

**Thank you for your support to the 2023 Federation Annual Campaign
and to the Israel Emergency Campaign.**

Israel Emergency Fund Allocations Updates Week of November 29, 2023

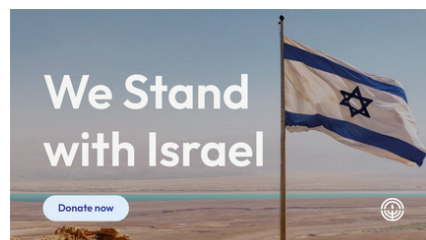
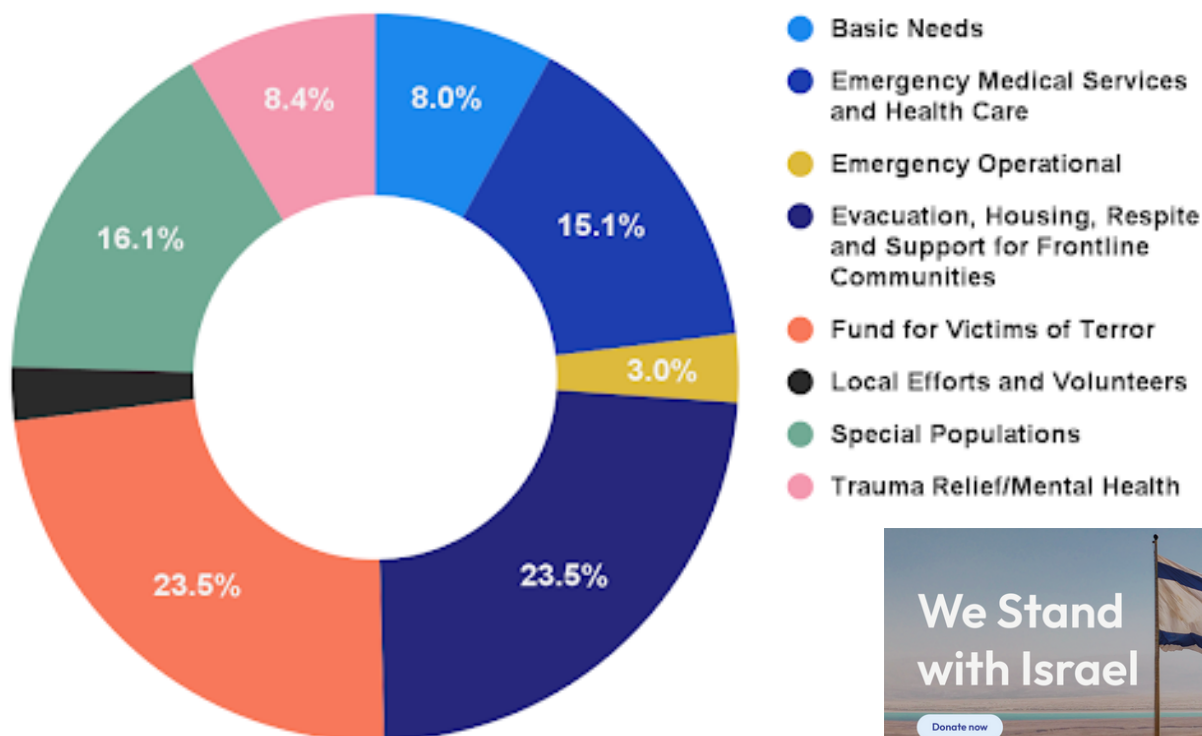
Jewish Federations' Total Dollars Raised:

\$678,596,213

Jewish Federations' Total Dollars Allocated:

\$211,283,485

Collective Allocations To Date By Needs



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<https://jewishfederations.org/2023israel-emergency#donate>



Karen Westbrook

Message From the President

There are so many people to thank for the wonderful Campaign dinner. Barry Seidman and the Campaign Committee brought us an inspirational speaker. Jeff Schoenfeld provided us with essential information in a calm yet inspirational presentation. Rita Victor and her assistants (family and friends who could not say no) arranged and delivered a beautiful and delicious dinner. Linda and Jim Fulgenzi graciously donated the center pieces and dressed the tables with folded napkins. The staff worked tirelessly to coordinate the Federation pledge campaign and the Israel Emergency Fund donation effort. And, of course, the Marantz family, who graciously provided financial support for the event. Most importantly, THANK YOU! Each attendee gave from their heart to the Federation campaign and the Israel Emergency Fund. The outpouring of love for Israel and the Federation was felt throughout the room.

For those of you who are unaware, the Federation is moving our offices. As of December 1, we will be located at 1999 Wabash Avenue on the 2nd floor. (If you don't know the building many call this the United Way building or the square building in front of the Ashley Outlet.) The building houses a number of not-for-profit organizations. The office space has better security, parking, outdoor lighting, and ADA access. We hope you will come to visit once we get unpacked. Please be patient.

I hope the lights of the Hannukah menorah provide you with some peace in this time of turmoil.



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I hereby pledge to support the Annual Campaign
with the above gift. I will pay my pledge
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Springfield's recurring social and educational
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Knosh & Knowledge

**Wednesday,
December 27, 2023
9:30 am**

**GET TOGETHER
TO PLAN
FOR 2024**

Meet at Papo's Cafe
3290 W Iles Ave.



**RSVP by Mon., Dec.. 25,
to (217) 787-7223 x 18
or rsvp@shalomspringfield.org**

The mission of the Jewish Federation of Springfield, Illinois, is to serve the Jewish people locally, in Israel and throughout the world through coordinated fund raising, community-wide programming, social services and educational activities.

DECEMBER 2023

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New Year's Eve 31	8:30 am -12 pm Holiday Interfaith Breakfast @ TBS Christmas Federation Closed	7 pm TBS Bd Mtg	9:30 am Fed Knosh & Knowledge 12pm Fed Exec Comm Mtg 7 pm Hadassah Gen Mtg		6 pm TI Service 6 pm TBS Service	9:30 am TI Service 10:30 am Chabad Service	

SAGE NOTES



Nancy Sage
Executive Director

December 1st marks eight years since I began serving as Federation's Executive Director. Much has happened over those eight years, but for me, the thread that ties one year to the next is you. Federation is here for you and because of you. You are the strength of our community, and it is that strength that inspires and teaches me over and over through the good times and the most challenging times with all their complexities. I am forever fortunate and grateful to Federation's Boards of Directors, volunteers, and staff, Wendy Evans-Terry and Betsy Salus, all of whom share a love for our community and a dedication to Federation's mission.

Our Jewish world currently is anxious and troubled about Israel's war with Hamas and also about the current rise in antisemitism here in America. The brutal and savage massacre of 1200 Israelis (including guest workers, exchange students and visitors) by Hamas and the abduction of 250 hostages in the communities bordering Gaza on October 7th was a horrendous shock that left Israelis with a feeling of vulnerability as well as resolve and resilience. I continue to be haunted by the words of Jeffrey Schoenfeld, our campaign speaker who chairs JFNA (Jewish Federations of North America) Israel and Overseas Committee: "There is no one in Israel who does not touch someone who was killed, wounded or is a hostage. Everyone directly knows someone." The phrase "everyone directly knows someone" hits home as I've often heard and described Springfield in the same way.

Even though we in Springfield, IL are a small Jewish community, our participation in the Jewish world's response to the War with Hamas reminds me that we are all connected and intertwined. The outpouring of support for the Israel Emergency Campaign brings to mind the saying that "All Jews are responsible for one another." You put those words into action through your generosity to the Israel Emergency Campaign which directly supports the immediate and long-term needs and services for all who have been wounded, displaced, and traumatized.

Communal responsibility is the foundation upon which Federations were built and, to this day, continues to guide us in all that we do. I am thankful that we are part of the "collective" - 146 Jewish Federations, including 61 small Federations. Although each Federation operates independently, we are stronger together. During my tenure as President of Small Federations Executives over the past

If the Federation can assist you in any way, if you have questions or concerns, or are in need of financial or social service assistance, please contact Nancy Sage, Executive Director, at (217)787-7223, ext. 12. All calls are confidential, and your privacy will be respected.

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three years, I was honored and privileged to experience first-hand how quickly and how well JFNA “ramps up” when the Jewish world or our small Springfield world is affected. Whether COVID, hurricanes, the war in Ukraine or Israel’s war with Hamas, JFNA not only expands our reach but also provides us with resources including partnering with the Secure Community Network. I have learned from and leaned on my colleagues from Small Federations and worked with our JFNA consultants and with both professional and lay leadership from larger size Federations. I am proud to write that we may be one of the smallest Federations; however, I assure you – because of you – we are one of the mightiest.

We “kicked off” Federation’s annual campaign as well as the Israel Emergency Campaign on November 7th. Your support for both campaigns is heartening. With special thanks to Campaign Chair Barry Seidman for his leadership and for the foresight to ask Jeff Schoenfeld to be our speaker, to Campaign Event Chair Rita Victor and her “crew” and to all who attended for making November 7th “a night to remember.”

It is your support for the annual campaign that makes everything the Federation does possible from the annual film series to PJ Playdate; from Knosh & Knowledge to creating and delivering holiday packages for older community members less likely to be out and about; to JCRC’s Healthy Food Distributions, collecting artwork for the new Helping Hands facilities as well as presenting “Lighting the Path: Celebrating Commonalities and Understanding Differences” that teaches individuals and groups within the wider community about Jews and Judaism. The annual campaign ensures that we can partake in special opportunities such as the Rosenwald Initiative and the most memorable series of Violins of Hope concerts, stewarded by Federation President Karen Westbrook and Merle Shiffman. Federation is forever vigilant in the fight against antisemitism and in our commitment to the security of our Jewish community, coordinating with law enforcement and partnering with Secure Community Network.

At the end of November, we moved from our old offices at 1045 Outer Park to the Wabash Building (1999 Wabash). Preparing for the move was hectic and time-consuming, but we are now in our new quarters and ready for the challenges and opportunities that a new year will bring. Only a few weeks remain in the current year. I extend my best wishes for a happy and healthy 2024 to all.

We thank Bank of Springfield for their special sponsorship of Violins of Hope and the Federation's 2023 Campaign Kick-Off Dinner, as well as the newsletter, eblasts, and the additional programs they support throughout the year.

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**18th Annual
Interfaith Holiday Breakfast
Sponsored by
Temple B'rith Sholom & Temple Israel**

**Monday, December 25
8:30 am - 12:30 pm
at
Temple B'rith Sholom
1006 S. 4th St.**

**TEMPLE B'RITH SHOLOM & TEMPLE ISRAEL
NEEDS YOUR HELP AT THE INTERFAITH BREAKFAST**

Temple B'rith Sholom and Temple Israel are hosting the 18th annual Holiday Interfaith Breakfast again this year at Temple B'rith Sholom. The breakfast will be on Christmas day, Monday, December 25. Food service will start at 8:30 am. until 12:00 noon.

We need servers, cooks, table attendants, and after the event, clean up. Prior experience is not required, and you will receive on-the-job training. The work shifts will be 8 am to 10 am and 10 am to 12 noon, or both shifts for those that choose. After the event, clean-up will be from 11:30 to about 1 pm.

We will have volunteer sign-up sheets at temple events, in the temples' office. You may email the Temple B'rith Sholom office (tbsholom@gmail.com) or Temple Israel office (ozma.templeisrael04@gmail.com) with the time or times that you will be available. Specific work assignments will be made at a later date. According to those who have volunteered in the past, this is more fun than work. We need you. Please help out.

Notes



THANK YOU

Hanukkah packages and visits: Denise Arjmand, Mary Beth Cohen, Rabbi Datz, Rabbi Marks, Elizabeth Mendeloff, Anne Morgan, Annette & Jerry Schwartz, Barbara Seidman, Sandy & Barry Weiss

PJ Library: Regan Marks and Kayla Morrison

Campaign Event: Rita Victor, Barry Seidman, Pamela Cohen, Jim & Linda Fulgenzi, Vera Herst, Marantz Family, Julie Seidman, & Karen Westbrook.

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