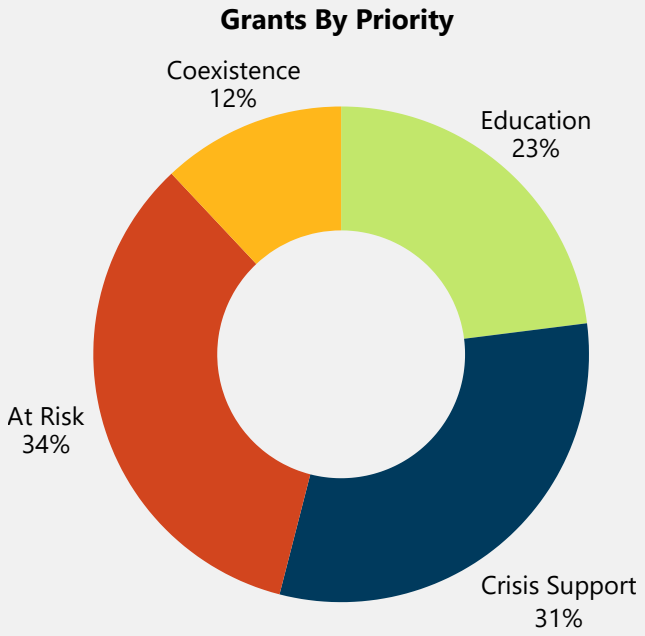


2026 Global Jewish Peoplehood Fund

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 2026, the Federation granted $1.6 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.



Core Partners *(Jewish Federations North America Global Partners)*		
JAFI: Jewish Agency for Israel	Provides the global framework for Aliyah, ensures global Jewish safety, strengthens Jewish identity, 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.	$437,000
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.	$437,000
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.	$36,000
Sub-total:		**$910,000**

Houston Community Partners		
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 (preK-12), 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 Communities in Petach Tikvah	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.	$25,000
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.	$70,000
Sub-total:		**$145,000**

At-Risk Programs		
Colel Chabad Chesed Menachem Mendel	Serves individuals and families of all backgrounds through programs focused on nutrition security, medical assistance, childcare, and seasonal support. The Chesed Menachem Mendel program provides services for widows and orphans, addressing a wide range of needs, including financial assistance, mental health support, academic guidance, and support during life cycle events.	$10,000
JCC Krakow Jewish Continuity Programming	Revives and strengthens the local Jewish community of Krakow, including many Ukrainian refugees. The Jewish Continuity Programming supports the only Jewish preschool in the city and the senior club for Holocaust Survivors.	$25,000
JDC Global Welfare	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
Jewish Agency for Israel Youth Futures, Petach Tikvah	Partners at-risk teens and youth with adult mentors to help navigate social settings, school, and family life. Funding will support the launch of the program in Petach Tikvah, specifically in the Yoseftal/Dado community.	$50,000
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
Struggle to Save Ethiopian Jewry Nutrition Assistance Program	Provides essential services to Jewish communities in Ethiopia including food, medical care, and education. The life-sustaining Nutrition Assistance program, addresses extreme food insecurity among the 14,000 Ethiopian Jews.	$25,000

Coexistence Programs		
Givat Haviva Children Teaching Children	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	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
Jewish Federations of North America 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.	$5,000
Kolot	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.	$20,000

Crisis Support Programs		
Am 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
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
JFNA Venezuela Earthquake Relief Fund	The Venezuela Earthquake Relief Fund supports humanitarian aid and recovery following the devastating 7.2 and 7.5 magnitude earthquakes that struck northern Venezuela in June 2026.	$20,000
Leket Israel Agricultural Food Rescue and Volunteer Support	Works as Israel's food bank to collect healthy, surplus food and distribute it to populations in need through partner organizations. Agricultural Food Rescue and Volunteer Support assists 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.	$60,000
Ogen National Debt Settlement Center	Strengthen Israel's social and economic resilience by expanding access to fair, affordable financial tools for individuals, small businesses, and nonprofit organizations that are underserved by the mainstream financial system. The Ogen National Debt Settlement Center supports vulnerable families in Israel trapped in cycles of debt, financial exclusion, and long-term instability via debt negotiation, settlement financing, and long-term financial rehabilitation.	$25,000

Education Programs		
Meitarim Network for Inclusive Jewish Education Institute of Adv. Learning	Breaks down the polarization that exists in Israel between religious and secular societies by developing and supporting a network of integrated secular-religious schools (preschoolhigh school) and communities that instill particular and universal Jewish values. The Institute provides training and coaching to teachers and administrators.	$20,000
Ramon Foundation Ramon Space Int	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 for Elementary Schools	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 more than 20 struggling schools throughout Israel to achieve academic success.	$30,000
Shalva Sharabi Family Center in Ashkelon Me & My Mommy Program	Provides care and inclusion for people of all ages with disabilities. The Me & My Mommy program is an early intervention program designed for babies with disabilites and their mothers to provide multi-disciplinary therapy and a supportive community.	$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
Unistream Tirat Carmel Entrepreneurship Center	Uses entrepreneurship education to help youth and teens from disadvantaged, low-income, and remote Israeli communities improve their socioeconomic prospects and employability through innovative, creative problem-solving.	$10,000
Total Program Grants		**$545,000**

Total Funding	**$1,600,000**