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for Jewish  
Philanthropy**  
of Greater Phoenix

# **2025 Year in Review**

## OUR PROGRAMS

 <p>The B'nai Tzedek Youth Philanthropy program allows teens to be active donors to causes they believe in by establishing a fund for charitable giving.</p>	 <p>Programming for women of all ages to leverage their collective power, build relationships, and participate in volunteer opportunities to make a difference in our community.</p>	 <p>The LIFE &amp; LEGACY® program provides participating organizations with training, mentoring, marketing, and incentive grants to support legacy gift development.</p>
 <p>Programs for Jewish community members between the ages of 21 and 45 that include social, educational, family-oriented, leadership development, and volunteer activities.</p>	 <p>Open to professional advisors and CJP's nonprofit partners, our Professional Advisory Network's goal is to create meaningful relationships that will ultimately advance Jewish philanthropy in our community.</p>	 <p>Jewish News of Greater Phoenix is an independent, weekly Jewish newspaper reporting on local, national, and international stories of interest to the metro Phoenix Jewish community.</p>
 <p>Provides rides each month to our community's vulnerable seniors who can no longer drive.</p>	 <p>Bringing the Jewish community together since 2017 to march in the Phoenix Pride Parade. The commitment to the Jewish LGBTQ+ community continues to flourish and grow.</p>	 <p>PJ Library distributes free books to families raising kids from birth through nine years old, and through PJ Our Way, for kids ages nine -12 years old.</p>
 <p>Need-based scholarships for Jewish children, grades K-12, living in Maricopa County to attend Jewish summer camps in the United States.</p>	 <p>This initiative offers guidance, best-practice training, site assessments, at no cost to community Jewish agencies so we can congregate, educate and practice Jewish traditions without compromising safety.</p>	 <p>Provides opportunities for mothers and their daughters in grades 6-9 as they work to improve the world.</p>
 <p>Supporting in-need Jewish communities abroad through grants and a variety of initiatives including missions and educational opportunities.</p>	 <p>Designed to encourage and deepen relationships among Jewish professionals through education, networking and philanthropic engagement.</p>	 <p>The Grossman Teen Israel Experience Grants provide incentive funding for 15-18-year-old teens to experience Israel with other teens.</p>
 <p>Welcomes newcomers to our community and provides volunteer opportunities and connections to people, places, and programs.</p>	 <p>Open to high school students who have established a B'nai Tzedek Fund. Teens learn about philanthropy, advocacy, leadership, and service learning.</p>	 <p>JewishPhoenix.com is a free, comprehensive website for people looking to connect with Jewish life here in Phoenix.</p>



### A Message from **Richard Kasper**, Chief Executive Officer

The landscape of American Jewish life has changed dramatically over the last few years, simultaneously presenting unprecedented challenges and new opportunities for community engagement.

Security concerns, rising antisemitism, and debates over Israel persist. But our community's enduring strength and the impact we create together highlight our resilience.

Faced with a new normal, the Center for Jewish Philanthropy pivoted to align with new priorities, demonstrating the agility and capability that have become hallmarks of our organization.

We are deeply proud of how far we've come in just four years, as we continue to be guided by our mission and core values. We are committed to serving our Jewish community by supporting innovative nonprofit initiatives through our Community Impact grant program, by strengthening local partnerships, and by investing in opportunities that drive meaningful progress.

#### Here are a few of our notable achievements from 2025:

- Provided Community Impact grants of more than \$1.7 million to organizations serving the needs and interests of our Jewish community.
- Spent more than \$1 million to keep our community safe and secure, between the Ina Levine Jewish Community Campus and CJP's community security program.
- Added staffing capacity to lead CJP's efforts in combating antisemitism through awareness, relationships, and programming.
- Distributed more than 25,000 PJ Library books to local families raising Jewish children.
- Engaged 55 young adults in our Leadership Advancement Series (LAS) program.
- Partnered with 51 other organizations on programs and projects.
- Sent 56 teens to Israel through our Grossman Israel Experience program. This year, we crossed the threshold of having granted over \$1,000,000 from the Grossman Fund to support teen experiences in Israel.
- Provided \$175,000 in need-based scholarships, so nearly 300 local kids could experience Jewish Summer Camp.
- Provided 1,620 subsidized rides for older adults through our Senior Rides program.

As we move forward, we remain committed to fostering collaboration, embracing innovation, and leading initiatives that respond to our community's evolving needs. Your continued partnership and generosity are essential to our shared success. We look forward to working alongside you to create a lasting impact in the year ahead.

Richard Kasper, JD, CAP®, Chief Executive Officer



### A Message from **Alan Gold**, Board Chair

Dear Community Members,

This past year has been one of achievements, shared purpose, and steadfast commitment to our mission. With your trusted and continued support, along with that of our Board and CJP's exceptional professional team, we have built a strong foundation for secure and sustainable growth.

I extend my sincere appreciation to the entire CJP team for their dedication and pursuit of excellence in navigating challenges and achieving key milestones. I am grateful to our Board of Directors whose counsel and guidance remains instrumental to our leadership and organization. Finally, thanks to our trusted partners who work collaboratively with CJP to make a positive impact on our community. You all play an important and integral part in our success.

As we look to the future, I remain optimistic about the path ahead for CJP. The progress we made in 2025 has laid a solid foundation for continued growth and deeper impact. Your continued support inspires us every day. Together, we will keep building a brighter, stronger future for our Jewish community.

Alan Gold, Board Chair

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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- Richard Kasper, CEO

## VISION

To be an engaged, vibrant, and secure community rooted in Jewish values.

## MISSION

To energize and sustain Jewish life and leadership throughout Greater Phoenix, in Israel, and around the world.

## VALUES

- Welcoming** - We are friendly, accessible, inclusive, and respectful.
- Caring** - We recognize and respond to people in need.
- Collaborative** - We embrace the power of shared effort.
- Responsible** - We are both stewards and catalysts for community enhancement.
- Impactful** - We intend to make a meaningful difference, now and over time.

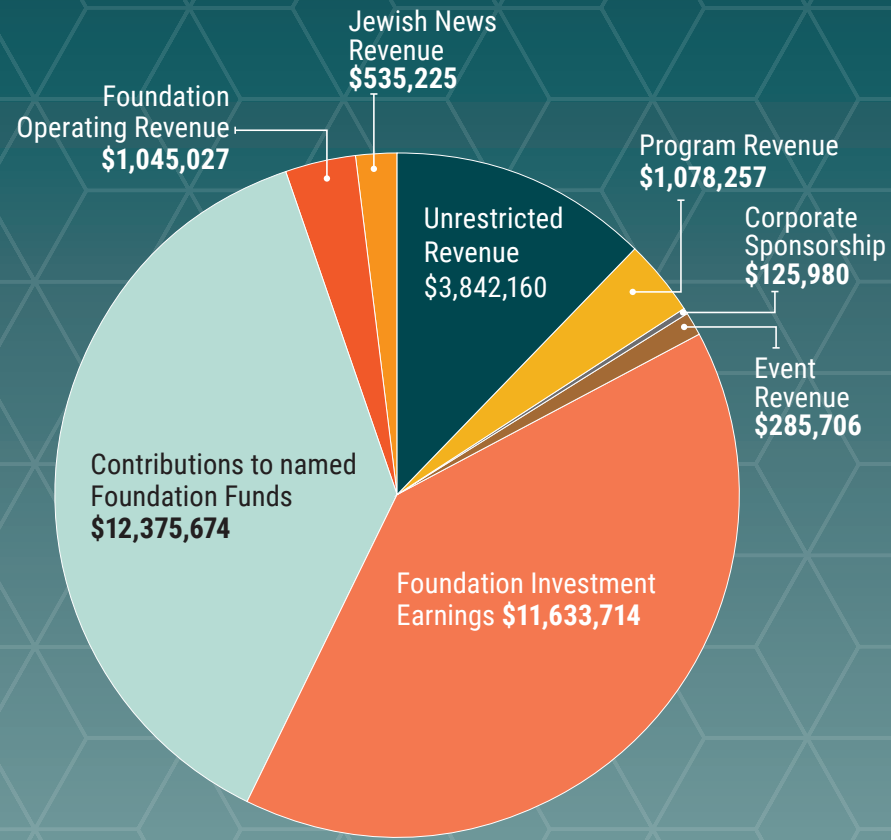
## STRATEGIC OUTCOMES

- PARTICIPATION** - Promote awareness and the welcoming spirit of Jewish community activities, causes, and education.
- RESPONSIVENESS** - Recognize, publicize, and act on ever-evolving threats, needs, challenges, and opportunities within and around the Jewish community.
- LEADERS** - Cultivate and activate a pool of diverse and passionate community leaders with strong collaborative skills.
- CONTRIBUTED \$'s** - Champion a collaborative approach to sustainable philanthropy that substantially increases the community's total financial resources.
- SUPPORT ORGANIZATIONS** - Stand with the organizations and institutions that serve Jewish communal life as a potent and trusted ally in their pursuit of excellence, relevance, and impact.
- HELP PEOPLE** - Amplify the capacity of people & organizations to recognize and assist those in need, plus supply direct assistance when necessary.
- STEWARDSHIP** - Assure trustworthy stewardship by positioning donor intent at the heart of all philanthropic strategies.
- RAISE THE BAR** - Seek fresh opportunities to advance priorities of community-wide significance.

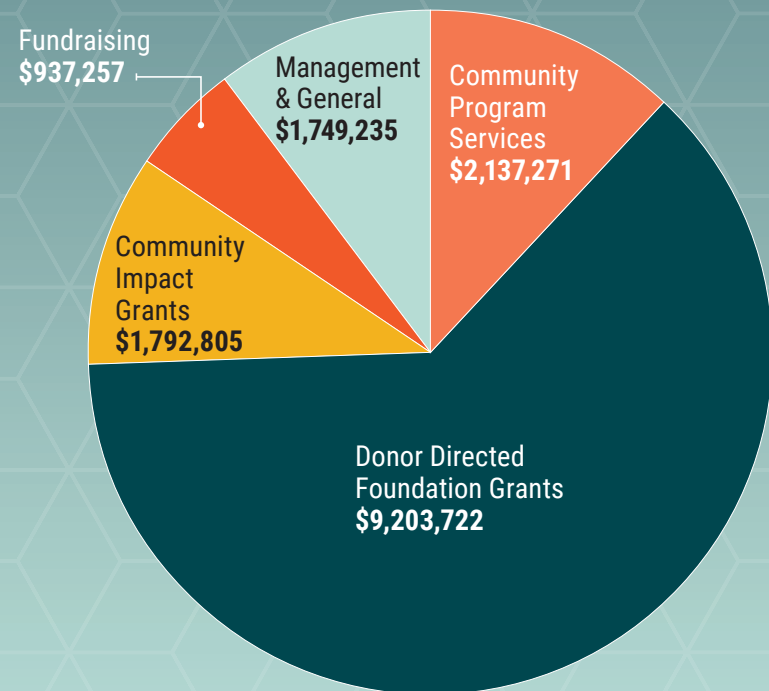


# 2025 Financials

## Revenue



## Grants & Expenses





# Since launching in 2023, our Community Security initiative has:

- Invested more than \$1 million annually to keep our local Jewish community safe and secure. This includes funding for security at the Ina Levine Jewish Community Campus and CJP's Community Security initiative.
- Offered free classes including two "Stop the Bleed" trainings for Jewish and non-Jewish organizations.
- Completed more than 40 site visits for Jewish organizations to assess security protocols and systems on site – a necessary step to securing federal or state security funding.
- Added staff to lead CJP's efforts in combating antisemitism through awareness, relationships, and programming.
- Assisted Jewish organizations in completing their applications for National Security Grant funding resulting in a total of \$900,000 in awards.
- Provided \$133,000 in grants to early childhood programs to offset the costs of security.




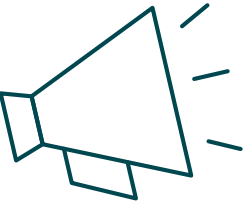
## Community Security and Combating Antisemitism in Greater Phoenix

In the wake of October 7, the landscape of Jewish Life has changed dramatically in the United States. Jewish people are grappling with a sense of insecurity about being openly Jewish and antisemitism has risen to unprecedented levels both locally and nationwide. The latest data from the FBI and the ADL show the highest number of antisemitic incidents since tracking began in 1991. This reality threatens the safety and wellbeing of our community and demands decisive action. The Center for Jewish Philanthropy of Greater Phoenix is committed to proactive strategies that protect Jewish life, strengthen community bonds, and ensure every member of our community can live openly and authentically, free from hatred and discrimination.



### Protecting Jewish Life Building Community Resilience

As we expand our work in combating antisemitism in Greater Phoenix, we have a dedicated, full-time director to lead and grow our efforts with focus and expertise. This leadership allows us to deepen partnerships, expand educational programs, and strengthen advocacy to protect and empower our community.

 <p><b>Community Relations</b></p> <p>Building strong partnerships across civic, faith, and cultural sectors to stand united against antisemitism and hate.</p>	 <p><b>K-12 Education</b></p> <p>Strengthening engagement in schools with programs that make Jewish experiences visible and empower Jewish students to share their stories with confidence and pride.</p>	 <p><b>Jewish Community Initiatives</b></p> <p>Offering ongoing programs and learning experiences that deepen resilience, understanding, and unity within the Jewish community.</p>	 <p><b>Advocacy</b></p> <p>Aligning with the national Jewish advocacy agenda to ensure our voices shape policies that protect our community.</p>
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## What is Life & Legacy?

Life & Legacy is a collaboration between the Center for Jewish Philanthropy of Greater Phoenix and our partner organizations. Its goal is to promote after-lifetime giving to create endowments that will support important organizations and vibrant Jewish communities for future generations.

The Life & Legacy program helps organizations establish a legacy presence and fully integrate legacy giving into their philanthropic culture through training, coaching and financial incentives.

Since 2015, our community has secured over 1000 legacy commitments from 700 donors, representing over \$70 million in estimated future gifts.

## How will you assure Jewish tomorrows?

Make a legacy commitment to support the organizations you are most passionate about in the community.

Add your page to the Endowment Book of Life, sharing your feelings about the importance of sustaining a vibrant Greater Phoenix Jewish Community.

For more information about the Greater Phoenix Life & Legacy program, contact [plannedgiving@phoenixcjp.org](mailto:plannedgiving@phoenixcjp.org)

## Selma and Jerry Targovnik Life & Legacy Testimonial

When **Selma and Jerome (“Jerry”) Targovnik** moved to Phoenix from Brookline, Massachusetts, they came from a strong Jewish community and were surprised by how different life in the desert felt. Over time, however, Phoenix became home, and Beth El Congregation became their Jewish home. Selma was deeply committed to the congregation, being the first woman to serve on the congregation’s board of directors and the first woman to sit on the bimah.

Jerry supported Jewish life in quieter ways, especially through his work, relationships, and philanthropy. Together, they believed in contributing meaningfully to the community and helping ensure that Jewish institutions in Phoenix remained strong and welcoming.

For more than fifty years, their connection to Phoenix’s Jewish community has been steady, sincere, and rooted in long-term commitment.

Selma and Jerry met in medical school and built a relationship based on shared goals and mutual respect. Medical training took them to numerous cities, both living together and apart, but they were eventually able to put down roots in Phoenix, where involvement and connection to Jewish life were central to their family.

Selma and Jerry have been active supporters, through leadership, participation, and philanthropy, of many Jewish organizations, including Beth El Congregation and the American Technion Society. Their more recent involvement with the Arizona Kosher Food Pantry, which their eldest daughter helps to run, has been especially meaningful, reflecting their belief in caring for people with dignity and compassion.

After the loss of their son, Labe Eric Targovnik, z”l, Selma and Jerry wanted to honor his memory in a way that would bring lasting good into the world. They created the Labe Eric Targovnik, z”l Scholarship Fund, which helps young people by removing obstacles and opening doors to their Jewish identity



and their community. By adding their page to the Endowment Book of Life in 2003, they are proud to have had the opportunity to shape confident, engaged Jewish teens, who then carry those values forward into adulthood.

Selma and Jerry believe their legacy began with the first recipients of the scholarship and continues to this day. Recognizing how powerful and formative the overnight Jewish camp experiences can be, the Labe Eric Targovnik, z”l, Scholarship Fund is now dedicated to helping Jewish children attend Jewish summer camp—the place where friendships are formed, confidence is built, and Jewish identity comes alive.

Although they do not know most recipients personally, the impact becomes real when someone approaches them and says, “Thank you. Going to camp changed my life.” Each year, as they review applications, they are struck by the challenges many families face—serious illness, financial hardship, instability, and circumstances that are often hidden. What unites these applicants is their strong desire to be part of the Jewish community.

Their hope is that the Labe Eric Targovnik, z”l, Scholarship Fund will continue to give children the chance to experience connection, belonging, and joy—honoring their son’s memory by helping young people build strong Jewish identities and lasting relationships.

# IMPACT OF OUR FUNDING



## Grossman Israel

My name is Sydney, and thanks to the Center for Jewish Philanthropy and its Grossman Israel Incentive Grant, I was able to spend the fall semester of my Junior year of high school studying at Alexander Muss High School in Israel. When I left home this past August, I was a completely different person than I am today. Not only was I pushed out of my comfort zone on an almost daily basis, I developed an unwavering love for our homeland. This wasn't just any semester in Israel. I had the honor to witness, firsthand, the last remaining 10/7 hostages return home. The day started like any other, getting ready to head off to classes and then an overnight in Jerusalem for Simchat Torah. That all changed when we (students) and our madrichim (counselors) were glued to the TV in our dorm, watching history unfold. We quickly changed plans, classes were cancelled, and we were gathering hats, water bottles, and all the Israeli flags we could find, and heading to a hospital in Petah Tikvah that was receiving hostages. One IDF helicopter was there when we arrived, and then a huge party began in the parking lot. I will remember for the rest of my life the singing, dancing and pure joy on everyone's faces. If I could, I would pack my bags and head back to Israel tomorrow – an iced caffè, falafel and the aroma of the Shuk are calling my name.

Harold & Jean Grossman  
**Teen Israel Experience Incentive Fund**

## Investing in our Community

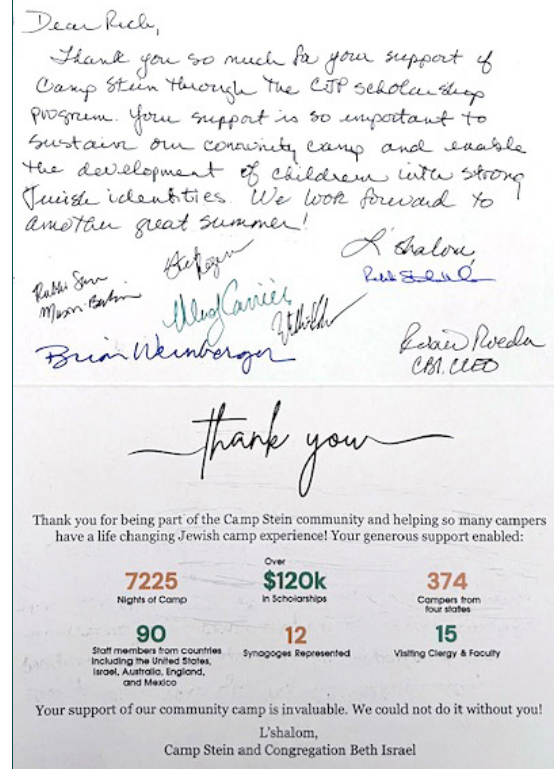
### Andy Feldman

Andy's CJP journey began when, upon moving to Phoenix, he connected with the NowGen Director through Shalom Phoenix. Andy and his wife quickly got involved in PJ Library programming for their young child, building early ties to the community. Through NowGen, he discovered the Leadership Advancement Series (LAS), participating in two cohorts and now completing LAS 2.0. Today, Andy continues to deepen his impact as a member of CJP's Investment Committee, using his professional expertise to give back to the community.



## Camp Scholarships

Center for Jewish Philanthropy  
 Thank you so much for the scholarships. To me and my sister camp is the best part of our summer and we always look forward to it. We are so grateful we have a place like camp to go, and a place to grow in our Jewish culture and identity. Camp has taught me many things that I'll remember for the rest of my life. And I have made so many good memories with my amazing friends and great counselors. Again we thank YOU from the bottoms of our hearts. sincerely,



## Ethiopian National Project

Helen S., a ninth-grade student, has participated in ENP SPACE (Scholastic Performance and Community Empowerment) for three years, since entering junior high school. Helen is known for her dedication and quiet determination. After losing her brother in the war in Gaza, she became increasingly withdrawn.

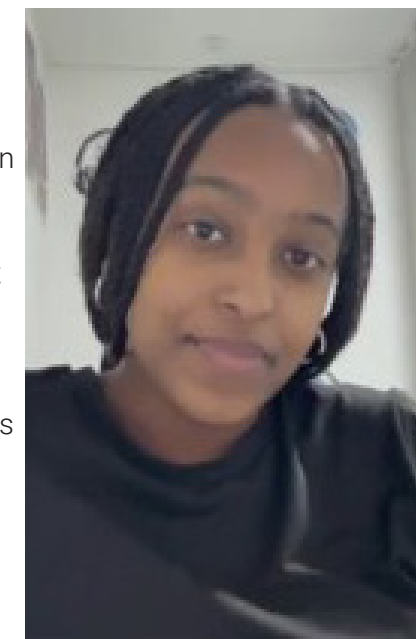
It was in an unexpected place—ENP's SPACE spoken English group—that Helen began to find her voice again.

As part of the program, students are invited to apply to a summer camp, a process that includes submitting a personal video. Helen chose to participate. Sitting in front of the camera, speaking in a language she was still mastering, she did something extraordinary: she told her story.

She spoke about her brother. About loss. About navigating a reality no teenager should have to face.

In choosing to share, Helen did more than complete an application—she began to heal.

Today, Helen remains an active and engaged participant in the program, continuing to excel academically. But just as importantly, she has found a trusted space within SPACE. She shares that the program coordinator has become someone she can turn to for guidance, support, and conversations she cannot get or have elsewhere. This is the power of SPACE.



# 2025 COMMUNITY IMPACT GRANTS

## LOCAL GENERAL OPERATING SUPPORT FUNDING



**Hilton Family Holocaust Education Center**

### **Arizona Jewish Historical Society, \$18,000**

The Arizona Jewish Historical Society preserves and celebrates the rich heritage of Arizona's Jewish communities, educates the public about the Jewish historical experience, and promotes awareness of our state's diverse history through arts, culture, and educational programming. This grant will help provide ongoing, educational, and cultural programs while the AZJHS facility is closed during construction of the Hilton Family Holocaust Education Center.

### **Bureau of Jewish Education, \$55,000**

The Bureau of Jewish Education promotes and enhances Jewish literacy, knowledge and understanding, and provides programming to inspire an appreciation of Jewish heritage. Classes and programs strengthen Jewish identity and spiritual life through a pluralistic learning environment.

### **East Valley Jewish Community Center (EVJCC), \$75,000**

The mission of the East Valley Jewish Community Center is to be a center for social, cultural, and educational activities, engaging families and individuals throughout their lifetime through Jewish values. The EVJCC provides education and socialization for children to seniors through myriad programs.

### **Gesher Disability Resources, \$30,000**

Gesher Disability Resources serves children and adults affected by a disability through inclusion assistance in the classroom, teacher and counselor training, monthly religious services accessible to all, resource referral, residential support, and social groups.

### **Hillel Jewish Student Center at ASU, \$75,000**

Hillel offers religious, cultural and Israel education initiatives, Jewish learning, leadership development, professional mentoring, connects students to internship opportunities, and hosts Shabbat and holiday celebrations. It serves as a home away from home for many college students.

### **Hilton Family Holocaust Education Center, \$34,000 (\$100,000 payable over 3 years)**

This 31,000 square-foot facility on the grounds of the Cutler Plotkin Jewish Heritage Center, is scheduled to open in 2027. The Center is designed to provide a transformative experience, which will inspire, educate, and empower individuals to stand against hate and bigotry, and will become a natural destination for student field trips with its guided tours, online and interactive exhibits and a digital resource library.

### **Jewish Family & Children's Service (JFCS), \$260,000, including \$40,000 for the Senior Concierge Program**

Funding supports JFCS' Jewish Community Services, which serves the Jewish community of Greater Phoenix with a primary focus of addressing the needs of individuals and families across a broad spectrum of Jewish life. Specific programs serve Holocaust Survivors, those in need of Jewish counseling and career services, older adults for in-home care, activities that can remove social isolation barriers, and spiritual guidance to those with illness, trauma, recovery, and/or end of life situations.

### **Jewish Free Loan Association (JFL), \$18,000**

Jewish Free Loan provides interest-free financial assistance to Arizona's Jewish community and works to grow a sustainable resource for future generations. JFL's Loan program areas are: General/Personal, Emergency, Student, and the Personal Care program, which provides food, gas cards, and personal hygiene and household products to emergency loan recipients.

### **Minkoff Center for Jewish Genetics, Genetic Screening, Counseling and Support Program, \$10,000**

The Minkoff Center for Jewish Genetics provides highly subsidized or free genetic testing (prenatal and BRCA), in-depth genetic counseling, and support resources, including a BRCA Support Program, for the greater Phoenix Jewish community. It provides one-on-one genetic counseling, testing, and support for all participants – individuals aged 18-85, and anyone who identifies as Jewish or is a partner of a Jewish person. The Center underwrites costs for any genetic related counseling and testing services that are not covered by insurance.

### **Phoenix Holocaust Association (PHA), \$15,000**

The Phoenix Holocaust Association is a regional resource for Holocaust education and remembrance. Its programs are open to students, teachers, and the greater public, and include a communitywide Yom HaShoah Commemoration, a speakers' bureau, where local survivors share their stories, teacher training programs, and social events for survivors and descendants. PHA successfully advocated for a state mandate requiring all middle and high school students to receive education about the Holocaust and other genocides, and proposed one of two Holocaust-related bills recently passed by the Arizona Legislature.

### **Valley Beit Midrash, Education Programs (VBM), \$20,000**

Valley Beit Midrash strives to improve the quality of Jewish life in the Greater Phoenix Jewish community through transformative Jewish education. VBM offers myriad

classes, panel discussions, and scholars-in-residence for our community, and publishes a journal of local and national Jewish thoughts called "KOLOT: Celebrating the Plurality of Jewish Voices."

### **Valley of the Sun Jewish Community Center (VOSJCC) \$266,500**

The Valley of the Sun JCC offers programs for all ages and serves people of all faiths, backgrounds, and abilities. The VOSJCC serves as a gathering place for people to meet, eat, socialize, workout – and feel at home and welcomed. Fifty thousand dollars is designated for its Jewish family programming initiative, which includes an annual Yom Ha'atzmaut (Israel Independence Day) celebration, Shabbat dinners, and an Israel cultural series featuring speakers, films and performances.

### **Women's Leadership Institute, \$14,000**

The Women's Leadership Institute works to increase the presence of skilled women leaders in Jewish communal decision-making. Its programs empower Jewish women in Greater Phoenix through leadership training, community-building, and deepening Jewish identity. WLI accomplishes this through a leadership cohort, and hands-on experience via community projects, alumnae programming that engages past participants, and adult education.

## LOCAL STRATEGIC INITIATIVE GRANTS

### **Anti-Defamation League (ADL) Advocacy in Arizona \$10,000**

Funding supports ADL's advocacy efforts in three main areas: hate crimes legislation, annual lobby day, and on government relations, advocacy, and community engagement. Increased funding enhances legislative priorities, lobby day efforts, and community activities.

### **Arizona Kosher Food Pantry, Shabbat Dinners for Needy Jewish Families, \$5,000**

Funding provides kosher Shabbat dinners, delivered Valley wide each week to families who are referred by Jewish Family and Children's Service and Jewish Day Schools. Arizona Kosher Pantry is a partner of St. Mary's Food Bank in Phoenix.

### **Birthright Israel Foundation, Birthright Israel in Phoenix \$25,000**

Funding supports five individuals from Greater Phoenix to participate on a Birthright Israel trip. Birthright Israel focuses on fostering positive Jewish identity and a shared connection and future between Israeli and Diaspora participants. New educational pillars rooted in the value of *arvut hadadit* (mutual responsibility) help participants understand and gain meaningful insight into how October 7th affected Israeli society and Jews around the world.

### **Chabad House, Smile on Seniors West Valley, \$14,000**

Smile on Seniors West Valley provides Jewish programming, education and experiences geared specifically to the senior and aging Jewish population in the West Valley. Activities include classes, workshops and holiday events, Shabbat challah delivery, as well as one-on-one home visits and spiritual care.

### **Chabad of Arizona, Smile on Seniors (SOS), \$15,000**

SOS offers a wide array of services and programs for seniors, including in-home visits by volunteers, Shabbat dinners, holiday celebrations, luncheons, social programs, chaplaincy, educational lectures, and discussions with the Rabbi.

### **Chabad of North Phoenix, Friendship Circle, \$12,000**

Committed to serving all members of the community regardless of religious affiliation, the Friendship Circle provides support to families of children with special needs and empowers and enriches its network of mostly teen-aged volunteers.

### **Chai Lifeline, i-Shine Afterschool Program, \$7,500**

The i-Shine program is an after-school program that provides support to healthy children who are impacted by illness and loss in their families. The program focuses on three areas: emotional support (one-on-one support), peer support (meeting other children experiencing similar situations), and practical support (help with homework, meals) during the most crucial time of the day for families - the after-school hours. i-Shine provides a caring and compassionate "home away from home" for these children.

### **CTeen of the Valley, Solomon Leadership Program, \$5,000**

The Solomon Leadership Program is designed to empower 11th and 12th graders with essential leadership skills through a combination of guest speakers and mentorship. The program also encourages students to apply these skills in real-life situations, preparing them to make a positive impact in their communities and beyond.

### **Friends of Israel Scouts, Shevet Shemesh Arizona, Israel Scouts of Arizona, \$12,000**

Shevet Shemesh, part of the Israeli Scouts of North America, offers weekly activities for students in grades 2-12, providing a mix of Hebrew and English immersion. Programs focus on social and group activities centered around universal values like democracy, equality, and tolerance, Israeli and Jewish holidays, historical events, and helps foster a deep love for the land of Israel. Four thousand dollars of the grant is designated for the 2025 and 2026 Yom HaZikaron ceremonies.



**Friends of Israel Scouts, Shevet Shemesh Arizona**



Film Festival co-chairs Tricia Beran and Sue Adatto (left and right) with Soda stars Rotem Sela and Lior Raz.

**Greater Phoenix Jewish Film Festival (GPJFF), Capacity Building, \$20,000**

The GPJFF's all-volunteer leadership spends 600-1,000 hours annually on administrative tasks. To streamline operations, GPJFF plans to hire a paid administrator, allowing volunteers to focus on audience growth, programming, and revenue expansion -- aiming for self-funding in two years. To attract a younger audience, GPJFF is launching a social media campaign utilizing a contracted firm, to target "Middlescents" (ages 45-60).

**Honeymoon Israel (HMI), Honeymoon Israel Phoenix \$25,000**

Honeymoon Israel focuses exclusively on welcoming diverse young couples (multifaith, interracial, and LGBTQ), who are on the fringes of Jewish life. HMI's highly subsidized group trip to Israel is a catalyst for building a lifelong Jewish community at home. The journey continues at home after the trip as couples learn, grow, and explore together. The result is organic neighborhood-based micro-communities of young families intimately sharing their joys and challenges, inspired to continue their Jewish journey. The goal is to integrate couples into the broader Jewish ecosystem in Phoenix for long-term involvement.

**Ina Levine Jewish Community Campus, Security Funding \$278,875**

Funding supports security for this 30-acre campus which features a 110,000-square foot activities center, and is home to the following organizations: Anti-Defamation League, BBYO, Bureau of Jewish Education, Center for Jewish Philanthropy of Greater Phoenix, Geshar Disability Resources, Jewish Community Relations Council, Jewish Free Loan, Jewish Tuition Organization, Milk & Honey Café, Minkoff Center for Jewish Genetics, Pardes Jewish Day School, Shevet Shemesh – Israel Scouts of AZ, Valley of the Sun J, and Women's Leadership Institute. On an average weekday, approximately 2,700 people visit the campus to access the social services, school, kosher café, non-profit organizations, gym and community meeting spaces.

**Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC), Capacity Building, \$20,000**

Funding enables the JCRC to hire consultants for website and marketing updates, create videos highlighting JCRC's impact, and implement a new online donation platform.

**Jewish Tuition Organization (JTO), Capacity Building, \$22,500 (45,000 grant payable over two years)**

The Jewish Tuition Organization provides Jewish day school scholarships to students in need. This grant supports all local Jewish day schools, with funding to help the JTO hire an individual to work as a corporate tax-credit fundraiser. C corporations, S corporations, LLCs filing as S corporations and insurance companies are eligible to take the dollar-for-dollar Arizona Private School Tuition tax credit when they support Student Tuition Organizations.

**Limmud North America, Limmud AZ, \$10,000**

A half-day event featuring educational sessions ranging from Israel, torah study, yoga, to the Jewish roots of chocolate. Limmud Festivals are unique in the Jewish landscape, where individuals of different ages and levels of observance can study, eat, or celebrate together. Limmud AZ, which was volunteer led since its inception, has become an official, fiscally sponsored program of Limmud North America.

**Moishe House (MH), Moishe House in Phoenix, \$10,000**

Moishe House Phoenix is a welcoming Jewish community led by five young adult volunteer leaders who live together as housemates and host at least seven programs each month from their rented home. Since opening in 2013, MH Phoenix has created more than 900 peer-led Jewish programs, engaging nearly 18,000 participants through individual touchpoints – an average of more than 19 participants per program. Programming encompasses a wide array of opportunities, including Shabbat dinners, Jewish cultural programs, holiday celebrations, volunteering initiatives, and more.

**NCJW, Ruth Place, \$5,000**

Ruth Place is a model community recovery center that addresses chronic and complex trauma rooted in sexual assault, childhood sexual abuse, incest, and sexual trafficking. Ruth Place's approach emphasizes wellness, and its structured, holistic program is designed to help survivors recognize that trauma is an injury, not an illness, helping survivors discover their inner strength to regulate their physical and emotional responses to stressful situations.

**NCSY, West Coast, Jewish Student Union Culture Clubs \$6,000**

NCSY helps foster lasting connections to Jewish identity and Israel for high school students and has created JSU Culture Clubs at numerous local high schools. Clubs provide Jewish teens with opportunities to engage in Jewish culture, traditions, and community-building in a welcoming, peer-led environment. NCSY equips students with the knowledge and confidence to stand up against hatred while fostering pride in their Jewish identity. NCSY is working to open additional local JSU Culture Clubs at area high schools.

**OneTable, OneTable Phoenix, \$8,000**

OneTable enables accessible and repeatable do-it-yourself home-based Jewish ritual, mental wellness practices, and personal connections, all through the lens of Shabbat. OneTable technology matches hosts with resources to build community and helps guests find Shabbat dinners. Through a dedicated landing page and food credits, young adults have what they need to welcome people to their own Shabbat dinner.

**Scottsdale Arts, Hope Chest Holocaust Education Resources, \$7,500**

The Hope Chest Traveling Exhibition allows youth and adults to journey back in time through the pages of Holocaust survivor Oskar Knoblauch's memoir, "A Boy's Story, A Man's Memory: Surviving the Holocaust 1933-1945." The traveling exhibition is available both as an "exhibition-in-a-box" for local schools, libraries, and community centers locally, and as an electronic file package with artifact collection for museums, cultural institutions, and other non-local organizations.

**ISRAEL GENERAL OPERATING SUPPORT GRANTS**

**American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC) \$50,000**

JDC's programs focus on rescuing Jews in danger, providing aid to vulnerable Jews, developing innovative solutions to Israel's most complex social challenges, cultivating a Jewish future, and leading the Jewish community's response to global crises like natural disasters, public health emergencies, and more. JDC continues to serve as a lifeline for Ukraine's Jews, offering unparalleled humanitarian assistance, trauma support, educational assistance, and employment initiatives. JDC's main strategy in Israel continues to be partnering with the Government of Israel to develop new models of caring for the country's vulnerable and addressing the most pressing social challenges.

**Jewish Agency for Israel (JAFI), \$70,000**

The Jewish Agency provides the global framework for Aliyah and absorption, ensures global Jewish safety, strengthens Jewish identity, connects Jews to Israel and one another, and conveys the voice of the Jewish People to the State of Israel to help shape its society. JAFI ensures that every Jew, from any country, can make Israel their home. Since October 7th, JAFI expanded its Victims of Terror Fund, its Loan Fund to support small business owners impacted by the war, and launched Bayit Project, aimed at enhancing bomb shelters across its residential programs.

**ORT America, \$15,000**

ORT America is dedicated to transforming lives through education and training and by cultivating a global education network driven by Jewish values and innovation. ORT's global network of schools, colleges, and international programs impacts more than 200,000 individuals annually by providing access to education that will prepare them for 21st-century careers. Since the invasion of Ukraine, ORT has provided dedicated assistance for thousands of ORT family members. Since October 7th, ORT has provided critical education, therapeutic and security support to students and staff in Israel.

**ISRAEL STRATEGIC INITIATIVE GRANTS**

**Economic Empowerment for Women (EEW), Helping Businesswomen in Crisis, \$10,000**

Since the beginning of the war, 46,000 small businesses have been forced to close and 70% have a steep decline in income. EEW graduates run small businesses, often from home, offering services that have been less in demand. EEW's efforts have been directed toward saving businesses and helping to restart the job market. This program will provide consulting for 50 businesswomen, most of whom are graduates of EEW's business training program, who are struggling to keep their business active and have been evacuated from their homes.

**Ethiopian National Project (ENP), School Performance and Community Empowerment, \$10,000**

ENP School Performance and Community Empowerment (SPACE) program works to increase the number of Ethiopian Israeli high school students who pass their matriculation exams, improve the level of achievement in these tests and reduce overt and covert dropout rates.

**Friends of United Hatzalah, Psychological Trauma Support for United Hatzalah Volunteers, \$15,000**

In addition to treating traumatized victims and bystanders of everyday and mass-casualty emergencies through a range of immediate intervention models, United Hatzalah also treats their own medics who have experienced trauma while volunteering. Mental health professionals trained in immediate intervention models staff a 24/7 mental health hotline for volunteers and hold individual and group counseling sessions as needed.

**Hillel – the Right to Choose, Support for Ex-Ultra-Orthodox Women, Single Mothers and Children, \$12,000**

The program provides focused short-term support and empowerment to yotzim – Israeli Jews who choose to leave the ultra-Orthodox communities in which they were raised. This program includes counseling and treatment; educational and employment programs, scholarships and tutoring to complete high school equivalency, academic or vocational degrees; comprehensive employment services, legal aid for single mothers; and housing subsidies and transitional housing in Hillel's emergency shelter for 25 women aged 18-27.



Friends of United Hatzalah



**itworks, Iron Sword Survivors**

**itworks, Iron Sword Survivors – Employment Program for Women Evacuees, \$12,000**

The goal of the program is to improve the economic situation of single mothers by providing vocational training, soft skills training, and job placement assistance, to help them obtain well-paying employment, allowing them to support their families with dignity and financial security.

**Mavoi Satum, A World without Agunot, \$15,000**

This project combats *get* (Jewish divorce) refusal in a strategic effort to bring about a broad-reaching solution and create a world without *agunot* (Jewish woman who are stuck in their religious marriages). Mavoi Satum trains women to become activists to effectively share their stories in the media, at parlor meetings, and lectures. Additionally, Mavoi Satum works inside the Knesset and government ministries to legislate systemic solutions.

**Orr Shalom for Children and Youth at Risk, Educational Intervention for Girls at Risk, \$10,000**

Orr Shalom will implement an educational intervention program for high-risk girls in five Group Homes for Adolescent Girls at Risk. The program aims to bridge the significant educational gap these girls face, addressing their academic needs and the underlying emotional challenges that often impact their educational progress. Orr Shalom sees academic success as a rehabilitative goal that affects the child's general condition and strives to give children better options for solid integration in many areas of life.

**Shalva, the Israel Association for the Care and Inclusion of Persons with Disabilities, The Family Center, \$10,000**

The Family Center at Shalva provides a variety of support services for families of individuals with disabilities to empower and enable them to raise their children successfully within the family framework throughout the lifecycle. The center's holistic array of activities includes professional guidance, educational seminars, financial aid, parent-child activities, and peer-to-peer support groups.

**SHEKEL – Inclusion for People with Disabilities, Critical Trauma Therapy for Children and Youth with Disabilities, \$10,000**

The program provides critical trauma therapy for children and youth with intellectual and developmental disabilities in the Jerusalem region, Southern Israel and the Gaza perimeter, Ashkelon, and Ashdod. Children and youth who are victims of war or abuse will receive weekly professional therapy for at least five months from psychologists or clinical social workers specially trained in trauma therapy for disabled children and youth.

**Women's Spirit – Financial Independence for Women Survivors of Violence, Accounted For, \$10,000**

Accounted For aims to empower women survivors of abuse through advocacy, exposure, and extraction of social entitlements. The program operates across Israel and addresses a critical need exposed during the current national crisis, where women survivors of abuse face increased challenges in accessing and exercising their rights. The program has three key components: individual support, education and empowerment, and systemic advocacy.



**Shalva, the Israel Association for the Care and Inclusion of Persons with Disabilities**

**ADDITIONAL FUNDING**

**Center for Jewish Philanthropy (CJP), Discretionary Grantmaking Reserve, \$75,000**

Funding from the discretionary reserve may be used for requests that are cultivated by the CJP outside of the annual grant cycle, for responses to emergencies, man-made or natural disasters affecting the Jewish community, and for CJP's Small Grants Program.

**Jewish Federation of Los Angeles, Wildfire Relief Campaign, \$10,000**

Almost 1,000 Jewish individuals lost their homes or had them deemed uninhabitable and more than 50 Jewish-owned businesses were wiped out in the Palisades and Eaton fires. Funding provided emergency financial assistance, tuition assistance to help families provide their children with Jewish early education and overnight summer camp experiences, and emergency cash assistance grants to professionals working in the Jewish community affected by the fires.

**2025 COMMUNITY IMPACT GRANTS**

**LOCAL**

Anti-Defamation League	\$10,000
Arizona Kosher Food Pantry	\$5,000
Birthright Israel Foundation	\$25,000
Chabad House	\$14,000
Chabad of Arizona	\$15,000
Chabad of North Phoenix	\$12,000
Chai Lifeline	\$7,500
CTeen of the Valley	\$5,000
Friends of Israel Scouts	\$12,000
Greater Phoenix Jewish Film Festival	\$20,000
Honeymoon Israel	\$25,000
Ina Levine Jewish Community Campus	\$278,875
Jewish Community Relations Council	\$20,000
Jewish Tuition Organization	\$22,500
Limmud N. America	\$10,000
Moishe House	\$10,000
NCJW	\$5,000
NCSY West Coast	\$6,000
OneTable	\$8,000
Scottsdale Arts	\$7,500
<b>TOTAL LOCAL STRATEGIC INITIATIVE GRANTS</b>	<b>\$518,375</b>

**ISRAEL & OVERSEAS**

American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee	\$50,000
Economic Empowerment for Women	\$10,000
Ethiopian National Project	\$10,000
Friends of United Hatzalah	\$15,000
Hillel – the Right to Choose	\$12,000
Itworks	\$12,000
Jewish Agency for Israel	\$70,000
Mavoi Satum	\$15,000
Orr Shalom for Children and Youth at Risk	\$10,000
ORT America	\$15,000
Shalva – the Israel Assoc. for the Care/Inclusion for Disabled	\$10,000
SHEKEL – Inclusion for People with Disabilities	\$10,000
Women's Spirit – Financial Independence for Women Survivors of Violence	\$10,000
<b>TOTAL ISRAEL &amp; OVERSEAS FUNDING</b>	<b>\$249,000</b>

Organizations whose programs serve the Greater Phoenix Jewish community may apply for one-time grants through the streamlined small grants process. These grants support new programs or events, time-sensitive needs or opportunities, urgent or unforeseen needs, requests that capitalize on a time-limited opportunity, or capacity building projects.

**LOCAL GENERAL OPERATING SUPPORT GRANTS**

Arizona Jewish Historical Society	\$18,000
Bureau of Jewish Education	\$55,000
East Valley Jewish Community Center	\$75,000
Gesher Disability Resources	\$30,000
Hillel Jewish Student Center at ASU	\$75,000
Hilton Family Holocaust Education Center	\$34,000
Jewish Family & Children's Service	\$260,000
Jewish Free Loan	\$18,000
Minkoff Center for Jewish Genetics	\$10,000
Phoenix Holocaust Association	\$15,000
Valley Beit Midrash	\$20,000
Valley of the Sun Jewish Community Center	\$266,500
Women's Leadership Institute	\$14,000
<b>TOTAL Local General Operating Support Grants</b>	<b>\$890,500</b>

**TOTALS**

Local General Operating Support Grants	\$890,500
Local Strategic Initiative Grants	\$518,375
Israel General Operating Support and Strategic Initiative Grants	\$249,000
Discretionary Grantmaking Reserve	\$75,000
Jewish Federation of Los Angeles	\$10,000
<b>TOTAL DISTRIBUTED</b>	<b>\$1,742,875</b>

**2025 CJP SMALL GRANTS**

Arizona Bach Festival, Purim 2026 Performance	\$3,000
Beth El Congregation, Chamber in the Chapel	\$1,000
Fruitful Arizona, Reconnect and Renew	\$3,000
Little Chef Klezmer Band, 2025 Phoenix Yiddish Culture Festival	\$3,000
Olami Arizona, Phoenix Weekly Dinner and Learning – Level Up	\$2,000
Reform Teen Coalition of Greater Phoenix, Reform Teen Coalition	\$2,500
Spirit in the Desert Retreat Center, Chanukah in Carefree	\$3,000
Temple Emanuel of Tempe, Connecting our Jewish Community	\$1,500
The Bridge Initiative, Oy to the World: A Hanukkah Musical Revue	\$1,500
Yatom: The Jewish Foster & Adoption Network, Essential Supplies for Foster Families	\$3,000
<b>Total Small Grants</b>	<b>\$23,500</b>



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