



Jewish Federation  
OF GREATER HOUSTON

# *As One*

## 2024/25 IMPACT REPORT



# *If Not Now, When?*

The Jewish Federation of Greater Houston envisions a vibrant and inclusive community where every Jewish Houstonian feels connected and supported. We serve as the gateway for our community and foster meaningful connections and enriching Jewish experiences. We convene and fund partner organizations in Houston, Israel, and around the world. We facilitate programs that educate, build Jewish identity and leaders, and enhance community security. We are dedicated to advocating for community needs and building bridges of mutual respect and collaboration within Jewish Houston and across Greater Houston. Our commitment extends globally, keeping Houston intricately linked to Israel through advocacy, education, and transformative trips.

## **WHAT DOES THE JEWISH FEDERATION DO & WHY DOES THIS WORK MATTER?**

The Jewish Federation of Greater Houston is the convener, connector, funder, and innovator that strengthens Jewish life in Houston, Israel, and worldwide.

This past year, our collective efforts answered critical needs for Jewish education, teen engagement, Israel support, and community resilience. From raising over \$26 million to funding innovative programs and responding to crises like the October 7 attacks in Israel, we've shown what's possible when our community unites.

The Jewish Federation raises and allocates money—here locally, globally, and in Israel—and executes robust programmatic offerings that keep our community connected.

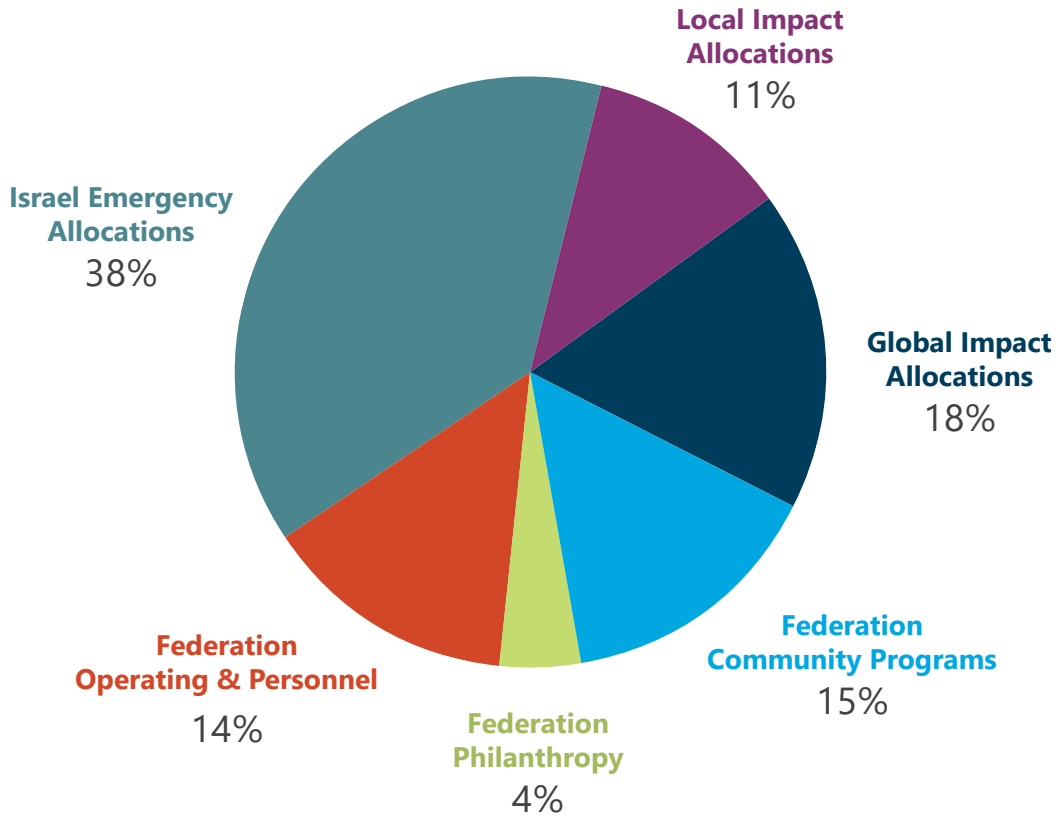
Our purpose is clear: to care for the vulnerable, build connections, and create a vibrant Jewish future. Here's how we've answered the most pressing questions for Jewish Houston.



# How Much is Raised and Allocated?

## FY 2024 FINANCIALS\*

### FEDERATION IMPACT



### FEDERATION FUNDRAISING: \$27,107,053

Annual Campaign | \$8,674,560

Bequests | \$238,402

Donor Designated for Special Initiatives | \$2,358,048

Annual Donor Recommended | \$2,898,675

Israel Emergency Campaign | \$12,937,368

\*These charts are reflective fiscal year 2024, which ran from September 1, 2023 to August 31, 2024.



# How Do We Repair the World?

## THE GENEROSITY OF THE GREATER HOUSTON JEWISH COMMUNITY

Donors are the lifeblood of the Jewish Federation. Your generosity enables us to fulfill our mission to care for the vulnerable, support Jewish education, and strengthen our community. This year, we raised a record-breaking **\$27 million** across all campaigns, including **\$8.6 million** through the Annual Campaign.

The **Annual Campaign** is the foundation of Jewish Houston. It is how the Federation provides core support to the organizations that make up the fabric of our community including Alexander Jewish Family Service, the Evelyn Rubenstein Jewish Community Center, Seven Acres Senior Care Services, our Jewish day schools, Hillels and Chabads on college campuses, and programs and organizations serving every age and stage of Jewish life. It is also how Houstonians make their mark on the Jewish world, funding organizations and programs that build community and care for the vulnerable in Israel and more than 70 countries globally. For a full list of our local and global allocations, see the charts on pages 14-17.

### PHILANTHROPIC HIGHLIGHT

**The Robinson/Brown Family made a transformative \$1 million gift to expand YAD and rename it to honor the legacy of Minnette and Jerome Robinson.**

Now named the "Minnette and Jerome Robinson Family Young Adult Division (YAD)" of the Jewish Federation of Greater Houston, the program is a vital part of Houston's Jewish community. The program helps ensure young Jewish adults in Houston are knowledgeable about Jewish issues, and skilled leaders who are philanthropically minded and committed to Israel and global Jewry.



Minnette and Jerome Robinson  
**YOUNG ADULT DIVISION**  
JEWISH FEDERATION OF GREATER HOUSTON

Young adult engagement is an essential building block of Jewish continuity. "My family has long been dedicated to fostering connections among young people who share common interests and passions," said Mindy Robinson Brown. "It's incredibly exciting to grow this vision through the expansion of our program while also honoring the inspiring legacy of our parents, Minnette and Jerome Robinson."



## AM YISRAEL CHAI: HOUSTON SUPPORTS ISRAEL

Since October 7, 2023, the Federation, in partnership with the Houston Jewish Community Foundation, has raised more than \$15 million in support for our Israel Emergency efforts. More than 98% of funds raised in the first phase (through November 20, 2024), have been distributed to 68 organizations and programs. Making an immediate impact where it is most needed, funds support basic needs, economic rebuilding and recovery, emergency medical services and healthcare, mental health and trauma relief, schools, and media outreach.



### Mental Health Needs in Israel

Houston was one of four Federations, alongside Jewish Federations of North America, to contribute to the creation of 16 community-based mental-health centers in Israel that will provide much-needed services. The first center opened in November 2024. There is an increased demand for mental health support in Israel, particularly for post-traumatic stress disorder, since Oct. 7. Mental health and trauma relief is one of the focus areas that our Israel Emergency Fund is supporting, including providing a \$500,000 grant to build these centers.



### Gadi Moses Returns to Kibbutz Nir Oz

Gadi Moses (age 80) helped build Kibbutz Nir Oz with his bare hands. It was here, where Gadi was living in retirement, that he was captured by Hamas on October 7, 2023. His wife was murdered in the attack. Gadi was held hostage by Hamas for 482 days, enduring isolation, starvation, and torture.

Upon his release, the first thing that Gadi—an agronomist and farmer—did, even before reuniting with his family, was look into the cameras and declare, “I vow to help rehabilitate Kibbutz Nir Oz.”

Kibbutz Nir Oz and most of its farming equipment were destroyed during the attacks, an intentional effort to cripple Israel’s agricultural and economic base. As a part of the collective effort, our Houston Jewish community—through the Federation’s Israel Emergency Fund—supports ReGrow Israel, an organization dedicated to restoring fields and agricultural equipment in the western Negev area, a region critical to Israel’s food supply. We have allocated \$650,000 to ReGrow Israel.

This also meant that our Houston Jewish community played a special part in Gadi’s homecoming to Nir Oz. As he returned, farmers of the Gaza Envelope lined road 232 with their newly acquired tractors to welcome him home. These tractors were purchased with ReGrow Israel through the partnership with Jewish Federations—an initiative which Houston generously supported.



Efrat Machikawa, whose uncle, Gadi Moses was held in Hamas captivity in the Gaza Strip since his capture from Kibbutz Nir Oz on Oct. 7, reacts at the Gaza border in Kibbutz Nirim, southern Israel, on January 11, 2024. Provided by the AP.



New tractors lined up to welcome home Gadi Moses

# How Do We Move from Strength to Strength?

## WHAT HAPPENED WITH HINENI HOUSTON?

We are excited to share that the implementation of ideas gathered through the 2022-2023 **Hineni Houston** listening journey is already making a transformative impact on our community. This initiative, driven by the insights of our Jewish community, reflects your commitment to shaping the future of Jewish Houston.

Hineni Houston was launched by the Federation as part of our strategic planning efforts. With input from 1,200 participants in the Greater Houston area, we explored the central question: "What are your aspirations for Houston's Jewish community, now and for the future?"

Thanks to your support and involvement, bold aspirations emerged, leading to the formation of committees addressing critical areas of **Affordability, Communications, Education, Inclusion, and Leadership**. Your contributions fueled this process, enabling us to build a shared vision and work toward actionable goals.

Two unforeseen events shifted our timeline and expanded our scope of work: the October 7, 2023, attack on Israel by Hamas and the growing need to address antisemitism in our community. In response, we prioritized initiatives in **Teen Engagement** and **Public Affairs**, addressing urgent challenges with the resources you helped provide.

We are proud to announce that the Federation's Board of Trustees has approved the recommendations from these committees, integrating their work into the Federation's core operations strategy. Your contributions enabled us to allocate an additional **\$233,000** toward new local initiatives that are already advancing our shared priorities.

This marks a significant milestone in bringing your aspirations to life.

While research continues in key areas such as Affordability and Leadership, we will share updates as implementation plans take shape. To fully realize our community vision, we are exploring a significant fundraising effort and look forward to your partnership in making it a success.



## HOW DOES THE FEDERATION IMPLEMENT ITS WORK?

The work of the Federation shows up in four ways in our community.



### CONVENER

Bringing our Jewish organizations together so that we can collectively solve problems and work together to be a more fulsome community.



### FUNDER

Funding important community programs, activities, and efforts here in Houston, in Israel, and around the world.



### CONNECTOR

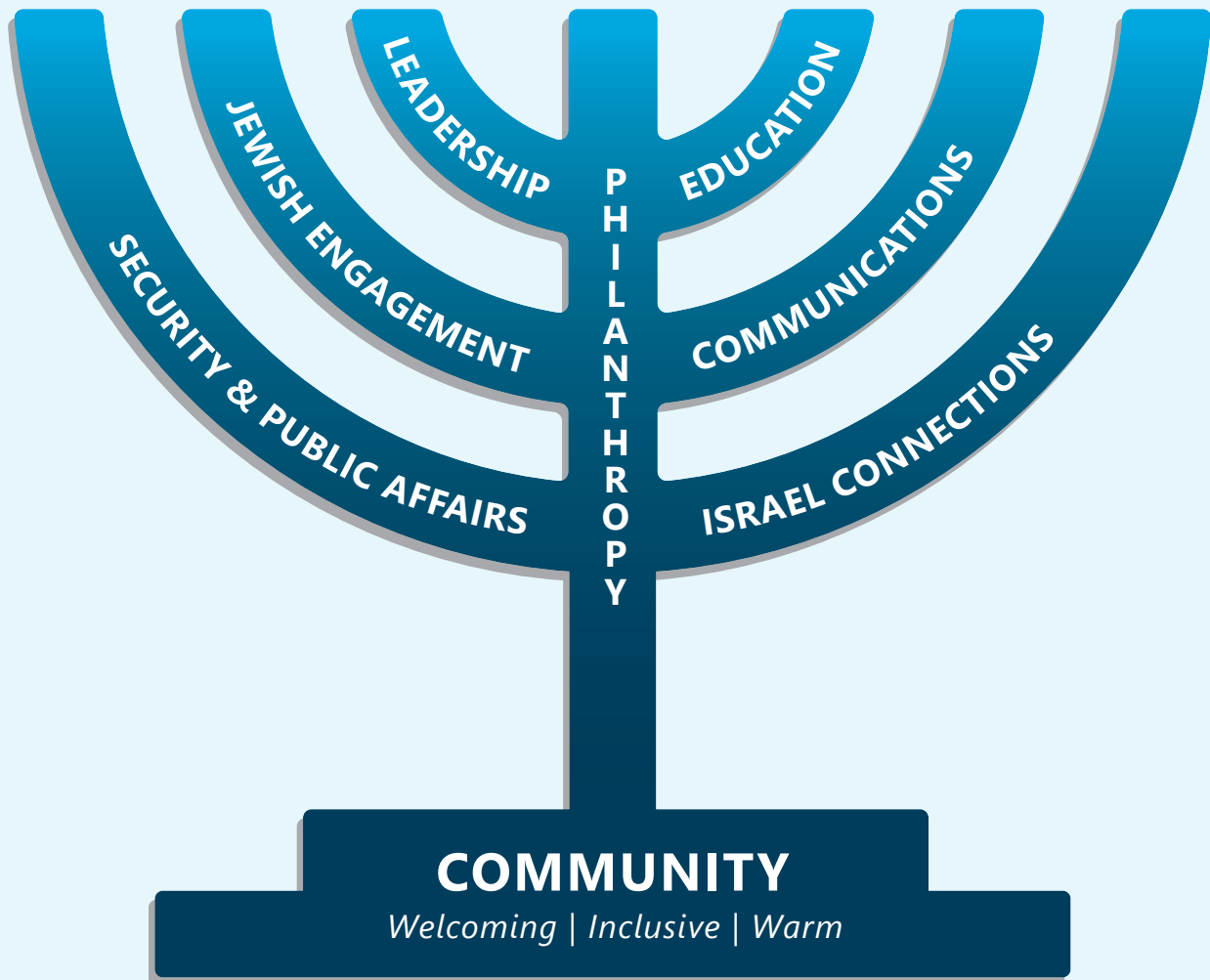
Bringing people together to find their connection to Jewish life within Houston.



### INNOVATOR

Exploring new efforts and taking risks to change how we collectively solve community problems and intentionally shape our future.

# What Does the Work of the Federation Look Like?



# If I Am Only for Myself, What Am I?

Through the roles as convener, connector, funder, and innovator, the Federation serves as the symbolic menorah for Jewish life, building on the foundation of collective Jewish community and shining light on Judaism in the most diverse, geographically spread, 4th largest city in the United States.

Your philanthropy guides our path. Philanthropy is the “shamash,” the “helper” candle that makes everything else possible. This graphic (page 7) shows how philanthropy sparks the everyday work of the Federation—Jewish Engagement, Education, Public Affairs, Security, Israel Connections, Leadership, and Communications—and lights the way to accomplishing our mission.

These are the direct programs and services that the Federation offers to benefit our local Jewish community, that happen **in addition to** the work we fund throughout our community, in Israel, and around the world.

Community, and Jewish community in particular, can only thrive when individuals are secure, engaged, informed, and connected. The programmatic work of the Federation is how we accomplish that goal and support each other.



## WHAT PROGRAMS DOES THE FEDERATION OFFER?

**The Federation offers a comprehensive list of programs for our community that are grouped below by the audience they serve. They include:**



### JEWISH ENGAGEMENT

#### Children and Teens

- Camps and Israel Travel Scholarships
- Teen Engagement and Leadership

#### Young Adults

- Antisemitism Support for College Students
- Minnette and Jerome Robinson Family Young Adult Division (YAD)

#### Families

- PJ Library/PJ Our Way
- PJ Connectors

#### Individuals

- Yom Limmud and Barish Shabbat Limmud
- Educational Programs

#### Partner Organizations

- Collaborative Social/Educational Programs
- Teen Engagement Professionals Network
- Engagement & Program Professionals Network



### EDUCATION

#### Early Childhood

- Marvin Barish Right Start

#### Teens

- Kehillah High
- Immersive Educational Trips & Experiences

#### Professional Development for Educators

- Teacher and Administrator Collaborative Networks
- ElevatEd Early Childhood Teacher Support
- Early Childhood Teacher Mentor Programs
- Loans for Teacher Degree Development
- Early Childhood Teacher Degree Program

#### Students with Disabilities and Their Families

- Jewish Inclusion Education Coordinator
- Parent Support Resources
- Parent Education
- University of Houston Language & Literacy Screenings





## ISRAEL CONNECTIONS

### Teens

- Houston Teen Israel Experience
- Teen Israel Education

### Educators

- Shirley Barish Educators Israel Experience

### Individuals

- Israel Education Opportunities
- Shlichim (Israeli Emissary)
- Mission Trips to Israel

### Couples

- Honeymoon Israel

### Families

- Israeli Celebrations



## LEADERSHIP

### Teens

- Kehillah High Teen Leaders

### Young Adults

- National Young Leadership Cabinet
- FedU

### Individuals

- Learning Series for Jewish Communal Professionals
- Collaborative Networks
- Rabbis' Circle



## COMMUNICATIONS

### Whole Community

- Digital Communications and Newsletters
- Community Calendar
- Crisis Response
- Media Relations
- New Website Development



## PUBLIC AFFAIRS

### Elected Officials

- Advocacy & Government Relations
- Disaster Response Coordination

### Individuals

- Advocacy Opportunities
- Antisemitism Programming

### Interfaith and Community Partnerships and Allies

- Outreach to Faith and Community Leaders
- Antisemitism Awareness

### Media

- Outreach
- Incident Response



## SECURITY

### Jewish Organizations

- Security Director
- Security Trainings
- Site Assessments
- Large Event Security Planning
- Nonprofit Security Grant Program



### Law Enforcement and Local Officials

- Coordination with Local Law Enforcement
- Relationship Building

More information about the Jewish Federation of Greater Houston, programs, and upcoming events can be found at [houstonjewish.org](http://houstonjewish.org).

# How Does the Federation Touch Lives?

The Federation works diligently to connect people to their Judaism and to Israel. Our hope is that all Jewish people in the Greater Houston area can participate in Jewish life in ways that are meaningful for them. Here are some practical samples of what this looks like.

## EDUCATION

**The Federation supports students, families, and educators in early childhood, congregational, and day schools.**

Education is the foundation of a thriving Jewish future, and the Federation remains committed to nurturing Jewish learning across all ages and abilities. This year, we supported more than **121 educators through nine networks**, fostering collaboration and innovation across day schools, congregational schools, and early childhood programs.

Notable successes include the **ElevatEd program**, where Houston became the only pilot city to fully fill its cohort, providing professional mentorship to teachers. Houston-area Jewish early childhood education programs had **30 mentees** and **24 mentors** participating. The ElevatEd program addresses the urgent crisis around recruitment and retention of early childhood educators.

We have a strong Education team that has been staffed to address community need.

We are growing our work in academic inclusion in response to community feedback from Hineni Houston. In November 2024, the Federation proudly welcomed Amy Schraier into the role of Jewish Education Inclusion Coordinator with the goal of increasing access to Jewish education for all students.

Having this position will enable the Federation to address disability inclusion in all aspects of Jewish education in the Greater Houston area. Schraier aims to work with Houston's Jewish schools and parents to create and support a sense of belonging for children with diverse learning profiles and their families in the fabric of the Jewish community.



“I am excited to partner with schools and their dedicated professionals. Already, so many of our campuses have a variety of services in place for students with diverse learning needs. Additionally, I look forward to being a resource for parents in the community to help navigate educational programming and supports for their children.”

– Amy Schraier, Jewish Federation Education Inclusion Coordinator

## TEEN ENGAGEMENT

**There is no more crucial time to engage teens and keep them connected to their Judaism and Israel.**

Through **Kehillah High**, we provided **164 teens** with a safe space to explore their Jewish identity, build leadership skills, and connect with peers. This work is critical to fostering a sense of pride and belonging in Jewish life, especially during pivotal moments like the community solidarity events following October 7.

Kehillah High celebrated its first year under the umbrella of the Federation in 2024, graduated its ninth class, and introduced the Teen Impact Awards recognizing outstanding contributions. Kehillah High began in 2015 with the support of the Federation as a partnership between Congregations Beth Israel, Beth Yeshurun, and Brith Shalom as a way to keep Jewish teens engaged post-b'nai mitzvah. Now, as a part of Federation, it continues to expand to include teens from across the community.

“My experiences at Kehillah High have helped me find a Jewish identity that I can take with me and be proud of for the rest of my life.”

– Jared Goldberger,  
2024 Kehillah High graduate

## PUBLIC AFFAIRS

**Connecting with elected officials, weighing in on policy matters, and advocating for Houston’s Jewish community has become a critical part of our day-to-day work.**

The issues covered in outreach include the rise in antisemitism, public safety and the Nonprofit Security Grant Program, the war in Israel and how it impacts our community, and local issues such as flooding and decisions by area school districts.

Some notable accomplishments include successfully lobbying to modify the 2024-2025 Houston ISD calendar to align with Jewish fall holidays, and advocating with local school boards not to implement “the Chaplain Bill”—no Houston area school districts opted to replace mental health counselors with chaplains. More than 100 elected officials and faith leaders attended the Federation-hosted community vigil, marking one year since the attacks of October 7th, and close to 100 elected officials and faith and community partners attended our interfaith community seder.



“We are advocating on behalf of our community and creating allies by working in partnership with our elected officials, interfaith, and community partners to ensure a stronger, more secure Jewish Houston. From college campuses to local, state and federal leaders to interfaith and community partners, we build relationships and actively participate in the civic life of Houston.”

– Norri Leder, Chair of the Public Affairs Committee



## LOCAL IMPACT FUND

**The Federation awarded \$188,360 in its second year of grants from the Local Impact Fund to support 17 programs that respond to the community priorities determined in the 2022-2023 Hineni Houston listening journey.**



Grants range from \$3,000 to \$20,000, and the majority of programs are collaborative between multiple organizations. All local Jewish organizations were invited to apply for new or expanding programs that align with the Fund’s priorities. This year, cross-organizational collaboration became a requirement of the Fund, which applied to all new grant applicants. Four programs were renewed for their second year of funding.

Rabbi Edwin Goldberg of Congregation Beth Shalom of The Woodlands shared the importance of receiving a grant for its “B’yachad” or “Better Together” program to bring together multiple faith groups to build bridges between religions. This program has not only helped educate the greater Woodlands community, but also created a relationship between synagogue leaders and Christian allies.

“The Woodlands and its surrounding areas are full of Christian neighbors who support Jews and Judaism but are not aware of our current concerns regarding antisemitism. The last 15 months has only made the gap larger. Our need is to educate and enlist our well-meaning neighbors, so they become advocates. Without this grant from the Federation, we would have not been able to offer the program with security and support that we needed. Our congregants feel their neighbors “get” the issue of antisemitism now and the dialogue of understanding continues to develop. In short, through the vision and generosity of the Federation, being Jewish in The Woodlands has felt like a blessing because of our ability to educate our neighbors and feel supported by them.”

– Rabbi Edwin Goldberg, Congregation Beth Shalom of The Woodlands



## SECURITY

Thorough our Jewish Community Security Program, the Federation trains individuals and supports security needs of organizations.

Key achievements since the launch of the program include:

- **Security Support:** Provided security consultations to more than **75 Jewish organizations** across Houston, including synagogues, schools, camps, and community centers.
- **Training:** Trained **more than 1,436 community members** on safety protocols and emergency preparedness since the program's inception.
- **Nonprofit Security Grants:** The Federation was instrumental in helping secure more than **\$6.3 million** (\$1M in 2021; \$700K in 22; \$1.6 M in 2023; \$3M in 2024) **in national Nonprofit Security Grants for area Jewish institutions.** The security program facilitates this process by conducting local assessments at no cost to the organization, so it has the necessary and complex supporting documentation to apply for these grants.
- **Incident Reporting:** Launched and maintained the **online Incident Reporting Form (IRF)** on the Federation's website enabling real-time suspicious activity reporting. Between the IRF and other methods, there have been **274 reports recorded** since 2022.
- **Law Enforcement Coordinated Responses:** Interfaced with law enforcement on 69 incidents within our Jewish community to ensure quick, coordinated action. (January 2024 to September 2024)



"The funds that the ERJCC received will be applied to security enhancements at the J's three campuses; our main campus on South Braeswood, Merfish Teen Center and the JCC West Houston. Our community is very fortunate to have Al Tribble in his role as security director under the auspices of the Jewish Federation. These funds are critical and essential to continue to provide our community with safe and supportive environments."

– Joel Dinkin, CEO, Evelyn Rubenstein Jewish Community Center



## How Can You Ensure Your Impact for Generations to Come?

Create a lasting Jewish legacy with a gift to the Jewish Federation of Greater Houston. By including us in your will or estate plan, you ensure a strong, vibrant Jewish future for generations to come. Contact Karyn Ullman, Chief Philanthropy Officer, at [kullman@houstonjewish.org](mailto:kullman@houstonjewish.org) to plan your legacy.

# By the Numbers: How are You Making a Difference?

Our collective efforts this year resulted in measurable impact across every facet of Jewish life in Houston and beyond. Here's what we accomplished together:



**\$27 MILLION RAISED**  
across all campaigns, including  
**\$8.6 MILLION**  
through the Annual Campaign



**MORE THAN \$15 MILLION**  
directed to the Israel Emergency Campaign to support victims of terror, trauma relief, and economic recovery



**193 SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED, TOTALING \$122,669**

supporting Jewish camp experiences and trips to Israel



**MORE THAN 6,000 ATTENDEES**

participated in Israel-focused and educational events, including 2,000 participants at the commemoration of October 7th (a partnership of 50 local organizations) and 1,200 attendees at our Yom Ha'atzmaut celebrations

**164 TEENS ENGAGED**

through Kehillah High, fostering leadership and pride in their Jewish identity



**1,839 FAMILIES**

received monthly PJ Library books, with

**56 EVENTS**

engaging more than 1,500 families in meaningful Jewish experiences

**OVER 23 YAD EVENTS CONNECTED 1,084 YOUNG ADULTS,**

building community and leadership pathways



**\$188,360 IN GRANTS**

awarded through the Local Impact Fund to support

**17 INNOVATIVE PROGRAMS**

addressing community needs

**9 EDUCATOR NETWORKS SERVED 121 PROFESSIONALS**

creating collaboration across schools and institutions

**30 MENTEES AND 24 MENTORS**

participated in the groundbreaking ElevatEd program, enhancing early childhood education



Statistics are representative of the allocations from FY24, which ended on August 31, 2024.

# 2024 ALLOCATIONS REPORT

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. In 2024, through our Annual Campaign and donor recommended gifts, we supported programs and organizations that strengthen our community and respond to today's challenges here, in Houston, in Israel, and around the world.

<b>FEDERATION PROGRAMS, ENDOWMENTS &amp; OPERATIONS</b>		
<b>PROGRAMS AND ENDOWMENTS</b>	<b>ALLOCATIONS</b>	<b>DONOR RECOMMENDED</b>
Antisemitism Awareness & Public Affairs		\$29,300
Camp and Israel Scholarships Fund	\$120,000	\$13,905
Federation Community Programming	\$1,361,742	
Hineni Community Programming	\$233,000	
Honeymoon Israel		\$10,000
Houston Jewish Community Security Program		\$533,355
Israel Connections		\$41,206
Kehillah High		\$71,680
Levine Mission Fund		\$52,601
Local Impact Fund	\$100,288	\$41,875
Marvin Barish Endowment for Jewish Early Childhood Education		\$260,000
Minnette and Jerome Robinson Family Young Adult Division		\$200,000
PJ Library		\$41,414
Shirley Barish Israel Trip for Educators		\$50,000
Tepper Security Grant for Early Childhood Programs		\$200,000
Veda Mae and Morris Glesby PJ Library Legacy Fund		\$193,676
<b>SUBTOTAL FOR PROGRAMS AND ENDOWMENTS</b>	<b>\$1,815,030</b>	<b>\$1,739,012</b>
<b>FEDERATION OPERATIONS</b>		
Philanthropy	\$1,019,994	
Operating and General Personnel	\$3,329,088	
<b>SUBTOTAL FOR FEDERATION OPERATIONS</b>	<b>\$4,349,082</b>	

**LOCAL**

ORGANIZATION/PROGRAM	ALLOCATIONS	DONOR RECOMMENDED
<b>Alexander Jewish Family Service</b>		
Case Management	\$30,000	\$5,000
Disaster Relief Fund - Grant to Alexander JFS after Hurricane Beryl	\$100,000	
Promise of Hope Endowment		\$100,000
Unrestricted	\$190,000	\$500
BBYO Lonestar	\$21,500	
Birthright Israel Foundation	\$40,000	
<b>Chabad on Campus</b>		
Chabad at Rice University	\$16,000	
Chabad at Texas A&M	\$18,000	
UT Chabad	\$28,000	
<b>Evelyn Rubenstein Jewish Community Center</b>		
Unrestricted and Meals on Wheels	\$530,000	\$639
JRide Senior Service	\$20,612	
<b>Hillel</b>		
Houston Hillel	\$68,000	
Texas A&M	\$20,000	
UT Hillel	\$56,000	
Houston Global Teen Havdalah		\$6,000
Jewish Children's Regional Service	\$10,000	
<b>Jewish Day Schools K-12 &amp; Early Childhood Programs *based on student body size</b>		
Becker School at Congregation Emanu El	\$10,075	
Robert M. Beren Academy	\$116,700	
Bertha Alyce Early Childhood Education School	\$5,000	
Beth Yeshurun Day School/Jack Segal Academy	\$98,450	
Ellen Boniuk Early Childhood School	\$4,000	
The Emery/Weiner School	\$306,775	
Goldberg Montessori School	\$6,975	
The Shlenker School	\$107,025	
Torah Day School of Houston	\$61,225	
Torah Girls Academy of Houston	\$18,025	
Yeshiva Torat Emet	\$162,850	
JFNA Disaster Relief	\$52,360	
Moishe House	\$17,000	
Security Microgrants (to 25 organizations)	\$101,758	
Seven Acres Jewish Senior Care Services	\$350,000	
<b>SUBTOTAL FOR LOCAL PROJECTS</b>	<b>\$2,566,330</b>	<b>\$112,139</b>

**TOTAL LOCAL IMPACT**

**\$2,678,469**

## GLOBAL

ORGANIZATION/PROGRAM	ALLOCATIONS	DONOR RECOMMENDED
Colel Chabad Pantry Packers - Food Distribution Program	\$20,000	
Givat Haviva - Building Professional Capacity for a Shared Society in Israel	\$20,000	
Hadassah Hospital		\$2,000
Hand in Hand - Center for Jewish-Arab Education in Israel	\$25,000	\$4,000
Honest Reporting	\$20,000	
<b>Jewish Agency for Israel</b>		
Unrestricted	\$400,000	
Israeli Shlichim in Houston	\$90,000	
<b>Jewish Federations of North America (JFNA)</b>		
iRep - Israel Religious Expression Platform	\$15,000	
Ukraine Relief Fund		\$5,100
John Hagee Ministries Projects		\$1,675,000
<b>Joint Distribution Committee (JDC)</b>		
Unrestricted	\$400,000	
Global Welfare	\$70,000	
Argentina Community Programs	\$15,000	
Ukraine Relief Fund		\$20,000
Kolot - Pluralistic Education Center for Leaders in Israel	\$18,000	
Latet - Israeli Humanitarian Aid, Holocaust Survivor Program	\$30,000	
Leket Israel - Israeli Food Bank, Haifa Area Holocaust Survivors Program	\$23,000	
<b>Leo Baeck Education Center - Pluralistic Education and Community Center in Haifa</b>		
Unrestricted		\$599,000
Clore Shared Existence Center		\$35,000
Pluralism Program	\$50,000	
Meitarim - Pluralistic Network of Jewish Schools in Israel	\$25,000	
National Coalition Supporting Eurasian Jewry	\$3,500	
Rashi Foundation - Pedagogic Network for Elementary Schools	\$50,000	\$375,000
Shlavim - Employment & Continuing Education Advocacy for High School Girls	\$40,000	
World ORT - Global Network of Vocational Schools	\$30,000	
Yoseftal & Dado Community Support	\$90,000	
<b>SUBTOTAL FOR GLOBAL</b>	<b>\$1,434,500</b>	<b>\$2,715,100</b>

**TOTAL GLOBAL IMPACT**

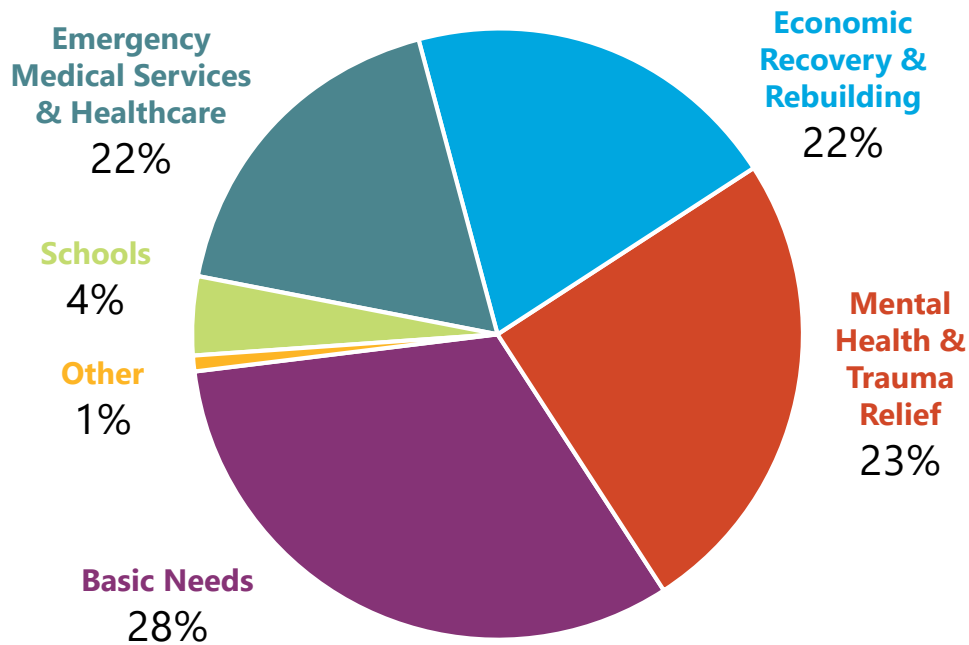
**\$4,149,600**

## ISRAEL EMERGENCY FUND as of December 15, 2024

<b>Total Raised</b>	<b>\$15,400,272</b>
Jewish Federation of Greater Houston	\$12,937,368
Houston Jewish Community Foundation <sup>°</sup>	\$2,462,904
<b>Total Distributed</b>	<b>\$15,147,004</b>
Federation Allocated (detailed in the chart below)	\$11,450,000
Federation Donor Recommended	\$1,234,100
Foundation Donor Recommended <sup>°</sup>	\$2,462,904
<b>Federation Remaining Balance to be Allocated for Emerging Needs</b>	<b>\$253,268</b>

<sup>°</sup> Houston Jewish Community Foundation donors recommended a total of \$4,593,308 be distributed from their funds to support Israel Emergency efforts. Of that total, \$2,130,404 went toward the Federation fund, and \$2,462,904 was distributed directly to organizations in Israel of the donor's choosing.

### ISRAEL EMERGENCY FUND ALLOCATIONS BY CATEGORY





# How Are We Building the Future?

The Federation is committed to:

- Growing leadership development programs to cultivate tomorrow's Jewish leaders.
- Deepening connections to Israel through innovative programs and direct support.
- Continuing to support our local and global partners in their important work.
- Expanding inclusion efforts to better support diverse needs in the community.
- Launching our new website and looking for ways to continue to build connections with community members to Jewish life.

Thank you for helping us meet the moment and create a brighter future for our Jewish community.

**Together, we are building an even stronger Houston Jewish community. Your contributions and involvement make all of this possible. We look forward to another impactful year ahead.**

*Stay Involved*

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