities and mental illness to become active participants in Jewish communal life.

To join the Philadelphia contingent heading to Capitol Hill, contact Robin Schatz at rschatz@jewishphilly.org or 215.832.0654.

Holocaust Remembrance

In place Interested

Choose from a variety of programs that teach the history and lessons of the Holocaust, so that we Never Forget. Throughout the year, our Jewish Community Relations Council facilitates conversations with survivors, impactful youth symposia and a creative arts competition; and each April, hosts an annual community-wide Yom HaShoah observance.

Contact Beth Razin at brazin@jewishphilly.org or 215.832.0536.

“Memories and Blessings”

In place Interested

Learn about the Jewish values and customs around caring for the deceased through our special “Memories and Blessings” curriculum; then take part in a *chesed* project (acts of loving-kindness) by helping with cleanup at Mt. Carmel Cemetery, scheduled at your convenience.

Contact Addie Lewis Klein at aklein@jewishphilly.org or 215.832.0828.

Mitzvah Food Program

In place Interested

Over 11,000 Jews in our region face food insecurity, and our five food pantries throughout Greater Philadelphia offers them some relief. Congregants of all ages can get involved with our Mitzvah Food Program through donations, food drives and volunteering to pack or deliver bags of food, and utilizing the services themselves.

Contact Deirdre Mulligan at mitzvahfoodprogram@jewishphilly.org or 215.832.0509.

Mordechai Anielewicz Creative Arts Competition

In place Interested

Each year, over 400 students (grades 7-12) from a wide range of backgrounds participate in the Mordechai Anielewicz Creative Arts Competition, submitting original, creative responses to their Holocaust studies in the form of poetry, prose, painting, sculpture, music, dance and video. The works submitted are exhibited every spring followed by an awards ceremony.

Contact Beth Razin at brazin@jewishphilly.org or 215.832.0536 or visit jewishphilly.org/resources/holocaust-programming/ for more information.

Super Sunday

In place Interested

The Greater Philadelphia Jewish community comes together one Sunday each February to help raise vital funds to serve vulnerable populations and support Jewish life and learning. Make this a group *mitzvah* opportunity for your congregants! Join volunteers of all ages who Carry the Light by making those important phone calls to Jewish Federation supporters. This is also a great time for Hebrew School classes to donate the *tzedakah* they have been collecting.

Find more information at jewishphilly.org/supersunday.

Understanding Our Vulnerable Populations

In place Interested

The Jewish Federation can provide speakers to discuss some of the serious social issues troubling our region and nation, including issues surrounding older adults and low-income families.

Contact Brian Gralnick at bgralnick@jewishphilly.org or 215.832.0850.

Volunteer Virtually with the Jewish Federation

In place Interested

Help area older adults and other shut-ins during this difficult time of COVID-19 by making regular, friendly check in phone calls to those in need. Visit jewishphilly.org/covid-19-updates and click on “Volunteer Opportunities” to fill out a brief form and a trained professional will match you with an isolated community member.



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Birthright Israel

In place Interested

Since its inception, Birthright Israel's mission has been to give every young Jewish adult (ages 18-32) an opportunity to visit Israel and meet Israeli peers, with the goal of strengthening Jewish identity and participants' connections with Israel and its people. Help give your young adults an experience of a lifetime with this 10-day free journey through both Jewish history and the contemporary Jewish state.

Contact Max Moline at mmoline@jewishphilly.org or 215.832-0803 to find out about post-college Philadelphia Birthright trips.

Diller Teen Fellows

In place Interested

This incredible experiential learning and travel experience for 10th and 11th graders aims to build the next generation of committed Jewish leaders, equipping them with the skills, confidence, knowledge and Jewish values to help create a better world. This highly subsidized 12-month program includes all workshops, retreats, seminars and a three-week trip to Israel where they meet teens like themselves from around the world.

For more information contact teenprograms@jewishphilly.org.

A (Virtual) Taste of Israel

In place Interested

Bring a taste of Israel to your synagogue or organization from the Jewish Federation's partnership region of Netivot/Sdot Negev. Choose from a robust catalogue of offerings encompassing the full range of Israel today, some curated for families, others for adults.

Visit jewishphilly.org/resources/israel-engagement/israel-programs-and-workshops to see a full listing of workshops, some led by our former Shlichat Bat El Trabetsi, others hosted by our friends in the partnership's vibrant communities in the Negev or contact Beth Razin at brazin@jewishphilly.org or 215.832.0536



For more travel opportunities, see our "Israel Travel" section, page 20.



SCHOLARSHIPS FOR JEWISH LIFE AND LEARNING

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Most Jewish families would qualify for reduced rates for high-quality programs. Please share this valuable information with your congregants.

Jewish Day School Scholarships

In place Interested

The Foundation for Jewish Day Schools, created as a partnership between the Jewish Federation and area Jewish days schools, helps provide needs-based school scholarships for eligible K-12 students and their families. Utilizing Pennsylvania's Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) program and, when possible, the Opportunity Scholarship Tax Credit (OSTC) program, the Foundation provides two important services: helping children receive a quality Jewish education and helping Pennsylvanians redirect their state taxes towards this worthy goal.

Contact Ellen Horowitz Matz at ematz@jewishphilly.org or 215.832.0525.

Jewish Preschool Scholarships

In place Interested

Along with Pennsylvania's EITC program (see above), the Foundation for Jewish Day Schools helps provide need-based school scholarships for eligible pre-K programs for three to six-year-olds.

Contact Ellen Horowitz Matz at ematz@jewishphilly.org or 215.832.0525.

Jewish Summer Camp Scholarships

In place Interested

Summer camp is a chance for kids to look at who they are, who they want to become and as importantly, a chance to explore their connection to the Jewish community - while having the summer of their lives. For some families, paying for overnight or day camp can be difficult or even impossible. That's why the Jewish Federation offers two assistance programs: one for first-time campers regardless of financial need, the other a need-based scholarship for returning campers.

Contact our Grant Coordinator at scholarships@jewishphilly.org or 215.832.0522, or visit jewishphilly.org/camp.

Jewish Supplementary School Scholarships

In place Interested

The Keren Chinuch Scholarship Fund is a need-based scholarship for Jewish children attending nearly 50 supplementary schools at synagogues and similar programs throughout Greater Philadelphia. Limited funds are distributed to qualified schools based on enrollment; schools are responsible for determining need and distributing aid to the students.

Contact Rachel Berger at rberger@jewishphilly.org or at 215.832.0812.

Scholarships for Higher Education

In place Interested

Over the years the Jewish Federation has administered a number of endowed scholarships and interest-free loans to help Jewish students with financial needs achieve their higher education goals. These include funds for general graduate degrees; medical and law school; and music and cantorial students.

Contact Alaina Gillespie at agillespie@jewishphilly.org. or at 215.832.0504.

Applications are available at jewishphilly.org/endowed-scholarships.

Teen Leadership Incentive Grant

In place Interested

This grant offers financial assistance to teens to take part in specific youth movement's regional, national, or international shabbatons or conventions. Grants range from \$100-\$300, and are intended to lower the cost barrier to attend. Funds are awarded on a first-come, first-served basis and are distributed to the youth movement directly.

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Israel Education and Activism

In place Interested

Looking for a better understanding of the geo-political complexities of the Middle East, the American relationship with Israel and, especially, active steps we can take to support the Jewish state? The Jewish Community Relations Council, through its relationship with the Israel Action Network (IAN), can inform your members about strategies for campuses, executive boardrooms and on Capitol Hill to combat the BDS movement and build support for Israel.

Contact Jason Holtzman at jholtzman@jewishphilly.org or 215.832.0652.

Israel Engagement Grants

In place Interested

Does your synagogue have a great idea for a local project to help the larger Jewish community connect to Israel, in all its beauty and complexity? You can apply for an Israel Engagement grant up to \$5,000 for a project that promotes Israeli culture and brings artistic, educational or cultural value to the community.

Contact Beth Razin at brazin@jewishphilly.org or 215.832.0536.

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Traveling Exhibits about Israel

In place Interested

The Jewish Federation has 5 special travelling displays celebrating Israel's diversity, beauty and contributions to humanity. Exhibits include: "A Route South" and "Darom Adom" (2 very different looks at the Negev), "My Name is Israel" (Israel's global humanitarian work), "The Guide to Hipster Israel" and "15 Ways Israel is Changing the World."

Contact Beth Razin at brazin@jewishphilly.org or 215.832.0536 to learn more and to reserve a pop-up exhibition.



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Israel360

In place Interested

Israel360 is a powerful, immersive yearlong group experience for 27-40-year olds that includes a highly-subsidized 10-day trip to Israel offering a deep dive into its history, culture and politics. Participants emerge with a network of new friends; a deeper understanding of Jewish Federation's role in Philadelphia, Israel and overseas; and an even stronger Jewish identity.

Contact Max Moline at mmoline@jewishphilly.org or 215.832.0803, or visit jewishphilly.org/israel360 for information.

Israel Program Scholarships

In place Interested

Through our need-based Israel Program Scholarship Aid Fund (IPSAF), the Jewish Federation provides scholarships to participate in educational or volunteer programs in Israel. This scholarship — for eighth grade students to adults of all ages — helps participants deepen their connection to their Jewish heritage by participating in an organized group travel and/or study experience in Israel.

Contact our Grant Coordinator at scholarships@jewishphilly.org or 215-832-0522, or apply online at jewishphilly.org/IPSAF.

Travel With Purpose

In place Interested

Our Missions department offers immersive travel opportunities that transform a trip to Israel into an experience imbued with meaning, giving participants a first-hand experience of the shared heritage, traditions and values that unite us all. Missions staff can also help if your synagogue is planning its own trip by providing information on and connections to service projects in Israel, off-the-beaten-path places in the Negev and reliable local trip providers. In addition, if you're considering a trip but need more participants, we may be able to match you with a synagogue in a similar situation.

Contact Arielle Shemesh at ashemesh@jewishphilly.org or 215.832.0629.

Yeshiva Study in Israel Scholarships

In place Interested

The Morton Stein Scholarship Fund for Orthodox Yeshivot In Israel offers needs-based financial assistance to Greater Philadelphia residents — including high school and college-age youth, young adults and teachers in Jewish settings — to attend study programs in Orthodox yeshivot in Israel.

Contact Alaina Gillespie at agillespie@jewishphilly.org. or at 215-832-0504.

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Boomer Engagement Network ("BEN") for Jewish Singles

In place Interested

The Baby Boomers have been called "the loneliest generation," with a high number of people facing aging alone. The Boomer Engagement Network aims to bring together Jewish singles born between 1946 and 1964 with a range of community-building and social events.

Contact BEN@jewishphilly.org or 215.832.0530.

Community Portrait

In place Interested

Community Portrait: A 2019 Jewish Population Study of Greater Philadelphia provides an updated overview of our region's Jewish communities to assist community members in understanding the makeup and needs of their stakeholders.

Visit communityportrait.org for the full report and additional resources, including an interactive data tool to explore the findings. Requests for additional data can also be made through the website.

Dignified Burial Fund

In place Interested

If a member of the Jewish community dies without the financial means for a Jewish burial, you may be able to help by accessing the Jewish Federation's Dignified Burial Fund. In collaboration with our partner agency, Jewish Family and Children's Service, we can assist families during this difficult and delicate time.

For general information contact Addie Lewis Klein at aklein@jewishphilly.org or 215.832.0828. If a family member wants to request financial assistance for burial, contact Jewish Family and Children's Service at 866.532.7669.

Emergency Communications

In place Interested

It's always best to be prepared. The Jewish Federation uses a state-of-the-art emergency notification system called MIR3 to communicate with Jewish community leaders in the event of a disaster or crisis. Your synagogue's top staff and lay leadership should register to receive these urgent and timely messages via text in the event of an emergency.

Contact Addie Lewis Klein at aklein@jewishphilly.org or 215.832.0828.

Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC)

In place Interested

The JCRC at the Jewish Federation is where a congregant with expertise in or passion for areas like interfaith relations, government affairs, social action and advocacy can help develop and advocate for consensus positions on a range of issues through a Jewish lens.

Contact Laura Frank at lfrank@jewishphilly.org or 215.832.0512.

Jewish Information Referral Service

In place Interested

Have questions about our Greater Philadelphia Jewish communities? Our in-house referral service can help find answers. Common questions are about financial aid to meet basic needs; camp and school scholarships; legal aid; programs for people living with disabilities; and kosher dining. In addition, the Jewish Exponent produces the annual *Guide to Jewish Greater Philadelphia* and the Jewish Federation creates our informational booklet *Resources for Stressful Times*.

Contact info@jewishphilly.org or call the Jewish Federation at 215.830.0500.

JPRO

In place Interested

Help your staff's professional growth. JPRO offers networking and professional development for those who work in the Jewish community, amplifying each of our abilities to contribute to the vitality of our communities.

Contact Addie Lewis Klein at jpro@jewishphilly.org or 215.832.0828.

Kehillah (Neighborhood) Initiative

In place Interested

Get involved with your local kehillah, a venue for partnering with other local synagogues, Jewish organizations and community volunteers on collaborative programming and enrichment for all ages.

Contact Addie Lewis Klein at aklein@jewishphilly.org or 215.832.0828.

Promoting Holiday Celebrations

In place Interested

Jewish Federation compiles and shares the many dozens of holiday observances throughout our region such as High Holidays, Chanukah, Purim and Passover. As we approach each holiday season, hundreds of community members click on these listing. This is a great way to draw new people to your synagogue's programs. Keep an eye out for a Google form to submit your synagogue's holiday programming opportunities.

Contact Addie Lewis Klein at aklein@jewisphilly.org or 215.832.0828 to ensure you're on her list.

Security Grants

In place Interested

Synagogues seeking funding to increase their own security can explore funding opportunities through the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime/Delinquency (PCCD) and through the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency (PEMA). Jewish Federation sends out information to synagogues for each of these funding opportunities and hosts webinars to help synagogues with their applications.

Contact Addie Lewis Klein at aklein@jewisphilly.org or 215.832.0828 to get on the mailing list for these updates.

Security Planning

In place Interested

Jewish Federation's Director of Security, Frank Riehl, is available to do a walk-through of your facility for an informal security assessment. He can also provide a list of vetted companies that can provide a formal written security assessment, useful for prioritizing your synagogue's efforts and for applying for state funding. Frank can also help build a relationship between synagogue leadership and local law enforcement.

Contact Addie Lewis Klein at aklein@jewisphilly.org or 215.832.0828 to get introduced to Frank

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RESOURCES RELATED TO COVID-19

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Community Calls

Join a bi-weekly Zoom webinar call dedicated to Jewish communal leadership that has conveyed critical information throughout the pandemic. Past guests have touched on issues of public health, government responses, necessary changes in the Jewish education and camping worlds, services for seniors and those with disabilities and many more.

Contact Addie Lewis Klein at aklein@jewishphilly.org or 215.832.0828 to receive the necessary Zoom link.

Free Clear Face Masks

The Jewish Federation has invested in 10,000+ face masks that cover the mouth and nose, and are transparent over the mouth. They are available free for Jewish communal institutions. These are an excellent resource for educators and people who need to engage with the public to fulfill their roles in the community.

Contact Addie Lewis Klein at aklein@jewishphilly.org or 215.832.0828

Purchasing PPE for Your Community

Through the Jewish Federation's relationship with the Jewish Federations of North America, you can now purchase non-medical Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) to prepare for reopening your Jewish communal facilities or offices and to maintain safe operations. Visit jewishtogether.org/ppe-purchasing-portal

Understanding COVID's Impact

In response to the far-reaching impact of COVID-19, the Jewish Federation's Strategy and Impact team assessed the changing needs of the community. Data from over 1,000 local survey participants, including both individuals and partner organizations, was collected. It is available for your planning purposes via an interactive data tool at go.jewishphilly.org/covid-19-survey-results

Volunteer Virtually with the Jewish Federation

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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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