Jewish Federation
OF GREATER HOUSTON

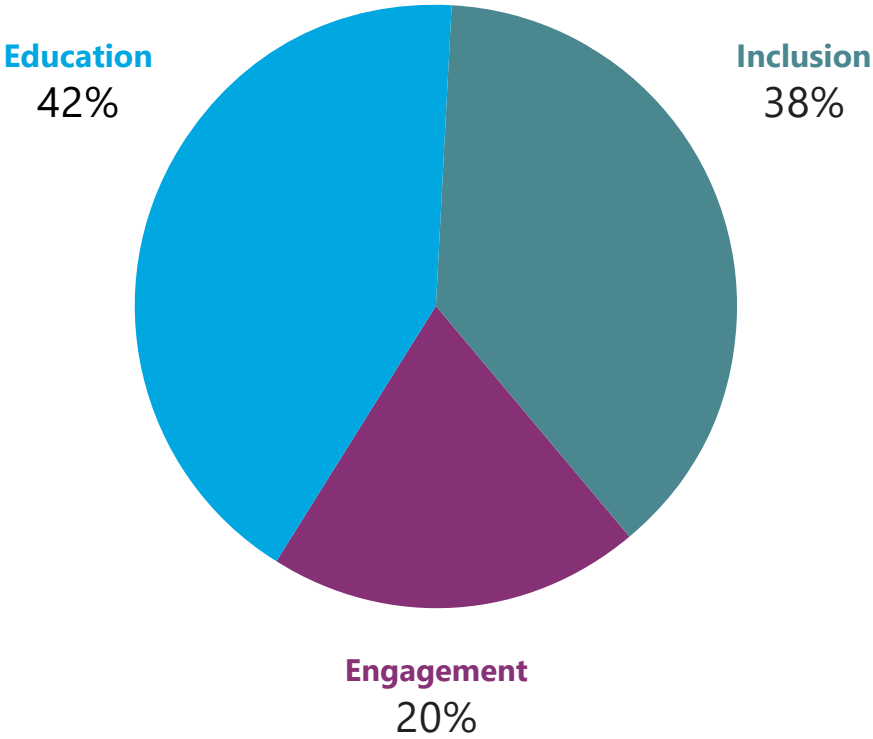
LOCAL IMPACT FUND | $198,000

The Jewish Federation of Greater Houston has awarded $198,000 in grants from the 2025 Local Impact Fund to support 16 programs that respond to the community priorities determined in the Hineni Houston listening journey. All local Jewish organizations were invited to apply for new or expanding programs that align with the fund's priorities.

The priority areas for funding are:

- **Inclusion:** Youth and adults with special needs, LGBTQIA+, Greater Houston neighborhoods outside the central core Jewish area, mixed heritage and Jews of color, and interfaith families.
- **Engagement:** Programming for Elementary Middle school age children and their families, adults across ages and stages (including seniors), and partnerships across religious denominations.
- **Education:** Combating antisemitism, fostering support for Israel, building bridges between the Jewish community and non-Jewish communities, and volunteer opportunities.

GRANTS BY PRIORITY



2025 Federation Local Impact Fund Grants				
Program Name	Name of Organization	Collaborative Organization(s)	Program Description	Grant Awards
EDUCATION				**$84,000**
BAMAH Visiting Artist Program	BAMAH	Jewish Federation of Greater Houston, Evelyn Rubenstein JCC, Texas Southern University	Israeli artist visiting as faculty to teach an accredited course at Texas Southern University.	**$30,000**
Foundations of Jewish Family Living: Values for Parents to Share with Their Children	Evelyn Rubenstein JCC	PJ Library Houston	Educational program for parents of young children on living Jewishly.	**$10,000**
Teen Leadership & Service Initiative	Feeding the Lone Star	The Emery/Weiner School	Teen leadership program centered around feeding those in need.	**$10,000**
3GHTX*	Holocaust Museum Houston	AJC, The Montrose Center, ADL	Engaging third-generation Holocaust survivors to share their families' stories.	**$15,000**
Bridging Histories, Building Futures: A Journey of Black-Jewish Solidarity*	Houston Congregation for Reform Judaism	ADL, HCRJ, Congregation Shma Koleinu, Holocaust Museum Houston, Pleasant Hill Baptist Church	Programming that brings Jewish and Black Houstonians together to build solidarity, culminating in a trip to the Deep South.	**$12,500**
Understanding Antisemitism Today*	University of Houston Jewish Studies	Holocaust Museum Houston	Lecture series on UH campus for students, faculty, and community members.	**$6,500**
ENGAGEMENT				**$39,000**
Better Together Jewish Singles Over 50*	Better Together Jewish Singles Over 50	Congregations: CBY, EE, HCRJ, CBS, CBI, Temple Sinai, and *Jewish Herald-Voice*	Social programming for Jewish singles in their 50-70s.	**$4,000**
The Regional Jewish Campus Shabbaton*	Chabad of the Brazos (A&M Chabad)	ZOA, Stand with Us Campus, Maca Dallas, Chabad SMU, Chabad UNT, Chabad UTD, Chabad Tech, Chabad UT	Shabbaton for Jewish college students across Texas (including some schools in Louisiana).	**$15,000**
Amplify Jewish life in Fort Bend County*	Congregation Beth El	Mazal Chapter of Hadassah, Sweetgrass Havurah in Richmond, TX	Revitalizing Jewish community engagement in Fort Bend County.	**$10,000**
Texas Hillel Summit	Houston Hillel	Houston Hillel, A&M Hillel, UT Hillel, North Dallas Hillel, San Antonio Hillel, SMU Hillel	Shabbaton for Jewish college students leaders from campuses across Texas.	**$10,000**
INCLUSION				**$75,000**
Community Outreach: Providing Services to the Jewish Community in The Woodlands and North Houston	Alexander JFS	Congregation Beth Shalom of The Woodlands	Providing mental health services for the Jewish community in the Woodlands and North Houston.	**$20,000**
Celebrating Gardening	Alexander JFS	Jack Segal Academy of Beth Yeshurun	Jack Segal Academy students and Celebration Company clients collaborative gardening program.	**$10,000**
Chai Senior Programing West Houston*	Chabad of West Houston INC	HOD Lodge Tikvah	Programming for Jewish seniors in West Houston. Separate programming for seniors living at home and seniors living in retirement communities.	**$5,000**
Hineinu – Special Needs Programming for our Community*	Congregation Beth Yeshurun (CBY)	Congregation Beth Israel, Congregation Brith Shalom, Congregation Emanu El	Collaborative holiday programming and monthly religious school at CBY for children with special needs.	**$10,000**
LGBTQ+ Equality and Belonging in Houston	Keshet	Various local organizaitions	Training for Jewish organizations on fostering belonging for LGBTQ+ members of the community.	**$15,000**
Embark in Houston*	Mem Global	Jewish Federation of Greater Houston	Cohort learning for young interfaith couples, led by a local rabbi.	**$15,000**
* Grants renewed from prior years			**Total Awarded**	**$198,000**