

SUPPORTING GLOBAL JEWRY



Your gift to Federation provides programs, services, and connection not only in our local Jewish community but to Jewish communities around the world. In addition to general support of the Jewish Agency for Israel (JAFI), the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC), and World ORT, the Kansas City Jewish community has special partnerships with Ramle, Israel, and the Jewish communities in Romania and Bulgaria. These partnerships are based on deep connections with each community and an understanding of their needs.

ROMANIA & BULGARIA

Through the JDC, our local Federation supports social welfare services and engagement programs that contribute to thriving Jewish communities.

In Romania we support the Children's Medicine program, which helps children like Isabela, whose need for medical services is more than her family can afford. We also support Jewish identity programs that ensure the continuity of Jewish life in Romania.

In Bulgaria our funds promote Jewish education by supporting Jewish kindergarten and the Ronald S. Lauder Jewish Day School. With our help, both of those programs are flourishing, just like our early childhood programs and the Hyman Brand Hebrew Academy here. In Bulgaria we also support Jewish identity programs for adults who help the community thrive.

2024 Funding

Romania	Bulgaria
Children's Medicine \$33,000	Gan Balagan Kindergarten. \$14,000
Jewish Identity Programs \$54,000	Ronald S. Lauder Day School \$38,000
	Middle Generation/ Young Adult Programming \$11,000



We execute our mission through prudent stewardship of the community assets entrusted to us. We are proud to have earned a four star Charity Navigator rating – the gold standard for nonprofit excellence.

ISRAEL

Our partnership community, Ramle, is a small, relatively poor mixed city (Israeli Arabs and Jews living together). Our partnership there responds to the needs of children with after school programming, outreach to troubled teens and young adults, and programs for children with special needs. In recent years we have worked with local organizations to promote the concept of “shared society” – Israeli Arabs and Jews not just coexisting but building community together.

In addition to our local work in Ramle (and the nearby Gezer region), our community provides funding to national organizations that promote religious pluralism and help immigrants navigate legal issues.

2024 Funding

Ramle

ICEI Elementary School Initiative \$33,000

Yadid Lachinuch
(Educational Volunteering for
Senior Citizens) \$7,000

ELI School Prevention Program \$15,000

Branco Weiss Road to Success \$23,775

A New Way Shared Citizenship \$13,000

Krembo Wings \$6,500

Etgarim Adventure Therapy \$4,500

Kshatot Center 360 \$27,500

Net@ Educational Program \$16,000

Shavot Together Mentoring \$19,000

Leket Israel Food Pantry \$4,000

Gezer Jewish Education
Identity & Outreach/Kabbalat Shabbat/
October 7th Response \$3,500

Legal Aid for Immigrants \$5,700

Religious Pluralism Advocacy Center \$5,000

Etty Hillesum Israel
Youth Theatre in Ramle \$15,000

Advocacy Center \$7,500

Tzedek Centers \$7,000



Your Israel Emergency Campaign Dollars In Action

The Athena Fund, an educational organization dedicated to empowering teachers, received support from our Israel Emergency Campaign (IEC) funds to expand its Imagine Box initiative. The Imagine Box is an immersive experience that lets students interact with their lessons, whether that's exploring a pre-historic cave or a coral reef under the water.

The Imagine Box has proven to be a successful educational tool, but after October 7, the Athena Fund sought to expand its purpose beyond education. Research that suggested that the Imagine Box could be an exceptional tool for mental health providers — especially trauma counselors.

The Athena Fund proposed bringing an Imagine Box to Ramle for mental health use. With approval from the Israel Emergency Campaign Allocation Task Force, funding was designated to train mental health professionals.

Today, the Imagine Box serves both educational and mental health needs in Ramle, with educators and counselors from Ramle and Gezer having trained together to use it.

Israel Emergency Campaign Allocations*

Ramle

\$50,000 food vouchers for single parent families

\$20,000 protective equipment

\$2,600 smart watches for deaf/hearing-impaired

\$60,530 mental health services

\$3,200 educational supports for children falling behind

\$30,000 supplies for civilian patrols

\$40,000 direct assistance for individuals/families

\$35,000 emergency preparedness

\$90,000 Imagine Box

Gezer

\$50,000 bulletproof vests

\$30,000 bomb shelter for kindergarten (includes \$25,000 from the City of Leawood)

\$20,000 garden wall and hand-washing fountain at Gezer Cemetery

\$68,670 after school care and university scholarships

**These are the IEC allocations that went directly to Ramle and the Gezer Region. The remaining funds were directed to Jewish Federations of North America for allocation.*

