

JEWISH ALLIANCE OF GREATER RHODE ISLAND 2025 - 2026 COMMUNITY INVESTMENT REPORT

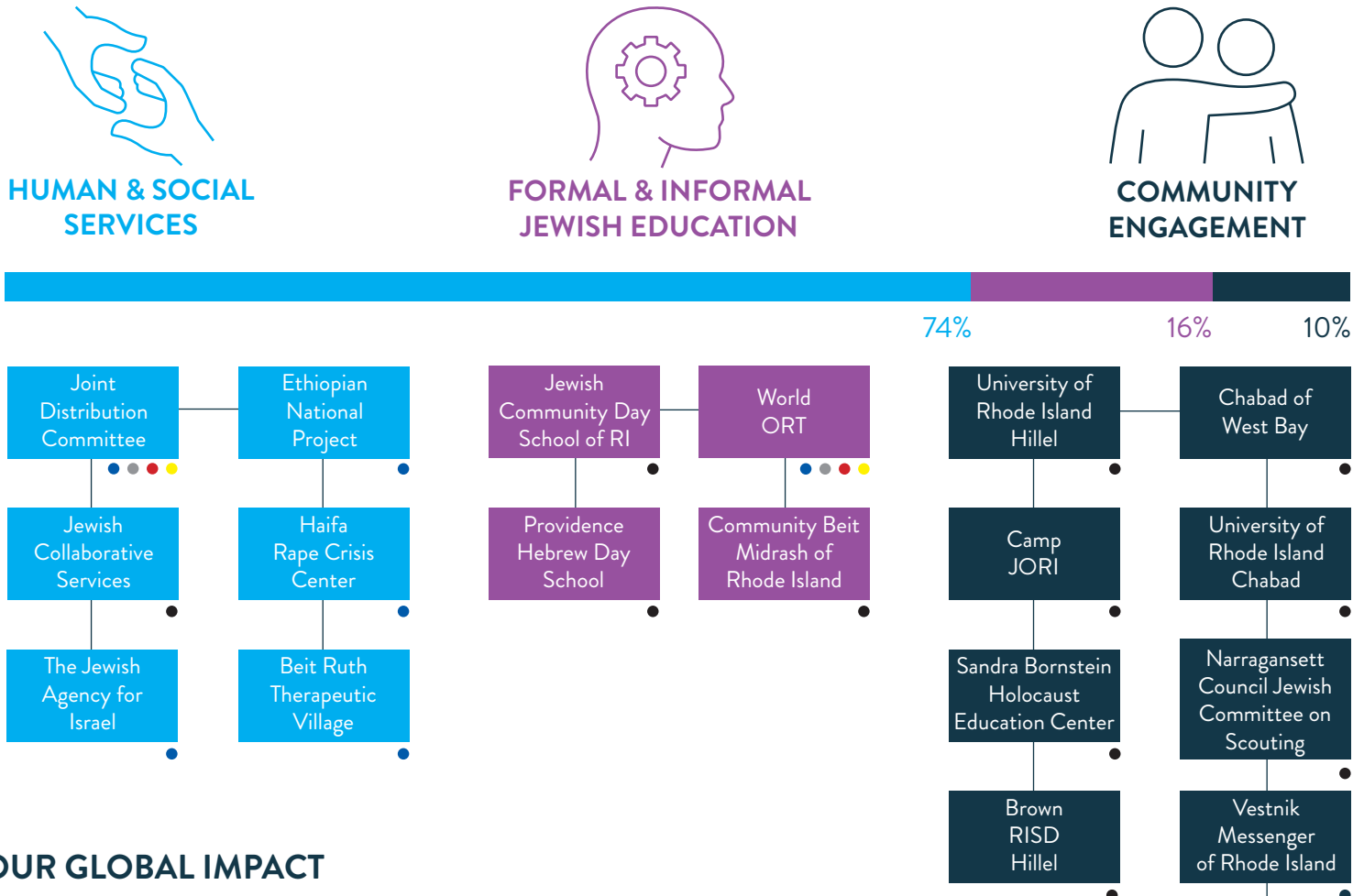


Over the years, the Jewish Alliance of Greater Rhode Island has strengthened our community and advanced our mission by investing in the work of valued partner organizations. This year, 20 organizations were invited to submit proposals through an online application process. Each proposal underwent a thorough review by the Community Development Committee (CDC), using a multistep process designed to ensure that funding decisions align with our shared community objectives. The table below reflects the CDC's consensus recommendations, organized into broad funding priority areas.

Community Objectives:

- Safeguard vulnerable Jewish populations, including the poor, elderly, and individuals with physical and mental disabilities
- Ensure vulnerable populations are served with dignity, with access to counseling, financial security, and services that support independent living
- Uphold the quality of life for all Jews in Greater Rhode Island
- Provide basic human needs and relief services, and support programs that improve educational outcomes
- Offer Jewish enrichment through accessible, high-quality programs—both formal and informal—that strengthen identity, increase affiliation, and deepen knowledge of Jewish traditions and values
- Ensure access and engagement for all demographic groups within the Jewish community
- Foster a sense of global Jewish identity and responsibility across all demographics
- Maintain and strengthen partnerships with Jewish communities in Israel and around the world
- Invest in the future of Jewish life through opportunities for exploration, connection, and growth in Jewish identity

OUR TOP FUNDING PRIORITIES



OUR GLOBAL IMPACT

- 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
FYE26 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.

**AMERICAN JEWISH JOINT DISTRIBUTION
COMMITTEE**

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.

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, the objective being to create a welcoming atmosphere for Jews to explore and experience their heritage in a non-judgmental environment.

COMMUNITY BEIT MIDRASH OF RHODE ISLAND

This non-profit focuses on Jewish learning outside of synagogues and day schools, providing Jewish teaching and learning to middle and high school students.

ETHIOPIAN NATIONAL PROJECT

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

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

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 absorbed 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.

ORT AMERICA

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.

PROVIDENCE HEBREW DAY SCHOOL (PHDSRI)

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

**NARRAGANSETT COUNCIL JEWISH COMMITTEE
ON SCOUTING**

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.

**THE RHODE ISLAND-ISRAEL COLLABORATIVE
(RIIC)**

The Rhode Island-Israel Collaborative is an organization that fosters and strengthens trade, business, academic exchange and research between Rhode Island and Israel to benefit the economy and community of each location. RIIC does so by building and

strengthening the relationships between government organizations, businesses, entrepreneurs, investors, members of academia and the research community in Rhode Island and Israel.

**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 absorbed by the Alliance.

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.

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.

COMMUNITY PROGRAMMING PROVIDED BY THE JEWISH ALLIANCE:

ARTS & CULTURE

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

COMMUNITY RELATIONS COUNCIL

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 Judaic-infused educational and childcare programs in a safe, secure, and loving environment.

**BONNIE & DONALD 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
Jewish Rhode Island

J-SPACE/J-CATION CAMP

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
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, significantly below the industry standard.



As we reflect on this past year, we are struck by the profound resilience that defines our Jewish community. We have faced extraordinary challenges—Israeli hostages held by Hamas for over 600 days, our Israeli brothers and sisters spending time in shelters as wars rage, and heartbreaking antisemitic incidents across our nation. Here in Rhode Island, we've seen antisemitism emerge while economic uncertainties strain our community partners.

Yet we have responded with purpose and determination. Over 300 people received security training through the Alliance this year. We stood with parents fighting antisemitism in school districts across multiple communities. We supported synagogues and agencies delivering critical services despite resource constraints. We took action because that is who we are.

This unwavering resilience flows from the incredible people who make our work possible. Our generous donors who fuel our mission. Our agency and synagogue partners who collaborate with us daily to strengthen Jewish life. Our dedicated Board members who roll up their sleeves to move us forward. Our passionate Alliance staff whose daily commitment inspires us to give everything to this sacred work.

This investment report showcases the tangible impact of our shared commitment. Together, we continue building a thriving Jewish community in Rhode Island—one marked by resilience, joy, connection, and unshakeable belief in our bright future.

With gratitude and hope,



Marisa Garber
Board Chair



Adam Greenman
President & CEO

HIGHLIGHTED ALLIANCE ACCOMPLISHMENTS: 2024 - 2025 PROGRAM YEAR*

Develops Strategic Plan 2024 - 2027

The Alliance embarked on a listening campaign and collected data from more than 500 community members across the state

Hosts Mission to Israel

15 business and civic leaders joined the mission to better understand the people of Israel and the complexity of the region

Secures \$2M in Security Grants

The Alliance helped secure more than \$2 million in federal Nonprofit Security Grants for local agencies

Provides Security Trainings

More than 300 people received security training through the Alliance this year

Addresses Antisemitism

Through workplace settings and community groups, the Alliance educated hundreds of people on modern-day antisemitism

Honors October 7 Victims

More than 450 people gathered to remember the victims of the October 7, 2023 Hamas attack on Israel

Launches LIFT the J! Campaign

The Alliance launched a fundraising campaign benefiting the spaces and programs at the Bonnie & Donald Dwares JCC bringing in more than \$25,000

Celebrates B'nai Mitzvah

More than 200 people packed the Baxt Social Hall raising more than \$130,000 in celebration of 13 years since the formation of the Jewish Alliance