JEWISH ALLIANCE OF GREATER RHODE ISLAND 2024 - 2025 COMMUNITY INVESTMENT REPORT



With generous contributions given directly to the Jewish Alliance Community Campaign from donors across greater Rhode Island, the Community Development Committee (CDC) made strategic decisions to support programs and services offered here at home, in Israel, and around the world. The CDC focused on strengthening Alliance investments by aligning priorities with the following objectives in mind:

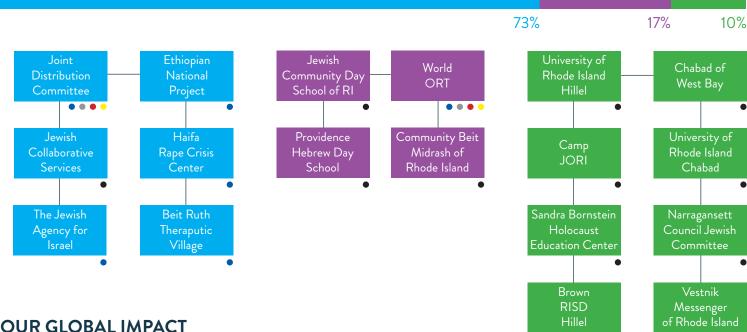
- Safeguard vulnerable Jewish populations, including the poor, elderly, and individuals with physical and mental challenges
- Ensure vulnerable populations are served with dignity, including access to services that provide counseling and financial security, and allow for independent lifestyles
- Uphold the quality of life for all Jews in greater Rhode Island
- Provide basic human need and relief services, and support programs that improve educational outcomes
- Provide Jewish enrichment in formal and informal, accessible, and high-quality programs that strengthen identity, increase affiliation, and grow knowledge of Jewish traditions and values
- · Ensure the availability to and engagement of all demographic groups in the Jewish community
- Assure a sense of global Jewish identity and responsibility to all demographics
- Maintain our partnership and connection with Jewish communities in Israel and worldwide
- Ensure a Jewish future with exploration and connections to Jewish identity

OUR FUNDING PRIORITIES









- Greater Rhode Island
- Israel
- Poland
- Argentina
- Ukraine



Since 2020, our overseas allocations have focused on three partner regions: Afula-Gilboa, Israel; Warsaw, Poland; Rosario, Argentina. Our global partners, including JAFI, JDC, and World ORT, also focus on these regions.

Jewish Alliance of Greater Rhode Island Community Development Committee FYE25 Supported Partner Reference Sheet

Listed in alphabetical order, this guide provides the mission statements of all supporting partners of the Community Development Committee for the Jewish Alliance of Greater Rhode Island in the coming program year. The Alliance has historically been proud to invest in the community through operational support to our local and overseas partners.

BEIT RUTH THERAPEUTIC VILLAGE

Beit Ruth Village is a long-term therapeutic residential school and haven for at-risk girls. Work ensures this population thrives emotionally, socially, and academically in the Afula-Gilboa, Israel region.

BROWN RISD HILLEL

Brown RISD Hillel supports a diverse student population as they develop and deepen their Jewish identities. Committed to Judaism as a source of meaning and growth, Brown RISD Hillel creates engagement for Jewish life on campus and provides collaborative events and programming throughout the year, serving as an easy access point for all.

CAMP JORI

A Jewish co-ed, residential summer camp in Wakefield, with summer overnight and full day camp options, Camp JORI serves campers grades 1 through high school with a full summer camp experience and offers programming for campers with special needs and counselor training opportunities.

CHABAD OF WEST BAY

Dedicated to outreach and education to the West Bay community with a range of services, study groups, programming and more, to create a welcoming atmosphere for Jews to explore and experience their heritage in a non-judgmental environment.

COMMUNITY BEIT MIDRASH OF RHODE ISLAND

Newly supported this year, this organization focuses on Jewish learning outside of synagogues and day schools, providing formal and informal education to middle and high school students.

ETHIOPIAN NATIONAL PROJECT (ENP)

Scholarship support that strengthens academic achievement through group sessions under the guidance of a youth coordinator. The program is individualized to address social and personal barriers to success and is individualized to suit each student's needs.

HAIFA RAPE CRISIS CENTER (HRCC)

A human and social service agency providing emotional, legal, and therapeutic support to survivors of sexual assault; workshops and lectures on violence prevention to children, youth, and adults; and training for professionals in the educational, health, social services, and criminal justice systems.

JEWISH AGENCY FOR ISRAEL (JAFI)

The Jewish Agency serves as a first responder addressing emergencies in Israel and rescues Jews from countries where they are at-risk. Its primary focus has been retooled to connect the global Jewish family, bringing Jews to Israel and Israel to Jews through meaningful Israel engagement.

JEWISH COLLABORATIVE SERVICES (JCS)

JCS ensures individuals and families facing physical, emotional,

housing, nutrition and other challenges get the services they need to recover and thrive. JCS receives additional indirect support as a tenant at 401 Elmgrove Avenue in the form of space and utilities and is provided by the Alliance.

JEWISH COMMUNITY DAY SCHOOL OF RHODE ISLAND (JCDSRI)

JCDSRI prepares collaborative, critical thinkers through a progressive academic approach that nurtures creativity and curiosity while promoting educational rigor and character development.

JOINT DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE (JDC)

The Joint Distribution Committee finances programs to assist impoverished Jews around the world, including Israel, the former Soviet Union and Central and Eastern Europe, providing immediate response, food, medicine, home care, education/training services, and other critical aid to Jews in need.

PROVIDENCE HEBREW DAY SCHOOL (PHDS)

An Orthodox Jewish day school affiliated with Torah U'Mesorah, the National Council of Hebrew Day Schools. PHDS is committed to the belief that every Jewish child be afforded the opportunity to have the highest quality Jewish education.

NARRAGANSETT COUNCIL JEWISH COMMITTEE

Serving Jewish boys, ages 11 to 17, and adult leaders, the mission is to prepare young Jews to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of Judaism as expressed in the Scout Oath and Law.

SANDRA BORNSTEIN HOLOCAUST EDUCATION CENTER (SBHEC)

The mission of the SBHEC is to teach the history of the Holocaust to promote human dignity and justice and to serve as a physical

memorial to its victims. Annually the organization reaches thousands of Rhode Islanders in-person and virtually sharing the atrocities of the Holocaust through survivors to ensure never again. SBHEC receives additional indirect support as a tenant at 401 Elmgrove Avenue in the form of space and utilities and is provided by the Alliance.

UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND CHABAD

URI Chabad provides a space for students to experience Jewish culture. This connection point offers programming, outreach, engagement, and support to all students on URI's campus.

UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND HILLEL

URI Hillel works to enrich the lives of Jewish students on campus in a warm home away from home. Funding supports student programs and engagement on campus and online for social, cultural, holiday, and educational opportunities throughout the school year. Students are encouraged to participate on the level they are most comfortable with through programs that run the gamut of Sunday brunches to service-learning projects.

VESTNIK MESSENGER OF RHODE ISLAND

The local Russian newspaper with the goal of educating and informing the Russian-speaking Jewish community about state and national news, social opportunities, and events. Vestnik is in circulation to over 500 subscribers. Clerical support is provided by the Jewish Alliance.

WORLD ORT

With a mission to work for the advancement of Jewish people through training and education and provide global communities with the skills and knowledge needed to cope with the complexities and uncertainties of their environment. ORT fosters economic self-sufficiency, mobility, and a sense of identity by the most advanced educational technologies and methodologies available.

COMMUNITY PROGRAMMING PROVIDED BY THE JEWISH ALLIANCE:

ARTS & CULTURE

Provides the community with a variety of artistic and cultural activities for all ages, including the Israeli emissary/shaliach, film screenings, literary events, speakers, art exhibits, performances, celebrations, and other opportunities intended to provoke community engagement, learning, and discussion.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS COUNCIL (CRC)

Heightens awareness on social justice issues; inspires the Rhode Island Jewish community to be involved; and, fights to combat antisemitism and hatred by engaging with community stakeholders.

COMMUNITY SECURITY

Regular detail and liaising for community events and programs and training and support for agencies and synagogues.

DAVID C. ISENBERG FAMILY EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

Family scholarships for educational and childcare programs.

DWARES JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER

The Dwares JCC houses five Jewish agencies and is the site of countless programs offered by many Jewish organizations throughout Rhode Island each year.

J-CAMP

The Alliance's day camp with specialties and values-based activities incorporated into daily schedules. Each week focuses on different secular and Judaic themes.

JEWISH LIFE AND LEARNING

Coordinates with synagogues and Jewish agencies to share resources for the betterment of the community. Provides all client groups the opportunity to participate in a range of Jewish engagement.

Programs include:

Educational Services Israel Desk

One Happy Camper

Arts & Culture Shaliach (Emissary) Jewish Rhode Island

J-SPACE/J-CATION

Serves as a safe space for students in an afterschool and out-of-school setting for grades K through 5.

RHODE ISLAND COMMUNITY MIKVEH

Supports occupancy costs so community rituals can be performed in the mikveh.

SCHOLARSHIP GRANTING ORGANIZATIONS (SGO) ADMINISTRATION

In-house support of day school scholarship processes in accordance with state regulations.

SHALOM FAMILY

Family programming through a Jewish lens. Programs include PJ Library, Shalom Rhode Island, and Shalom Baby, welcoming families with information and opportunities to connect.

SMALL PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

Supplemental programming to support community requests.

YOUTH ENGAGEMENT

Serves as a safe space for tweens and teens and includes homework help, sports, and age-appropriate recreational activities.

ALLIANCE FUNDRAISING AND ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS

15.3% of the Alliance's budget is spent on fundraising and administrative costs, below the industry standard.



JEWISH ALLIANCE OF GREATER RHODE ISLAND FROM OUR BOARD CHAIR and PRESIDENT & CEO



Looking to the successes of all those who worked tirelessly to build and sustain this community before us, the Jewish Alliance is proud to be celebrating its 13th year. Thirteen is a major milestone in Jewish life. It is when our young people come of age. And in many ways, like the young people of our community who experience their Bar or Bat or B' Mitzvahs, the Jewish Alliance is coming of age!

It has been thirteen years since the Alliance was born from the merger of the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island, the Jewish Community Center, and the Bureau of Jewish Education. And in those thirteen years we've grown up. We have witnessed tragedies, hardships, emergencies. In the past year alone, we were faced with unprecedented challenges and together, we took extraordinary action.

As the Alliance grows more fully, there will continue to be ups and downs. But our first thirteen years have prepared us for all of it. Like those children proudly reciting Torah from the bimah, we, too, are rooted in our Jewish values, rooted in our desire for a vibrant, thriving Jewish community for all, rooted in our deep and abiding belief that even in tough times, we must find, lift up, and spread Jewish joy. With such strong roots, with such a strong foundation – we are here for good.

Our sincerest thanks,

Harris Chorney Board Chair Adam Greenman President & CEO

HIGHLIGHTS OF ALLIANCE ACCOMPLISHMENTS

