Youth & Family Programs

PJ LIBRARY

PJ Library is an award-winning program created by the Harold Grinspoon Foundation that sends Jewish children's books to families each month.

Jewish Federation of Kansas City covers the $40 annual subscription cost, allowing families in our community to participate at no cost to them.

In 2025:

- 242 new children enrolled in the program
- In total, 912 children from 689 families received PJ Library books
- 359 families participated in 26 PJ events across the metro
- 137 individuals participated in grandparent-specific PJ events





SASONE

For 30 years, Sasone has worked to create a more inclusive and accessible Jewish community.

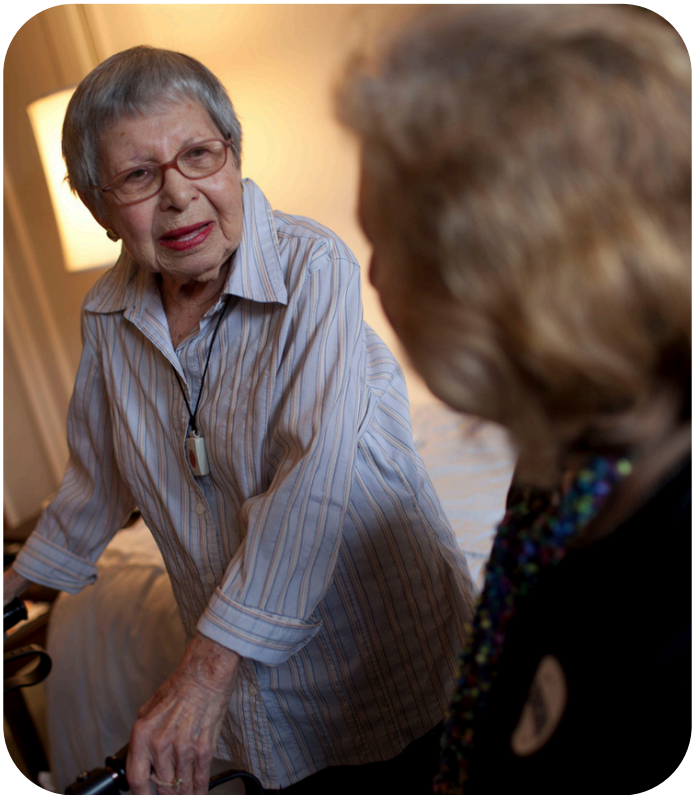
Sasone offers professional development, on-site coaching, and strategic consultation to early childhood centers, congregational schools, Hyman Brand Hebrew Academy and J Camp.

In 2025:

- 2,049 students were impacted, including 286 who had special needs
- 500 community members were reached through 6 events supported by Sasone
- Sasone allocated $180,000 in block grants for essential inclusion needs

Safety Net Programs

THE CHESED FUND



The Chesed Fund provides lifesaving financial support to some of the most vulnerable members of our Jewish community.

The fund is administered by Jewish Federation in partnership with Jewish Family Services (JFS). JFS works directly with clients, assessing needs and recommending how funds should be distributed.

In 2025:

- Federation distributed more than $150,000 from the Chesed Fund, serving 156 clients
- 78% of Chesed Fund clients were over the age of 60, and 21 were Holocaust survivors
- Housing security and health/medical expenses accounted for approximately 57% of the financial assistance provided



JEWISH BURIAL

Death and burial are meaningful parts of Jewish life. In a given year, people in our community pass away without the resources left behind to provide for an appropriate Jewish burial.

Thanks to a partnership with Jewish Family Services, the Rabbinical Association, synagogues and cemeteries, Louis Memorial Chapel, and the Chevra Kadisha, Federation is able to provide a proper, dignified Jewish burial.

Last year, a significant amount was spent covering the cost of proper Jewish burial for those who otherwise would have been unable to pay for this.