

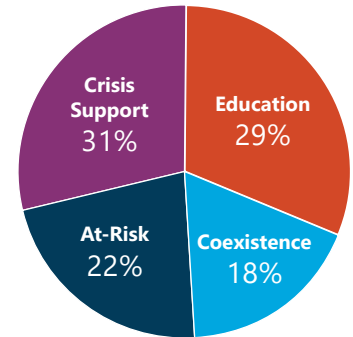
2025 GLOBAL JEWISH PEOPLEHOOD FUND ALLOCATED: \$1,435,000

Each year, the Jewish Federation of Greater Houston’s Annual Campaign supports Jewish people and organizations in Houston, Israel, and around the world that assist those in need, build community, and strengthen our collective Jewish future. In 2025, the Federation granted more than \$1.4 million through its Global Jewish Peoplehood Fund to strengthen the people of Israel and the global Jewish community. These grants support basic human needs, populations at risk, the promotion of Jewish identity and peoplehood, and strengthen of the connection to the state of Israel and the global Jewish community.

All grants align with the following priority areas:

- **At-Risk:** Focusing on individuals or groups who are vulnerable due to various social, economic, or psychological factors including poverty, youth, seniors, employment, and health.
- **Crisis Support/Hitchadshut (Revitalization):** Supporting Jews in emergencies and/or crisis, including rebuilding globally and in Israel.
- **Education:** Ensuring all individuals, regardless of their background or circumstances, have access to quality education.
- **Coexistence:** Promoting peaceful coexistence among different groups within Israeli society, particularly those that may face historical tensions, discrimination, or isolation including various religious denominations and Arab and Jewish people.

ALLOCATIONS BY PRIORITY



FEDERATION ALLOCATIONS

ORGANIZATION	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
Core Partners (Jewish Federations North America (JFNA) Global Partners)		\$830,000
JAFI: Jewish Agency for Israel	Provides the global framework for Aliyah, ensures global Jewish safety, strengthens Jewish identity and connects Jews to Israel and one another, and conveys the voice of the Jewish People to the State of Israel to help shape its society.	\$400,000
JDC: Joint Distribution Committee	Cares for those who have nowhere else to turn – vulnerable seniors, people with disabilities, children and young adults at risk, families in financial distress, and the unemployed. JDC enhances lives and strengthens communities in 70 countries and in Israel.	\$400,000
World ORT	Provides a combination of high-level science and technology education, formal and vocational, with strengthened Jewish identity, bridging the gap between ability and opportunity – and ensuring the continuity of Jewish life worldwide.	\$30,000
Houston Community Partners		\$215,000
Leo Baeck Education Center	Inspires Israelis to live their lives committed to pluralistic Judaism, Tikkun Olam, social justice; and to Israel being a shared, democratic, and equal society for all its citizens. Serves as a school (preschool-high school), community center and synagogue in Haifa impacting people of all faiths and identities. The Houston Federation has supported Leo Baeck for more than 20 years.	\$50,000
Yoseftal/Dado Community Support	Provides communal, social, recreational, and cultural activities, encouraging belonging within these neighborhoods, which are home to many olim and vulnerable people. The Houston Federation has supported these neighborhoods in Petach Tikvah for more than 40 years.	\$75,000
Community Shlichim for Houston via the Jewish Agency for Israel	Allows Houston to host Shlichim, or Israeli emissaries, providing our community with a living connection to Israel by promoting Israeli experiences, facilitating Jewish social activism, and speaking authentically about faith and culture.	\$90,000

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Program Grants		\$390,000
American Friends of Sar El	Hosts and coordinates volunteers to support efforts of the IDF. Volunteers pack medical supplies, build vests, food, etc. This allows for soldier respite and family visits. American Friends of Sar El provides additional programming for volunteers to enhance their connection and experience in Israel.	\$15,000
Colel Chabad Pantry Packers – Visitors Experience	Creates and delivers monthly crates containing necessary foods and household maintenance supplies to Israel's families and senior citizens in need. Pantry Packers is run by Houston native, Menachem Traxler.	\$10,000
Givat Haviva – Children Teaching Children (CTC) Program	Strives to create a model society in Israel, emphasizing the importance of a Jewish and Arab shared society. Activities focus on the fields of education, language instruction, culture, and art. CTC is a civics study and encounter program that fosters dialogue and mutual understanding between Jewish and Arab middle school students in Israel.	\$15,000
Hand in Hand – Jewish-Arab Community Building Program	Aims to cultivate equality, cooperation, and shared society among Jewish and Arab citizens of Israel via integrated, bilingual, and multicultural network of schools. Beyond the in-school environment, the parents, families, and neighbors of students and teachers are brought together to socialize and celebrate holidays.	\$25,000
JDC – Global Welfare Assistance	Ensuring Jews in need never have to choose between essentials like food and medicine. JDC is the 911 of the Jewish people, responding to crises, from persecution to natural disasters, while empowering communities worldwide to care for their most vulnerable.	\$45,000
JDC – Ukraine Crisis	Aiding those hit hardest by the Ukraine-Russia War, the frail and isolated elderly, newly impoverished individuals, at-risk children and families, and internally displaced people. At the same time, JDC continues to strengthen the fabric of Jewish life in Ukraine, ensuring these communities endure and thrive even in the face of adversity.	\$50,000
Jewish Federations North America (JFNA) – iRep	Works collaboratively as a consortium of multiple Jewish Federations to change the religious status quo in Israel, in order to strengthen religious diversity in Israel and the relationship between Israel and North American Jewry.	\$10,000
Latet, Israeli Humanitarian Aid – The Aid for Life Program	Combats poverty and food insecurity in Israel, acting as an umbrella organization for 200 local associations. The Aid for Life program supports Holocaust survivors who are living in poverty by providing monthly food boxes, paramedical services, home repairs, and consistent volunteer visits.	\$30,000
Leket – Farm Hands for Israel	Works as Israel's food bank to collect healthy, surplus food and distribute it to populations in need through partner organizations. Farm Hands for Israel supports Israeli farmers as part of a holistic approach that provides direct financial assistance, via produce purchase, to restore infrastructure and rehabilitate land, coupled with free labor support.	\$50,000
Meitarim – Institute of Advanced Learning Program	Breaks down the polarization that exists in Israel between religious and secular societies by developing and supporting a network of integrated secular-religious schools (preschool-high school) and communities that instill particular and universal Jewish values. The Institute provides training and coaching to teachers and administrators.	\$20,000
National Coalition Supporting Eurasian Jewry (NCSEJ)	Ensures the security of Jews in the 15 independent states of the former Soviet Union and Eastern Europe via governmental advocacy.	\$5,000
Ramon Foundation – Ramon Space Lab	Educates students throughout Israel to develop values and capabilities that will help them realize their dreams, continuing the legacy of astronaut Ilan Ramon and his son, Assaf. The Space Lab program is a leading educational program in Israel, in the field of space, for 8th and 9th grades.	\$5,000
Rashi Foundation – Pedagogic Network	Promotes social mobility and equal opportunity in Israel's geo-social periphery, with a focus on the educational and social welfare systems. The Pedagogic Network works with 20 struggling schools throughout Israel to achieve academic success.	\$40,000
Shalva – National Crisis Center	Provides care and inclusion for people of all ages with disabilities. The National Crisis Center coordinates and provides support for individuals during emergencies.	\$20,000
Shlavim – Netiva Program	Empowers members of the Israeli religious community to achieve social integration and financial independence. The Netiva program provides career education and coaching for female high school students.	\$40,000
TOTAL		\$1,435,000