JEWISH FEDERATION
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YOUR FEDERATION IMPACT

2025–2026







A Message From Our CEO & Chair of the Board

This past year tested our community. We stood behind our partners, strengthened security in our Jewish spaces and pushed back against antisemitism. And when tragedy struck a Chanukah celebration in Bondi Beach, Australia, we showed up there too, because that is what it means to be one Jewish people.

What we accomplished together:

- **Allocated $7.6 million** to programs that nurture Jewish life, from education and senior care to security and crisis response.
- **Strengthened security community-wide** by investigating 264 incidents, providing security training and bringing peace of mind to all who gather in Jewish spaces.
- **Fought antisemitism** through advocacy, grassroots organizing and support for Israel and the hostages, winning local victories with national impact.
- **Responded within days to the federal SNAP shutdown,** providing a $10,000 emergency grant to JFCS that kept kosher food on the table for 2,750 people.
- **Kept Karmiel and Misgav safe**, funding bomb shelters that have already saved lives, while Pittsburgh Loan Fund loans to small businesses sustained 710 jobs through war and disruption.
- **Welcomed new Jewish babies and engaged young adults**, providing hospital welcome boxes to UPMC Magee to connect new families to the Jewish community and bringing young adults together through more than 60 Young Adult events.
- **Coordinated security for the JCC Maccabi Campus Games**, welcoming nearly 2,000 teens from 90 communities by working with over 20+ law enforcement agencies.

None of this happened in an easy year. Antisemitism didn't recede. It showed up in our streets, our headlines and, on December 14, on a beach in Australia. At every turn, this community chose strength over fear and generosity over retreat.

We also reached new heights in fundraising:

- **$14.4 million raised through the Community Campaign.**
- **$61.1 million added to the Jewish Community Foundation, now over $464 million AUM (Assets Under Management).**
- **$80 million in overall resource development.**

Behind every number is a person, a family, a community that chose to keep showing up, in Pittsburgh, Karmiel, and Sydney. If one word defines this year, it's resilience: not merely surviving what comes, but choosing to build. That's Federation.

Thank you for your trust, your partnership, and your part in building a strong Jewish future.



Jan Levinson
Chair of the Board



Jeffrey H. Finkelstein
President & CEO

IMPACT SUMMARY

$54.5M

Total Financial Distributions*

BUILDING A STRONG COMMUNITY

Invested in Jewish Pittsburgh's future by bringing the **ElevatEd initiative** to every local Jewish early childhood education program

Older adults and family caregivers served through **AgeWell Pittsburgh,** with **food and support**

10,797

Total K-12 kids and teens engaged in formal Jewish learning

1,833

SUPPORTING ISRAEL & GLOBAL JEWRY

Individuals received **immediate cash assistance** during Roaring Lion War with Iran

1,839

Reservist soldiers supported through various loan funds/grants

20,000

Search and rescue kits provided to 87 local authorities in addition to emergency trainings.

188

KEEPING OUR COMMUNITY SAFE

Secured from the state **Nonprofit Security Grant Program**

$1.7M

Members of the community **received security training** by the Federation

4,177

Jewish locations now have **active Bluepoint security systems**

36

*This number as well as the statistics listed below reflect data from the 2025-2026 campaign year.

STRENGTHENING JEWISH LIFE

Welcoming Jewish Babies From Day One

Every new baby is a promise of the future. What if the Jewish community could help welcome that future from the very beginning?

New baby gift boxes were delivered to Magee Women's Hospital. Each box includes a welcome message from the Federation, a custom magnet linking parents to Jewish resources, a muslin blanket, wooden milestone rings to mark baby's first year and Jewish holidays, and a PJ Library board book.

Nurses will give the boxes to mothers who self-identify as Jewish, reaching an estimated 300 families each year. The Federation will continue replenishing the supply to ensure every eligible family receives this meaningful welcome.

When we work together, our impact grows. It starts with a box. It builds a community.

50+ BOXES
provided to families this Spring

300 FAMILIES
estimated to be reached per year



Learn More About Your Impact at
jewishpgh.org/info/strengthening-jewish-life

"It's an honor to tell you how much we appreciate your donation of the bomb shelters here. Your donation saved lives. Thank you from the community of Karmiel."

Moshe Koninsky,
Mayor of Karmiel



Bomb Shelters Built by Pittsburgh Save Lives in Israel.



In the afternoon of March 24, sirens sounded in Karmiel, Israel. Two children playing soccer knew they had less than 30 seconds to find safety. They ran to the nearby bomb shelter. Rockets landed close by, sending metal shrapnel against the structure. The children were not injured.

The shelter that saved them was built thanks to the Jewish Federation of Greater Pittsburgh. It is part of over $11 million raised by our community for Israeli relief efforts following the October 7, 2023 Hamas-led massacre that left 1,200 dead, nearly 5,000 injured and 250 taken hostage and the ongoing war.

Donors to the Federation's Israel Emergency Relief Fund and Community Campaign helped make shelters like this one possible in the days after October 7. They are not fancy, but when a missile is incoming from Iran or Hezbollah, luxury doesn't matter. Protection does.

Through donor generosity, the Federation funded several shelters in its Partnership2Gether region of Karmiel and Misgav, specifically in open areas such as sports fields where reaching a permanent shelter would otherwise be difficult, if not impossible. The hope was that they would never be needed. But because of Pittsburgh's support, lives were saved.

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BUILDING A SAFER, MORE INCLUSIVE WORLD

2,000+ teens
from 90 communities

20+ security agencies

7 venues secured



A Momentous Week of Sportsmanship and Identity

From August 3-8, 2025, Pittsburgh hosted the inaugural JCC Maccabi Campus Games, transforming the University of Pittsburgh's campus into a vibrant hub of competition, community and Jewish identity. Nearly 2,000 teens ages 13 to 17, from 90 global communities, including our Partnership2Gether communities of Karmiel and Misgav, joined thousands of family members and volunteers to compete and connect in an environment built to be both joyful and safe.

None of it would have been possible without community support. The Jewish Federation of Greater Pittsburgh believes in creating inclusive spaces where Jewish youth can explore their identity without fear. Our Community Security team coordinated with more than 20 local, state and federal agencies, including four levels of Homeland Security, to implement a "high presence, low profile" safety strategy across all seven venues, from Carnegie Mellon University to PNC Park.

Behind the scenes, "Security Central" served as the nerve center of the Games, open around the clock to coordinate law enforcement and event security. Drone detection, license plate recognition camera trailers, explosive sweeps and plainclothes patrols worked quietly alongside the celebration, so teens could roam campus freely and attend nightly social events celebrating Jewish pride.

The result was a week that redefined what it means to celebrate Jewish youth, identity and communal strength. Thanks to extraordinary local generosity, the Games weren't just safe. They were unforgettable. When we invest together, we build the future together. We all win.



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ISRAEL IMPACT

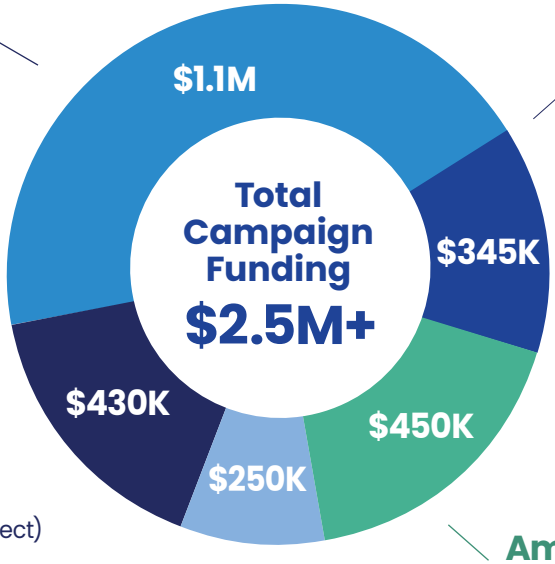
We Are Strengthening Israeli Society

Jewish Agency for Israel (JAFI)

- Immediate financial aid to victims of terror through Roaring Lion Fund
- Emergency small business loans for reservists and their families and businesses in frontline communities
- Supporting Aliyah and Integration of new immigrants, including the Bnei Menashe, Jews from India
- Peer mentors for disadvantaged Israeli youth

Israel Impact Grants

- Food rescue & distribution to families in need (Latet, Leket)
- Academic success support for Ethiopian youth (Ethiopian National Project)
- Bilingual coexistence Hebrew/Arabic schools (Hand in Hand)
- Outdoor therapy for at-risk youth leading to meaningful IDF service (Nirim)
- Supporting a student village in Karmiel which encourages young adults to live in the periphery of Israel (Ayalim)
- Emergency medical equipment for volunteer paramedics (United Hatzalah)
- Agricultural volunteering (HaShomer HaChadash)
- Supporting initiatives which reduce the phenomenon of domestic abuse (Michal Sela Forum)



Communities2Gether (C2G)

- A partnership to rebuild Kibbutz Nir Yitzchak, in the Gaza envelope, that was attacked on October 7
- Funding an art therapy space and farming equipment
- Over 80% of the Kibbutz residents have returned

Partnership2Gether (P2G)

- 30+ years connecting Pittsburgh with Karmiel & Misgav, and in recent years, Warsaw. Programs include:
  - Teen leadership exchange (Diller Teen Fellows) in Israel and Pittsburgh
  - Karmiel/Misgav summer camp counselors and campers in Pittsburgh
  - Teen athletes from Karmiel/Misgav and Warsaw participate in Pittsburgh Maccabi Games

American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC)

- Provide search and rescue equipment and training to underserved local municipalities
- Support for seniors and people with disabilities
- Bringing Reviving the Spirit initiative to Karmiel to strengthen resilience and bring back a vibrancy to the city.
- Trauma support for young children affected by the ongoing war

ISRAEL EMERGENCY FUND

Funds for victims of terror

Equipping hospitals for mass casualty events

Small business loans for businesses affected by ongoing war

Training first responders how to respond to mass casualty event

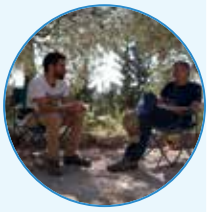
Support for reservists and their families











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Over $11 million raised since October 7, 2023

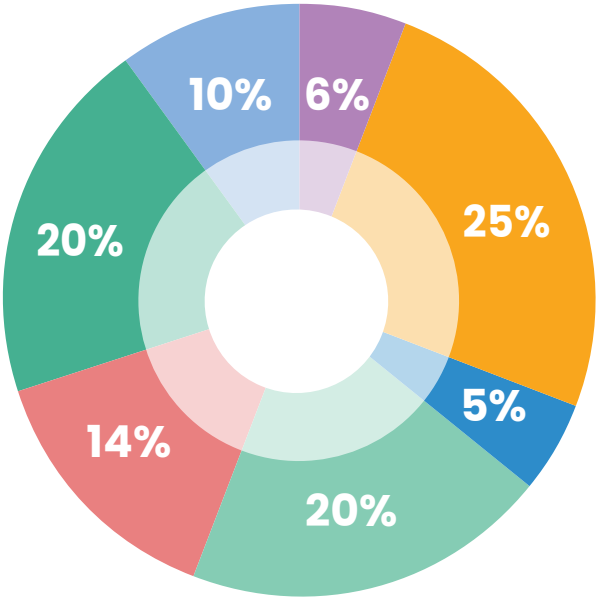
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Questions? Contact Kim Salzman,
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WHERE YOUR MONEY WENT

2026 Total Financial Resource Development Distributions

$54,504,278



CLOCKWISE:

6% AGING & HUMAN NEEDS

25% COMMUNITY PROGRAMS, AGENCY SUPPORT*

5% ISRAEL TRAVEL & LOCAL ISRAEL PROGRAMMING

20% JEWISH COMMUNITY LIFE

14% JEWISH LEARNING

20% NATIONAL AGENCIES

10% OVERSEAS FUNDING

*Includes Jewish Federation initiatives.

Sources of Funding

Community Campaign
Corporate Sponsorship
Government & Educational Improvement Tax Credit Program
Israel Emergency Fund
Jewish Community Foundation
Other Foundation Support
Supplemental Giving

How the Federation Makes Your Contribution Go Further

HOW WE ADD VALUE	EXAMPLE
GOVERNMENT FUNDING Federation expertise and activities unlock government dollars.	**$800,000+ in grant funding** was secured through applications to government, foundation and private sources.
FUNDING FROM FOUNDATIONS & OTHER ORGANIZATIONS The Federation's ongoing relationships and knowledge of community needs result in support.	**Total of nearly $3.4 million in EITC, PA's tax credit for education funding** to pre-K and K-12 programs in our Jewish Community (3 Day schools + 8 pre schools).
FINANCIAL SUPPORT Federation financial jump-starts support timely, community-prioritized programs, demonstrating impact and appeal to other funders.	**$1 million+** in Community Priorities Grants distributed to local organizations in the areas of Addressing Antisemitism, Young Adult Engagement, and Addressing Teen Mental Health.
PLANNING & IMPACT Federation know-how helps other organizations secure funding.	**$1.7 million** secured from state Nonprofit Security Grant Program for local Jewish organizations and faith-based partners.
SAVINGS ON GOODS & SERVICES Buying as a collective provides advantages.	**Health insurance savings** for employees in community organizations through the Jewish Community Health Plan Trust.
SECURITY FUNDING Federation's Community Security program secures essential funding to enhance safety for the Jewish community.	**$2.1+ million raised** in state and federal security grant funds to improve security across the Jewish community including purchasing license plate reader cameras.

2025–26 CORPORATE SPONSORS & DONORS

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In support of the Jewish Federation's mission, corporations and businesses generously gave $151,725 to support Federation events and programming.

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PNC

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This year, the Pennsylvania Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC), Opportunity Scholarship Tax Credit (OSTC) and pre-kindergarten tax-credit programs raised more than $3.1 million.*

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*This total includes only dollars raised by the Jewish Federation of Greater Pittsburgh.

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Emanuel Spector Award
Joel Smalley

Doris & Leonard H. Rudolph Jewish Communal Professional Award
Rabbi Eliezer Shusterman

Gerald S. Ostrow Volunteer of the Year Award
Marc Brown

PNC Community Builders Award
Giant Eagle Foundation

William & Olga Stark Young Leadership Award
Michael Milch

Ira & Nanette Gordon Community Professional Achievement Award
2025 Awardee Sharon Feinman
2026 Awardee Shelly Parver

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Our Mission

Cultivate resources, connect people and collaborate across the community to live and fulfill Jewish values.

Our Vision

A flourishing Jewish community where everyone feels included, supported and inspired.

Our Values

As the Jewish Federation of Greater Pittsburgh envisions the future for our community, three particular Jewish values will guide us on our path:

Righteousness; Justice (צדקה — *Tzedakah*)
Active pursuit of social justice

Honor for all human beings (כבוד הבריות — *K'vod Ha B'riot*)
Dignity and respect for all human beings

Compassion (חסד, רחמים — *Chesed; Rachamim*)
Caring for those who are disadvantaged or vulnerable

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