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## **THIS IS AN EXTRAORDINARY** TIME TO BE A JEWISH DETROITER.

In recent years, we have weathered some of the most profound challenges in generations. The global pandemic threatened the health and welfare of Jewish Detroit, Economic uncertainty, inflation and a rise in poverty and food insecurity have affected thousands of families. The war in Ukraine uprooted countless Jewish lives, including many elderly individuals and Holocaust survivors. We've witnessed an alarming rise in antisemitism and hate crimes against the Jewish people.

We continue to feel the impact of each of these challenges. But today, thanks to the resilience, generosity, and spirit of its members, our community remains strong. Jewish Detroit is a place where families and individuals can live healthy, meaningful lives strengthened by their heritage and deeply connected to one another. It is a place where Jewish organizations remain dedicated to the sacred purpose of helping those in need. Our community's heart beats in unison with the people of Israel and with Jews everywhere across the world.

The Jewish Federation is proud of the role it has played in this story. With each challenge we've faced, the Federation's response has demonstrated our unique capacity to mobilize resources and direct them with the greatest efficacy and impact. We remain committed to maintaining the strength of our community, a place where everyone can live proud, meaningful Jewish lives.

This is our mission. For more than a century, the Jewish Federation of Detroit, in collaboration with our extensive network of partner agencies and organizations, has supported the community's most vulnerable individuals and built a vibrant Jewish life for all 70,000+ Jews who call southeastern Michigan home.

Our work is made possible only through the extraordinary generosity of our donors and volunteers. Their passion and commitment fuel our efforts. On behalf of the community, we are grateful for all you have done.

**Matthew B. Lester** 

Jewish Federation of Detroit United Jewish Foundation

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# 2022-2023 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES



#### SUPPORTING VULNERABLE POPULATIONS

**Caring for Older Adults** 

**Helping Families in Need** 

**Empowering Individuals with Disabilities** 

**Reaching Underserved Communities** 

**Assisting Job Seekers** 

#### ADDRESSING URGENT NEEDS

**Keeping Our Schools Safe** 

**Providing Crisis Management** 

**Combatting Antisemitism** 

Offering Aliyah and Absorption Services

**Strengthening Our Community Infrastructure** 

# CORE AREAS OF IMPACT

## IN DETROIT, ISRAEL & AROUND THE WORLD

#### **ENHANCING JEWISH IDENTITY**

Offering Adult Jewish Learning

**Supporting Jewish Schools** 

**Providing Early Childhood Education** 

**Strengthening Special Needs Education** 

**Energizing Hillels on Campus** 

**Creating Unforgettable Experiences at Camp** 

#### **BUILDING JEWISH COMMUNITY**

**Engaging Jewish Teens** 

**Creating a Home for Families** 

**Advancing NEXTGen Detroit** 

**Supporting Women's Philanthropy** 

**Growing New Affinity Groups** 

**Enhancing Leadership Development** 

Strengthening Bonds with Israel

**Connecting with Our** 

Partnership2Gether Region

**Supporting World Jewry** 

Isreal & Overseas Agencies		Human Services					
CORE ALLOCATIONS		Foundation for our Jewish Elderly	256,558				
	<b>#</b> 4 010 F00	Gesher Human Services	1,290,607				
JAFI JDC	\$4,012,506	Hebrew Free Loan	149,325				
World ORT	2,842,724 139,900	JCRC/AJC	303,159				
Total Core Allocations		Jewish Family Service	2,501,241				
ELECTIVE ALLOCATIONS	<b>Φ</b> 0,773,130	Jewish Senior Life	825,078				
		Total Challenge Fund Designations	644,890				
Community Shaliach	\$100,000	Total Human Services	\$5,970,858				
Ethiopian National Project	150,000 40,500	Additional Local Support					
Israeli Camper Program JAFI Ethiopian Reunification	125,000	Agency Support to Cover					
JAFI Machinat Hardouf	50,000	Rent for UJF Facilities	\$4,000,000				
JDC - Argentina	50,000	Campaign Expenses	125,999				
JDC - Assistance to the Children	30,000	Campaign Reserve	150,000				
and Elderly in Kiev	250,000	Capital Needs Fund Grant	1,400,000				
JDC - Career Empowerment	200,000	Challenge Fund Designations	1,350,000				
for Haredi Youth	75,000	Community Security	485,725				
Partnership2Gether Central Galilee	612,000	<b>Endowment Fund Matching Grants</b>	1,450,000				
LYA Leadership Central Galilee	1,800	General Fund	350,000				
National Coalition Supporting Eurasian Je	wry 8,000	Impact Measurement Program	10,000				
ORT - Emergency Needs Ukraine	50,000	Real Estate Centralization Costs	250,000				
ORT - Kfar Silver Education Interventions	55,000	Unallocated Funds for Future Needs	500,000				
Shinshinim Program	64,500	Youth Mental Health	76,000				
Unallocated Funds for Future Needs	45,650	Federation Operating Budget Suppo	ort				
Total Challenge Fund Designations		Community Development					
Total Israel & Overseas Agencies	\$9,322,580	/Engagement	1,870,511				
National Agencies		Israel and Overseas Services	553,937				
70 Faces Media	\$25,000	Other Direct Program Services	284,822				
Birthright Israel	166,830	Strategic Planning and Partnerships	169,588				
Hillel International	44,000	Support Services	1,588,682				
JCC Association of North America	43,000	Total Additional Local Support	14,615,264				
JFNA Dues	1,180,975	Total Local Agencies &	***				
Network of Jewish Human Service Agenc	ies 40,000	Additional Local Support	\$28,/1/,615				
Total Challenge Fund Designations	185,000						
Total National Agencies	\$1,684,805	Campaign Achievement					
Local Agencies		Annual Campaign					
Jewish Education & Engagement		& Challenge Fund	\$39,200,000				
	Φ 4 O F O 7 C	Shrinkage Allowance	(750,000)				
Farber Hebrew Day School	\$495,370	Prior Year's Overachievement	500,000				
Hillel Day School Yeshiva Beth Yehudah	699,508	Prior Year's Unallocated Funds	775,000				
Yeshivas Darchei Torah	1,320,667 456,073	Total Campaign Achievement\$	39,725,000				
Yeshiva Gedolah	115,486	Campaign Allocations					
Congregational School Funding	373,316	Israel and Overseas Agencies	9,322,580				
BBYO	91,163	National Agencies	1,684,805				
Fresh Air Society / Tamarack Camps	593,579	Total Israel And Overseas &					
Hillel of Metro Detroit	185,284	National Agencies	11,007,385				
Michigan State University Hillel	182,330	Local Agencies					
HCAM	82,700	Jewish Education and Engagement	8,131,493				
Michigan Jewish Conference	43,000	Human Services	5,970,858				
U of M Hillel	197,886	Additional Local Support					
Jewish Community Center	2,395,021	Total Local Agencies &	, , <b></b>				
Mission Subsidies	110,000	Additional Local Support28,717,615					
Total Challenge Fund Designations	790,110	Total Campaign Allocations\$					
Total Jewish Education & Engagement			,				



EISENBERG FAMILY CHALLENGE

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Total \$39,725,000

**FUND ALLOCATIONS** 

\$1,684,805

\$14,615,264

Israel & Overseas Agencies

Additional Local Support

Jewish Education & Engagement

**National Agencies** 

**Human Services** 

# **2023 OVERALL SUPPORT**

**Jewish Federation of Detroit and United Jewish Foundation of Detroit** support of agencies for the fiscal year ended May 31, 2023.

While the Annual Campaign remains central to our fundraising efforts, the Jewish Federation also allocates funds from a variety of additional sources.

The chart below represents the total support allocated to local and overseas agencies during the past year.

		CAMPAIGN SU	JPPORT	Total		Covid 19	01	THER SUPPORT	Real Estate		State of			Grand Total
	Annual Campaign	Challenge Fund	Rent Support	Campaign Support	Endowment Income	Emergency Campaign	Centennial Fund	Capital Needs Grants	Centralization & Security Grants	Other Grants	Michigan Grants	DAF Grants	Total Other Support	JFMD/UJF Support
Farber Hebrew Day School	\$495,370	\$64,653	\$559,181	\$1,119,204	\$433,544	\$78,000	\$129,433	\$18,248	\$16,325	\$171,409	\$78,311	\$145,680	\$1,070,950	\$2,190,154
BBYO	91,163	10,037	46,873	148,073	17,640	-	-	-	-	-		10,750	28,390	176,463
Frankel Jewish Academy	-	-	-	-	484,424	22,000	25,190	-	-	-		69,541	601,155	601,155
Fresh Air Society / Tamarack Camps	593,579	73,021	2,286,066	2,952,666	371,977	109,931	271,287	171,882	44,946	129,619	21,810	223,170	1,344,622	4,297,288
Hebrew Free Loan	149,325	22,775	-	172,100	33,704	-	58,664	-	-	-		123,600	215,968	388,068
Hillel Day School	699,508	88,922	-	788,430	509,011	130,000	709,755	174,821	26,612	58,843	129,556	1,055,083	2,793,681	3,582,111
Hillel Of Metro Detroit	185,284	24,116	-	209,400	30,360	-	13,464	-	-	-		58,936	102,760	312,160
Hillel - MSU/HCAM/MJC	308,030	24,670	101,968	434,668	78,212	-	13,464	16,000	2,733	-		71,850	182,259	616,927
Hillel U Of M	197,886	24,314	224,330	446,530	143,785	-	99,000	-	6,010	95,200		56,210	400,205	846,735
Jewish Senior Life	825,078	69,422	-	894,500	1,348,546	-	382,924	-	-	10,000		61,610	1,803,080	2,697,580
Jewish Community Center	2,395,021	222,179	-	2,617,200	999,749	-	111,290	592,365	-	855,324	295,990	135,110	2,989,828	5,607,028
Jewish Community Relations Council / AJC	303,159	48,041	-	351,200	-	-	-	-	-	-		13,182	13,182	364,382
Jewish Family Services	2,501,241	348,958	246,698	3,096,897	411,758	-	481,017	46,606	7,347	88,838	2,493,360	356,910	3,885,836	6,982,733
Gesher Human Service	1,290,607	155,694	505,730	1,952,031	399,973	109,373	133,813	278,647	27,262	12,500	2,910,723	148,969	4,021,260	5,973,291
Yeshiva Beth Yehudah	1,320,667	132,656	29,154	1,482,477	628,909	184,000	244,295	-	-	250,000	183,800	120,800	1,611,804	3,094,281
Yeshiva Gedolah	115,486	17,200	-	132,686	56,688	-	10,961	-	-	63,348	20,673	18,750	170,420	303,106
Yeshivas Darchei Torah	456,073	40,976	-	497,049	181,863	66,000	52,192	-		166,649	65,850	20,760	553,314	1,050,363
Community-Wide Security Program	485,725	-	-	485,725	-	-	85,715	-	155,381 <del>4</del>	-			241,096	726,821
Jewish Federation Direct Program Services	7,136,097	1,850,000	-	8,986,097	(1,706,558) <sup>1</sup>	-	-	-		-			(1,706,558)	7,279,539
Capital Needs Grants	1,400,000	-	-	1,400,000	-	-	-	(1,400,000) <sup>2</sup>		-			(1,400,000)	-
Other Local Agencies	483,316	67,366	-	550,682	-		-	-	-	-			-	550,682
Israel and Overseas Agencies	8,672,580	650,000	-	9,322,580	-								-	9,322,580
National Agencies	1,499,805	185,000	-	1,684,805	-								-	1,684,805
	\$31,605,000	\$4,120,000	\$4,000,000	\$39,725,000	\$4,423,585	\$699,304	\$ 2,822,464	(\$101,431)	\$286,616	\$1,901,7303	\$6,200,073	\$2,690,911	\$18,923,252	\$58,648,252

Notes:

[4] Additional support of Community-Wide Security above and beyond the Campaign Allocation and Centennial Endowment income.

<sup>[1]</sup> Reduction of \$1,706,558 relates to [2] Reduction of \$1.4 million relates Millennium Fund matches and the Foundation for Our Jewish Elderly included in both campaign support and capital needs grants. and endowment income.

to the capital needs allocations included in both campaign support

<sup>[3]</sup> Other grants include grants from the General Fund, Jewish Women's Foundation, JFNA and the grants secured from other agencies with the assistance of JFMD grant writers.



## A STEP FORWARD TO PRESERVING THE PAST

The Historical Records of Jewish Michigan Have a New Home

In May, 2022, the Joan Meyers
Jampel Center for Michigan Jewish
Heritage officially opened its
doors... or shelves, rather. As the
home of the Leonard N. Simons
Jewish Community Archives of the
Federation and the Rabbi Leo M.
Franklin Archives of Temple Beth
El, the Jampel Center holds the
most comprehensive collection
of primary source materials
documenting Jewish life in Michigan.

In 1899, Rabbi Leo M. Franklin, of Temple Beth El, founded the United Jewish Charities (or the Jewish Federation, as it's known it today) to consolidate efforts and better serve the needs of the Jewish community. More than a century later, this idea inspired the archivists of Federation and Temple Beth El to unite in their mission to collect, preserve and make available the history of Jewish Michigan.

Beyond the physical archives (within Temple Beth El), the Jampel Center engages users through multiple online platforms. Its digital database enables worldwide access to photographs, documents, oral history interviews, historical film and guides to the archives' collections. On its YouTube Channel, explore "Out of the Box: A Bisel of History," a web series that takes history from the shelves to the streets. And its social media platforms invite the public into daily life in the Archives. The Jampel Center also offers programs that can be tailored to any group.

The Jampel Center is open to all users with an interest in Michigan Jewish history by appointment. Explore what it has to offer at mijewishheritage.org.



# **CONNECTING FOR A CAUSE**

There Was Something for Everyone At A Federation Event

A year of soldout programs and events confirmed it: We missed each other! Coming out of the pandemic, Jewish Detroiters still loved a reason to get together, connect, have fun, do good and put the unity in community.

Whether it was braving the cold at Frost Fest (chilly, but so fun), rolling the dice at the NEXTGen Detroit EPIC Night at the Casino, wishing Israel a *Yom Huledet Sameach* for Israel@75 or hearing from an 80s icon at the Women's Philanthropy Signature event, over 14,000 individuals came out to a Federation event.

We filled the calendar with family fundays, date nights, evenings out, educational programs and volunteer opportunities for every age and stage of life—and with something for everyone, we brought more people together, made our community even stronger and have some seriously fabulous photos to prove it.

Israel@75 Yom Ha'azmaut Celebrtion at Congregation Shaarey Zedek

NEXTGen Detroit 2023 EPIC Night at the Casino



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THE JEWISH HOMELAND

**Detroit Celebrates Israel@75** 

Spring of 2023 marked the 75th anniversary of the founding of the state of Israel—an occasion for Israelis and Jews around the world to celebrate the nation's achievements, vibrant culture, democratic ideals and enduring connection to Jewish people around the world.

Jewish Detroit celebrated the milestone with a variety of arts and cultural events, historical exhibitions, educational programs and community gatherings at schools, congregations and organizations throughout the city.

#### **ISRAELI INDEPENDENCE DAY**

Over 600 individuals attended the Jewish Federation's Yom Ha'Atzmaut party at Congregation Shaarey Zedek, featuring Israeli cuisine, crafts and activities for children and an unforgettable performance by Mayumana, the international dance group.

#### THE MOTOR CITY MISSION

This was also the year that Federation, along with congregations across the city, hosted the Motor City Mission to Israel. This once-in-a-lifetime journey brought together 135 participants from across the Detroit community, many of whom had never before visited the Jewish homeland.

#### A YEAR TO REMEMBER

Other highlights from this months-long birthday celebration included a traveling archival retrospective from the Detroit Jewish News, a gallery exhibition by the world-renowned graffiti artist Solomon Souza and a heartfelt Yom HaZikaron memorial ceremony led by our community Shinshiniot (young Israeli emissaries).





## IT'S OKAY NOT TO BE OKAY

#### **Providing Youth Mental Health** Resources for Those Seeking Help

It's no surprise that with our increasingly toxic culture, mental health issues are a growing problem among young people from grade school to college. Our Jewish community is not immune, and Jewish Family Service (JFS) is on the frontline of providing help.

Last year, close to 1,700 young people used JFS counseling services, over 1,000 of them children in Jewish day schools. According to Dini Peterson, Chief Program Officer, Safety Net & Mental Health Services at JFS, "Our community's youth struggle with depression, anxiety and the continued social and developmental impacts of the pandemic. Teens experience suicidal ideation, eating disorders, social challenges and the impact of grief and loss. Notably they felt the impact of growing antisemitism in school and social media."

It's a daunting number of young people needing help. Yet JFS was ready, coordinating a team of therapists, school social workers, and We Need to Talk partner agencies, including:

17 therapists, one psychiatrist and one nurse practitioner at JFS

10 JFS social workers based in six Jewish day schools

Two community-based JFS social workers at BBYO and Hillel of Metro Detroit

2022 also saw the creation of the JFS Crisis Response Team after Federation and Jewish Community Security Inc. partnered to bring members of the Israeli Trauma Coalition (ITC) to train JFS staff. The Team is focused on providing immediate support to members of the Detroit Jewish community experiencing individual or communal crises. While the JFS Crisis Response Team has been deployed multiple times over the past year, its most notable experiences have been after the tragic shooting at MSU and the unexpected passing of Simon Mirkes, a camper on Tamarack Camp's Alaska teen trip.

"JFS continues to assess and identify gaps in our community to help ensure mental health services are easily accessible," says Julia Cohen, JFS Director of Community Initiative. "We are excited about our ever-growing community initiatives department and the ability to continue to creatively meet the mental health needs of our community."

Thanks to the work of JFS, our community moves closer and closer to removing the stigma of mental health struggles. They are helping our children, youth and teens realize they are never alone, that help is always available and that it's okay to ask for help.

#### STANDING UP TO HATE

#### Staying Strong in the Face of Rising Antisemitism

The statistics are alarming: In 2022, the ADL recorded 3,697 antisemitic incidents throughout the United States, a 36% increase from 2021 and the highest number on record since they began tracking antisemitic incidents. A report from the FBI revealed a 20% increase in antisemitic hate crimes in 2021. Among religious groups, offenses against Jews vastly outnumber any others.

Sadly, these trends have been seen across metro Detroit. A growing number of antisemitic hate crimes, including acts vandalism, threats and harassment, were reported at businesses and community institutions, including synagogues, schools and college campuses.

#### **KEEPING THE JEWISH COMMUNITY SAFE**

Ensuring the safety and security of the community is an essential part of Federation's mission, especially in light of rising antisemitism and security concerns. Central to this was the creation of Jewish Community Security Inc. (JCSI) an independent security organization tasked with protecting the Jewish community. JCSI team members are stationed at schools, summer camps, campuses and buildings throughout the community. The team also assists synagogues and other Jewish institutions by providing consultation, education and training to instill a culture of vigilance and safety.

The Jewish people are extraordinarily resilient and have always prevailed against those who threaten us. Our community is no different, and we will never be deterred from our proud, vibrant way of life.



Jewish Federation of Detroi

Standing Up to Hate

From Conflict to Campfires

# A Year in the Life of a Comunity

## **FROM CONFLICT TO CAMPFIRES**

#### The Israel Camper Program Brings **Ukrainian & Russian Teens to Camp**

A summer at Tamarack Camps is an unforgettable experience for any child, but for two thirteenyear-old campers, the opportunity was uniquely magical.

A year ago, Bohdan Treistman and his family fled their home in Mariupol, Ukraine following the Russian invasion that left the area devastated by bombings and ongoing conflict. They were among the tens of thousands of Ukrainians who made Aliyah to Israel, settling in the city of Nof Hagalil in the Galilee region.

Daria Pomiatikhina immigrated from Russia with her parents and brother, seeking a new life away from war and political strife under the Putin regime. Like the Treistman family, they were warmly welcomed into the community of Nof Hagalil.

The Jewish Federation of Detroit not only supports the immigration and absorption of Ukrainian and Russian Jews through its international partner agencies, it also works closely with Bohdan and Daria's new home community through the Jewish Agency for Israel's Partnership2Gether program. But the story doesn't end there.

Since 2002, the Israeli Camper Program (ICP) has given children from Federation's Israeli partnership region in the Central Galilee an unforgettable summer at Tamarack Camps. The program is a cultural exchange with the purpose of building Jewish identity as well as personal connections based on a shared Jewish experience. Federation works diligently to identify the young people who would most benefit, and this year Bohdan and Daria were at the top of the list.

Bohdan and Daria's summer at camp—a journey from a war torn nation to Israel and then to Ortonville, Michigan—demonstrates the strength and impact of our global and local Jewish

community. Thanks to this unique program, the teens went from air raids and devastating conflict to cookouts, backpacking and camp Havdalahs on the lake, and from a life of anxiety and uncertainty to long weeks filled with sunshine, fun and friendship.





## **INTRODUCING GESHER HUMAN SERVICES**

Year One for a New Community Organization

#### In a community as deeply established as Jewish Detroit, the creation of a new organization is a rare—and significant—milestone.

In 2022, after considerable research and diligence, JVS Human Services merged with Kadima to create Gesher Human Services, a new Federation agency focused on vocational and workforce development, mental health services and inclusion programming for individuals with disabilities. The decision to form a new organization was made to provide a broader continuum of care, more robust and higher quality programs and overall better outcomes for its clients.

Gesher is the Hebrew word for "bridge," and indeed the new organization sees itself as a bridge to hope and opportunity for people at work, at home and in the community. "When we help a person get a better job, we help them and their family," says Eric Adelman, Gesher's Chief Development Officer. "When we support a person with a disability or mental illness, we not only improve their lives but also provide support and respite to their loved ones. When we help

a newly divorced mom complete her degree and provide financial education, we support her children's' dreams too."

In its first year, Gesher established a new name and identity, a new board of directors and a host of new business systems, including a formal Compliance Department to support its program professionals. Perhaps most importantly, Gesher established a new culture that combined two historical organizations into an agency that was truly greater than the sum of its parts. Thanks to Gesher's new Clinical Integration Department, they were was able to craft better clinical supports to people with disabilities to ensure that they could remain in their jobs, rather than being forced to leave their job or the workforce due to behavioral challenges.

The new organizational structure provides significant cost savings, but Gesher's leaders emphasize that this wasn't the main impetus for the merger. As Eric explains, "The real way to gauge success is to see if Gesher achieved its value proposition: Could we provide better services for our clients, and could we realize savings to be reinvested in those services? To these questions, the answer is an unequivocal yes!"

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Having A Grand Time

# A Year in the Life of a Comunity

## **HAVING A GRAND TIME**

**JGrand Offers** Programming, **Education & Support** for Grandparents

At a recent gathering of grandparents, a papa presented a problem: His grandchildren, now getting older, no longer wanted to sit on his lap. Several other grandfathers immediately raised their hands. "You need to have a shtick," one counciled. Others offered examples—funny expressions, thumb wars.

"You learn by having your community, your village of ideas and different stories," says Lori Fidler, coordinator for JFamily's new offering, JGrand.

This simple yet powerful idea animates JGrand, a first-of-its-kind initiative to bring together and offer support for Jewish grandparents. The program, run by the J with funding from Federation as well as PJ Library, officially launched in late 2021 but began in earnest within the past year with the return to in-person meetups.

Now, if you're not a grandparent, you might be wondering what kind of support they could possibly need. After all, aren't grandchildren the most fervent desire of every Jewish parent? Indeed this is a "problem" our community has worked hard over the years to have, with programs like NextGen and JBaby aimed expressly at encouraging young Jews to settle and grow families in Metro Detroit. Partially as a result of these initiatives, our community has a relatively high percentage of grandparents—some 60 percent—who say their grandchildren live locally.

Yet even a good thing, without proper infrastructure, can cause strain.



"We recognized very quickly that grandparents have their own needs," says Mikki Frank, Associate Executive Director for the J and one of the creators of JGrand.

In particular, grandchildren can cause (or aggravate) communication issues between grandparents and their adult children and inlaws. And some grandparents may simply find themselves signed up for more childcare than they were prepared for in their "golden" years. That's all the more true since the pandemic, when many grandparents stepped into the breach created by daycare closures and nanny shortages.

"Grandparents are doing a lot more childcare," says Fidler, adding, "I just had a grandma call me whose kids have been living with them for two years because they moved back here and they haven't found a house yet."

JGrand helps in two key ways: The first is programming across the metro area for grandparents and grandchildren—everything from pop-ups in local parks to challah bakes. The second is education and support groups, dubbed "Savvy" programs, where grandparents can share their joys and struggles and brush up on childcare techniques they might have forgotten over the

past few decades. A subset of those discussions, carried out in partnership with Temple Israel, helps grandparents navigate issues that arise within interfaith families.

In the short time it's existed, JGrand has clearly touched a nerve, having offered 36 events and engaged with 1,500 grandparents. Three grandparents, called "JGrand Ambassadors," are constantly welcoming new grandparents. Other Jewish communities, Frank says, have shown interest in replicating the program.

# TRAGEDY ON CAMPUS

#### The Jewish Community Rallies Around Its MSU Students

Students at Michigan State University will never forget the events of Monday, February 13, 2022, a night of terror which began as word quickly spread that a gunman had opened fire in two buildings.

At a time when acts of violence are far too commonplace, this terrifying incident truly struck home. Across the Jewish community, family members and friends of students held their breath as they waited for news from campus. Before the tragedy was over, three students were dead and five others severely wounded.

#### THE COMMUNITY RESPONDS

In the immediate aftermath of the shooting, students sought comfort and solace at the Lester and Jewell Morris Hillel Jewish Student Center. There they found warm meals, the companionship of their peers and, perhaps most important, a safe, familiar place to process their trauma and grieve.

"Hillel was incredibly important to getting me through the initial shock of what I had just witnessed.", recounts Matthew Zivian, a student leader at MSU Hillel whose dorm room neighbor was killed that night. "The space was always open, and getting to see some of the staff members that we had all formed amazing connections with—getting to see them and their support was incredibly important."

Matthew, along with many of other Jewish students, was supported by Jewish Family Service mental health professionals who had arrived at Hillel, as well as by Jewish clergy from a variety of synagogues and temples. "I met with a trauma counselor who helped me process what I had just been through not even twenty-four hours before. And I got to embrace some of my closest friends, who I finally met up with there."

There are no silver linings in tragedies like these, but, as Federation CEO Steven Ingber said following the tragedy, "We can take comfort in the power of community to sustain us in dark times and provide a path to healing."



## A HOME IN THE COMMUNITY

#### A New Resident Thrives at **Jewish Senior Life**

Marcia Tanzman, 96, has come prepared. She's dressed smartly—white coat, floral shirt, perfectly coiffed hair—and when asked about what kind of activities she does at Meer Apartments, where she moved in just recently, she whips out an index card filled front and back with elegant cursive.

"I wanted to remind myself of all the things that I've taken part in since I've been here, and I didn't want to miss anything," she notes, before reeling off more than a dozen activities. There's morning exercise, Yiddish storytelling, "readers' theater" (reading from scripts of famous plays), learning the Torah parsha of the week with local clergy (who often bring flowers) and musical performances, to name just a few. She enjoys attending monthly speaking engagements with Sy Manello, of the Detroit Jewish News but notes, with regret, that it now conflicts with canasta (a game she's learned to play during her time at Meer).

It's safe to say few people, in their late nineties or otherwise, have Tanzman's energy and enthusiasm—not to mention her penmanship. Yet her experience as a new resident has, fortunately, become relatively common once again. During the height of the pandemic, Jewish Senior Life (JSL) was forced to stop accepting new residents at its senior living facilities, including Meer, but now has reopened them. Several, including Hechtman and Fleischman Apartments, have received recent renovations. JSL's intake process is comprehensive and typically includes assessment from a nurse and social worker. Apartments at the independent living facilities, including Meer, have full kitchens, but hot kosher meals are also served. "My family kept kosher, so it was important for me to be here for that reason," notes Tanzman.

Yet Tanzman, born in Detroit and for many years a resident of Oak Park, cites one thing above all in making her transition easier: Community. "When I walked in here the first day, just to see the place, there were people from Congregation Beth Shalom, from all over the place that I knew," she says. "When you see familiar faces, that makes you feel so comfortable."



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Our Children, Our Future

# A Year in the Life of a Comunity

## **OUR** CHILDREN, **OUR FUTURE**

#### **A Conversation** with Teachers from our Community **Day Schools**

Nearly 3,000 students attended **Federation-supported day schools** last year. The schools cater to different segments and age groups within the community, yet they share the mission of nurturing children in a Jewish environment. Last year they faced the same challenge: restoring normalcy after the disruptions of the pandemic.

We gathered educators to look back at the joys and challenges from the past year, and their hopes going forward.

Lissie Rothstein, Director of Special Education and Support Services, Yeshiva Beth Yehudah

We are a community school for the Orthodox community and have been in existence for over 100 years. We have about 1,500 students and are servicing about 23 % in our special education department. I really look through the lens of, "How are we reaching all of them and allowing them to access the same Jewish education as their peers?" One of the things that we're looking at is trauma informed teaching—and not just having to do with the pandemic. We live in a society where children are impacted by things that happened maybe 25 years ago.

I love working in my community. These are our people, our children, our future.



Pictured left to right Lissie Rothstein, Chana Steinmetz, Rabbi Ari Ellis, Rebecca Strobehn, Phreddy Nosanwisch

Chana Steinmetz, Preschool Director, Yeshiva Darchei Torah

We serve the Orthodox community—about 530 students. We see ourselves as preparing the future.

In terms of coming out of the pandemic, I think little children were least impacted. There was no big academic gap. Now, our kindergartners who went to first grade, there was [a gap] because they missed out on instruction-even though we did it by phone and with packets. Parents had multiple children, and it wasn't always easy for them to be next to every child.

With this coming year, we're bringing in more enrichment materials for our teachers. The more we give our teachers, the more the children gain.

Rabbi Ari Ellis, Farber Hebrew Day School

Farber (called Akiva when I first moved here) is a Modern Orthodox religious Zionist school. My wife works here, my kids went here. Farber feels like a family. I love seeing my students at shul on Shabbat or walking through the neighborhood or at One Stop.

I've taught third, fourth and fifth grade the last couple of years. The younger kids didn't know how to be in school. The first graders had not

ever eaten in the lunchroom with the others. They didn't know what the routine is.

Those routines of just being in school are so nice. We brought parents back for programs on Yom Ha'Atzmaut—we davened together and said "Hallel." It was really beautiful.

Rebecca Strobehn, Rabbinics Instructor, Frankel Jewish Academy

Frankel is a community high school—we serve students who have almost no Jewish background to students who grew up in the Modern Orthodox world.

I think that the transitions of the last couple years have made me aware, more than ever, how the sort of socio-emotional atmosphere of high school is as, if not more, important than the academic learning. To bring back some of those things that are so core to the school culture and to Jewish culture in the school feels really good.

A full spirit weekend, full school assemblies; the Shabbatons were all full, everyone wanted to be a part of it.

Phreddy Nosanwisch, Middle School Judaics Teacher, Hillel Day School

I have so many friends who do remote work now. There's nothing like being in relationship with peers—talking about poetry with an English teacher, practicing Hebrew with a colleague; everybody shares the same passion. Then I get the kids, a radically connecting relationship. Even with a mask, it was so special to be in the room learning with people. Moshe Rabbeinu had to wear a mask to be around people. But he was still there amongst them.

Hillel is a diverse school—not everybody is going for the same reason. So what am I trying to do? Hillel has this motto that I love: Mind, Body, and Soul, Better Together. Our kids—who can go in so many different ways—I hope to connect them to those parts of their soul that came from their ancestors, from their community.



"I absolutely loved this program so much, and it has shaped me as a person today. I have never had such an amazing experience and I am incredibly grateful."

-BBYO Participant





BBYO shapes our community's next generation of leaders by positively impacting the lives of Jewish teens in Metro Detroit, providing them with meaningful Judaic, social justice and leadership development programming.

1,060

teens engaged in programming

**O** 100%

of teens who attended our MBA Program strongly agreed or agreed they felt safe at our program

**)40**%

of the teens that attended Spring Convention have been in BBYO less than a year

**)** 60%

of teens that attended Spring Convention said we met their expectations

**376**%

of teens who attended our Building Entrepreneurship program said the program boosted their confidence

**79**%

of teens who attended Regional Convention (RC) are likely to attend RC again

"Farber has made my children genuinely EXCITED to go to school. This is not a small feat. My children have learned through play, song and fun academic activities, and have been challenged just enough to build their confidence."

-Early Childhood Center (ECC) Parent

## FARBER HEBREW DAY SCHOOL



Farber Hebrew Day School provides a challenging Judaic Studies and college preparatory program in a Modern Orthodox, Zionist environment. The school nurtures personal and intellectual growth, outstanding character, social and moral responsibility, and a strong sense of self for each student.

Farber, Where Torah matters Farber, Where learning matters Farber, Where community matters

244

students, including toddlers through 12th graders

**90**%

of parents agreed that the school provided their children with a strong sense of Jewish identity

**U85**%

of parents were pleased with the relationship between their children and their teachers

**U**86%

of parents believe that the school prepares the students well to work collaboratively with others

**97**%

of parents said they believed that the ECC was a positive and safe environment for their children Frankel Jewish Academy

38

"The teachers are the best asset of the school, and the next best thing is the community that the students build together. It's an excellent value for the tuition paid."

-Current FJA Parent

### **FRANKEL** JEWISH ACADEMY



Frankel Jewish Academy is a rigorous college preparatory high school pursuing academic excellence and Jewish literacy. We inspire students to think critically, creatively and compassionately; to dedicate themselves to Jewish tradition, peoplehood and the State of Israel; and to become lifelong learners and leaders.

**O** 100%

of students receive personalized guidance through the college search and application process. Students earned over \$1.7M in college scholarships

of families received the Shorashim Day School Affordability Grant - \$10,000 off per student per year - with no financial information required

of students participate in athletics receiving multiple awards from the Catholic League and MHSAA including Regional Championships

of parents surveyed highlighted the excellent care and teacher experience teachers have an average of 11 years of FJA teaching experience and an average of 18 years of teaching overall

93% of faculty/staff have college degrees with 64% having a Masters Degree or higher

"Gesher provides a full host of support services for people, and they do so with a lot of respect and dignity. I think that's really important for people who are otherwise feeling vulnerable or are afraid to ask for help."

-Sandra S.

## **GESHER HUMAN SERVICES**

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**HUMAN SERVICES** 

Gesher Human Services is a bridge to hope and opportunity for people at work, at home and in the community. Uniting two of Metro Detroit's most influential Jewish human services agencies, JVS Human Services and Kadima, Gesher brings over 110 years of combined experience providing workforce development, behavioral health and community integration programming for all Detroiters, including over 2,500 members of the Jewish community.

1,889

individuals received career services through Gesher's Business and Career Services department, including Financial Education

of people with severe mental health challenges served by Gesher's community housing program improved or maintained their level of independence

individualized assessment, training, retention services to assist individuals with disabilities in securing and maintaining paid employment

of people with intellectual disabilities served by Gesher's Choices program demonstrated progress toward goals identified in their treatment plans

of care partners reported that Brown program services for people with dementia had a positive effect on their well-being

#### "The compassion and relief that there was help when I needed it. So grateful!"

—HFL Loan Recipient

### HEBREW FREE LOAN (HFL)



#### We Provide Loans. We Promise Dignity.

We provide Jewish community members across Michigan with interest-free personal, educational, small business, and Jewish organization loans. Our loans help pay for emergency situations, medical and dental expenses, fertility treatments or adoptions, higher education and new or expanding enterprises.

43

Marvin I. Danto Small Business Loans for Jewish-owned businesses in Michigan this year

845

William Davidson Jewish College Loans for full-time Michigan Jewish college students who face financial challenges

\$15.4M

in total HFL outstanding loan portfolio to 1.350 borrowers

6

Michigan Jewish Organization Loans for Jewish organizations (including synagogues) across Michigan for building repairs and upgrades

**95**%

of College Loan respondents strongly agreed that "The objective for which I applied for and received this loan has been achieved, or is on track to be achieved" "Hillel is a place that nurtures the whole child. The teachers. staff and administrators are committed to providing a top-quality education in a uniquely Jewish environment. Every time we drop our child off at school, we have full confidence that the school will care for his social, emotional and intellectual needs. We are grateful that a school like Hillel exists in our community."

-HDS Parent

# HILLEL DAY SCHOOL (HDS)



Hillel Day School delivers an outstanding general and Jewish education to Jewish children in preschool through eighth grade. HDS inspires a passion for learning, responsibility to self and community, and devotion to Jewish living in a warm, innovative and engaging environment. HDS is at the forefront nationally in providing a modern education within a cutting-edge facility, together with up-to-date technology, to give its students every advantage for success. HDS's dual curriculum educates the whole child – academically, socially, and spiritually. HDS is a community Jewish day school that is open and welcoming to children from every Jewish affiliation.

\$3.8M

of tuition assistance was awarded in 2022-2023 to 67% of Hillel families

**O** 93%

of Hillel families would strongly recommend Hillel to other families they know

**87**%

of parents surveyed strongly believe Hillel fosters positive social groups; the highest percentage among peer school benchmarks

**U** 89%

of parents surveyed strongly believe Hillel nurtures their child's self-esteem; the highest percentage among peer school benchmarks

**U** 89%

of parents surveyed believe the quality of both General and Judaic Studies has improved since the 2019 survey

Hillel of Metro Detroit (HMD)

"I was exposed to new ideas which broadened and deepened my understanding on various topics and Judaism as a whole."

—HMD J-Talk participant

# HILLEL OF METRO DETROIT (HMD)



Hillel of Metropolitan Detroit (HMD) serves college students on six local college campuses with a diverse array of cultural, social and religious programming. Headquartered on the campus of Wayne State University, HMD welcomes students at Lawrence Technological University, Oakland Community College, Oakland University, University of Detroit Mercy, University of Michigan – Dearborn and Wayne State University.

"MSU Hillel has changed my life. Starting freshmen year at a big university, I was very overwhelmed, but I knew I always had Hillel. It has provided me with the opportunity to connect with other Jewish students and participate in programming that has strengthened my Jewish identity. I would not be the same person I am today without the love, support and opportunities Hillel has provided me."

-MSU Student

# MSU HILLEL/HILLEL CAMPUS ALLIANCE OF MICHIGAN





MSU Hillel builds dynamic Jewish life on the Michigan State University campus and creates programming and leadership opportunities for Jewish students through its Hillel Campus Alliance of Michigan (HCAM) program at Albion and Alma College, Central Michigan University, Eastern Michigan University, Grand Valley State University, Kalamazoo College, Michigan Technological University, Northern Michigan University, Saginaw Valley State University, and Western Michigan University.

**546** 

Jewish students participated in HMD events

108

events during the year

**O100**%

of students who participated in HMD Israel programming feel a stronger connection to Israel

**35**%

of students who attended HMD's leadership development seminar said the program helped them build their leadership skills

**O100**%

of interns found their internship experience valuable and would recommend it to others 1,605

students served by MSU Hillel

995

students served by HCAM

**99**%

of students surveyed feel that MSU Hillel added value to their academic year

**O** 98%

of students surveyed agreed that MSU Hillel helped them forge connections with community on campus

**O** 97%

of students surveyed agreed that HCAM positively impacted their college experience

"From the moment I entered the doors at Hillel, I was welcomed to my new home, my Michigan home. I cannot express my gratitude enough for how much the programs, classes, Shabbat dinners, as well as coffee chats with upperclassmen truly impacted me and helped to guide me throughout my freshman year."

-UofM Hillel Student

## UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN HILLEL

## HILLEL UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

University of Michigan Hillel supports over 45 independent student groups for our 6,500 Jewish students on campus – spanning the full breadth of Jewish life. Hillel provides opportunities for students to become involved as leaders, driving the programming and decision-making forward for their community. Our groups and initiatives also provide the opportunity for students to explore their identities and interests in a safe, supportive, fun, and nurturing environment. Students build leadership skills, a strong sense of community, and Jewish self-confidence that benefit them in their roles on campus, in finding employment, and in life long after they graduate.

**971** 

students attended a Shabbat or Holiday in the Home experience, led by one of our 209 student hosts

1,145

students were engaged by one of our 40 Hillel Connect Fellows – representing 18% of our estimated Jewish student population

3,896

Shabbat meals were served at a Hillel Shabbat program (dinner, lunch, and Seudah Shlishit), enjoyed by 1,989 total unique attendees

**3**63%

of all Jewish students at U of M were engaged through Hillel, 31% for high impact engagement (6+touchpoints)

**O** 96%

of Learning Cohort participants felt more connection to the Jewish community after their participation "At The J special needs camps, my son can learn critical life skills while enjoying a multitude of activities all in a place where he feels safe and loved. It's not just a job to the camp counselors. They are clearly there because they love our kids. They go out of their way to make each day unique, fun and absolutely somewhere my son can't wait to go to. It's priceless."

—The J Camp Parent





The J strengthens our community by collaborating to provide excellent programs wherever you are. The J is the one and only organization in Detroit that offers Jewish programming for every age and all segments of the community.

2,271

PJ Library Detroit subscribers across 145 different zip codes

3,765

unique participants at the Detroit Jewish Book Fair, with 29 events and 40+ featured authors

2,002

unique participants at the Lenore Marwil Detroit Jewish Film Festival with 24 films and events

29,602

total attendees at The Berman Center for the Performing Arts

1,104

children with special needs served by the Opening the Doors program

**74**%

of respondents indicated that being Jewish is more important to them as a result of participating in Jfamily programs

he J

I am not alone."

Providing the global framework for Aliyah, ensuring global Jewish safety, strengthening Jewish identity and connecting Jews to Israel and one another.

olim (immigrants) came to Israel from Ukraine and Russia, more than five times as many as in 2021

6,500

teens and young adults in the United States and Canada participated in Israel experiences

7,000

were housed and cared for in 50 Amigour complexes

"I believe the majority of antisemitism nowadays stems from ignorance and merely not knowing about Judaism. I think that the work we're doing breaks down barriers and lets people meet Jews, to know more about Jews."

-Meredith Shapiro, Student-to-Student presenter

## **JEWISH COMMUNITY RELATIONS COUNCIL/AJC** (JCRC/AJC)





A Partnership for Community Relations and Jewish Advocacy

JCRC/AJC represents the metropolitan Detroit Jewish community, Israel and Jews throughout the world to the general community, and establishes collaborative relationships with other ethnic, racial, civic and religious groups. JCRC/AJC educates and advocates on important issues, seeking consensus with a commitment to Jewish values.

Mitzvah Day participants from Jewish/ Muslim communities volunteering at social service agencies

attendees, journalists and members of the media at the annual JCRC/AJC Media Luncheon

political, religious and business leaders from around the globe participated in the Diplomatic Seder

150

participants at the Coalition for Black and Jewish Unity Holiday Party

high schoolers attended the Leaders for Tomorrow program

"Despite this darkness, there's a special feeling when us Jews are together: We know that as long as there's JDC, there will be life."

-Lubov S.

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Social Worker, Kharkiv, Ukraine





JDC is the world's leading Jewish humanitarian assistance organization, working in more than 70 countries and Israel to rescue Jews at risk, to bring relief to Jews in dire need and to renew Jewish community life in areas where it has not been allowed to flourish.

110,000+

impoverished Jews across Europe, Asia, Africa and Latin America receive lifesaving aid in a single year

23,000,000+

items of personal protective equipment (PPE) distributed to homecare workers throughout the pandemic

22,000,000+

hours of homecare for the most at-risk and isolated elderly Jews in the former Soviet Union

**50,000**<sup>+</sup>

vulnerable Jews receiving ongoing assistance in Ukraine

countries where JDC has responded to a disaster or other crisis

"JFS has done amazing work. Everyone has been very helpful, kind, and understanding. It's been a very positive experience to know that there's this organization that helps people both quietly as well as publicly. I am extremely grateful for my services through JFS."

-Family Support Services Client

### **JEWISH FAMILY SERVICE (JFS)**

# Jewish

Jewish Family Service provides a wide range of human services to community members of all ages and backgrounds. Each year, JFS assists approximately 15,000 individuals with case management, mental health and counseling services, healthcare navigation, emergency assistance, Holocaust Survivor and older adult services, volunteer programming and much more.

Holocaust survivors provided a full array

662

households received Emergency Financial Assistance funds

**27,103** 

**1,000**†

students impacted by school-based social work services

of clients receiving Family Support Services reported the assistance they received had a positive impact on their outlook on life

of older adults who received services from JFS felt that their quality of life had improved

rides provided to 562 individuals

"The community is very peaceful for seniors. Safe, friendly, clean, near shopping, good for walking or taking a job. I like the events they have for us, and the trips they have are a plus. Everyone is very helpful. The meals are very tasty and inviting. It is also a very loving atmosphere. I love it here."

-Jewish Senior Life Resident

## **JEWISH SENIOR LIFE (JSL)**



Jewish Senior Life nurtures a sense of community and enriches the lives of older adults while embracing Jewish values and celebrating life at its six residential communities located on the A. Alfred Taubman and Eugene and Marcia Applebaum Jewish Community Campuses in Oak Park and West Bloomfield and in its various other services and programs.

residents provided with spiritual, religious and cultural programs and support through the Jewish Community Chaplaincy and Outreach Program

distinct program participants living with dementia and 182 caregivers served by the Dorothy and Peter Brown Jewish Community Adult Daycare Program

140

survivors and 30 children and grandchildren of survivors were served by the program for Holocaust Survivors and Families

209,534

Kosher meals served this year

of residents state they are happy with their decision to live at JSL

"My son's summer at Tamarack was beyond impactful in so many ways. He came home feeling more connected to friends, Judaism, Israel, and his community. Camp gives him a summer home where he can be himself we are so grateful for his experiences each summer and for what Tamarack provides to the community."

-Camp Maas Parent

#### TAMARACK **CAMPS**



Tamarack Camps, established by the Fresh Air Society, builds a vibrant community by providing enriching Jewish camping experiences for children and families, respectful of financial ability.

**100**%

of campers subsidized with philanthropic support, bringing the Jewish camp experience within reach for more families

\$950,000

in need-based financial support to this summer's campers - more than any Jewish camp in the world

50

children from 24 states around the country, engaged in experiential Jewish programming at camp

**350** 

staff members, representing 17 countries and managing all programming, medical care and security needs throughout the summer

128

Israeli campers and staff were welcomed to Ortonville, building lifelong friendship and special bonds between our community and Israel

669

participants enjoyed a Family Camp experience—the most since the pandemic

51

"I can honestly say that ORT prepared me for life. There was a strong balance between theory and experimentation. That's what set me on my career path."

-Rodrigo, ORT Argentina Graduate



A global education network driven by Jewish values and innovation, preparing people and communities for meaningful, self-sufficient futures.

"I've been a Bais Yaakov student ever since I was in the first grade. My teachers have taught me and inspired me to do my very best. I am so grateful and thankful for them."

-Graduate of the Jim Grosfeld Center for Special Education at the Yeshivah Beth Yehudah

### **YESHIVA BETH YEHUDAH**



Yeshiva Beth Yehudah continues to produce thousands of students who are proud to be Jewish and form much of the core of our vibrant Jewish Detroit. We are creating the future leaders and members of our community by teaching our students love of Torah, love of Eretz Yisrael, and a deep appreciation for the values of a Torah way of life.

200,000

individuals benefit from ORT's work every year

7,600+

teachers work in ORT classrooms

27,103

rides provided to 562 individuals

3,300

school students receive a hot meal and free transport

countries reached with ORT programming

ORT Ukraine students, teachers and their families served during the Russian invasion 1,318

students, from early childhood through

children attended six weeks of summer

Grosfeld Center for Special Education and Support Services

1,400

students provided breakfast and lunch daily, totaling over 50,000 meals per month.

Detroit adult educational in-person programming

graduation rate

high-school

camp at Yeshiva Beth Yehudah

students receive support through the Jim

individuals participating in Partners

Yeshiva Gedolah

### **YESHIVA GEDOLAH**



Yeshiva Gedolah

Yeshiva Gedolah educates the next generation of Jewish leaders in our community through a strong curriculum steeped in Jewish learning and tradition.

108

students enrolled in the Yeshiva Gedolah Boys High School

**365** 

days of the year Yeshiva Gedolah offers religious services and learning sessions to the community

100%

of high school graduates go on to study in a Yeshiva (rabbinical college)

150

individuals served with classes and study partners at the community Learning center "Yeshivas Darchei Torah is a family, not just a school. I know that when I leave my kids at Darchei every morning, they are being cared for by teachers and Rabbeim who truly have their best interests at heart. Not only will they walk away with excellent secular and Judaic skills, but they are in an environment where the goal is to be a good, honest human being who loves Hashem, Torah and Yiddishkeit."

-Parent

#### **YESHIVAS DARCHEI TORAH**



Yeshivas Darchei Torah provides a stellar Jewish and secular education for hundreds of preschool through high school students. Community-wide programs, teach our children the obligation and privilege of being a part of and contributing to our wonderful community. Creative programming that taps into individual learning styles and artistic abilities, as well as excellent social-emotional programs, round out the children's education and ensures that each child reaches their full potential.

Jewish Federation & United Jewish Foundation of Detroit

54

Yeshivas Darchei Torah

students enrolled across all divisions and

years of serving Detroit's Orthodox community with high-quality Jewish and general education

\$28,700

raised from the community by our high school students, to assist community members with their Pesach expenses

Learning Center, individually or in groups,

students, alumni and staff families spent an amazing Shabbaton weekend in South Haven, MI, enjoying educational workshops, speeches, fun activities

plus students serviced in our Creative for students needing additional learning support

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