



**Jewish
Federation**
of Greater Charlotte

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2025 REPORT TO THE
Community

Strategic

Objectives



COMMUNITY

The community builder, convener, and planner

ISRAEL

Foster active, sustained engagement with the State of Israel



JEWISH IDENTITY

Strengthen and sustain Jewish identity across our community



PHILANTHROPY

Community's central philanthropic organization



Mission

The mission of Jewish Federation of Greater Charlotte is to raise and distribute funds to support and enrich the lives of Jews locally, nationally, in Israel, and worldwide. Through education and community building, Federation's mission ensures that Jewish values, goals, traditions and connections are preserved for current and future generations.

Thank You

Federation is grateful to our donors, volunteers, leaders, professional team and community partners. Thank you for your commitment to strengthening Jewish life and making a difference in our local and global Jewish community.

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MESSAGE FROM Leadership

Dear Friends,

The past year has reminded us of something essential: Jewish community is built not only in moments of challenge, but through sustained care, shared responsibility, and the joy we create together. In 2025, Jewish Federation of Greater Charlotte moved forward with clarity and purpose, meeting urgent needs while also investing in the experiences, relationships, and leadership that ensure a strong Jewish future.

Thanks to your generosity, Federation's 2025 Annual Campaign raised over \$7.3 million in total annual giving, allowing us to support Jewish life in greater Charlotte, address rising challenges, and deepen our connection to Israel and the global Jewish people. It reflects a community that understands both the moment we are in and the responsibility we share for shaping what comes next.

A central focus of our work this year was confronting antisemitism, which continues to evolve in troubling and complex ways. Through the Jewish Community Relations Council, we expanded advocacy and education efforts across Charlotte and throughout North Carolina, building partnerships, engaging decision-makers, and ensuring Jewish voices are informed and present in civic spaces. Initiatives such as the *Unpacking Israel: Masterclass Series* and Outshine Hate strengthened understanding, confidence, and leadership throughout our community.

At the same time, Federation made a deliberate investment in Jewish joy. The launch of One Happy Camper in partnership with the Foundation for Jewish Camp, elevated Jewish summer camping as a communal priority. By opening doors for more children to experience camp, we are helping build lasting friendships, deepen Jewish identity, and create lifelong memories. Throughout the year, programs and celebrations reflected this same commitment to bringing people together in ways that were joyful, welcoming, and rooted in pride.

Looking ahead to 2026, Federation remains focused on sustainability and long-term impact. Legacy giving continues to grow as a powerful expression of commitment to Jewish Charlotte, with more community members choosing to ensure that the values they cherish endure for generations through Create Your Jewish Legacy.

We are proud of what we have accomplished together and inspired by what lies ahead. Thank you for believing in this community, for investing in its future, and for being part of the shared effort that makes this work possible.



Adam Kolett
CEO



Amy Vitner
President

\$7.3M
raised

**A central focus
on confronting
antisemitism**



**Deliberate
investment in
Jewish joy**



Philanthropy

The Sheffer Family: A Commitment that Spans Generations

For the Sheffer family, Jewish life in Charlotte is not defined by a single organization or moment. It is a way of living — one shaped by care, responsibility, and a deep belief that community must be actively nurtured, generation after generation.

Lynne Sheffer was born in Charlotte, surrounded by family already connected to Jewish life in the region. Over time, siblings, cousins, aunts, and uncles all returned, creating a close-knit extended family rooted in shared values. “Everybody came back,” Lynne says. “So, our ability to get connected and enjoy this community was easy, because everybody was right here.”

Morey Sheffer arrived in Charlotte as a high school senior. Shortly after the move, his family experienced the sudden loss of his father. Though they were new and grieving, the Jewish community stepped in. “People kind of took care of us during that year of grief,” Morey recalls. “People invited us for dinner. They were very welcoming and very helpful.” That experience stayed with him. Years later, when Morey and Lynne returned to Charlotte as newlyweds, there was no question about where they belonged.

As the Charlotte Jewish community evolved, the Sheffers witnessed and participated in some of its most formative moments. They were young adults when

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Julie Sheffer

discussions began about building Shalom Park. “We watched how people gave their money, gave their time, and compromised,” Lynne says. “I always appreciated the people who came before us and made sure this Jewish community thrived and kept growing.” Seeing that kind of leadership firsthand helped shape how the Sheffers would later give, serve, and lead.

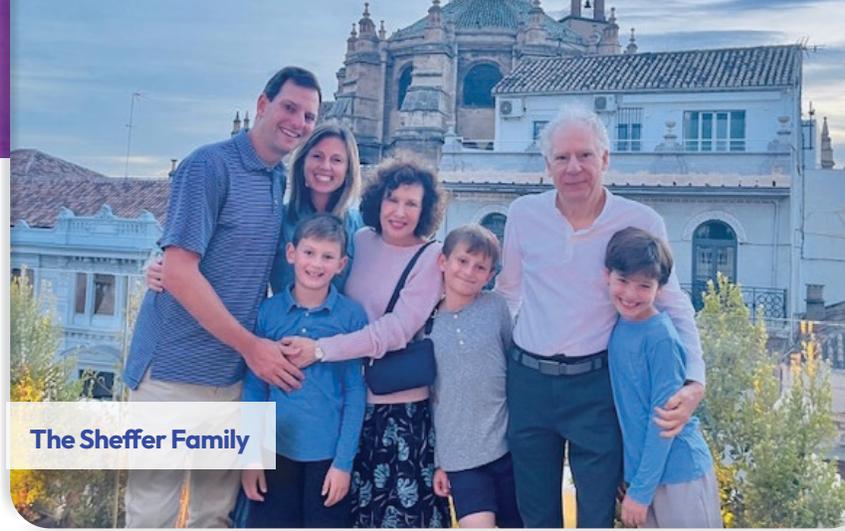
Jewish Federation of Greater Charlotte became central to that commitment. One of the most meaningful chapters in their family’s story came when the community welcomed more than 100 Russian Jewish families to Charlotte. “We got very involved,” Lynne says. “We adopted a couple of families and worked with them for a couple of years helping them find work, clothes, food, everything.” Their son David became friends with a child his own age, turning communal responsibility into something deeply personal. “That experience was huge,” Lynne reflects.

David Sheffer represents the fifth generation of his family to call Charlotte’s Jewish community home. His childhood was shaped by Temple Israel, the Levine Jewish Community Center, Jewish education, and life on what would become Shalom Park. Julie Sheffer grew up in Greensboro, active in synagogue life, BBYO, and North Carolina Hillel, bringing her own strong foundation into their shared family story. Together, they have chosen to invest deeply in Jewish Federation of Greater Charlotte, seeing it as both a connector and a catalyst. “We have met some of our closest friends and had some of our most meaningful Jewish experiences thanks to Federation,” Julie shares.

David and Julie participated in Bernstein Leadership Group, gaining insight into the structure, needs, and opportunities within the community. That experience opened the door to deeper leadership, including board service, allocations work, and co-chairing major community events like the 2023 Main Event.

Through Federation missions to places like Cuba, Argentina, Portugal, and Mexico, they saw firsthand how local philanthropy creates global impact. “Each of these trips left us in awe of the impact Federation dollars have abroad,” they shared, “and left us feeling meaningfully connected to Jews around the world.”

A particularly moving moment came during a Shabbat spent with a small Jewish community in Belmonte, Portugal —descendants of Jews who practiced Judaism in secret for centuries. “We are part of a people that has known great tragedy, but also brought about miracles,” they reflected. “Our Federation’s mission is to ensure that our people not only get up again, but thrive.”



That sense of responsibility, to the local community and to Jews around the world, has guided the Sheffers for decades. “This work is important. We want the generations younger than us to have what we had,” Morey explains. “We want this community to be thriving long after we’re gone.” When asked about their family’s greatest impact, he points not to titles or accomplishments, but to continuity: “The fact that our son and daughter-in-law are both very involved in the Jewish community and in Federation is very impactful... I think now our biggest impact is just through perpetuating the idea that this work is important.”

Today, Jewish life continues to shape the Sheffer family’s daily rhythm. David and Julie’s children attend Jewish preschool, Hebrew school, and community programs, while Shalom Park remains a gathering place for learning, connection, and play. “We go to everything,” Lynne says. “It’s interesting, and it’s not an effort — it’s just natural.”

“The growth in this city generally has been staggering,” David and Julie note, “and just as the population has grown and evolved, so has the Jewish community.” For Morey and Lynne, that growth underscores the importance of long-term planning. “We just have a feeling of deep responsibility,” Lynne says. “Charlotte is special. You don’t find communities like this everywhere.”

This is where legacy giving becomes central to their vision. Lynne speaks openly about the need to look beyond annual campaigns and consider how Jewish life will be sustained for generations to come. “Annual campaigns help us operate today, but legacy planning is how we sustain the future,” she explains. Endowments ensure that synagogues, agencies, and Federation itself can attract strong leadership, support essential services, and remain resilient through change. “This community is the center of our life, after our family,” Lynne adds. “We just get so much out of it, and maybe we feel so strongly because when you make a commitment to your Jewish community, it’s not for a year, it’s not for six months. We’ve been doing this for almost 50 years, and it builds.”

At its heart, the Sheffer story is about showing up again and again and inviting others to do the same. For newcomers or those looking to do more in the community, their advice is simple: the opportunities are here, you just have to get involved. “David and I are involved in various social justice and philanthropic efforts around town,” Julie says, “but we intentionally prioritize investing our time and our treasure in Federation because we have a sense of urgency, not only around sustaining Jewish life in Charlotte, but ensuring it is as vibrant, dynamic, and inclusive as it can be.”

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Lynne Sheffer

Whether welcoming newcomers, mentoring younger leaders, or modeling involvement for their children and grandchildren, the Sheffer family sees our community as both a privilege and a responsibility. “Being part of a community is the best gift you can give yourself,” Lynne reflects. “But you have to really be part of it.”

Through their time, leadership, philanthropy, and vision for the future, the Sheffers exemplify what it means to invest in Jewish life across generations. Their story is not only one of impact, it is an invitation to continue building, together, a Jewish community in Charlotte that endures.

Community

Building Relationships. Raising Voices. Turning Values into Action.



North Carolina Speaker of the House
with Federation delegation

Over the past year, the work of Jewish Federation of Greater Charlotte’s Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC) has been defined by presence — showing up in classrooms and city halls, convening partners across North Carolina, and standing alongside community members when Jewish voices need to be heard clearly and confidently.

At a time when antisemitism continues to surface in new and unsettling ways, the JCRC has focused on constructive, collaborative action. The goal has never been to react for a moment, but to come together and equip people with the tools, relationships, and confidence to respond thoughtfully and effectively over time. “Equipping our community with knowledge is one of the strongest defenses we have,” says Douglas Greene, Jewish Community Relations Director.

A Unified Voice Across North Carolina

One of the most significant developments this year was the creation of the North Carolina Jewish Coalition, a statewide network of Jewish organizations committed to coordinated advocacy and shared action. Convened through Federation’s JCRC, the coalition brings together representatives from Jewish communities across the state to share information, align legislative efforts, and respond collectively to antisemitism. For many involved, the coalition represents something new — a space where Jewish leaders from different regions can learn from one another and move forward together. For the first time, Jewish advocates from across North Carolina are uniting to amplify our collective voice.

That spirit of coordination has been visible across the state and nation. This year marked the second annual Day of Advocacy at the North Carolina General Assembly, where community members gathered to learn, prepare, and meet directly with legislators. Participants arrived informed and ready, advocating not as individuals, but as part of a broader Jewish community committed to civic engagement. The day reflected more than a single moment of action; it was the result of sustained education and relationship-building throughout the year.

From North Carolina and Beyond

Advocacy extended well beyond North Carolina this year, positioning Charlotte as both a participant in and a driver of national Jewish communal leadership. Members of Charlotte’s Jewish community joined partners in Washington D.C. for a Jewish Federations of North America Emergency Leadership fly-in focused on security and antisemitism. There, advocates met with North Carolina’s congressional delegation to press for increased funding for the Nonprofit Security Grant Program (NSGP), stronger enforcement of hate crime laws, and greater accountability for online hate.

Building on this momentum, the JCRC led the first-ever collaborative North Carolina Jewish Federations Advocacy Mission to Washington D.C., convening 35 lay leaders and professionals from Jewish communities across the state. Utilizing JFNA’s new national office as both a training hub and strategic convening space, participants received advocacy training and engaged directly with elected officials on Capitol Hill. The mission marked a significant step forward in statewide coordination, amplifying Jewish communal priorities through a unified North Carolina voice.

“Our safety is not optional. Our security is non-negotiable,” one participant shared during the fly-in, capturing the urgency that brought Jewish leaders from across the country together. For the JCRC, these conversations reinforced a core responsibility: ensuring that local experiences and concerns are heard at the national level, and that North Carolina’s Jewish communities are organized, prepared, and present where decisions are made.

This growing national engagement was further affirmed when Charlotte’s JCRC Director, Douglas Greene, was elected to serve as an officer of the National JCRC Executive Directors Association. This appointment elevates Charlotte’s voice within the national JCRC field and underscores the Federation’s leadership role in shaping best practices, policy responses, and collaborative strategies at a critical moment for Jewish communal relations work.

Together, these efforts reflect a year in which Charlotte did not simply show up on the national stage, but helped set the agenda.

Education as a Tool for Action

Education has remained at the heart of this work. Through our Outshine Hate initiative, the JCRC has expanded efforts to address antisemitism through learning, dialogue, and professional training. Parents of Jewish students participated in workshops designed to help them advocate within school systems. Educators and school leaders engaged in conferences that offered practical tools for teaching Jewish history, recognizing bias, and fostering inclusive classrooms. Legal professionals, civic leaders, and interfaith partners were invited into conversations that connected antisemitism education with broader questions of responsibility and allyship.

“These educational initiatives are essential in ensuring that our community is not only informed but also empowered to take meaningful action,” Greene has

noted. “By engaging diverse audiences, we are able to reach people far beyond our immediate circles, strengthening both our Jewish community and the broader society.”

Listening, Learning, and Accountability

The JCRC also created space for lived experience to be heard. At the Recognition Breakfast for Elected Officials held at Shalom Park, more than 70 local leaders, law enforcement representatives, and community partners gathered to listen and engage. During a student voices panel, local high school students shared personal experiences with antisemitism in schools — stories that grounded policy conversations in reality and underscored the urgency of continued action.

“This gathering wasn’t symbolic; it was a call to action,” Greene said following the event. “The conversations we began here are laying the groundwork for meaningful change that will ensure our Jewish community is protected, valued, and supported.”

Sustaining the Work Together

None of this work happens in isolation. It is sustained by dedicated volunteers, committed JCRC council members, trusted partners, and a community that believes advocacy and education are essential investments in a strong Jewish future. Support from Jewish Federation of Greater Charlotte’s Annual Campaign and Outshine Hate initiative makes it possible to train educators, convene leaders, mobilize advocates, and respond when Jewish voices need to be present and heard.

As the community looks ahead, the impact of the JCRC’s work over the past year offers a clear reminder: meaningful change is built through relationships, informed action, and the courage to speak up. With continued community support, this work will remain strong, responsive, and rooted in the values that connect and protect us all.



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Leadership

Bernstein Leadership Group: Building for the Future



Leadership often begins quietly, not with a formal role or public recognition, but with a conversation, a shared experience, or the realization that you are not navigating community alone.

That belief is at the heart of Federation’s Bernstein Leadership Group (BLG) and is shaping something deeply meaningful through Cohort 13.

BLG is Federation’s longstanding leadership development program designed for Jewish young adults between the ages of 25 and 45, shaping Jewish leaders in the Charlotte community for more than 20 years. Established through the vision and generosity of Don (of blessed memory) and Bobbi Bernstein, this 18-month program has provided young Jewish professionals with the tools, knowledge, and inspiration to lead with purpose and impact. After a brief hiatus since the 2019–2020 class, Cohort 13 marks a thoughtful and intentional return, one focused not only on leadership skills, but on cultivating connection, belonging, and a shared sense of responsibility to Jewish Charlotte.

Participants deepen their connection to Jewish values, gain a comprehensive understanding of greater Charlotte’s Jewish community, and develop the leadership skills necessary to address the challenges of the future. The program focuses on three interconnected areas: community, Jewish identity, and leadership building.

Now more than halfway through their 18-month journey, members of BLG Cohort 13 are not only learning how Jewish Charlotte works — they are learning how to show up for it, and for one another. What began as a group of individuals entering a leadership program has evolved into a close-knit community built on trust, shared experiences, and genuine connection.

From the very first session, participants were invited to think differently about leadership. Early conversations centered on creating *kehillah kedosha*, a sacred community, setting the tone for a program rooted in values, vulnerability, and mutual responsibility. As participants explored their individual strengths and leadership styles, they were also encouraged to listen closely to one another’s stories, perspectives, and aspirations.

“One of the most meaningful outcomes has been watching these relationships form naturally,” says Megan Harkavy, Director of Education and Engagement. “Participants don’t just engage during sessions. They genuinely support one another, spend time together outside the program, and show up for each other across the community.”

That sense of belonging has had a visible ripple effect. Participants now attend Jewish community events together, often seeking out one another as soon as they arrive. They sit together, volunteer together, and feel more connected to spaces they may not have entered on their own. For many, BLG has become a doorway into deeper and more consistent engagement in Jewish Charlotte, rooted in friendship just as much as leadership development.



As the cohort has grown closer, the program has invited participants to turn their focus outward. In 2026, BLG has shifted into its next phase: grounding participants in the story and structure of Jewish Charlotte. Sessions exploring the history of Jewish Charlotte, the evolution of Shalom Park, and the role of Jewish Federation of Greater Charlotte have helped participants understand how community systems function and why leadership matters within them. Conversations around philanthropy, governance, and the lay-professional relationship challenge participants to think critically about responsibility, decision-making, and the impact of collective action.

These discussions are not theoretical. Participants wrestle with real-world dilemmas, including how limited resources are allocated and how values guide difficult choices. Through this process, they are learning that leadership is rarely simple, but it is always relational, requiring empathy, humility, and a willingness to listen.

Looking ahead, BLG Cohort 13 will continue meeting through August 2026, with upcoming experiences focused on service, global Jewish responsibility, ethical legacy, and the question of what comes next. Yet the impact of 2025 is already evident. The foundation built this year through shared challenges, honest conversation, and meaningful connection will shape how these leaders engage with Jewish Charlotte for years to come.

Bernstein Leadership Group reflects a blend of tradition and innovation and succeeds because it understands that leadership is personal. By creating space for real relationships to form, BLG is not only preparing individuals to lead. It is strengthening the fabric of Jewish Charlotte itself; one connection, one conversation, and one shared experience at a time.



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Jewish Identity and Education

PJ Library: Growing Jewish Joy, One Family at a Time.

For many families across greater Charlotte, Federation’s PJ Library helps shape the earliest years of Jewish life. Through stories shared at home and experiences created in community, the program supports parents as they introduce traditions, values, and language that form the foundation of Jewish identity. In 2025, PJ Library Charlotte continued that work with intention, creating spaces where Jewish learning felt joyful, accessible, and deeply connected to family life.

PJ Library, a national program delivering Jewish books to children, has expanded under Federation to include so much more. At its core, PJ Library Charlotte is about helping families build strong, positive associations with Jewish life from the very beginning. When children encounter Judaism through stories, music, play, and celebration, they begin to see Jewish learning as something that belongs to them. Those early experiences help create a sense of comfort and confidence that can carry forward into later years — into synagogue life, Jewish education, youth groups, camps, and leadership roles. PJ Library Charlotte

plants the seeds for lifelong connection by ensuring that a child’s first memories of Jewish life are rooted in warmth, belonging, and fun.

“This year was a whirlwind of Jewish activity and joy” shared Sara Solar, Federation’s Youth and Family Engagement Coordinator. “I had so much fun bringing meaningful Jewish experiences to life for our community!”

The year began by setting that tone of welcome and ease. Families gathered for a Havdalah and hot chocolate pajama party in partnership with Temple Israel, easing into the new year together through ritual, story, and shared experience. That sense of openness carried into February, when PJ Library Charlotte joined Jewish Charlotte’s Day of Giving with a dog-themed celebration. Children met therapy dogs (and a pony), played games, and adopted stuffed puppies, while the generosity of the community made it possible to donate pet care supplies to the Humane Society of Charlotte.

As winter gave way to spring, programming deepened families’ engagement with Jewish holidays and traditions. PJ Our Way, participants baked hamantaschen together for Purim, while Passover arrived with a “Let My People (To) Go” craft and activity kit designed to help families explore the holiday at home. In May, families reunited at Temple Beth El for a Lag Ba’Omer celebration that blended Havdalah, stories, crafts, and s’mores—an evening that reflected PJ Library Charlotte’s belief that learning and joy are most powerful when experienced together.



Federation's mission with PJ Library is to spark joyful early experiences that inspire lifelong Jewish connection and learning. PJ Library Charlotte's approach to Jewish education is intentionally playful and curiosity driven. Rather than focusing on instruction alone, the program invites children to ask questions, explore ideas, and experience Jewish traditions through their senses. This kind of learning builds more than knowledge; it builds curiosity and a desire to continue discovering what Jewish life has to offer. When learning is joyful, children are more likely to seek it out again, returning to Jewish spaces not out of obligation, but out of genuine interest and excitement.

Summer began with a sweet treat as PJ Library hosted a Shavuot ice cream social at Nevin Park, an idea that carried through the season with a sweet, donut-themed summer reading! August's back-to-school luau in partnership with Charlotte Jewish Preschool helped families mark a seasonal transition with pool time, pizza, and connection. Over Labor Day weekend, PJ Library Charlotte partnered with Camp Judaea for a family camp experience, immersing parents and children alike in stories, songs, and the rhythms of Jewish camp culture.

The fall brought celebration and creativity. Families gathered at Shalom Park for an Apple Festival filled with face painting, games, crafts, apple cider donuts, and plenty of apples! Sukkot followed with stories and stargazing at Temple Israel, and the year concluded with Glow Crazy for Chanukah — a high-energy celebration featuring a DJ, glow-stick menorahs, and donut holes that sent families home smiling.

Alongside this robust year of programming, PJ Library Charlotte's reach has continued to grow. In 2025, more than 800 families and over 1,000 children received monthly PJ Library books, extending Jewish learning into homes across the region and reinforcing the connection between everyday family life and Jewish tradition.

+1,000
children received
PJ Library books



LOOKING AHEAD:

As PJ Library Charlotte looks ahead to 2026, the focus remains on strengthening those early foundations — helping families nurture Jewish identity in ways that feel joyful, meaningful, and lasting. Through stories, shared experiences, and community connection, PJ Library continues to support the next generation of Jewish life in Charlotte.

A YEAR in Review





2026 Areas of IMPACT

\$6,520,595

Jewish Identity \$1,944,077

Chabad Lake Norman
Charlotte Jewish Film Festival
Foundation of Shalom Park
Jewish Council of Lake Norman
JFGC Campaign Event Sponsors
JFGC Operating Expenses
Sandra and Leon Levine Jewish
Community Center

Missions and Conferences
Speaker Sponsorships
Temple Beth El
Temple Emanuel
Temple Israel
Temple Kol Ami
Temple Kol Tikvah
Temple Solel

Israel & Overseas \$1,418,162

Services & Support for World
Jewry: JDC
The Jewish Agency for Israel
The Jewish Federations of
North America
Jewish Federation of Greater Charlotte
Israel Education & Engagement
Partnership2Gether
Yom Ha'atzmaut & Yom Hazikaron

Jewish Advocacy \$1,196,471

ADL
Butterfly Project
Charlotte Jewish News
Jewish Community Relations Council
Jewish Council for Public Affairs
NC Council on the Holocaust
Outshine Hate
Speaker Sponsors
The Stan Greenspon Holocaust Center

Jewish Future \$372,863

Birthright Israel
BBYO
Community Agencies-
Camp Gan Israel
Gorelick Teens to Israel
Jewish Identity
Jewish Educational
Loan Fund
Jewish Experience Fund
JFGC Education &
Engagement
Mem Global
North Carolina Hillel
PJ Library
Uptown Chabad

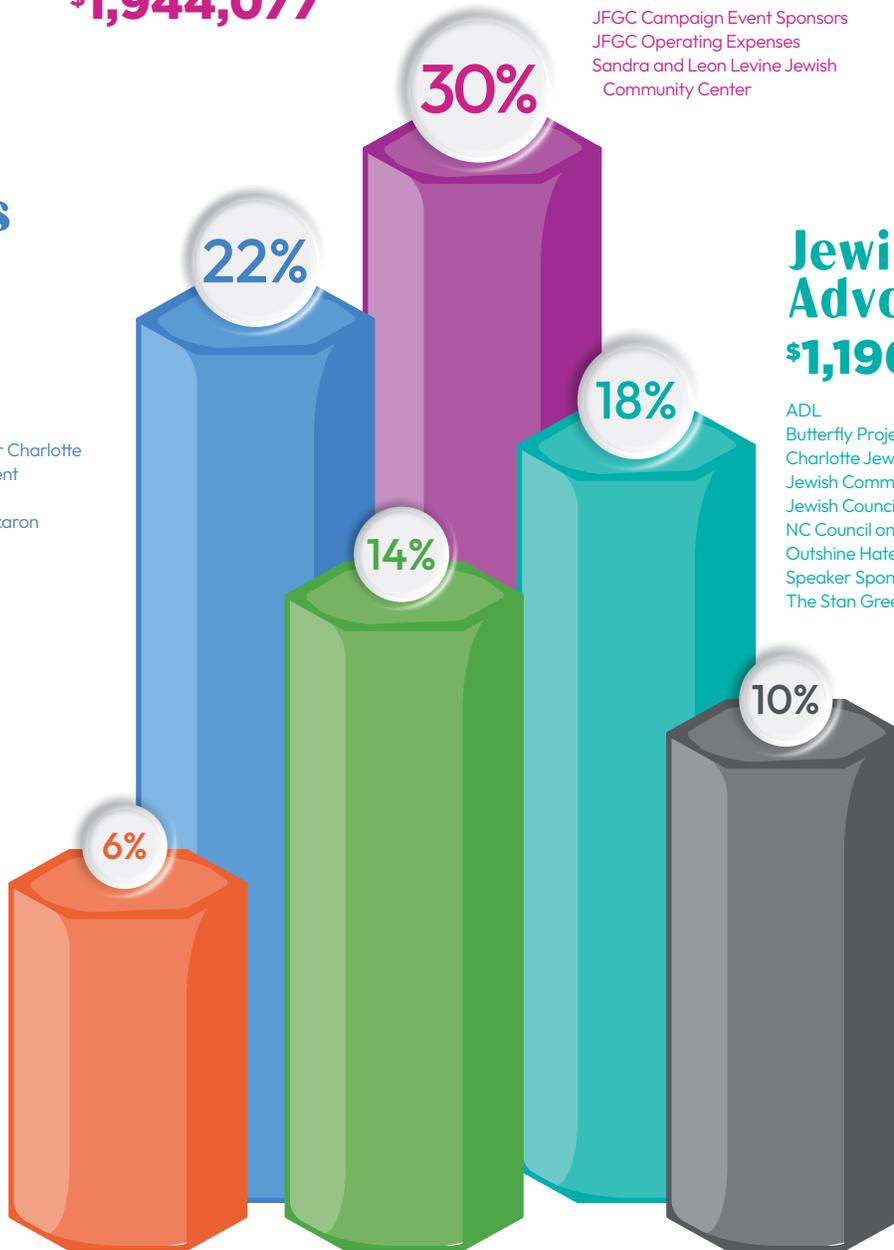
Jewish Education \$667,459

Blumenthal Educators'
Resource Center
Center for Jewish Education
Charlotte Jewish Day School
Charlotte Jewish Preschool
Consolidated High School
for Jewish Studies
Jewish Preschool on Sardis
TBE Religious School
TI Religious School
Tikvah Charlotte

Jewish Caring \$921,563

Friendship Circle
Greater Charlotte Community Support
Hadassah
Hebrew Cemetery
Hebrew Cemetery Funeral
Assistance Fund

Jewish Family Services
Jewish Family Services Tzedakah Fund
LiveSecure
Operation Swords of Iron
Shalom Green
ZABS Place



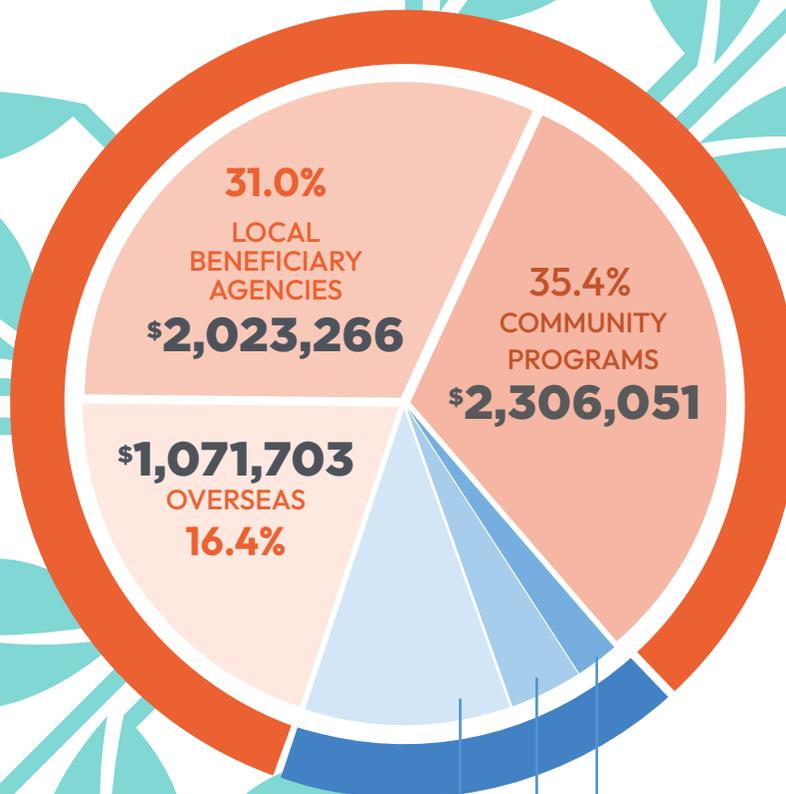
We raise millions of dollars each year for a single purpose: to make a world of difference for Jewish people around the corner and around the globe. Working in partnership with a network of local, national, and international beneficiary agencies and programs, we touch countless lives each year.

2026 Total Allocations

\$6,520,595

BACK INTO THE COMMUNITY:

82.8%



Sponsored by Federation's JCRC, Jewish Engagement, and Center for Jewish Education

17.2%	FEDERATION OPERATING	
3.8%	MARKETING	\$249,466
2.9%	MANAGEMENT	\$188,424
10.5%	CAMPAIGN	\$681,685

HOW WE GIVE

Federation works with our local and overseas Jewish agencies to identify and address the most pressing issues in our community. Together, we are changing and saving the lives of those who need our help most — locally and globally.

2026 Allocations

\$6,520,595

Local Beneficiary Agencies

\$5,457,392

Anti-Defamation League (ADL)	\$2,500	Hebrew Cemetery Funeral Assistance Fund	\$3,260
Our nation's premier civil rights/human relations organization.		Supports individuals and families by providing funds for both funeral home and cemetery-incurred expenses.	
BBYO	\$20,000	Jewish Community Relations Council	\$392,522
Youth-led, worldwide organization, promoting Jewish identity and personal growth among Jewish teens.		Promotes the interest of the Charlotte Jewish community by creating working relations with our neighbors and serving as the collective voice of the Jewish community.	
Birthright Israel Foundation	\$8,500	Jewish Council for Public Affairs	\$1,200
Transformative Israel experience for young adults.		Serves as representative voice of the American Jewish community.	
Butterfly Project	\$12,500	Jewish Council of Lake Norman	\$17,300
Educates the community on the lessons of the Holocaust.		Community programming to enrich and strengthen Jewish life in the Lake Norman area.	
Center for Jewish Education	\$336,611	Jewish Educational Loan Fund	\$3,600
Promotes the advancement of lifelong Jewish education, learning and literacy.		Provides interest-free loans to college students in the southeast.	
Chabad Lake Norman	\$13,000	Jewish Experience Fund	\$10,000
Create a dynamic, family oriented center to enhance the Lake Norman Jewish Community.		Subsidies for summer camps and other Jewish youth experience opportunities.	
Charlotte Community Agencies	\$10,300	Jewish Family Services	\$340,000
Crisis Assistance Ministries, Mecklenburg Ministries, Nourish Up!, Roof Above, Safe Alliance, and VIA Health Partners.		Professional counseling, family education programs, and social services.	
Charlotte Jewish Day School	\$195,000	Jewish Family Services Tzedakah Fund	\$15,000
Quality Jewish day school serving students from Kindergarten through 8th grade.		Emergency financial assistance and loans to assist local Jewish families in need.	
Charlotte Jewish Film Festival	\$7,500	Jewish Federation of Greater Charlotte	
Illuminates global Jewish experiences through film.		Development	\$681,685
Charlotte Jewish Preschool	\$80,000	Administration, Operations, Finance, and Marketing	\$437,890
Quality Jewish preschool educational program and full day childcare facility.		Education and Engagement	\$180,384
Consolidated High School of Jewish Studies	\$31,500	Jewish Preschool on Sardis	\$37,500
An enriched Judaic program for Charlotte-area teens.		Quality Jewish preschool educational program.	
Foundation of Shalom Park	\$499,292	Mem Global	\$25,000
Provides occupancy and security subsidies for Jewish agencies at Shalom Park, helping to offset operational expenses.		Provides meaningful Jewish experiences for young adults in their 20's as they create a vibrant home-based Jewish community.	
Friendship Circle	\$30,000	North Carolina Council on the Holocaust	\$32,500
Creates lasting friendships between Jewish teens and children with special needs.		Holocaust educational workshops and displays for public and private school teachers accross North Carolina.	
Hadassah	\$1,000	North Carolina Hillel	\$72,000
Inspires a passion for and commitment to Israel.		Promotes Jewish life on college campuses across North Carolina.	
Hebrew Cemetery	\$27,000		
Provides a dignified final resting place for the Charlotte Jewish community.			

PJ Library

\$29,689

Strengthen the identities of Jewish families and their relationships to the Jewish community by offering free, high quality Jewish books and music to families raising Jewish children ages six months through eight years.

Safety and Security

\$464,934

Investment in the wellbeing and physical safety of our Jewish community to enable people to confidently engage in Jewish Life.

Sandra and Leon Levine Jewish Community Center

\$280,000

Enriches Jewish lives through cultural, educational and athletic programming.

Shalom Green

\$7,709

Shalom Park Environmental Initiative promoting Jewish values through sustainable living, a community garden, and educational programming.

The Stan Greenspon Holocaust Center

\$43,000

Provides educational programs based on lessons of the Holocaust as well as current events with a focus on antisemitism.

Supplemental Gifts and Special

Distributions

\$936,191

Provides customized giving opportunities over and above Annual Campaign gifts, enabling donors to maximize their giving potential and fulfill their philanthropic goals. Includes Blumenthal Educator's Resource Center, Corporate Sponsorships, Gorelick Teens to Israel, Jewish Identity, Speaker Sponsorships, Outshine Hate, PJ Library, and Young Adult Israel Experiences

Temple Beth El

\$40,000

Support for a vibrant and inclusive Reform Jewish Community.

Temple Emanuel

\$3,600

Provide a spiritual home and strengthen the Jewish community in the Gaston County area.

Temple Israel

\$40,000

Support for an engaging and progressive Conservative Jewish community.

Temple Kol Ami

\$13,350

Strives to be a voice for the diverse Jewish community of the greater York County, SC area.

Temple Kol Tikvah

\$18,000

Provide a spiritual home and strengthen the Jewish community in the Lake Norman area.

Temple Solel

\$7,875

Sustains future generations of the South Carolina Jewish community with expanded programming for adults and children.

Tikvah Charlotte

\$7,500

Jewish education for children with special needs.

Uptown Chabad

\$23,000

Provides networking and Jewish connections for Jewish young adults.

ZABS Place

\$18,000

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