

# IMPACT 2011

## The Power of Giving

THE JEWISH FEDERATION OF SOUTH PALM BEACH COUNTY

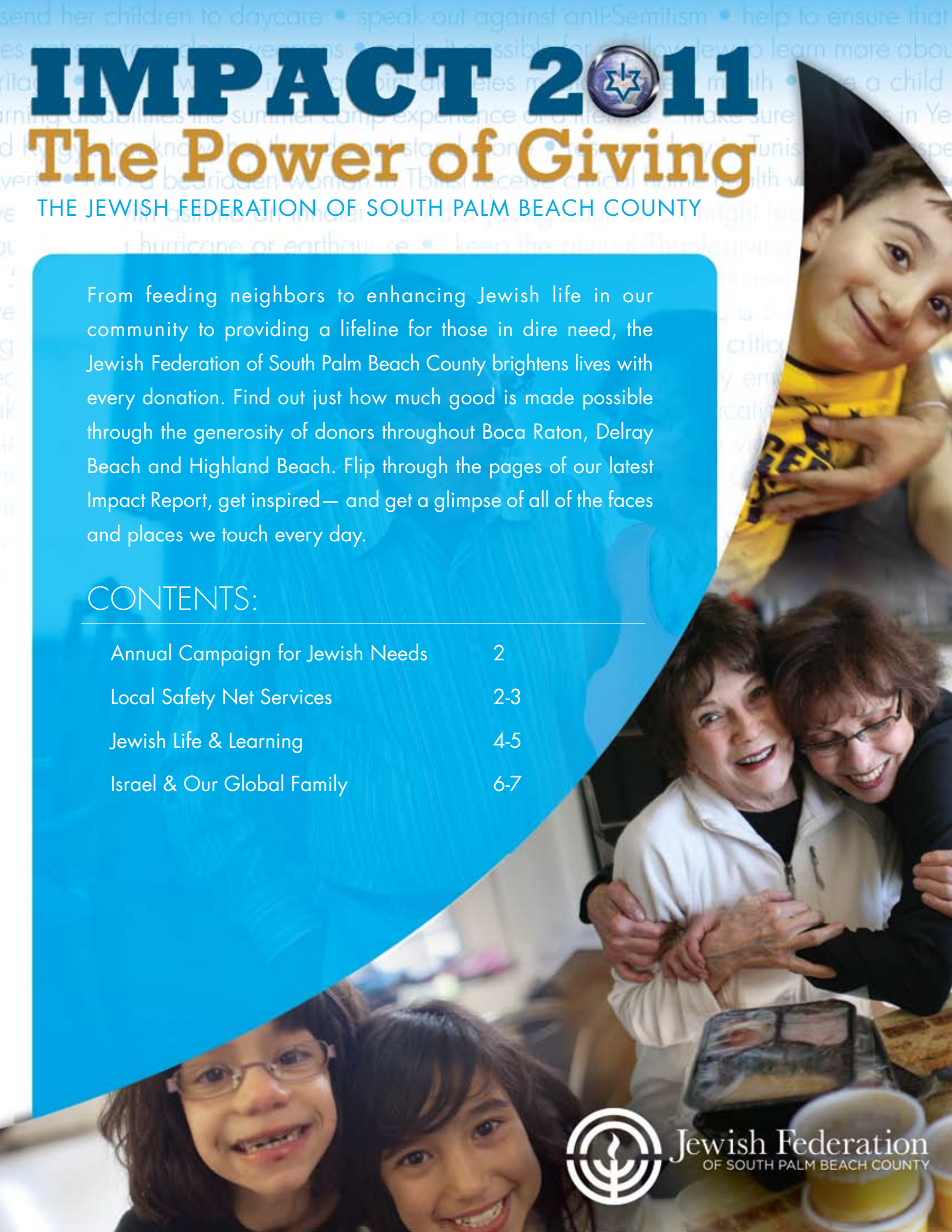
From feeding neighbors to enhancing Jewish life in our community to providing a lifeline for those in dire need, the Jewish Federation of South Palm Beach County brightens lives with every donation. Find out just how much good is made possible through the generosity of donors throughout Boca Raton, Delray Beach and Highland Beach. Flip through the pages of our latest Impact Report, get inspired— and get a glimpse of all of the faces and places we touch every day.

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Jewish Federation  
OF SOUTH PALM BEACH COUNTY



# JEWISH FEDERATION ANNUAL CAMPAIGN

## Meets Three Areas of Vital Need.



Since 1979, our Federation has raised and distributed funds for those in need in our community, in Israel and in 70 countries throughout the world. This has always been accomplished through our traditional Annual Campaign fund. Recently, however, we introduced "Donor Choice," which gives donors with a passion for a particular humanitarian need the option to direct their gift to one of three areas of choice. Of course, all donors and prospective givers still have the option to continue to give to the "traditional" Annual Campaign, but now everyone has the power to choose.

Following are the three Giving Centers and each of their programs, all of which make up our traditional Annual Campaign.

## LOCAL SAFETY NET SERVICES



### LOCAL EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE

**KOSHER KONNECTION:** This hot kosher meal program for needy seniors every weekday also offers much-needed opportunities for socializing. Up to 70 seniors are served each day by about 29 volunteers. *In partnership with the Mae Volen Center, The Jewish Federation of South Palm Beach County and Ruth Rales Jewish Family Service.*

**DIRECT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE:** Emergency assistance is provided for families and individuals experiencing a financial hardship and who are having difficulty paying for their basic needs including mortgage/rent, utility bills, medication, home health aides and provisions for children. In fiscal year 2009-2010, 1,200 local residents received financial assistance, an increase of 351 from the previous year. *A program of Ruth Rales Jewish Family Service.*

**FORSTER FAMILY KOSHER FOOD PANTRY:** The Kosher Food Pantry delivers non-perishable items, as well as frozen Shabbat dinners, fresh fruit and challah every other week to families in need, isolated and poor elderly, unemployed adults and immigrants. The pantry delivers to 525 households (representing 765 individuals), an increase of over 100 homes since last year. *A program of Ruth Rales Jewish Family Service.*

### LOCAL VULNERABLE POPULATIONS

**DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SPECIAL NEEDS:** A professional works with agencies, congregations and schools to obtain and enhance services for children and adults with disabilities; and to provide training and resources to help families become better advocates for their needs. Last year, more than 300 people and families received vital resources to address their individual challenges. *A program of the Jewish Federation of South Palm Beach County.*



More than 1,200 neighbors received urgent financial assistance from Ruth Rales Jewish Family Service in 2009-2010, many of whom lost their jobs and fell on hard times after the economic downturn in 2008.



Through "HEAP," 300 local seniors receive Federation funding for caseworkers who connect them to vital services that help them remain in their homes with dignity and safety.

**DONNA KLEIN JEWISH ACADEMY SUN CENTER (YAD B'YAD):**

Yad B'Yad helps the growing number of students whose needs exceed the accommodations available in a regular classroom. Formal and informal requests are received in the SUN Center for approximately 100 students each year. In addition to participation in the Yad B'Yad program, several families also need support services outside of school, such as speech and language therapy, OT, PT and social skills groups that place an added financial burden on the family.

**HILLEL DAY SCHOOL ETGAR PROGRAM:**

Etgar provides intensive intervention and services for children with moderate learning disabilities. Limited to eight full-time and 10 part-time students, 12 of whom receive essential financial assistance through Federation.

**JEWISH ASSOCIATION FOR RESIDENTIAL CARE (JARC)**

**FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE:** Families and individuals with limited financial resources receive aid to participate in residential and vocational programs offered to adults with developmental disabilities. Nearly 40% of JARC's residential clients (living in either group or apartment settings) require this support. Currently, 26 JARC residents and 12 individuals who receive vocational training benefit from Federation funding.

**CAMP KAVOD:** Highly qualified, nurturing staff ensure that children and teens with special needs enjoy a successful camp experience through a myriad of activities on the Federation campus and in community settings. Last year, nearly 100 children participated in the summer and winter/spring programs. *A program of Adolph & Rose Levis Jewish Community Center.*

**ADOLPH & ROSE LEVIS ALZHEIMER & ADULT DAY CARE:** This full-time, Monday through Friday program serves those with dementia and Alzheimer's disease. A caring staff leads about 30 daily participants in enriching mental and physical activities and provides stimulating entertainment. Breakfast and lunch are served. A support groups is also offered for caregivers. Program of the Mae Volen Center.

**HELPING ELDERS AGE IN PLACE (HEAP):** This program provides caseworkers (who often serve as advocates) to assist frail seniors in connecting with programs and services that can be of benefit. The goal is to help our elders age with dignity and safety in their homes. Currently HEAP serves approximately 300 elders through Federation funding. *A program of Ruth Rales Jewish Family Service.*

**HOLOCAUST SURVIVOR ASSISTANCE:** Holocaust survivors receive life-sustaining support, including personal care, shopping, meal preparation and transportation for essential needs. Currently, 120 local households receive assistance through caring, sensitive providers. *A program of Ruth Rales Jewish Family Service.*

**FEDERATION TRANSPORTATION SERVICES:** 41,000 trips per year are provided for the elderly and those with disabilities. A trusted driver in a comfortable minibus brings them to doctor's appointments, the grocery store and other essential sites. This vital service enables the elderly to continue to live on their own with dignity while providing individuals opportunities for socialization. *A program of the Jewish Federation of South Palm Beach County.*

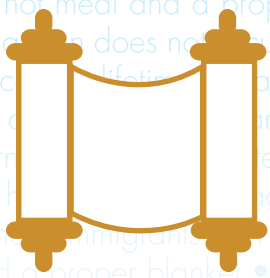
**SUBSIDIZED HOUSING ON THE FEDERATION CAMPUS:** Both the Harry & Jeanette Weinberg House and the Shirley H. Gould House offer government subsidized housing for 212 low-income seniors and individuals with handicaps or disabilities who meet specific requirements. Residents do not receive funding from Federation, rather they indirectly receive benefits from being located on the Federation campus.

**COUNSELING/VOCATIONAL SERVICES**

**INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES IN CRISIS:** Professional counseling is provided by an experienced staff of licensed clinical social workers and psychologists for children and adults. Individual or group counseling, crisis intervention and a program for those with persistent mental illness are offered. *A program of Ruth Rales Jewish Family Service.*

**VOLUNTEER SERVICES/NEIGHBOR FIRST:** Over 300 volunteers provide transportation, telephone reassurance, home visits, food delivery and support to local people in need amounting to more than 30,000 volunteer hours per year. In addition to providing vital help, this program helps spread a deep sense of community and caring across South Palm Beach County. *A program of Ruth Rales Jewish Family Service.*

**FEDERATION VOLUNTEER RESOURCE CENTER:** Matches volunteers in our community with local agencies and programs of their choosing. Can be accessed at [www.jewishboca.org/volunteers](http://www.jewishboca.org/volunteers)



# JEWISH LIFE AND LEARNING



This year, more than 230 children received summer camp and pre-school financial aid, providing much-needed relief for parents who need extra assistance.

## **B'NAI B'RITH YOUTH ORGANIZATION (BBYO):** BBYO

provides a place for teens to meet and learn important skills such as public speaking, event planning and time, project and budget management. BBYO also provides a leadership development program throughout the year and major leadership training conferences. Hundreds of local teens participate.

**DAY SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS:** One of the most critical factors in determining if one will continue practicing Judaism is the number of years he or she received a Jewish education, yet many local families are struggling to afford the cost of tuition. Our community is currently only able to fund one-quarter of the total qualified need for a Jewish education at just under a million dollars in financial aid for students attending Hillel Day School, Torah Academy, Donna Klein Jewish Academy and Weinbaum Yeshiva High School. While hundreds of students and their families are able to fulfill the dream of receiving a Jewish education through these scholarships, so many more still long for the same privilege.

**DEPARTMENT OF JEWISH EDUCATION:** Educational enrichment and professional development opportunities are provided for youth and adults. Programs include the Florence Melton Adult Mini-School which refreshed 202 adults on Jewish history and heritage, Jewish forums for 200 students in local high schools, and the March of the Living International Holocaust Education program which made it possible for 43 students from South Palm Beach County (and 21 chaperones) to take part in this life-altering journey overseas. *A department of the Jewish Federation of South Palm Beach County.*

## **SUMMER CAMP AND PRE-SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS:**

Summer Camp and pre-school scholarships enable parents to provide an opportunity for their children to thrive, learn, play and interact with peers as they create memories to last a lifetime. Often, this aid is a true lifeline to families who need a safe and nurturing place for their children during work hours. *Scholarships provided for Adolph & Rose Levis Jewish Community Center programs.*

**BIRTHRIGHT ISRAEL:** Jews between the ages of 16 and 26 receive the chance to visit Israel for the first time, regardless of financial ability. This past year, 234 young adults from South Palm Beach County were able to travel to Israel as part of an educational/peer group trip with other Jews from around the world. The waiting list to attend, however, is more than three times that number and is dependent on funding.

**SYNAGOGUE OUTREACH INITIATIVE:**

Four congregations in our community participate in a pilot program to engage and affiliate local Jews who are not currently synagogue or temple members. *A program of the Jewish Federation of South Palm Beach County.*

**FLORIDA ASSOCIATION OF JEWISH FEDERATIONS:**

Enables our Federation to receive information and alerts of particular interest to the Jewish community from the Governmental Affairs Committee, which monitors legislation on such issues as health, education, human service, religion, funding and community relations.

**HILLEL FOUNDATION FOR JEWISH CAMPUS LIFE:**

Hillel is dedicated to engaging Jewish students in fun, stimulating activities on campus and providing them with meaningful Jewish experiences. Its mission is to motivate students to proudly "own" their Jewish identity. Hillel currently serves thousands of students statewide, including 6,000 students on campuses in Broward and Palm Beach Counties.

**JEWISH COMMUNITY RELATIONS COUNCIL (JCRC)**  
*A Department of the Jewish Federation of South Palm Beach County*

**GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS ADVOCACY:**

Promotes and maintains relations with government officials and community leaders in order to advocate for government funding, promote U.S.-Israel relations, and to safeguard the Jewish community from terrorism. Each year, the JCRC secures government support for the Federation and its beneficiary agencies.

**IRAN STRATEGIC INITIATIVE:** A well-coordinated, community-based, comprehensive strategy that mobilizes both the Jewish and general communities in matters relating to Iran.

**COMMUNITY FORUMS:** On-going forums for members of the Jewish community to voice their opinions and have a dialog about relevant Jewish issues and those that affect our local community.



Currently, Hillel on Campus keeps Jewish life alive and well for 6,000 college students across Broward and Palm Beach counties.



# ISRAEL & OUR GLOBAL FAMILY

## JEWISH FEDERATIONS OF NORTH AMERICA (JFNA)

The Federation movement, collectively among the top 10 charities on the continent, protects and enhances the well-being of Jews worldwide through the values of tikkun olam (repairing the world), tzedakah (charity and social justice) and Torah (Jewish learning). This structure helps allocate, evaluate and/or review national agencies that seek funding.

**THE JEWISH AGENCY FOR ISRAEL (JAFI)- CORE FUNDING:** For 80 years, the Jewish Agency for Israel has rescued Jews at risk and resettled them in Israel. Initially, JAFI's role was paramount in setting up an economic and cultural infrastructure for the country which was still struggling for survival. Since the fall of the Iron Curtain in 1989, the Jewish Agency has facilitated the absorption of over one million new immigrants. Today core funding continues to provide a lifeline to Jews around the world with assistance including: absorption and resettlement of new immigrants, establishing global partnerships to strengthen communities in Israel, empowering at-risk Israeli youth, educational assistance and scholarships, business loans to create employment opportunities, counseling for soldiers and civilians suffering from post-traumatic stress and immediate aid for victims of terror.



## OUR FEDERATION ALSO SUPPORTS THE FOLLOWING JAFI "ELECTIVE" PROGRAMS:

**P2K-KIRYAT BIALIK:** Partnership 2000 (P2K) links the people and communal organizations in South Palm Beach County with Kiryat Bialik, a city in northern Israel ("our sister city"). The Partnership creates mutually beneficial relationships via the exchange of ideas, cooperation and participation in projects.

**SUMMER CAMPS IN FSU:** Tens of thousands of youngsters are introduced to their Jewish heritage, connecting them to an Israel experience and a sense of belonging. From a peak of 15,000 participants in 2003, that number dropped to 5,000 in 2009, a decrease of 65% due to the economic recession. This year, our Federation's funding will allow about 170 children from Georgia to participate in a seven-day summer camp session which is supported almost exclusively through elective funding.

**MASA ISRAEL JOURNEY:** MASA seeks to establish a new norm in the Jewish community – to send large numbers of college graduates and young professionals to Israel for a long-term Israel experience (4-10 months) – indelibly impacting the future of Jewish life, the structure of Jewish communities around the world, and the connection between the next generation of young Jews and Israel. This flagship educational program seeks to recruit thousands of young Jews from abroad into one of 160 long-term programs in Israel.

**BEN YAKIR YOUTH ALIYAH VILLAGE:** Provides a warm, religiously-oriented home and school environment more than 120 boys at-risk— the majority of whom are Ethiopian immigrants ages 12-18. They are given food, shelter, clothing, medical care, as well as educational and therapeutic services. All activities are designed to foster self-confidence, academic achievement and leadership skills with the goal of successfully integrating these youngsters into Israeli society.

**NATIV IMMIGRANT SOLDIER IDENTITY PROGRAM:** A comprehensive educational program that bolsters immigrant soldiers' sense of connection with Israel and their Jewish heritage. Many of these soldiers are not recognized as Jews by the governmental and rabbinic agencies of Israel. This seven-week program enriches their knowledge of Jewish history and tradition. An extension is available to help those interested to prepare for formal conversion to Judaism.

Federation funding supports  
56 NATIV immigrant  
soldiers this year.

## THE AMERICAN JEWISH JOINT DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE

**(JDC) - CORE FUNDING:** For 95 years, the JDC has exemplified the principle that all Jewish people are responsible for one another. Active in more than 70 countries, the JDC and its partners work to rescue Jewish lives at risk, bring relief to Jews in need, renew lost bonds to Jewish identity and culture, and help Israel overcome the social challenges of its most vulnerable citizens, both Jewish and non-Jewish.

## OUR FEDERATION ALSO SUPPORTS THE FOLLOWING JDC "ELECTIVE" PROGRAMS:

### PACT (PARENTS AND CHILDREN TOGETHER) – KIRYAT YAM:

With no government agency responsible for the welfare of children in the early childhood age range, PACT addresses this need. Through interventions such as healthcare, after school programs, and at-home visits, PACT aims to close the educational and social gaps among children, and increase parental involvement. PACT typically supports about 135 Ethiopian-Israeli preschoolers, and 90 parents who are actively engaged.

### FSU WELFARE RELIEF FOR ELDERLY AND CHILDREN

**IN GEORGIA:** The JDC provides humanitarian aid – food packages, medical care, hot meals, fresh food, home care, winter relief and more – to supplement the inadequate pensions of needy elderly, especially for many elderly Jews not eligible for restitution funds because they are not considered victims of Nazi persecution. Currently, 171 JDC-sponsored Hesed Welfare Centers provide a crucial link for 168,000 poor elderly Jews across the FSU. Additionally, approximately 860 Jewish children with serious material, educational, developmental and/or familial hardships are reached through JDC relief programs.

## ADDITIONAL ELECTIVE PROGRAMS

### ETHIOPIAN NATIONAL PROJECT – SPACE (SCHOOL PERFORMANCE AND COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT):

Ethiopian-Israeli youth in Kiryat Bialik receive assistance to help achieve equal opportunity and enable them to reach their full potential. Since 2007, our funds have been earmarked for scholastic assistance activities (72 students) and a Youth Outreach Center (80 students).

**CHAMAH:** Humanitarian aid including medical and food assistance is provided to the elderly and homebound in the FSU. JDC Supports the Hesed programs run by CHAMAH. Our funding supplements their support allowing non-Holocaust survivors to received aid. Program services include: soup kitchens, meals on wheels, super-market food packages, food stamps and adult diapers.



“Many recipients of Hesed services in the Former Soviet Union are people with college degrees, doctors, lawyers, and engineers who spent their lives working for the government and today cannot live on their meager pension and must depend on the mercy of others. So please convey a message to your donors that they are literally saving lives.”

CHAMAH President  
Rabbi Hillel Zaltzman



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- To Feed
- To Help
- To Rescue
- To Educate
- To Inspire Hope
- To Comfort
- To Motivate
- To Encourage

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