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REBUILD ISRAEL FUND | \$19,967,004

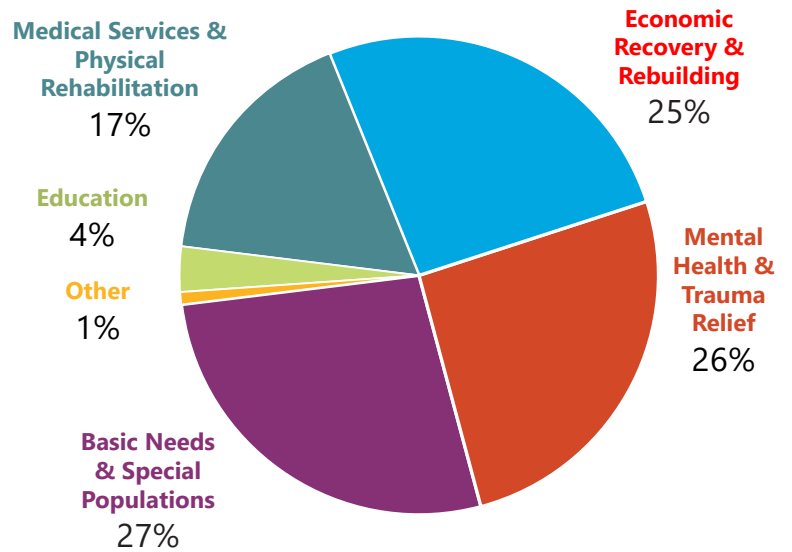
The Jewish Federation’s Rebuild Israel Fund has consisted of two phases: the Emergency Fund (October 7, 2023 – November 2024) and the Response Fund (December 2024 – January 2026). Since October 7, 2023, our Houston community has come together to generously support Israelis through these trying times. We are proud of the way our funding will continue to help the country recover economically and rebuild lives and communities.

In total, the Federation has raised nearly \$20 million, in partnership with the Houston Jewish Community Foundation. This is part of the \$908 million raised by Jewish Federations of North America to support needs in Israel. The Federation has absorbed administrative costs so that 100% of the funds raised go to support Israel.

Our Israel Emergency Committee has met regularly to thoughtfully allocate the funds raised with a focus on addressing basic needs and serving special populations, economic recovery and community rebuilding, medical services and physical rehabilitation, supporting educational institutions and strengthening the educational systems, and mental health and trauma relief. This report details how these dollars have been allocated and provides details of each organization’s response efforts.



ALLOCATIONS BY CATEGORY



REBUILD ISRAEL FUND

Total Raised & Distributed	\$19,967,004
Emergency Fund, <i>October 7, 2023 – November 2024</i>	\$12,684,100
Response Fund, <i>December 2024 – January 2026 *</i>	\$4,820,000
Houston Jewish Community Foundation	\$2,462,904

* This includes a \$2.6 million block grant to Jewish Federations of North America (JFNA) to support the widespread needs following the war with Iran.

FEDERATION ALLOCATIONS

ORGANIZATION	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
BASIC NEEDS & SPECIAL POPULATIONS		\$4,430,000
Association for Wellbeing of Israel's Soldiers	Provides wrap-around care and activities for soldiers, including the purchase of essentials for front-line soldiers, such as vital personal gear, clothing (non-tactical), and basic physical hygiene supplies.	\$150,000
Ben Gurion University (BGU) ²	Supports the most vulnerable members of the Ben Gurion University of the Negev community by providing much-needed counseling and housing for those whose homes have been destroyed or declared unsafe. Also provides support for students who have been called to reserve duty and enables BGU dorms to be used for evacuee housing.	\$100,000
Brothers and Sisters for Israel	Acquires and provides essential resources and supplies including combat gear for soldiers, humanitarian support, meals, clothing, and evacuation for those in war zones. It is the largest civilian aid organization operating in Israel, powered entirely by volunteers.	\$100,000
Brothers for Life	Provides veterans injured in combat with critical immediate and long-term medical treatment, PTSD counseling, and mentorship. This organization was created and is run by injured Israeli veterans.	\$220,000
Friends of the Israel Defense Force (FIDF) ²	Provides funding for supplies including operational ambulances, an intensive care ambulance, temporary field hospitals, portable health machines and monitors, coolers for refrigerating blood, scrubs, clothes, and towels. Additionally it provides counseling, mental health, and emotional support to soldiers, including visits with wounded soldiers and bereaved families and well-being needs for reservists.	\$25,000
Givat Haviva – The Center for a Shared Society ^{1,2}	Transformed its 40-acres educational campus to serve as a home for 260 evacuees from the conflict zones in Israel. Provides families with accommodations, three meals a day, mental health support, and various healing activities.	\$50,000
HaOgen	Provides special activities, emotional support groups, and homecare and childcare for an estimated 35,000 families with one drafted parent, mobilizing 20,000 volunteers nationwide.	\$95,000
Hostages and Missing Families Forum	Offers holistic medical and emotional support for hostage families as well as advances advocacy efforts to bring the missing home.	\$40,000
IDF Widows & Orphans (USA) – TALA Minds Program	Addresses the mental health needs of widows and children of fallen soldiers. Since the war, 320 new widows and more than 730 children have joined the organization's care.	\$50,000
Israeli Children's Fund	Serves 414 orphans (ages 0-25), whose parents were civilians and died as a result of the war. Provides financial support for key life milestones in areas where the government does not offer assistance. Federation dollars will fund life cycle grants, formal and non-formal educational grants, and resilience grants.	\$100,000
JDC – Northern Israel	Provides support to equip and prepare the northern region, 16 municipalities, for an all-out war in the north. Funds will cover humanitarian aid such as stocking food and water, adult and baby diapers, life-saving emergency kits, including first-aid supplies, chargers, flashlights, etc. Funds will also help establish a new emergency referral system in the municipality call centers.	\$75,000
Jewish Agency for Israel ^{1,2}	Provides basic needs and security for the elderly, support for lone soldiers, support for olim (new immigrants), trauma support, volunteer coordination, and emergency grants for small businesses that have been impacted.	\$450,000
Jewish Agency For Israel – Amigor Northern Israel	Stocks the Jewish Agency for Israel's Amigor senior housing facilities in the north with sufficient dry food goods and additional essential needs in anticipation of a major escalation. Residents of these national social housing network for the elderly will need to shelter in place in the event of increased hostilities.	\$75,000
Jewish Agency for Israel – Marom Fund	Aims to support 6,000 small businesses owned by spouses of reservists with small grants and mentorship.	\$225,000

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BASIC NEEDS & SPECIAL POPULATIONS <i>continued</i>		
Jewish Agency for Israel – Victims of Terror Fund	Aims to support 6,000 small businesses owned by spouses of reservists with small grants and mentorship.	\$200,000
Joint Distribution Committee (JDC) ^{1,2}	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. Also provides recovery and funerals, trauma relief and psychosocial care, evacuation, housing, respite, and support for frontline communities.	\$575,000
Kibbutz Kfar Aza Foundation ²	Supports physical and mental health of families, and rebuilding of the kibbutz that was devastated on October 7.	\$15,000
Latet ^{1,2}	Offers a humanitarian response to individuals and families affected by the war by providing food and hygiene kits to those most in need. Latet is prioritizing populations such as evacuees from the southern and northern border regions, senior citizens, Holocaust survivors, soldiers, and families in areas that are sustaining significant rocket attacks.	\$75,000
Latet – Northern Region Support	Prepares 20,000 emergency and hygiene packets for residents in the north. Also supports the expansion of operations in the north via an underground warehouse, and supports installing a generator in Latet’s main logistics center.	\$50,000
Leket ¹	Works as Israel's food bank to collect healthy, surplus food and distribute it to populations in need through partner organizations. Emergency efforts support people and local businesses in the south, severely affected by the war. Leket is also raising funds for farmers for field rehabilitation and keeping them solvent, directing 500 volunteers to help farm and harvest crops.	\$100,000
Leket – Northern Region Support	Supports Israeli farmers in the north 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.	\$100,000
No Soldier Left Behind	Supports veterans coping with Trauma and PTSD via therapeutic communities providing safe environments that offer emotional support, social programming, and respite opportunities.	\$35,000
Pakal (Merage Israel)	Provides community resilience support for reserve units during and between their military services via leadership training, rights navigation, wellbeing sessions, and more.	\$35,000
Pantry Packers (Colel Chabad) ^{1,2}	Creates and delivers monthly crates containing necessary foods and household maintenance supplies to Israel’s families and senior citizens in need. They also serve families on the frontline and provide gift cards to those who have relocated.	\$115,000
Petach Tikvah Municipality ¹	Cares for refugees and has expanded shelters and implemented programs to help members of the city cope with the war, including childcare for hospital workers in the Rabin Medical Center and Schneider’s Children’s Hospital. Support for the municipality also enabled establishing computer labs in low socioeconomic neighborhoods throughout the city, including Yoseftal/Dado, Houston’s partner community.	\$170,000
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.	\$25,000
Shalva	Provides care and inclusion for people of all ages with disabilities. Shalva is based in Jerusalem.	\$30,000

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ECONOMIC RECOVERY & REBUILDING		\$4,085,000
Birthright Israel Volunteer Program ^{1,2}	Offers highly subsidized volunteer trips to Israel. Volunteers help with food rescue operations to prevent shortages in the Israeli market, and sort, pack, and distribute goods for civil and military personnel.	\$175,000
Emergency Loan Fund (JFNA)	Addresses Israel's largescale economic crisis stemming from the critical liquidity issues faced by tens of thousands of businesses amid the war. Through allocations to fully vetted existing loan platforms, the Loan Fund will deliver capital quickly and at scale across regions, sectors, and industries. –	\$1,000,000
JAFI Rebuilding Hope: Housing Project	Implements a housing expansion project to build 1,000 new homes to encourage new families to move and families to return to Kibbutzim in the Gaza envelope that were destroyed.	\$360,000
JDC Back on Track Tevet Program	Provides trauma-informed employment counseling, support, and flexible solutions for newly vulnerable populations that can lead to unemployment. The program aims to help retain employment, support transitions to new employment, or facilitate enrollment for professional development and education.	\$625,000
JDC Rebuilding Northern Israel	Rebuilding and transforming Israel's northern region by collaborating with local municipalities, businesses, and the social sector.	\$150,000
Jewish Agency for Israel – Shelter Renovations	Builds new and renovates shelters in Jewish Agency absorption centers, youth villages, and senior homes.	\$300,000
Kolot Restart Program – Leadership Rebuilding	Aims to support local volunteer leaders and entrepreneurial changemakers in creating programs that will help rebuild their communities in the Gaza envelope, Northern communities, and the Jerusalem area.	\$50,000
Regrow Israel	Restores fields and agricultural equipment in the South and North that have been destroyed by the attacks on October 7 and the war with Hezbollah.	\$950,000
EDUCATION		\$595,000
The Emery/Weiner School/ Leo Baeck Education Center Partnership Trip	Brings Emery teachers and administrators to Israel to volunteer with the Leo Baeck Education Center in March.	\$20,000
Habita (Homeward) Education Advancement	Improves the educational resources in the northern region by cross-sector collaboration to enhance and increase current schools, recruit educators, and integrate social and communal education.	\$150,000
Hand in Hand Center for Jewish-Arab Education ^{1,2}	Provides extra resources to help with counseling and mental health support, and expanding their shelters as all schools have had to increase services to families and their communities during the war. Hand in Hand is a network of schools that aims to cultivate equality, cooperation, and shared society among Jewish and Arab citizens of Israel via integrated, bilingual, and multicultural schools.	\$50,000
Kolot ¹	Strengthens Israeli society by promoting pluralism, inclusivity, and shared Jewish values among Israeli leaders. Harnesses the richness of Jewish textual tradition to create an ethical and moral society that values the diverse voices of its citizens.	\$25,000
Leo Baeck Education Center ^{1,2}	Hosts refugees in their schools and provides spiritual care and special programming for the refugees and community members throughout Haifa.	\$100,000
Meitarim Network for Inclusive Jewish Education ¹	Provides extra resources for counseling and mental health support, as all schools have had to increase services to families and their communities during the war. Seeks to counter the 'religious-secular' dichotomy by breaking down the walls between the different sectors of society while providing a rich, diverse, pluralistic and complex Jewish education through its network of schools (preschool through high school) and communities.	\$30,000

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EDUCATION <i>continued</i>		
Rashi Foundation ^{1,2}	Supports the socioeconomically disadvantaged population of Israel by providing professional therapeutic services and emotional support for all students within their network who need it due to war-related trauma. They also provide food vouchers for network school families whose income suffered under war conditions and computers needed for online classes and schoolwork.	\$50,000
Shlavim ¹	Empowers members of the Israeli religious community to achieve social integration and financial independence. Additionally, they help unemployed adults match with businesses whose employees were called up to serve in the IDF.	\$120,000
World ORT ¹	Supports mental health initiatives for students and teachers and enables students who are displaced to maintain access to learning opportunities and essential technology.	\$50,000
MEDICAL SERVICES & PHYSICAL REHABILITATION		\$2,815,000
Hadassah Medical Organization – Rehabilitation	Addresses the critical gap in care at Hadassah's Gandel Rehabilitation Center, the largest rehabilitation service provider in the greater Jerusalem area. This gap is now severely exacerbated by the ongoing surge of harm to soldiers and civilians.	\$250,000
Hospitals & Rehabilitation Centers (JFNA)	Supports 27 general hospitals and four rehabilitation hospitals to purchase urgently needed medical equipment to rapidly strengthen their emergency response capabilities.	\$1,015,000
Hospitals/Medical Centers in the North (JFNA)	Provides support via the Jewish Federations of North America for hospitals and medical centers in the north to serve the region that is under fire due to the escalation. Also enables the hospital to provide uninterrupted care, due to the war, via underground facilities.	\$250,000
IsraAID ²	Provides disaster response by partnering with local groups to coordinate humanitarian efforts, provide mental health, education, protection support, and urgent aid to evacuated and vulnerable communities.	\$75,000
Magen David Adom ²	Provides first-responding emergency medical services across Israel and operates Israel's blood bank.	\$100,000
Magen David Adom – Magen Project	Enhances community resilience through the creation of the infrastructure of a nationwide frontline emergency medical system—the Shield—that will include the formation and training of community-based emergency response teams (CERT) within local communities around Israel. Sponsors one community with an emergency response vehicle, a mobile multi-casualty unit, and 10 training courses.	\$150,000
Rehabilitation Centers via Ministry of Health and JFNA	Partners with the Ministry of Health and the Jewish Federations of North America to equip and establish 20 new day rehabilitation centers across Israel, including professional development and additional treatment hours.	\$ 400,000
TOM – Tikkun Olam Makers	Deploys its unique capabilities to early-identify the needs of the wounded; develop a portfolio of online free solutions to help them; and support rehabilitation centers, care organizations and the wounded by delivering these solutions in a timely manner. TOM creates and disseminates affordable solutions to neglected challenges of people living with disabilities.	\$125,000
United Hatzalah ²	Serves as a community-based volunteer emergency medical service (EMS), which operates across Israel. Supplies volunteers with the equipment they need to save lives and the protective equipment to keep themselves safe, including vests and helmets, oxygen tanks, defibrillators, trauma bandages, and tourniquets.	\$75,000
ZAKA ²	Provides critical equipment and supplies to aid volunteers tending to the honor of the deceased. Israel's non-governmental rescue and recovery organization bears sole responsibility in Israel for dealing with incidents of unnatural death and works in close cooperation with all the emergency services and security forces. After the October 7 attacks, ZAKA volunteers have been tending to the honor of the more than 1,200 deceased.	\$50,000

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MENTAL HEALTH & TRAUMA RELIEF		\$4,255,000
AMEN – Land Where Women Heal	Supports women's clinics set up in the Dead Sea and Eilat evacuation areas. AMEN, which stands for Admat Marpeh Nashit "feminine healing ground," is a center for healing, celebration, and leadership and part of the Ohela Association.	\$25,000
Association of Rape Crisis Centers	Trains professionals with war-trauma-informed therapy and tools, provides direct assistance to survivors of sexual assault, supports groups for survivors and witnesses, and ensures evacuee hotels are as safe as possible. It operates nine centers across Israel.	\$75,000
Atidim	Provides informal education, enrichment, and wellbeing activities to at-risk teens evacuated from northern communities through its Educational Resilience Program for Traumatized Teens. Atidim, which means "futures," is a national program developing human resources and closing the socioeconomic gaps crippling Israel's periphery by creating equal educational opportunities.	\$30,000
Bshvil Hamachar ²	Provides mental health support, via multi-day healing retreats, for released soldiers to overcome combat related trauma.	\$120,000
Enosh	Provides services nationwide to 16,000 individuals of all ages and their families. With Federations support, Enosh established the Eitan Center, a prevention and intervention center in the north for children and young adults (12-25), focusing on trauma treatment, loss and bereavement.	\$250,000
Free Spirit Experience for Nova Festival Survivors	Creates a four-day experience for the Nova Music Festival survivors away from any sirens or reminders of the war and offers a range of activities and therapy sessions. Free Spirit maintains contact with the survivors after the program to ensure they are set up with the resources they need. Survivors can return to repeat the experience as necessary.	\$80,000
Hadassah Medical Organization – Mental Health	Tackles the pressing and widespread need for treatment of emotional trauma among all ages, from the frontlines and throughout the country. Hadassah is focused on specialized support services for trauma victims, including displaced families, individuals battling severe anxiety, and training and supporting the medical professionals who are sustaining the heavy emotional toll of wartime care. Hadassah provides more than 50% of the psychological and psychiatric services in the greater Jerusalem area.	\$244,500
Hebrew University – Trauma & Grief (TAG) Center	Houston-based TAG Center created a partnership with Hebrew University to implement a grief and trauma intervention for youth. This program has been adopted and implemented globally (i.e. the war in Bosnia and after the shooting at Santa Fe High School).	\$205,000
iCar National Psychoeducation Campaign	Convenes the 400+ NGOs providing mental health services, 120 tech companies focused on mental health innovation, and additional stakeholders to identify gaps and opportunities. The campaign aims to equip all Israelis with tools to understand and support emotional responses.	\$125,000
Impact Israel	Supports Village Way, an educational model used in the Yemin Orde Youth Village and in 79 schools throughout Israel. They are currently implementing initiatives and trainings for teachers in trauma and resilience, personal development programs for Arab and Druze students, and volunteer programming.	\$20,000
Israel Trauma Coalition ²	Offers a wide range of mental health solutions to the needs of local populations in Israel, through its national network of more than 1,000 community centers, which work in close cooperation with local authorities. Working to train additional therapists to help the overwhelming number of people who need trauma support.	\$625,000

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MENTAL HEALTH & TRAUMA RELIEF <i>continued</i>		
Israel Trauma Coalition – Resilience Compass Program in the North	Provides a comprehensive range of services to residents in need via local government employees who maintain close and personal contact with residents. This proximity exposes them to intense personal suffering, community grief, and widespread feelings of loss, frustration, uncertainty, and eroded trust. To ensure the continued operation of local authorities during these extraordinary circumstances, the Resilience Compass Program provides support and assistance both for their own well-being and to support their residents.	\$150,000
Israeli Campers at Greene Family Camp and Camp Young Judeaea – Texas	Brings 1,500 Israeli teens ages 14-16 to U.S. Jewish overnight camps, of which approximately 50 campers spent their summers in Texas in the 2024 and 2025 summers.	\$240,000
Israeli Campers in Houston Jewish Day Camps	Enables Israeli campers who are with their families in Houston for the summer to enroll in Jewish day camps.	\$3,000
Israeli Students in Houston Day Schools ²	Brings Israeli teens ages 14-16 to U.S. Jewish overnight camps, to build connection with Jewish American youth and receive respite. Support is provided for the summers 2024, 2025, 2026, and 2027.	\$12,500
Jewish Agency for Israel – Youth Futures	Partners at-risk teens/youth with adult mentors to help navigate social settings, school, family life, etc. Students in the program and their families who have been displaced by war receive financial support, are connected to education resources, social programming, community volunteering, and mentors.	\$450,000
JDC National Mental Health and Wellbeing Program	Assesses the mental health needs from a national approach, establishing a website that aggregates all forms of mental health resources. Additionally, JDC develops mental health tools that are an alternative mental health tools that are complimentary to one-to-one therapies that can be widely scaled and accessible.	\$300,000
Mental Health in the Community	Provides accessible mental health treatment for individuals with acute PTSD needs. The Community Intervention Initiative of the Ministry of Health, as a result of the war, is based on collaboration between psychiatric departments in general hospitals and psychiatric hospitals. The plan includes the establishment of 16 community intervention centers all over the country.	\$500,000
Metiv – Kids program	Enhances resilience and emotional regulation for traumatized and at-risk children and parents. It offers individual and group interventions, along with training for parents and professionals.	\$15,000
Metiv – Soldiers program	Offers urgent interventions to give soldiers time and space to process their combat experiences to strengthen their emotional and mental wellbeing.	\$50,000
Safe Hearts	Provides mental health services to Nova Festival survivors and their families.	\$85,000
OTHER		\$90,000
National Library of Israel (NLI)	Curates the Bearing Witness project, a long-term national and international initiative to document the atrocities of October 7 and its aftermath. The goal is to preserve these materials and make them accessible and actionable for future generations. The NLI is the collective memory for Jewish people worldwide and Israelis of all backgrounds.	\$50,000
Honest Reporting ^{1,2}	Serves as a media watchdog committed to exposing anti-Israel prejudice across traditional mainstream and social media.	\$40,000

In addition to the gifts noted above, donors also made recommended gifts to the Federation in support of the following programs and organizations:

- American Jewish Committee (AJC)
- March for Israel Rally Student Stipend
- Jewish National Fund
- Mitzvah Meals Campaign
- Sheba Medical Center
- Worldwide Friends

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