



## MEETING THE MOMENT

Through our Israel response, you have seen the power of the Federation and we have been overwhelmed by your incredible generosity. This is a pivotal time for our Jewish community. Israel is facing a critical moment, and our global Jewish family is hurting. The Jewish Federation of Greater Houston stands ready to **meet this moment** as a connector, convener, innovator, and funder. Our Jewish future depends on how we respond to today's challenges here, in Houston, in Israel, and around the world. We are asking that you continue to support our work locally and globally with a gift to the Annual Campaign.



**ANNUAL CAMPAIGN GOAL**  
**\$8.7 MILLION**

**Providing core support for the people, programs, and organizations that are the foundation of our community.**

### Securing our Community & Combatting Antisemitism

We stand ready to fight the rising tide of antisemitism by providing trainings, resources, and security assessments to all local Jewish institutions, and responding to threats in partnership with Secure Community Network (SCN). We are expanding security funding for area Jewish institutions, including the recent procurement of more than \$1.6 million in national Nonprofit Security Grants and by funding additional security micro-grants for local organizations.

### Next Generation Engagement & Leadership Development

We are growing programming and leadership opportunities for Jewish young adults in greater Houston. Our new Jerome Robinson Family Young Adult Division (YAD) Fed U training program and growing local division of National Young Leadership Cabinet are creating the next generation of leaders. We are also engaging young couples through Honeymoon Israel.

### Supporting Basic Needs Locally and Globally

We provide for the most vulnerable among us to enable every Jewish person to live with dignity. This includes funding for essential services including food, shelter, medical care, and job training here in Houston and around the world. We work with local and global partners to meet these needs including Jewish Family Service, Seven Acres Jewish Senior Care Services, the Evelyn Rubenstein Jewish Community Center, the Joint Distribution Committee, and the Jewish Agency for Israel.

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### Access to Quality Jewish Education

We pass on our values by working to ensure each child has access to quality Jewish education. This includes new programs to enhance early childhood education and congregational schools, support education for children with disabilities and learning differences, and expand teen programming through Kehillah High. We also provide consistent support for our Jewish day schools.

### Strengthening the People and Land of Israel

Since October 7, we have mobilized the community in support of Israel through fundraising, advocacy and solidarity events, and combatting media bias. We were able to mount this immediate collective response because of the power of the Annual Campaign and longstanding partnerships with organizations in Israel, which provide humanitarian aid for at-risk populations and pluralistic education to build bonds across Israeli society.

### Funding New and Innovative Programs

The Federation launched its new Impact Fund in 2023 to provide seed money for new and expanding programs that respond to the community priorities determined in the Hineni Houston listening journey. In the first cycle, 13 programs received \$183,000 in grants that further the community priorities of inclusion, engagement, and education determined in last year's Hineni Houston listening journey.



**Together, let's meet this moment.** Contact Ari Rosen, Director of Philanthropy, at [arosen@houstonjewish.org](mailto:arosen@houstonjewish.org) for more information about how you can make a difference.

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