

Hurricane Harvey — one of the most devastating storms on record in U.S. history — delivered some of its worst blows to Houston's Jewish community. Nearly three-quarters of the city's Jewish population live in areas that received extensive flooding, and communal infrastructure is devastated. For many, this is the third time in as many years that they have had to rebuild after a hurricane or flooding.

Jewish Federations immediately set up the **Hurricane Harvey Relief Fund** to help. With our network of local and international partners, we are able to respond quickly and effectively — but experts agree full recovery could take years.

JFNA and the
Jewish Federation of
Greater Houston have
raised \$14 million
toward the estimated
\$30 million that
Jewish Houston needs

HERE'S HOW WE HELP

5.3M



AID FAMILIES

In the first few days after the hurricane, displaced and affected families urgently needed emergency cash assistance grants to help with transportation, clothing, food, supplies, and temporary housing. Camps opened to provide beds and a safe place for children. Later, grants and loans will be given to help rebuild homes and compensate for other financial hardships.



REBUILD INFRASTRUCTURE

7 major facilities that form the backbone of the Houston Jewish community were devastated. These critical institutions are needed to educate children, engage teens, care for the elderly, and sustain a vibrant Jewish spirit.



SUPPORT SCHOOLS

Hundreds of day school families are impacted by flooding and struggling to meet basic needs. Maintaining a commitment to Jewish education is out of their reach without substantial scholarship support.

MAINTAIN JEWISH LIFE

The Evelyn Rubenstein JCC's operating revenue loss threatens the sustainability of this crucial Houstonian Jewish hub, which once supported a vast campus with multiple facilities and an impressive array of programs.

BOLSTER RECOVERY

Hundreds of thousands of people have been impacted. It will take an effort that reaches across all boundaries to help everyone get back on their feet.

OFFER TRAUMA SUPPORT

800K

Families that have been flooded out of their homes — some 2 or 3 times in less than 3 years — require assistance from expert therapists.

RESTORE SYNAGOGUES

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3 of the largest synagogues in Houston incurred catastrophic damage, and many others are flooded and have leached toxins. Thousands of congregants have no place to go for the High Holidays and other religious and life cycle events.

ACTIVATE VOLUNTEERS

250k

Volunteers from Houston and around the world have come to remove debris and offer comfort.



INCREASE CAPACITY

25K

Rotating teams of experienced Federation staff from around the country are providing holistic and integrated support for Jewish community institutions and their leaders.

Initial estimates, subject to change



