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# Our Work in Israel and Overseas



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EVERY YEAR, the Greater Miami Jewish Federation allocates millions of dollars from the Annual Campaign to fund critical social welfare, educational and community-building programs and other services in Israel and in more than 70 additional countries worldwide.

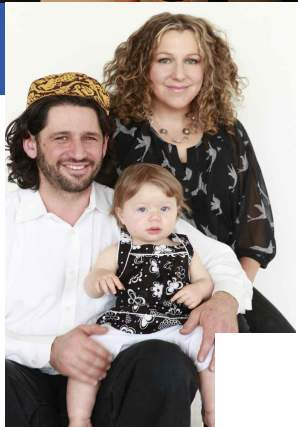
As a member of The Jewish Federations of North America (JFNA) and through the Federated system, we are fortunate to have three historic overseas partner agencies that enable us to carry out our Mission thousands of miles from Miami. Supporting our efforts and fulfilling our community's priorities, The Jewish Agency for Israel (JAFI), the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC) and World ORT work every day with us and Federations across the continent to monitor ongoing and emerging needs; implement and oversee a network of crucial programs and services that assist those most vulnerable or at risk; and create and provide Jewish programming that engages and inspires Jews of all ages.

### The Jewish Agency for Israel (JAFI)



ESTABLISHED IN 1929 nearly two decades before Israel's statehood, JAFI was instrumental in founding and building the State of Israel. Since that time, JAFI has helped hundreds of thousands of Jews in peril around the world to immigrate to our spiritual homeland, and has provided a wide range of services to help these newcomers settle and acclimate.

Today, in addition to its signature *aliyah* work, JAFI offers assistance to Israeli victims of terror and others in need of aid. It also works to connect Israel, Israelis and the Jewish people worldwide through Jewish renewal programs and *shaliach* (emissary) efforts.



### American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC)

FOUNDED IN 1914 on behalf of North America's Jewish communities, JDC is a non-political, humanitarian aid organization whose Mission is to save Jewish lives and build Jewish life in Israel and more than 70 countries across the globe.

In Israel, JDC implements an array of programs to benefit the elderly, at-risk children and youth, new immigrants having difficulty assimilating into Israeli society, the chronically unemployed, and Israelis with disabilities. These initiatives are designed to improve education, break the cycle of poverty and create opportunities for Israel's most vulnerable to realize their full potential.

In the former Soviet Union (FSU), JDC ensures that impoverished elderly Jews – including Holocaust survivors – receive the necessities that are critical to their survival. At the same time, JDC is building Jewish life in the FSU through Jewish community centers, camps, family retreats, and educational and leadership training opportunities.

In Europe, Latin America, Asia and beyond, JDC helps Jewish leaders grapple with the threats of terrorism and anti-Semitism while also promoting innovation and increased participation in Jewish cultural and networking programs.

Through JDC, our Federation responds to crises around the world with rescue and relief efforts that draw upon existing networks in local Jewish communities and with non-governmental organizations.

### World ORT

WORLD ORT IS THE WORLD'S LARGEST Jewish education and vocational training non-governmental organization. Specializing in technology, its Mission is to provide communities – wherever they may be – with the skills and knowledge necessary to cope with the complexities and uncertainties of their environment.

World ORT operates in Israel and 37 other countries and helps approximately 300,000 students worldwide.



# The Greater Miami Jewish Federation's Initiatives in Israel

**AS WE SUPPORT** three historic overseas partner agencies that help fulfill our global commitment to the Jewish people, Federation also provides funding to a number of non-governmental organizations in Israel that address community priorities, meet specialized needs and work to effect societal change.

- For the past 11 years, the Miami Jewish community has had a meaningful **partnership with the city of Yerucham, Israel**. Through people-to-people programs, the partnership is enjoying great success in strengthening the bonds among our Miami-Yerucham family and inspiring community engagement, innovation and development on both sides of the world.
- Stemming from our Miami-Yerucham Partnership is **Youth Futures-Yerucham**, an innovative program of The Jewish Agency for Israel (JAFI) that focuses on **at-risk children ages eight to 18** with positive role models and tools for academic and personal success.
- Federation has joined with other Jewish Federations to help **support the development of the Negev region** through **The Negev Funding Coalition**. Its Mission is to transform this vast desert into a creative and vital place to live.
- The **Ness Negev Business Loan Fund** helps aspiring entrepreneurs and small business owners in the Negev, with the broader aim of **creating jobs and accelerating economic activity in Israel's underdeveloped Negev region**.
- Established in 2003, the **Women's Amutot Initiative** offers annual grants to Israeli not-for-profit organizations (*amutot*) that create social change for women, as well as provide economic and societal empowerment, integration and equality, leadership development, and protection against and prevention of violence.
- Federation helps **combat food insecurity in Israel** by supporting several programs that provide **nutritional support** through food rescue, hot meals, food packages and other resources to thousands of Israelis, including children, single-parent families, the elderly and the unemployed.

- Through the **Ethiopian-Israeli Initiative**, Federation supports the Ethiopian National Project, providing scholastic assistance to students in middle school and high school, as well as offering programs **integrating the Ethiopian-Israeli community into the larger community**, including employment opportunities for Ethiopian-Israeli educators.
- Federation **supports children with specials needs** through Beit Issie Shapiro, which develops and offers cutting-edge services, works to change attitudes in society by advocating for better legislation, and shares knowledge and Best Practices with others in Israel and around the world.
- We support **religious diversity** in Israel through the **Israel Religious Expression Platform (iRep)**, which works to encourage respect for diverse expressions of Judaism in Israel, and the **Itim Advocacy Center**, which **pursues legislative and regulatory reform to secure the free and equal exercise of basic rights to citizenship, marriage, divorce, conversion and burial** — areas subject to the jurisdiction of the Rabbinate in Israel.
- Federation is committed to **building a strong Jewish future** by providing a variety of Israel opportunities through **Masa Israel Journey**, which offers immersive experiences in Israel for young adults (18-30) with study abroad, internship, service learning and Jewish studies programs.





# HIGHLIGHTS OF THE PAST YEAR

## THE IMPACT OF OUR WORK IN ISRAEL

- **30,594 people from all over the world** made Israel their home with *aliyah* assistance and a variety of other Jewish Agency for Israel (JAFI) programs to help them acclimate.
- **191 families affected by terror** in Israel received immediate financial assistance from JAFI to help with housing, emotional counseling and other urgent needs.
- The American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee's (JDC) Eshel program has piloted **100 programs serving 90,000+ elderly and their families** to help them age in place, remain active, provide support for family caregivers and assist with coordination of services from multiple providers.
- **17,000 people with disabilities in 53 localities** were assisted through JDC programs promoting independent living and fostering inclusion in their community.
- **13,289 victims of domestic violence** and sexual abuse in southern Israel received support via an emergency hotline supported by Federation.
- **2 million meals** were rescued from hotels, corporate cafeterias, IDF bases and police stations for redistribution to 195 nonprofit organizations, benefiting hungry Israelis.
- **255 women who had been denied a *get*** (Jewish divorce) received legal assistance to help them obtain a divorce through a Federation-supported NGO.



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## THE IMPACT OF OUR WORK WORLDWIDE

- **122,000+ needy and elderly Jews** in the former Soviet Union received a variety of welfare and relief supplies and services through JDC to help them survive difficult circumstances on meager pensions.
- **520 impoverished individuals** in Argentina received hunger relief assistance through the Mezonot program operated by JDC.
- **6,300 people** in war-torn Ukraine received food, medicine and other essential supplies from the JDC.
- **1,500 Jewish campers** from more than 20 countries enjoyed immersive, inspiring Jewish experiences last summer — and every summer — at JDC's Camp Szarvas, helping build the next generation of Jewish leaders.
- **8,000+ youth** participated in JAFI overnight camps in the former Soviet Union.
- **2,000 communities** worldwide joined in educational, engagement and identity-building programs led by 1,500 *shlichim* (Israeli emissaries) through JAFI.