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ANNUAL REPORT



Mission Statement

We enrich, support, and connect Jewish Greenwich and Jewish communities in Israel and worldwide with exceptional cultural and educational programs, advocacy, and Jewish philanthropy.



Letter From Leadership

Dear Friends and Supporters,

This year reaffirmed a simple truth: Jewish pride grows stronger when we stand together.

At UJA-JCC Greenwich, our responsibility is clear. We are here to ensure that every member of our community feels they belong and feels confident expressing their Jewish identity without hesitation. In a time when antisemitism continues to rise, that work carries urgency.

We have strengthened security across our local organizations and synagogues and deepened partnerships that help protect our community. We have shown up for those targeted by hate and made clear that no one stands alone. Safety is not assumed. It is actively sustained.

But Jewish pride is more than protection. It is presence.

Throughout the year, our community gathered to learn, to celebrate, and to stand visibly with Israel. Children discovered the joy of Jewish tradition. Teens stepped into leadership. Adults leaned into thoughtful conversation and meaningful study. Each moment reinforced something powerful: Jewish life in Greenwich is not shrinking. It is vibrant and growing.

At the core of our mission, UJA-JCC Greenwich exists so that every person, whether new to town or rooted here for decades, has a place to turn. Thank you for making that possible.

Because of you, Jewish Greenwich stands strong today and even stronger for the future.

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Togetherness & Security

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Participants gather for an evening with journalist, Bret Stephens, at the Black Family Community Forum.

Strengthening Jewish Life Together

We create spaces and host events where neighbors become friends, traditions are shared across generations, and Jewish learning is celebrated and encouraged.

At a time when connection and understanding can feel fragile, your steady support helps build a community that shows up for one another. Each gathering, conversation, and shared moment becomes part of something larger, a legacy where everyone feels a sense of belonging and knows their voice matters.



Chief Heavey and Jim Comstock visit the Western Wall as part of a security tour.

Safety and Security

The safety of our Jewish community is a top priority

Jewish life can only thrive where people feel secure. Thanks to your support, and the leadership of **Jim Comstock**, our **Regional Security Director**, we have strengthened relationships with local law enforcement and provided the community with training to respond effectively in emergency situations.

In September, Greenwich Police Chief, Jim Heavey, and Jim Comstock joined a delegation of New York and Connecticut law enforcement leaders on a mission trip to Israel to learn from Israeli security and counterterrorism experts.

150 people

participated in Active Shooter and Stop the Bleed training sessions.

During Active Shooter and Stop the Bleed trainings, participants learn how to stay aware of their surroundings, recognize potential threats, respond quickly to emergencies, and learn how to control severe bleeding in an emergency.



Families, Teens, & Youth

For many young families, building Jewish life doesn't happen automatically. It takes intention and a welcoming community with the resources to create meaningful experiences for every family member.

Through programs for parents and their children, we create shared experiences that bring people together and strengthen Jewish identity. What may begin as a single gathering often grows into something deeper. Friendships form, confidence grows, and people begin to feel, "this is where we belong."



PJ Library™

Free high-quality Jewish children's books to families every month

PJ Library brings award-winning books that celebrate Jewish values and culture to families with children from birth through age eight. Through engaging stories, families explore Jewish ethics, traditions, values, and rituals in ways that are accessible, adaptable, and fun.

Beyond the books, PJ Library helps build community by connecting families through shared experiences, events, and programming.

PJ Library is made possible through your support and a partnership with the Harold Grinspoon Foundation.

"I read the books with my grandkids either at my home or theirs and we talk about the story. For instance, before Passover, we read all the Passover books appropriate to their age and talk about how it relates to the holiday."

— PJ Library grandparent

3,000+

PJ Library books sent to families in Greenwich in 2025.

In 2025:

\$61,000 allocated

12 nonprofit grant recipients

41 teen participants



Teen Changemakers

Empowering the next generation of Jewish leaders

Teen Changemakers, our high school philanthropy program, empowers teens to give, lead, and create meaningful change.

Guided by Jewish values and ethics, teens come together throughout the year to fundraise, raise awareness, and allocate funds to organizations addressing critical issues such as antisemitism, domestic violence, poverty, food insecurity, homelessness, and support for seniors, both locally and in Israel.

Through this hands-on experience, participants gain a deeper understanding of philanthropy while building the skills and confidence to make a lasting impact.

"Through Changemakers, I have realized how important helping others is to me, and I want to continue doing so in the future. I have decided to study political science on the pre-law track in college, hoping to one day make an even bigger impact on my community and globally."

— Teen Changemaker participant

Generation Gives

Teaching children that generosity is a Jewish value

Middle school is a time when children are forming their identity, opinions, and deciding what kind of people they want to become. Generation Gives meets them at that moment. Over the course of six sessions, Jewish middle schoolers engage in service rooted in Jewish values such as *Kol Yisrael arevim zeh bazeh* (all Jews are responsible for one another) and *Hakarat Hatov* (expressing gratitude). They learn that giving is not abstract. It is local. It is tangible. It is something they are capable of doing right now.



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Learning, Culture, & Connection

Melton Learning Series

Deep Jewish learning for curious minds



Through the Melton Learning Series, our Greenwich community is invited to explore adult education courses that deepen Jewish learning and spark community connection. Through programs like *From Sinai to Seinfeld* and *Jewish Answers to Life's Most Challenging Questions*, the Melton Learning Series explores Judaism through a modern lens, discovering what it means to live Jewishly today.



Participants at a Melton Learning Series session.

Mexico Mission

Experiencing global Jewish life

Participants explored the rich history and vibrant present of Jewish life in Mexico. The mission, chaired by Andi Fern, featured a walking tour of historic Jewish neighborhoods and time spent at the Jewish Documentation and Research Center of Mexico. The trip also included a visit to the local Jewish Community Center alongside trips to museums and local restaurants.



Jewish Greenwich community members in Mexico.

Lunch & Learn

Learning that feels like family

Sponsored by Rita Edleston, the Lunch & Learn series offers an accessible way to engage with Jewish ideas, culture, and history. Grounded in a tradition that values education and community, these sessions explore topics ranging from Jewish contributions in science, art, and medicine to the values that continue to shape Jewish life today. Open to all, each program creates space to learn, connect, and be part of a vibrant local community.

"It is like a family. It means that you may not always agree but you love the people like a family."

— Lunch & Learn Participant



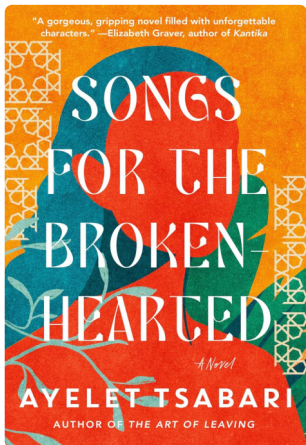
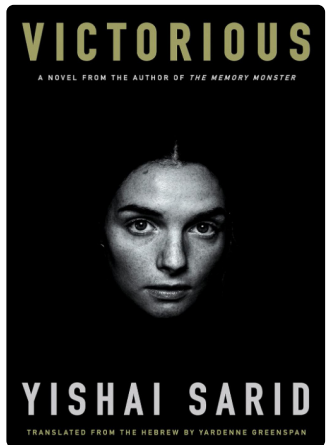
Lunch & Learn attendees engage in lively discussion.

Women's Philanthropy Book Club

Community through conversation

Started in 2025, this new Women's Philanthropy initiative invites community members to gather and discuss stories by Jewish and Israeli authors. *Victorious* by Yishai Sarid and *Songs for the Broken Hearted* by Ayelet Tsabari were just two of the books featured.

These meet ups are free, open to the community, and held in private homes. Your support ensures there is always a seat at the table for thoughtful dialogue and connection.



Supporting Israel

Bringing our Community Together in Solidarity with Israel

From major speakers like Melanie Phillips and Douglas Murray to cultural events and gatherings such as our Yom Ha'atzmaut flag raising, UJA-JCC Greenwich convenes the community to engage with Israel and stand proudly in Jewish identity.

Your support makes it possible to educate and unite our community around Israel and Jewish pride.



Photos from our 2025 Flag Raising ceremony.



Israel Emergency Fund (IEF) Allocations

Delivering urgent, targeted support where it matters most

Since the joint United States and Israel military action began with the Twelve-Day War in 2025, Israelis have faced repeated missile and UAV attacks, forcing millions into shelters and disrupting daily life. Thousands have been displaced, homes have been destroyed, and more than 110,000 reservists have been called up, leaving families to manage on their own. Today, about 2.6 million people still lack access to adequate protected shelter, as the physical and emotional toll continues to grow.

Yet even in this moment, resilience is strong. With the support of UJA-JCC Greenwich donors, critical aid is reaching displaced families, children, and vulnerable populations, providing both immediate relief and ongoing care.

Current priorities include:



Emergency relief for families displaced by missile attacks



Support for reservists and the families they leave behind



Strengthening local municipalities providing frontline assistance



Specialized care for the elderly, disabled, and other vulnerable citizens



Trauma care and resilience programs to heal a nation under fire

2025 Grantees

Brothers for Life — \$50,000

Funds a groundbreaking medical conference focused on advanced amputation care, bringing international experts to Israel to support soldiers experiencing complex, life-altering injuries.

Beit Ruth for Young Women & Girls at Risk — \$25,000

Supports a long-term therapeutic residence, school, and youth village serving vulnerable girls whose needs have intensified since October 7, helping them heal and build stable, independent futures.

Regrow Israel — \$25,000

Helps restore orchards in northern Israel damaged by missile fire, prolonged inaccessibility, and agricultural disruption, supporting long-term economic recovery for farming communities.

American Friends of Keren Malki — \$11,000

Expands “Therapists on Wheels,” providing in-home therapies for children with severe disabilities, helping families, especially single-parent and reservist households, care for loved ones at home rather than in institutions.

Helping Our Local Greenwich Community

Greenwich Outreach Project — Meals That Matter

13,000 meals packaged in just two hours

In September 2025, UJA-JCC Greenwich’s Outreach Project once again gathered volunteers across generations to package thousands of meals for food-insecure families throughout our region. Side by side, neighbors worked with shared purpose, transforming concern into action and reminding one another that caring for our community is not someone else’s responsibility. It is ours.



Student volunteers help package meals.



Dignity Grows

2,400 Dignity Totes distributed so far and counting

Through Dignity Grows, your generosity provides personal and menstrual hygiene products to individuals who would otherwise go without these basic necessities. Each tote distributed does more than meet a practical need. It restores comfort. It preserves dignity. It sends a powerful message that no one in our community should feel unseen.



Volunteers with packed Dignity Grows totes ready for distribution.

Chanukah Gift Drive

Your support ensures that those facing financial hardship receive Chanukah gifts. Thank you!

Greenwich Jewish News

Keeping our community informed and connected

Greenwich Jewish News amplifies Jewish voices and highlights the moments, milestones, and conversations that shape our shared identity. Greenwich Jewish News collaborates with local synagogues and Jewish agencies to feature important updates and community events. Your support of UJA-JCC Greenwich helps make Greenwich Jewish News the trusted hub where our community turns to stay informed of everything happening in town.

To subscribe, scan the QR code to email Pam@ujajcc.org or you can call (203) 552-1818.



Community Leadership

Developing Leaders Who Shape The Jewish Future

Through leadership programs, national conferences, and global Jewish engagement, UJA-JCC Greenwich cultivates leaders committed to strengthening Jewish life, advocating for Israel, and guiding our community forward.

Your support ensures our leaders are informed, inspired, and empowered.

Leadership Opportunities

International Lion of Judah Conference

This biennial gathering brings together philanthropic Jewish women from across North America to learn, connect, and inspire one another. Through meaningful dialogue and shared commitment to Jewish values, participants deepen their impact and strengthen the future of Jewish philanthropy and leadership.



Greenwich Lions at the ILOJC in Atlanta, Georgia in January, 2025.

JFNA General Assembly

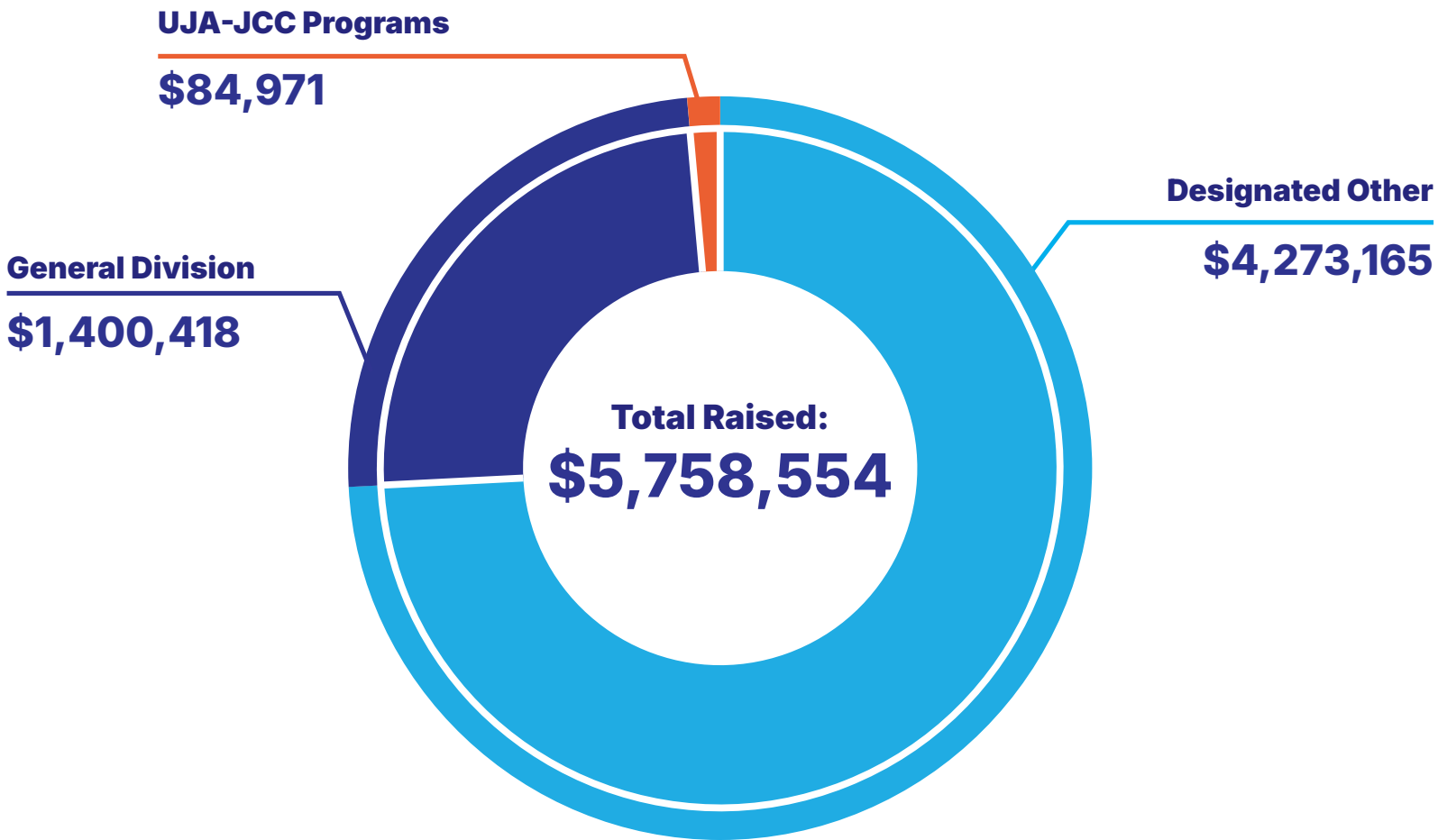
The premier annual gathering of Jewish communal leaders, professionals, and philanthropists, the General Assembly addresses pressing challenges and helps develop strategies that strengthen Jewish communities, support Israel, and respond to emerging needs worldwide.



Members of our community at the JFNA General Assembly in Washington, D.C. in November, 2025

Dollars Raised

Every dollar entrusted to UJA-JCC Greenwich strengthens Jewish life locally, supports Israel, enhances security, and builds a more connected, compassionate community.





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Thank you for building Jewish life in Greenwich.

Your generosity strengthens community, protects our future, supports Israel, and ensures Jewish life remains vibrant for generations to come.

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