Jewish Federation & United Jewish Foundation of Detroit

# ANNUAL REPORT

# HERE FOR GOOD.







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#### LETTER FROM LEADERSHIP

This past year has illuminated something extraordinary: In communities across North America, in Israel and everywhere throughout the world, we have witnessed the unshakable strength, resilience and unity of the Jewish people.

Nearly two years after October 7, the echo of that terrible day reverberates within us all. Innocent hostages continue to languish in Gaza. Israel is still defending its citizens from hostile terrorist regimes. And acts of hatred and antisemitism continue to plague our world.

In the face of these realities, our local and global communities have responded with courage, compassion and an unshakable sense of purpose—coming together to support one another and reaffirm what it means to be part of the Jewish people.

Here in Detroit, participation in Jewish life has continued to surge, bringing in new faces, new energy and renewed purpose. We recorded the largest Annual Campaign in our history—an incredible testament to our community's generosity and resolve. At the same time, more individuals than ever before have taken part in Federation programs, deepened their Jewish identities and stood up proudly in defense of Israel.

These times may test us, but they have also revealed the depth of our connection to our heritage and to our

fellow Jews. They have reminded us of why the Jewish Federation exists: to take care of our most vulnerable members and to ensure that our community is strong and vibrant—not only in moments of crisis, but every day.

This mission has never felt more urgent, or more clear. Working closely with our partner agencies, we are here to ensure that no Jewish individual or family is ever alone, that no child goes hungry and no older adult is deprived of comfort or dignity. We are here to maintain the day-to-day security of our schools, synagogues and Jewish institutions.

Just as importantly, we are here to create opportunities for every member of our community to live a rich, meaningful Jewish life—filled with purpose, tradition and a deep connection to one another. Whether in our schools and summer camps, in moments of celebration or mourning, or in the quiet everyday acts of Jewish life, we are writing the next chapter of our shared story—together.

We are deeply grateful for your partnership, your support and your unwavering commitment to this community. Your generosity makes possible everything we do. And as we look to the future, we do so with pride and optimism.

Together, we are **HERE FOR GOOD**.

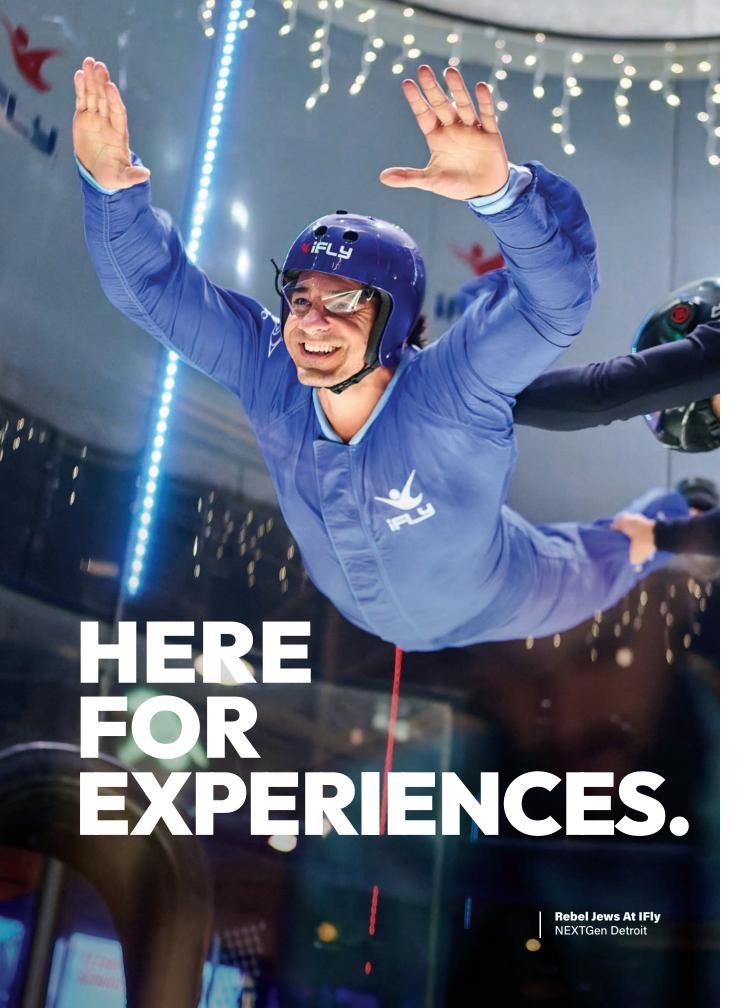
**Gary Torgow** 

**President**Jewish Federation of Detroit

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Chief Executive Officer
Jewish Federation of Detroit



2024-25 JFD & UJF **EXECUTIVE ROSTERS** 

**COMMITTEE** 

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At-Large **Arn Tellem** 

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**Gary Torgow** President, JFD

**Dennis Bernard Immediate Past** President, UJF

**Eric Bronstein** Chair, Real Estate / Capital Needs Committee



# OUR 2025 CAMPAIGN MESSAGE FOR GOOD.

We're here for our Jewish community—in Detroit, Israel and across the world.

We're here for people who need a helping hand and for families facing tough times.

For those struggling with mental health challenges or searching for meaningful work.

For older adults who deserve comfort and dignity.

For young people seeking connection, identity and purpose.

For safety. For belonging. For moments of joy and strength. For the journey of Jewish life in all its forms.

We're here to care for the vulnerable. To respond in times of crisis. To invest in a strong, vibrant and inclusive Jewish future.

And to support our collective Jewish family, including many we may never meet.

Because being part of a people means showing up for each other, always.

And thanks to the extraordinary generosity and commitment of our Detroit Jewish community, we're not just here for now.

We're Here for Good.

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## 2025 Annual Campaign & The Carolyn and James Bellinson Challenge Fund Allocations

## **CAMPAIGN & CHALLENGE FUND ALLOCATIONS**

#### **TOTAL ALLOCATIONS**

ISRAEL & OVERSEAS AGENCIES	\$9,072,580
NATIONAL AGENCIES	1,699,805
JEWISH EDUCATION	4,014,010
JEWISH ENGAGEMENT	4,256,300
HUMAN SERVICES	6,059,858
ADDITIONAL LOCAL SUPPORT	16.872.447

**Total Campaign** 

Allocations. .. \$41,975,000



ISRAEL & OVERSEAS

AGENCIES

\$9,072,580

#### **ISRAEL & OVERSEAS AGENCIES**

	Core	Allo	catio	ns
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Total Core Allocations	\$6,995,130
World ORT	139,900
JDC	2,842,724
JAFI	\$4,012,506

#### **Local Allocations**

130,000
75,000
1,800
\$45,000

#### **Elective Allocations**

Elective Allocations	
Ethiopian National Project	(\$160,000)
HaGal Sheli	40,000
I-CAR	75,000
JAFI - Partnership2Gether - Central Galilee	706,700
JAFI Machinat Hardouf	25,000
JCC Krakow	25,000
JDC - Assistance to the Children	
and Elderly in Kiev	300,000
JDC - Employment Rehabilitation	75,000
ORT - Emergency Needs - Ukraine	75,000
ORT - Kfar Silver	30,000
Platforma	30,000
SAHI	50,000
Yozmot Atid	30,000
Unallocated for Future Needs	123,950
Total Challenge Fund	
Donor Designations	400,000
Total Elective Allocations	1,825,650
Total Israel & Overseas Agencies	\$9,072,580

# NATIONAL AGENCIES \$1,699,805

#### **NATIONAL AGENCIES**

IVALIGITATION	
70 Faces Media	\$15,000
Birthright Israel	180,000
Hillel International	44,000
JCC Association of North America	39,830
JFNA Dues	1,180,975
Network of Jewish Human	
Service Agencies	40,000
Total Challenge Fund Designations	200,000
Total National Agencies	\$1,699,805

#### Annual Campaign & Challenge Fund

#### Shrinkage Allowance

#### Prior Year's Overachievement

#### Prior Year's **Unallocated Funds**

#### \$41,975,000 Total Campaign Allocations

#### **LOCAL AGENCIES**

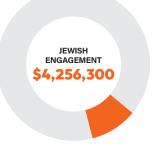
#### **JEWISH EDUCATION**

Farber Hebrew Day School	\$560,023
Frankel Jewish Academy	141,817
Hillel Day School	788,430
Yeshiva Beth Yehudah	1,453,323
Yeshiva Gedolah	132,686
Yeshivas Darchei Torah	497,049
Congregational Schools	
& Early Childhood	440,682
Total Jewish Education	\$4,014,010

# JEWISH EDUCATION \$4,014,010

#### **JEWISH ENGAGEMENT**

BBYO	\$101,200
Hillel of Metro Detroit	209,400
MSU Hillel/HCAM	289,700
University of Michigan Hillel	222,200
Tamarack Camps	666,600
The J	2,617,200
Mission Subsidies	150,000
Total Jewish Engagement	\$4,256,300



#### **HUMAN SERVICES**

Foundation for our Jewish Elderly	\$259,558
Community Relations	351,200
Gesher Human Services	1,446,300
Hebrew Free Loan	172,100
Jewish Family Service	2,850,200
Jewish Senior Life	894,500
Community Initiatives	86,000
Total Human Services	\$6,059,858



#### **ADDITIONAL LOCAL SUPPORT**

Agency Support to Cover	
Rent for UJF Facilities	\$4,000,000
Campaign Expenses	94,182
Campaign Reserve	900,000
Capital Needs Fund Grant	1,700,000
Challenge Fund Designations	2,250,000
Community Security	485,725
Endowment Fund Matching Grants	1,400,000
General Fund	500,000
Real Estate Centralization Costs	250,000
One-Time Grants	825,000



Total Additional Local Support	\$16,872,447
Support Services	1,568,000
Direct Program Services	2,899,540

Total Local Support.....\$31,202,615



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

#### OTHER SUPPORT

**Jewish Federation of Detroit and** 

ended May 31, 2025.

**United Jewish Foundation of Detroit** 

support of agencies for the fiscal year

Endowment Income	Centennial Campaign	Capital Needs Grants	Real Estate Centralization	Other Grants	State of Michigan Grants	DAF Grants	Total Other Support	Grand Total JFD/UJF Support
\$27,268	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$5,000	\$ -	\$3,220	\$35,488	\$186,561
528,087	154,576	-	12,981	175,804	-	178,170	1,049,618	2,184,822
465,723	13,649	-	-	-	-	128,360	607,732	757,549
227,310	133,816	183,494	21,633	41,364	2,503,670	71,750	3,183,037	5,165,067
33,276	68,716	-	-	-	-	141,810	243,802	421,902
492,082	211,440	103,620	20,903	160,201	-	822,160	1,810,406	2,638,836
35,354	5,409	-	-	28,000	-	59,740	128,503	347,903
88,441	31,267	-	2,138	8,000	-	278,550	408,396	837,064
143,405	97,644	-	4,702	158,000	-	44,610	448,361	924,891
1,013,040	126,497	536,536	61,517	398,221	146,508	106,580	2,388,899	5,019,099
416,618	495,932	9,192	6,450	192,040	2,289,666	385,555	3,795,453	6,947,351
1,136,384	493,096	-	-	352,327	-	457,830	2,439,637	3,369,137
348,667	4,409,954	269,330	48,181	140,434	-	151,996	5,368,562	8,356,228
677,064	148,488	-	-	79,375	-	207,150	1,112,077	2,687,554
56,182	10,828	-	-	-	-	-	67,010	207,696
178,003	51,208	75,000	-	60,308	-	50,300	414,819	992,868
-	-	-	-	-	2,699,431	-	2,699,431	3,185,156
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(1,659,558) <sup>3</sup>	-	-	-	-	-	-	(1,659,558)	8,323,922
-	-	(1,700,000)4	-	-	-	-	(1,700,000)	-
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	590,682
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9,072,580
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								900,000
\$4,207,346	\$6,452,520	(\$522,828)	\$178,505	\$1,799,0745	\$7,639,275	\$3,087,781	\$22,841,673	\$64,816,673

5 Other grants include grants from the General Fund, Jewish Women's Foundation, JFNA and grants secured for other

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agencies with the assistance of JFD grant writers.

3 Reduction of \$1,659,558 relates to Millennium Fund matches and the Foundation for Our Jewish Elderly included in both campaign support and endowment income.

4 Reduction of \$1,700,000 relates to capital needs allocations included in both campaign support and capital needs grants.

**CAMPAIGN SUPPORT** 

	Annual Campaign	Challenge Fund	One-Time Designations	Rent Support	Total Campaign Support
ВВУО	\$91,163	\$10,037	\$3,000	\$46,873	\$151,073
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Farber Hebrew Day School	495,370	64,653	16,000	559,181	1,135,204
Frankel Jewish Academy	141,817	-	8,000	-	149,817
Gesher Human Services	1,290,607	155,693	30,000	505,730	1,982,030
Hebrew Free Loan	149,325	22,775	6,000	-	178,100
Hillel Day School	699,508	88,922	40,000	-	828,430
Hillel Of Metro Detroit	185,284	24,116	10,000	-	219,400
MSU Hillel/HCAM	265,030	24,670	37,000	101,968	428,668
University of Michigan Hillel	197,886	24,314	30,000	224,330	476,530
The J	2,395,021	222,179	13,000	-	2,630,200
Jewish Family Service	2,501,241	348,959	55,000	246,698	3,151,898
Jewish Senior Life	825,078	69,422	35,000	-	929,500
Tamarack Camps	593,579	73,021	35,000	2,286,066	2,987,666
Yeshiva Beth Yehudah	1,320,667	132,656	93,000	29,154	1,575,477
Yeshiva Gedolah	115,486	17,200	8,000	-	140,686
Yeshivas Darchei Torah	456,073	40,976	81,000	-	578,049
Community-Wide Security Program	485,725	-	-	-	485,725
Federation Operating Support	4,467,540	-	-	-	-
Other Community Support	3,217,899¹	2,298,041	-	-	9,983,480
Capital Needs Grants	1,700,000	-	-	-	1,700,000
Other Local Agencies	523,316	67,366	-	-	590,682
Israel and Overseas Agencies	8,672,580	400,000	-	-	9,072,580
National Agencies	1,499,805	200,000	-	-	1,699,805
Campaign Reserve	900,000 <sup>2</sup>	-	-	-	900,000
	\$33,190,000	\$4,285,000	\$500,000	\$4,000,000	\$41,975,000

<sup>1</sup> Other community support includes such items as support of the Millennium Fund matches, the Foundation for Our Jewish Elderly and the General Fund.

<sup>2</sup> Available for allocations throughout the year.



## **CORE AREAS OF IMPACT**

In Detroit, Israel & Around the World

# Taking Care of the Needs of the Jewish People

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

Combating Antisemitism

Offering Aliyah and **Absorption Services** 

Strengthening Our Community Infrastructure

## **Creating a Vibrant Jewish Future**

Enhancing **Jewish** Identity

Learning

**Providing Early** 

Strengthening Special Needs

**Energizing Hillels** 

Creating Unforgettable Experiences at Camp

Building Jewish Community

Offering Adult Jewish

Supporting Jewish Schools

Childhood Education

Education

on Campus

**Engaging Jewish** Teens

for Families

Creating a Home

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

# **KEY METRICS**

# JEWISH FEDERATION OF DETROIT ANNUAL CAMPAIGN FIVE-YEAR TREADLINE (In \$ Millions)

Federation's Annual Campaign remains the foundation of our community's welfare and vibrancy. Thanks to the support of thousands of generous donors—along with local Jewish foundations—the campaign has grown steadily over the past five years, increasing by over \$2M in the past year alone.



## CENTENNIAL CAMPAIGN (In \$ Millions)

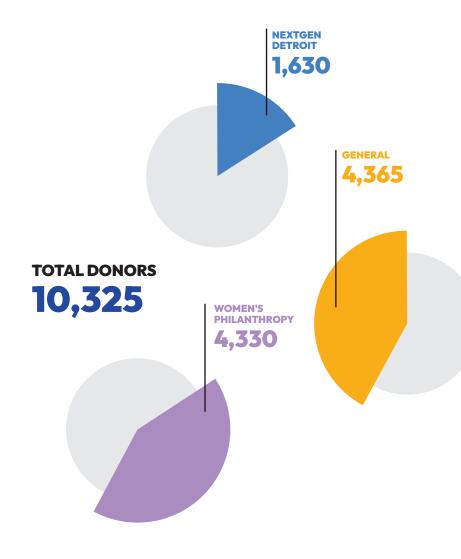
The Centennial Fund is the central endowment vehicle for the Jewish community. Launched in 2011 with an initial goal of \$250M, the Centennial Fund was designed to secure the long-term future of Jewish Detroit. Over the past year, the Centennial Fund grew by \$19M.



#### 2025 CAMPAIGN DONORS

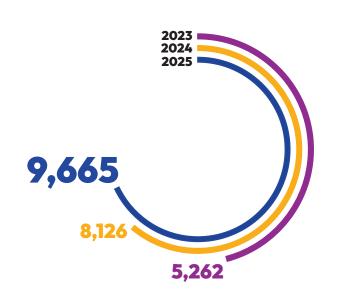
By Division

Each and every donor to the Annual Campaign makes a meaningful difference. Federation's three major divisions, along with our Affinities and Israel & Overseas departments, work tirelessly to ensure broad participation in the campaign throughout the community.



#### UNIQUE EVENT REGISTRANTS

The tragic events of 2023 led to a steep increase in the number of individuals engaging with Jewish life, a trend known as "The Surge." To date, this trend continues to grow, with record numbers of individuals participating in Federation events.



# **6/5/24** AFFINITIES

Unit 669 Event

#### 6/6/24

ISRAEL & OVERSEAS

ShinShinim Summer Send Off

#### 6/6/24

**NEXTGen DETROIT** 

NG BGS with a View

#### 6/7/24

**NEXTGen DETROIT** 

2025 NG Pride Shabbat with Special Guest Eric Jaffe

**6/17/24** ISRAEL & OVERSEAS

Israeli Camper Program Begins

## 6/20/24

AFFINITIES

AF Evening with Lizzy Savetsky

#### 6/23/24

**NEXTGen Detroit** 

Rise & Shine: Family Friendly Morning at Booth Park

#### 6/27/24

NEXTGen DETROIT

**NEXTGen** Detroit's 3rd **Annual Pickleball Event** 



7/11/24

**NEXTWork Presents Catering** to Community: **Building Your** Business for the Neighborhood

7/12/24 **ISRAEL & OVERSEAS** 

Shabbat Dinner-Elaine & Michael Serling Israeli Camper Program

7/14/24

The Darty

7/17/24

L'Chaim Detroit!

at Mother Handsome

7/21/24

Splish Splash Bash

7/25/24

Let's Roll: Scenic & Social Bike Ride through Detroit

7/28/24 ISRAEL & OVERSEAS

Summer Solidarity Mission to Israel





BUILDING

AJEWISH

FUTURE

**IN KRAKOW** 

**Ride for the Living** 

Ride For The Living, Federation's annual

-mile roundtrip from Ferndale to the

roit Riverfront and back, supports

Auschwitz to the JCC in Krakow to honor

the past and highlight the miraculous

rebirth of Jewish life in Poland today.

original ride in Europe that goes from

**Archives Made** Easy: Preserve & Organize like a Pro

#### 8/15/24

**PHILANTHROPIC ADVANCEMENT** 

Generations Society Family Gathering

#### 8/18/24

ISRAEL & OVERSEAS Ride for the Living 2024

#### 8/19/24

**NEXTGen DETROIT** The Art of

Matchmaking: A Conversation and Dinner with the Pros

#### 8/20/24

**COMMUNITY RELATIONS** 

Coalition for Black & Jewish Unity **Annual Summer BBQ** 

9/4/24

NEXTGen DETROIT NXG's 13th **Annual Meeting** 

9/8/24

**AFFINITIES** 

Ally Appreciation Picnic

9/9/24

ISRAEL & OVERSEAS Israel Solidarity Mission -September 2024

9/16/24

PHILANTHROPIC ADVANCEMENT

Israel Emergency Campaign Insider Briefing

9/18/24

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

Grosfeld 17 Mission to Poland and Israel

9/20/24

ISRAEL & OVERSEAS Shinshinim Meet and Greet

9/23/24

**ARCHIVES** 

Community Digitization Day

9/23/24

JEWISH WORKING WOMEN'S NETWORK

MIBA Michigan Israel Healthcare Professionals Mixer



#### 10/1/24

EXECUTIVE
Jewish
Federation/
United Jewish
Foundation
Annual Meeting

#### 10/6/24

NEXTGen DETROIT
Boker Tov Detroit!
at Pure Green

#### 10/7/24

ISRAEL & OVERSEAS
October 7thOne Year
Commemoration

#### 10/13/24

ISRAEL & OVERSEAS Israel Has Issues: What are Israelis Thinking About?

#### 10/15/24

WOMEN'S PHILANTHROPY Lion of Judah Event

#### 10/16/24

WOMEN'S PHILANTHROPY Gathering in the Sukkah

## 10/22/24

COMMUNITY RELATIONS Antisemitism: Confronting Jew-Hatred in the 21st

#### 10/27/24

Century

NEXTGen DETROIT AND JFAMILY Fall Farm Family Meetup



#### 11/7/24

NEXTGen DETROIT

Interfaith Couples presents **November Nosh** 

#### 11/11/24

WOMEN'S PHILANTHROPY

Up Next: Preservation & Renovation: A Tour of Michigan **Central Station** 

## 11/14/24

**NEXTGen DETROIT** 

Third Annual Herzl Society Event

#### 11/14/24

**PHILANTHROPY** 

On the Road to the DIA

#### 11/16/24

NEXTGen DETROIT

All Grown Up: Hayride and Bance

#### 11/17/24

**PHILANTHROPIC** ADVANCEMENT

The Nova Music **Festival Exhibition** 

#### 11/19/24

**AFFINITIES REAL ESTATE GROUP** 

Fireside Chat with Dan Gilbert

#### 11/23/24 **AFFINITIES**

Pride at The **Trocks Ballet** 



## **EVENT HIGHLIGHTS**

#### 12/3/24

PHILANTHROPIC ADVANCEMENT Giving Tuesday

#### 12/4/24

**NEXTGen DETROIT** Tie Die DIY at Detroit Dye

House

#### 12/6/24

WOMEN'S **PHILANTHROPY** 

JWWN / **NEXTWorking Networking Event** 

#### 12/11/24

**ISRAEL & OVERSEAS** JAFI Breakfast

#### 12/12/24

**NEXTGen DETROIT** Chanukah in

the City

#### 12/13/24

**ISRAEL & OVERSEAS** Cafe Ivrit

#### 12/15/24

PHILANTHROPIC **ADVANCEMENT** 

CommUnity Sunday

1/7/25

NEXTGen DETROIT

A Night Out on the (Hockey) Town

1/12/25

WOMEN'S PHILANTHROPY

International Lion of Judah Conference

1/14/25

**NEXTGen DETROIT** 

**Death Over Drinks** 

1/16/25 AFFINITIES

Young Women's Philanthropy Interior Design Event

1/19/25

COMMUNITY RELATIONS

Coalition for Black & Jewish Unity MLK Program

1/22/25

PHILANTHROPIC ADVANCEMENT

Israel Insider Briefing with former Ambassador Mark Regev

1/30/25 ISRAEL & OVERSEAS

Zionism in the Here & Now with Noam Weissman



# **EVENT HIGHLIGHTS**

#### 2/2/25

**NEXTGen Detroit** 

New to Town presents Mocha & Motown

#### 2/3/25

ISRAEL & OVERSEAS

Lunch & Learn with Zalman Spivack

#### 2/4/25

NEXTGen Detroit NEXTUp: NEXTWork Professional Conference

#### 2/6/25

PHILANTHROPIC ADVANCEMENT Florida Event

#### 2/6/25

COMMUNITY RELATIONS Coalition Teen Leadership Academy

#### 2/11/25

WOMEN'S PHILANTHROPY 2025 WP Signature Event

#### 2/13/25

ISRAEL & OVERSEAS
Detroit Cohort for
Jewish Education

#### 2/27/25

NEXTGen Detroit Ben-Gurion Society - An Evening at the Theater: PARADE & Jonah Platt 32 | Timeline

# **EVENT HIGHLIGHTS**

3/1/25

EPIC B'nai Mitzvah

**3/4/25**AFFINITIES

Pride Drag Queen Bingo

3/6/25

NEXTGen Detroit Balance Presents the Sound Bath Experience

**3/11/25** AFFINITIES

Couples Pasta Making Event

**3/11/25**WOMEN'S
PHILANTHROP

JWWN Pure Networking

3/11-16/25 WOMEN'S

Pappas Impact Mission to Israel

3/12/25 NEXTGen DETROIT

NEXTGen Detroit Volunteers at Michigan Animal Rescue League

3/16/25 NEXTGen DETRO

Paw Patrol Breakfast

3/19/25 AFFINITIES

Maimonides Antisemitism in Medicine



#### 4/1/25

**NEXTGen DETROIT Entree: Your Seat** at the Table

#### 4/3/25

**NEXTGen DETROIT** 

**NXG Detroit Interfaith Couples** Presents Pins and Pints

#### 4/7/25

**AFFINITIES** 

Women's Health **Event** 

#### 4/10/25 **AFFINITIES**

The Loop Tequila Tasting & Dinner

#### 4/22/25

**NEXTGen DETROIT** 

2nd Annual Mimouna Celebration: A Jewish Moroccan Tradition

#### 4/24/25

WOMEN'S **PHILANTHROPY** 

**Up Next: Spring** in the City Tour

#### 4/27/25

**AFFINITIES** 

2025 AF Pickleball and Pajamas

#### 4/29/25

**PLANNING AND** ALLOCATIONS

The Collective **Annual Retreat** 

#### 4/29/25

**ISRAEL & OVERSEAS** Yom HaZikaron

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wear to sleepy-time favorites, ready to embrace the fun. Whether seasoned picklers or total beginners, everyone was welcome to join the action and discover what the big dill was all about. To top it all off, the slumber party theme continued with a delicious breakfast-fordinner spread that brought comfort and community to the court.



## **EVENT HIGHLIGHTS**

#### 5/4/25

ISRAEL & OVERSEAS

2025 Yom Ha'Atzmaut Walk the Zoo 2025

#### 5/13/25

WOMEN'S PHILANTHROPY

2025 Annual Meeting Celebration

#### 5/14/25

**AFFINITIES** 

Perfect Pairing Vinegar and Oil Tasting

#### 5/14/25

JEWISH WOMEN'S **FOUNDATION** 

2025 JWF Annual Meeting

#### 5/18/25

**NEXTGen DETROIT** AND JFAMILY

Things That Make You Go Vroom!

#### 5/19/25

**PHILANTHROPIC ADVANCEMENT** Tal Becker Lunch

#### 5/21/25

**FEDERATION** 

Federation **Awards Night** 

#### 5/23/25

**NEXTGen DETROIT** The Chai Life

Spring Fundraiser

#### 5/28/25

**PHILANTHROPIC ADVANCEMENT** 

**Community Pillars** Parlor Meeting



# 100%

of teens attending Spring Convention said they are proud to be Jewish

# 100%

of teens in BBYO said they pride themselves on participating in Jewish activities

30%

increase in teens attending Regional Convention

38%

increase in teens attending BBYO domestic leadership programs over last year

# **BBYO**

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.

Your Annual Campaign Gift at Work

\$36 offers a teen a scholarship to attend a regional kick-off

\$72 lets a teen experience an unforgettable Shabbaton

\$360 allows a teen to attend a regional convention, building Jewish knowledge, community and spirit

**\$500** provides a summer program scholarship for one teen to attend a BBYO leadership camp "BBYO has given me a Jewish community where I could be fully myself, grow as a leader and make real lasting friendships. From planning events to amazing conventions, BBYO helped me find my voice and some of my closest friends. I wouldn't be the person I am today without it."

**BBYO Participant** 





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# **AGENCY IMPACT**

# 71%

of middle school parents highlight the exceptional connection between students and teachers, saying it exceeds expectations

86%

of 12th graders say they would recommend Farber High School to students considering enrollment

88%

of ECC parents would recommend the Farber ECC to other families

241

students benefit from a full-time Jewish education and college prep general studies curriculum

100%

of elementary school parents tout the relationship between teachers and students

# 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.

#### Your Annual Campaign Gift at Work

\$18 marks meaningful life cycle moments in school, both celebrations and times of bereavement

**\$75** supports weekly "Davening & Donuts" prayer and community-building programming

**\$150** supports the evening Mishmar program, fostering meaningful Jewish learning beyond the regular school day

\$1,000+ provides essential scholarship assistance so every student can access a high-quality Jewish education

"All we want is for our children to be kind, respectful, have good middot and to be the best version of themselves. A large part of that comes from teachers and staff members that are role models. I am grateful that [my son] has such wonderful role models. Thank you."

**Farber Parent** 

# **AGENCY IMPACT**

#9

best Private High School In Michigan as rated by Niche

**74%** of students participated in athletics

\$2.3M earned in university scholarships by Frankel seniors

80% of students enrolled in at least one of 14 AP courses at the school

of families provided tuition support for a quality Jewish high school education

# Frankel Jewish Academy

Frankel Jewish Academy (FJA) 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.

#### Your Annual Campaign Gift at Work

\$36 allows a student to receive a lulav set for Sukkot Z'man Kodesh

**\$180** provides a meaningful Shabbaton experience to one student

\$360 supplies props for the theater program

**\$500** gives an athletic team new uniforms and equipment

"I am so thankful that FJA is able to bring Jewish students from so many backgrounds together. It's an essential part of the Detroit Jewish Community and my kids have all benefited from the exceptional teachers, plethora of extracurricular activities and creative and innovative methods of learning."

**Frankel Parent** 



# 1,255

men and women given career coaching, job placement, internships and computer training

807

people with disabilities helped find and maintain jobs through training and support

542

Individuals and families provided financial education on budgeting, saving and home ownership

193

individuals and groups given basic computer and tech training through the Hermelin ORT Resource Center

199 developme

developmentally disabled individuals provided with transportation, housing, vocational and case management support

# Gesher Human Services

Gesher Human Services is a bridge to hope and opportunity for people at work, at home and in the community. Gesher's workforce development, behavioral health and inclusion programming serves all Metro Detroit, while meeting the needs of the Jewish community. Created in 2022 when JVS Human Services and Kadima Mental Health Services merged, Gesher served over 32,000 people last year, including over 2,500 members of Detroit's Jewish community.

#### Your Annual Campaign Gift at Work

**\$18** offers one day of art engagement activities for an individual with a disability

**\$36** gives a career counseling session for a job seeker without the ability to pay

**\$360** provides a week of onsite job coaching for a disabled individual

**\$5,000** allows a year of transportation for a person with disabilities to access a job or skill-building programming

"I want to express my heartfelt gratitude and commendation for the outstanding guidance I received attending Gesher's Women to Work program. I had the privilege of experiencing a transformative journey that significantly impacted my approach to job searching and career development."

**Women to Work Participant** 

# **AGENCY IMPACT**

# 892

loans through the William Davidson Jewish College Loans Program for Michigan full-time Jewish undergrad and grad students in need

\$3.3M

in total loans provided over 2024-25, a record amount and increase of \$500,000+ from the prior year

615

personal loans for bills, vehicles, home repairs, medical/dental costs, IVF-fertility, adoption, legal fees and more

50

Marvin I. Danto Small Business Loans for majority Jewish-owned small businesses in Michigan

25%

increase in personal loans provided yearover-year

## **Hebrew Free Loan**

Hebrew Free Loan (HFL) provides
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.

Your Annual Campaign Gift at Work

**\$10,000** provides a typical 0% personal loan that is repaid to HFL over 3-4 years

**\$15,000** provides the maximum (per year) graduate school 0% loan through the William Davidson Jewish College Loan Program

**\$25,000** creates a 100% recycling Evergreen Legacy Fund (ELF) that can be named and will be used to provide a variety of personal loans.

"This program has given me hope and renewed confidence that my dreams are truly within reach. It's shown me that, with determination and the right support, I can truly overcome obstacles and achieve the future I've always envisioned."

**College Loan Borrower** 



412

elementary and middle school students provided with a meaningful Jewish day school experience

189

early childhood center program attendees, aged 18 months through 4-years

93%

of parents who completed our survey would recommend Hillel to another family

\$4.7M awarded to families needing tuition assistance

290

students, representing 70.2% of our population, received tuition assistance so they can attend Hillel

# **Hillel Day School**

Hillel Day School (HDS) 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 upto-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.

#### Your Annual Campaign Gift at Work

**\$18** provides three days of lunch for a student from a financially insecure family

**\$100** allows an additional microscope for science exploration

**\$180** provides an hour of Hebrew coaching instruction for elementary Judaic studies teachers

**\$1,000** secures one 3D Printer for Hillel's MakerSpace

"From the moment we ioined the community. we felt the warmth, care and intentionality that defines everything Hillel stands for, Our children are not only building meaningful friendships and learning from an extraordinary team of dedicated educators. they are also developing a deep love for being Jewish. Even at such a young age, they carry a strong sense of pride in their identity and, for that, we are profoundly arateful."

**Hillel Parents** 

# **AGENCY IMPACT**

1,939

total participants in Hillel of Metro Detroit programs and activities

100%

of students who participated in Hillel's J-Talk said the program helped them realize that Judaism can be relevant in their lives

100%

of Israel Fellowship 101 participants said the program increased their confidence to discuss Israel with other students

25% increase in the number of programs held, based on student

demand

# Hillel of Metro Detroit

Hillel of Metro 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.

#### Your Annual Campaign Gift at Work

\$36 provides a Shabbat dinner for a student

**\$100** provides supplies for a holiday celebration program

\$180 provides supplies for a community service project

**\$360** covers the registration for a student to attend a Jewish leadership conference

"Having discussions, being able to speak freely with other Jewish people, and gaining insight and resources, helped me connect with more people, add to the conversations without fear, and just learn about Israel in an interesting and interactive way."

**Israel Fellowship Participant** 



1,705

individual students served by MSU Hillel at least once during the 2024-25 academic year

98%

of students surveyed agreed that HCAM helped them forge connections with Jewish community on campus

204

number of programs run on HCAM campuses during the 2024-25 academic year

99%

of students surveyed feel that MSU Hillel positively impacted their college experience

1,132

individual students served by HCAM at least once during the 2024-25 academic year

# 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.

#### Your Annual Campaign Gift at Work

**\$18** provides a coffee date on campus with a Hillel professional for two students

**\$180** provides a student stipend for a 4-week Jewish fellowship program

**\$360** sponsors a Shabbat dinner for Hillel at Central Michigan University

**\$500** provides a bagels and lox Sunday brunch on campus

"MSU Hillel has shown me that it's possible—and powerful—to be proudly Jewish in public. Thank you for creating spaces where students can feel that pride, connection and care. Being able to celebrate Shabbat with others, out in the community, reminded me that I'm not alone. That feeling has meant everything."

**MSU Graduate Student** 

# **AGENCY IMPACT**

1,062

people attended Israel
On Campus student-led
Israel programming

14,696 Shabbat dinners served, a 519 increase from the year before

97%

of Hillel learning cohort students say they have a trusted Jewish mentor to turn to in the future

748 students participated in Freshman-specific programs to help foster connection and community

175
Orthodox Minyan
participants for
Shabbat and holiday
services, social events
and educational
programming

# University of Michigan Hillel

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 decisionmaking for their community. Our groups and initiatives provide opportunities 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 on campus and long after graduation.

#### Your Annual Campaign Gift at Work

**\$180** supplies for Challah for Hunger baking for one month

**\$360** supports one sorority or fraternity hosting a Yom Kippur break fast in their house

**\$500** provides dinner for students during a Holocaust education speaker series

\$5,000 sponsors a Shabbat dinner for students

"Especially today, when antisemitism is becoming increasingly prevalent, having a community of other Jewish people is really important to me. Whether I want to study, attend services or just hang out with friends, knowing that I can rely on Hillel is a crucial part of my college experience."

**University of Michigan Student** 





100%

increase in film festival engagement (participants and tickets sold) over previous year

86%

of survey respondents said they feel more connected to Israel through JFamily programs

1,200

athletes from across the globe took part in the JCC Maccabi Games, strengthening their Jewish identity and values

1,400+

JFamily Parent
Connector
engagements
welcoming new families
to the community and
linking them to other
parents and resources

## **The J**

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.

#### Your Annual Campaign Gift at Work

**\$36** supports the purchase of new materials and programming as a Friend of the Henry & Delia Meyers Library

**\$180** provides special needs campers with three Zumba Classes

**\$500** gives one week of infant care in the Pitt Early Childhood Center

**\$1,800** helps support the staffing cost of having a behavior specialist at camp

"JFamily's PJ Library Get
Together program has
given me real friends. I
was so lonely before,
having only moved to
the area about three
years ago. JFamily
has strengthened my
connection to the Jewish
community, and since
October 7th being a part
of this community is more
important than ever."

the

**JFamily Parent** 

# **AGENCY IMPACT**

3,000

Shlichim (Israeli emissaries) sent to Jewish communities worldwide to strengthen Jewish identity and connections to Israel

3.5M

Olim brought to Israel since its establishment

65

countries where JAFI works daily for the Jewish People

North American communities in Partnership2Gether partnerships

at-risk Israeli children and their families benefited from Youth Futures' mentorship and support

# Jewish Agency for Israel

For over 95 years the Jewish Agency for Israel (JAFI) has provided the global framework for strengthening Jewish identity, ensuring global Jewish safety, for making Aliyah and connecting Jews to Israel and one another.

Your Annual Campaign Gift at Work

\$180 helps fund emergency supplies and trauma support during Israeli military conflicts

**\$1,800** supports long-term resilience programs for multiple Israeli families post 10/7

"You don't understand the magnitude of what you've done for us. The space you provided allowed us to let go and begin healing and we emerged with renewed spiritual strength.

Know that sometimes, moments like these truly save the soul. I have no words beyond immense gratitude: Thank you, thank you, thank you, thank you."

**Sister of a Hostage Survivor** 



# Family Service

## AGENCY IMPACT

22M+

hours of homecare for vulnerable seniors in the former Soviet Union

**1M**+

Jewish people in danger rescued by JDC and its partners since its founding in 1914

70 countries where JDC has responded to a

disaster or other crisis

19,500 frontline professionals trained and counseled to support Israel's most vulnerable since 10/7

## **JDC**

The American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (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.

#### Your Annual Campaign Gift at Work

**\$18** contributes to a meal for a senior in Eastern Europe

**\$180** helps fund a month of home care visits or heating assistance

**\$540** supports a child's participation in a Jewish summer camp or youth program

"Since my first JDC trip, I've continually thought about global Jewish life. It opened my eyes beyond the sheltered American community I grew up in. Now, I'm passionate about sharing this with other students and young professionals—it shapes my work every day."

JDC Entwine Program Participant

# **AGENCY IMPACT**

29,254 door-to-door rides

door-to-door rides provided for older adults and people with disabilities to access health care and essential appointments

1,086
psychiatric sessions
facilitated for children,
teens and adults with
trained and licensed
JFS staff

community members given suicide prevention training through the A Single Soul program

1,565
Participants at the
Mind U cognitive health
and wellness outreach
events

of Behavioral Health clients report that counseling is helping to improve their quality of life and well-being

# Jewish Family Service

Jewish Family Service (JFS) provides a wide range of human services to community members of all ages and backgrounds. Each year, JFS assists approximately 15,000 individuals and their loved ones with case management, emergency financial assistance, information and referral, mental health, suicide prevention, crisis response and counseling services, healthcare navigation, school-based social work services, Holocaust Survivor and older adult services, volunteer programming and much more.

#### Your Annual Campaign Gift at Work

\$18 covers the cost of a prescription for a financially insecure teenager for debilitating migraines

**\$100** provides food vouchers to a recently laid off single dad of three

**\$180** covers a counseling session to help a student build coping skills and feel like herself again

**\$1,000** covers one month's rent to help a family avoid eviction as they work to regain stability

"We cannot express enough how grateful we are for all of your help over the past few years. You have literally been a lifesaver for my parents and us. You have been there for us whenever we needed your help. I don't know how we would've got through all of this without you!"

**JFS Client Family Member** 

# 850+

unique residents served across the Taubman and Applebaum Campuses

125

survivors and 40 children and grandchildren of survivors were served through the Program for Holocaust Survivors and Families

residents utilizing JSL's
Jcare for affordable
personal care services

and housekeeping

237

distinct program
participants and 389
caregivers supported
at the Dorothy and
Peter Brown Jewish
Community Adult Day
Program (Brown Center)

# **Jewish Senior Life**

Jewish Senior Life (JSL) 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.

Your Annual Campaign Gift at Work

**\$18** one meal for a community member at the JSL Bistro

**\$100** allows one music therapy program for the residents in one JSL community

**\$500** provides bus transportation for an offsite event for independent residents

**\$1,000** gives the residents in one JSL community a happy holiday party

"The variables I like most about my JSL community are so many, including the safety, kind-heartedness of the staff and residents, availability of relationships and of social integration."

**JSL Community Resident** 

## AGENCY IMPACT

1.200

participants in yearround weekend Family Camp programs serving families, grandparents and grandkids, plus families of local congregations

89%

of campers surveyed reported feeling more connected to the Jewish people and larger Jewish community

136

campers brought from Israel, through the Elaine and Michael Serling Israeli Camper Program

**829** kids had the summer of their lives at Camp Maas

100%

of Tamarack campers impacted through the generous community philanthropic support that keeps camp affordable for families

# **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.

Your Annual Campaign Gift at Work

\$18 provides popsicles at the clinic

\$360 provides Havdalah milk and cookies

**\$500** helps procure art supplies for keepsake projects

**\$2,500** supports a scholarship for one minisession camper with financial need

"Our 10-year-old daughter with special needs had the best summer of her life! Through the Tamarack Inclusion Program, she engaged in traditional camp activities, celebrated camp-wide festivities and made lasting friendships. We are completely grateful to Tamarack for allowing our daughter to be her authentic self. It is truly a blessina."

**Camper Parent** 

# WORLD ORT Impact Through



## **AGENCY IMPACT**

350,000

lives positively impacted yearly by World ORT programs

40

countries reached by the World ORT network

1.085

students enrolled in ORT's Kfar Silver Youth Village in Israel

13

psychologists across 10 schools provided with specialist training to respond to the ongoing conflict in Ukraine

students participated in the UK ORT JUMP mentoring and employability skills program

# **World ORT**

ORT is a global education network driven by Jewish values. We are passionate about unleashing the potential of young people so they can lead fulfilling lives and have a positive impact on the world around them. Since our foundation in 1880, ORT has been transforming lives through training and education. We provide a combination of high-level science and technology education with strengthened Jewish identity; bridging the gap between ability and opportunity - and ensuring the continuity of Jewish life worldwide.

#### **Your Annual Campaign** Gift at Work

\$18 provides a full day's worth of meals for a

\$36 provides a classroom with treats for holiday celebrations

\$180 contributes to the broader educational and training ORT initiatives for Jewish communities around the globe

"We are all sincerely arateful to the ORT network for the active preservation and promotion of the cultural values of the Jewish people, and also for the support of our school. Thanks to ORT, we were able to celebrate Jewish holidays together helping to further emphasize and realize our connection to tradition and religion."

**Ukranian ORT Student** 

## **AGENCY IMPACT**

1,394

students receive a comprehensive Jewish and general education for Pre K - Grade 8 boys and Pre K -Grade 12 girls

422

students enrolled in special needs programming through the James Grosfeld Center for Special **Education and Support** Services

95% of graduating students pursue higher education

**725** children attended six weeks of summer camp at the Yeshiva

Kollel scholars from Lakewood, NJ, and Jerusalem, Israel, are engaging with students and the wider community

# **Yeshiva Beth** Yehudah

Yeshiva Beth Yehudah (YBY) 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.

#### Your Annual Campaign Gift at Work

\$360 ensures daily Kaddish recitation for a departed loved one's merit

\$500 sponsors Torah study in the Yeshiva for one week

\$14,000 covers high school tuition for one (income eligible) child for a year

\$25,000 dedicates a one-on-one learning room

"The school looked at our son as an individual. looked at all of his needs. all of his strengths, all of his weaknesses, and sat down and made a plan with us. The Yeshiva offers every type of mental, emotional and physical expertise they can. The strides we've seen so far are just incredible."

**Yeshiva Beth Yehudah Parent** 

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## AGENCY IMPACT

# 124

students in the Hebrew and English high school education program

students in the undergraduate and graduate Rabbinical College study programt

community learning center study partners

## Yeshiva Gedolah

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

#### Your Annual Campaign Gift at Work

**\$36** aid towards the operational budget, including utilities, office supplies, building maintenance and education expenses

**\$180** helps support the Yeshiva's meal program that runs 7 days a week, 3 times a day

**\$360** helps fund salaries for faculty members, maintenance employees and other staff

**\$1,000** contributes to the Yeshiva's scholarship program

"My years at the Yeshiva gave me more than just an education— they gave me purpose and direction. Now that I'm part of the local community, I constantly draw on what I learned there to guide my decisions and relationships."

Yeshiva Gedolah Graduate

# **AGENCY IMPACT**

117

kids in early childhood classes

**187** students in boys elementary, grades 1-8

**164** students in girls elementary, grades 1-8

students in girls high School, grades 9-12

75%
approximate student participation in the extracurricular Summer Math Program

# Yeshivas Darchei Torah

Yeshivas Darchei Torah (YDT) 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, rounds out the children's education and ensures that each child reaches their full potential.

"The teachers are inspirational role models for the students by how they live and conduct themselves. They care for each student's success and find ways to reach and motivate them, bringing out their strengths and helping them conquer their challenges."

**YDT Parent** 



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