



Every year, with support from Jewish Federation, Hyman Brand Hebrew Academy (HBHA) educates approximately 200 students in grades K-12 from across the greater Kansas City metro area.

The HBHA student body comes from a diverse and wide variety of backgrounds and levels of observance.

In addition to English, math, science, and social studies, every HBHA student takes Hebrew and Jewish studies classes.

Through Jewish values and principles, HBHA’s lessons extend beyond the classroom. One fifth-grade student explained, “We learn how to think for ourselves, challenge ideas and grow into who we’re meant to be.”

In addition to core subjects and Judaic studies, HBHA offers many elective classes. These range from Jewish music classes to PE, computers, art, library, robotics, choir, drama, yearbook and debate.

HBHA students can also participate in extracurriculars including varsity sports, student-led clubs and student council.

“There are so many things that make HBHA unique. Our students are passionate about learning, our teachers are passionate about teaching. We have a proud Jewish identity and everyone is dedicated to academic excellence.”

Annie Glickman
HBHA Head of School

BLOCK GRANTS Block grants provide our partners with funding they can use across all of the specific program areas in their application.

Agency	Program Areas Included	2026 ALLOCATION
HBHA	Limudim and Financial Assistance	\$413,500
JFS	Mental Health & Counseling, Older Adult Services, Social Work-Supported Food Pantry Services	\$599,500
JCC	JEX Adult Education, Jewish Experiences (JEX), School Age Service (Camp, After School & Vacation Day Care), Heritage	\$239,500
KU Chabad	Shabbat and Holidays, JewishU, Student Safety Net, Kehilla: Engaging the Unengaged	\$42,500
KU Hillel	Building Communities of Belonging, Community Religious, Ritual, & Educational Programming. Leadership & Student Professional Development, KU Hillel Signature Programming	\$138,000

UNRESTRICTED GRANTS

Unrestricted grants are given to agencies as a whole, supplying them with guaranteed funding for a variety of expenses their organization has.

Agency	Organizational Purpose	2026 ALLOCATION
MCHE	To teach the Holocaust, applying its lessons to counter indifference, intolerance, and genocide.	\$60,000
VAAD	To facilitate the wide-ranging foodservice needs of kosher food in the Kansas City metro area.	\$16,000
JCRB AJC	To ensure that Jewish life in Kansas City can thrive by making sure Jews feel safe and welcome.	\$45,000
JVS	To welcome refugees and immigrants to the Kansas City community.	\$10,000
RA	To play a crucial role in fostering collaboration and unity among the rabbis serving our community.	\$10,000

PROGRAM GRANTS

Program grants supply funds for specific programs within community organizations, such as a service to a specific demographic or population.

Agency	Program Receiving Funding	2026 ALLOCATION
The Temple, Congregation B'nai Jehudah	Youth Programs	\$2,000
Jewish Federation	Chesed Fund	\$50,000
Jewish Federation	Congregational School Professional Development	\$3,500
Jewish Federation	PJ Library	\$15,000
Jewish Federation	Sasone	\$30,000
BBYO	Teen Programming	\$50,000
Congregation Beth Shalom	KC USY	\$2,000
Congregation Beth Torah	Youth Group Programming	\$2,000
KCTeen	General	\$4,000
KC Kollel	Ahoovim	\$8,000
MU Hillel	Shabbat and Holiday Engagement	\$10,500
Torah Learning Center	Camp Gan Israel	\$7,000
Torah Learning Center	KC Kosher Meals on Wheels	\$67,000
NCSY	Jewish Student Union (JSU)	\$10,000
Village Shalom	Financial Assistance	\$21,000
Early Childhood Preschools	Distributed throughout the community based on enrollment	\$140,000

ABBREVIATIONS

BBYO: B'nai B'rith Youth Organization
 HBHA: Hyman Brand Hebrew Academy
 JCC: Jewish Community Center

JCF: Jewish Community Foundation
 JFS: Jewish Family Services
 JVS: Jewish Vocational Service
 MCHE: Midwest Center for Holocaust Education

NCSY: National Council of Synagogue Youth
 RA: Rabbinical Association
 VAAD: Vaad HaKashruth