



JEWISH  
COMMUNITY  
SERVICES  
OF HAWAII



February 2024

## Feedback from 2023

- "The Israeli war support group helped me more than you can imagine." - Oahu client
- "JCS has really helped change my life! I've reached so many goals." - Maui client
- "Before the support groups I felt very alone and now I am part of a community." - Oahu client
- "The in person emotional regulation group helped so much." - Oahu client
- "Thank you for being there during my crisis when I felt so alone." - Hawaii Island client
- "My client got connected to home health finally!" - JCS case manager
- "I only went to Bingosize once, but I use what I learned every day." - Oahu client

## Thoughts from the Executive Director: Supporting A Thriving Jewish Community

The reason JCS of Hawaii exists is to help keep the Hawaii Jewish community safe, healthy and connected. And we've been having a lot of conversations with statewide Jewish leaders about our role in keeping "connected." Hawaii has many thriving communities and collaborations. Recently the Jewish Community of Kaua'i partnered with the Kauai Jewish Center (Chabad of Kauai) for a wonderful Hannukah celebration which the mayor attended. Chabad of Hilo invited JCS to participate in their lighting ceremony. Jewy Hui has well over 200 young Jewish professionals engaged in shabbat gatherings, volunteer events and so much more on Oahu. Maui Jewish Ohana just got their first Torah and invited the community to celebrate. The community in Waimea on Hawaii Island is growing. A new Chabad started in Hilo. So much growth and excitement!



Mimi Lind - Executive Director

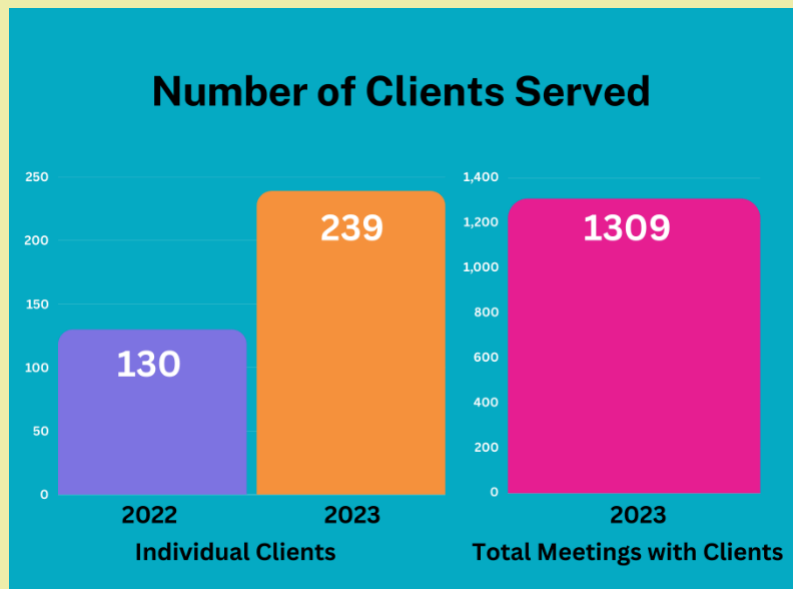
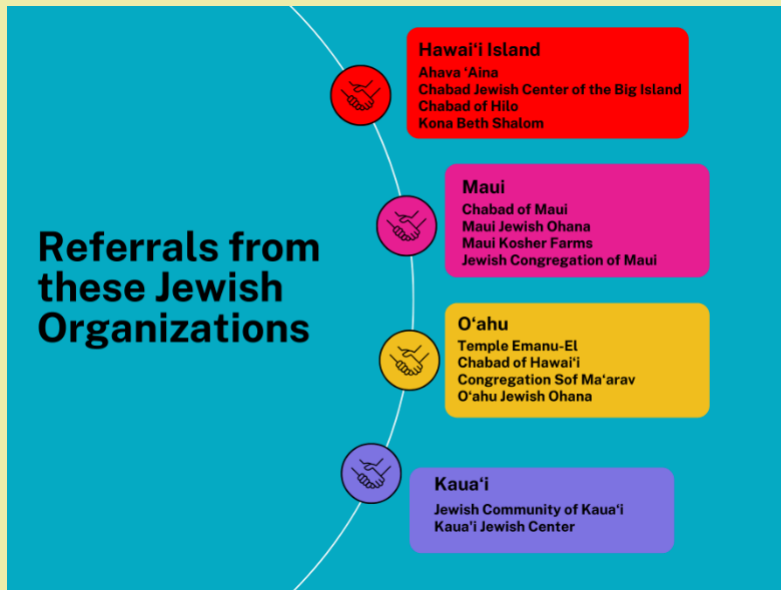
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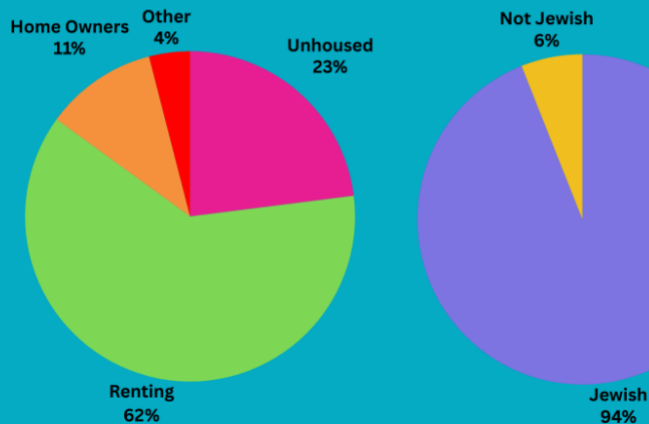
**JCS of Hawaii - Annual Dinner**

JCS continues our basic crisis and case management services and have built on these to offer group counseling as well. I invite thoughts about other ways JCS can continue to support our communities and about gaps that need to be filled. We will continue to expand programs that provide connection (book club, movie club, workshops, support groups), and are always open to new ideas and collaborations that don't already exist elsewhere. Send us your thoughts!

# Who, What, Where and How in 2023



## Client Demographics



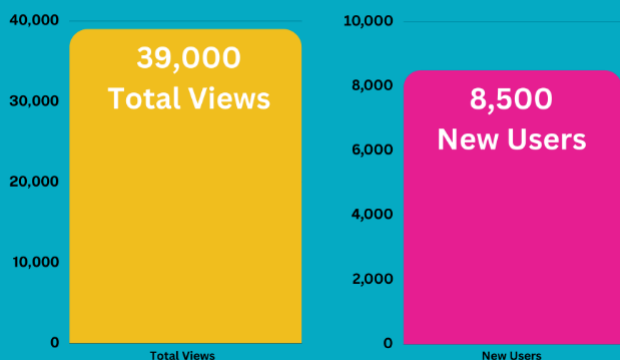
## In 2023, we hosted or co-hosted 32 events...

- 11 Book Club Meetings
- 4 Keiki Events
- 4 Movie Club Meetings
- 4 Reoccurring support groups
- 3 Teen Events
- 2 Community Hikes
- 2 Virtual Theater Showing
- 1 Community Pot Luck
- Our 25th Anniversary Party!

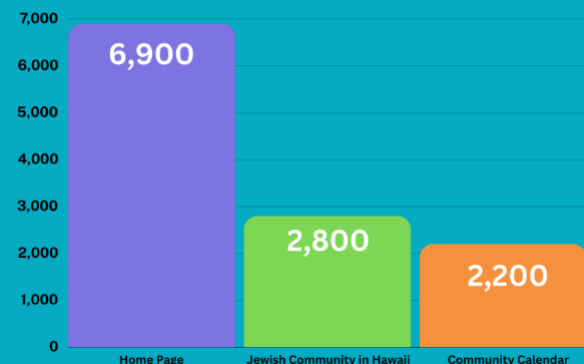


In 2024 we will continue to support our communities on  
Hawai'i Island, Maui, Lānai, Moloka'i, O'ahu, & Kaua'i

## Our Website Had



## Clicks on our Website



# OUR 2023 GENEROUS SUPPORTERS

## Hawaii Jewish Organizations

Congregation Sof Ma'arav  
Jewish Community of Kauai  
Maui Jewish 'Ohana

Oahu Jewish Ohana  
Temple Emanu-El

## Tikkun Olam \$5,000+

Anonymous  
Alan B Slifka Foundation (Sharon  
LeWinter)  
Janie and Mark Davis  
Judith Goldman  
The Harry and Jeanette Weinberg

Foundation, Inc.  
Jeanette LeVine Fund  
Jewish Community Foundation of  
Los Angeles  
Jewish Federation of Greater  
Portland

Marilyn and Steven Katzman  
Howard Merl  
David Randell and Rosemary Fazio  
Sidney Stern Memorial Trust  
Howard and Jana Wolff

## Tzadik \$2,000 – \$4,999

Sandy and Richard Kersten  
Lorraine Gershun and David Weisberg  
Peter Grossman and Cathy Ching  
Mel and Marlene Hertz

Eileen Hilton and Leonard Rossoff  
Linda Lingle  
Diane Parker

## Mensch \$1,000 – \$1,999

Anonymous (3)  
Leslie Airola  
Robert and Suzan Bach  
Kathy Bilkiss  
Alan Biller  
Robert and Sue Brown  
Sheldon Geringer  
Beatrice Gould  
Beverly K. Hewett  
Judy and Dennis Lind

Robert and Bernice Littman  
Margery Ziffrin Marlowe  
Tracey Messer and Karen  
Schneiderman  
Steven Mizel  
Robert and Deborah Nehmad  
Steven Oppenheimer  
William and Karlyn Pearl  
Ron Plucer  
Ira and Miriam Pollack

Lyssa & Stephen Reese  
Jay and Walette Shidler  
Cliff Silverstein  
Marlene Booth and Avi Soifer  
Michael and Cynthia Stollar  
Alice Tucker  
Paul J. Weissman  
Robin Wurtzel  
James & Sally Zukerkorn Foundation

## Chaver \$500 – \$999

Anoymous (2)  
Vaneeta Acson  
George and Sandy Apter  
Steven and Kimberly Barta  
Edward Bendet  
Bruce and Tatiya Berger  
Robert and Charlene Bralver  
Steven and Vanessa Buchthal  
Steven Caraco and Jill Edelman  
Jerry and Vanny Clay  
Paula Daniels  
Manouchehr E. Elison  
Marc Feder

Brian and Tamara Field  
Meredith Glass  
Steven and Deloris Guttman  
Linda Rose Herman  
Earl and Patricia Kawa'a  
Carol Kirsh and Tom Gottlieb  
Beverly and Barry Kurtz  
Steven and Cathy Levinson  
Marilyn Libin and Jeb Gaines  
Lawrence and Rosemary Mild  
Sally Morgan  
Joyce Oleshansky  
Harvey and Lynne Rackmil

Frances Ramirez  
Peter Rosegg  
David Salisbury  
Robert and Andrea Snyder  
Betsy Staller  
Larry Steinberg and Diane Farkas  
Allan and Beth Stone  
Mike and Deborah Washofsky  
Daniel Weiss  
Leslie Wilson and Judith Sterling  
Women of Community Synagogue of Rye  
Dina Yoshimi

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## Mishpocheh \$100 – \$499

Anonymous (4)	Marc Green	Fred and Sharon Natter
Shirleyann Abad	Arnold Greene	Diana Ostroff
Veronica Abney	Nancy Grekin	Michael and Nikki Packer
Donald and Sandy Armstrong	Samantha Haas	Jon and Ellen Polokoff
Charles and Dana Barbata	Hannah Hall	Donna Rabiner
Thomas Barrett	David Hayford	David and Melanie Rabirot
Tracey Barrett and Bradely Kancigor	Hannah Herman	Allan Rathn
Marvin and Jeannie Baum	Elliot Hershman	Dan Rich
Daniel Bender and Valerie Hashimoto	Leta Hillman	Michael and Sheri Richards
Andrea and Scott Berez-Kroeker	James and Judith Hiramoto	Chandra Simon Ritvo
David Blake	Alan Hornstein	Betty Robbins
M Blitz	Bennett Hymer	Steven Rosenthal
Mike Blitz	Sara Izen	Daniel Ross
David Booth	Len and Rebecca Jacobs	Pam and Alan Ross
Joan Botuck	Jennifer Jacobsen	Judith Rubenstein
Sherry Broder	Judy Jakobovits	Alida Rutchick
Diana-Lee Bunney	Phyllis Kam-Young	David and Karen Sadker
Ashley Cameron	Edward and Marcia Kaneshige	Jack Samosky
Rebecca Carr	Robert and Marcy Katz	Jack and Michelle Scheider
Sam Citron	Elizabeth Kent	Carol Schneider
Marc and Elaine Coel	Karen Kimbrell	Suzanne Schneiderman
Alan Cohen	Bruce Kipnis	Fredric and Gail Schwartz
Roberta Cohn	Alan and Pam Kosansky	Margery Schwartz
Robert Crone	Jason and Beverly Kravitt	Mathew Sgan
Victoria Cruickshank	Lewis Kreisler	Bernice Sherling
Janet Daniel	Evelyn Lance	Dmitriy Sheykman
Susan Datri	Marilyn Landis	Julie Shohet
Tyson David	Irene Landsberg	Bob and Lei Sigall
Ann DeHovitz	Barry Langlieb	David & Hilary Silver
Milton and Connie Diamond	Michael Layne	Sara Silverman
Cornel and Jade Dobashi	Steve Lazarus	Elizabeth Snider
Atara Eiger	Maxine and Joe Leano	Ellen Steinberg
Norma Eagles	Alma Lemus	Margaret Stiglitz
Frank Feldman	Aaron and Sharleen Levine	Marcelline and Kenneth Stratman Jr
Sabra Rae Feldstein	Peter and Nanette Levinson	Temple B'Nai Israel
John Fink	Alex Lichten	Lori Tessel
Ruth Freedman	Mimi Lind	Hank and Jean Trapido-Rosenthal
Alberta Freidus-Flagg and Richard Flagg	Erica Lodish	Stephen Ugelow
Mark Fridovich and Helene Satz	Fran Margulies	Felice Valmas
Andrew Friedman	Carolann Biederman and Seth Markow	Linda Vogel
Barry Friedman	Robert and Victoria Marks	Bruce Wartel
Katie Friedman	Linda Martell	Glenn Wasserman
Craig Gallagher	Lynne Matusow	David Weisfeld
Chris and Jodie Gerson	Rodney and Jackie Mild Lau	Kathryn Weldon
Kenneth Gilbert and Jean Santos	Joy and Neal Milner	Myra Williams
David Glickman	Richard Milsten	Marc Witter
Brian and Leela Goldstein	Sheba Mittelman	Betty & Martin Wolfson
Dina Gonor	Tony Monroe	Ari Wong
Sharon Gordon	Ellyn and Christopher Mortimer	Eve Shere and Reginald Worthley
Alan and Annabel Gottlieb	David Nano	Dora Youel

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## Chai \$1 – \$99

Anonymous (2)	Jason Fermin	Geri and Jack Maskell	Laurel Silverman
Debra Abrams	Steve and Charlene Flanter	Melanie Meinken	Marc and Barbara Slutsky
Wendy and Steve Abrams	Sonia and David Franzel	Aaron Miller	Ken Smith
Carl and Lyn Ackerman	Blayklee Freed	Morton Nemiroff	Jill Smith
Edward and Jacqueline	Susan Freilich	Marshall Lane Pack	Jay and Donna Solomon
Akselrad	Joshua and Kristine	Rachael Pretinskei	Fran Stengel
Donna Allen-Queener	Garroway	Lisa Rauchwerger	Stephen Stern
Miriam-Mara Apisdorf	Stephen Gault	Joy Ream	Amy Strauss
Shachar and Heidi Argov	Leslie Gold	Beth Reinhard	Raviv Strod
Felice Azorsky	Verrona Gore	Sid Reischer and Patricia	Linda Tolkman
Gail Bado	Jennifer Gottdiener	Moger	Jody Wager
Rhonda & Jon Bandes	Tamara Gropper	Joel Richman	Arnold and Gale
Jamie Beckett	Dee Dee and Bob Halpin	Edward and Hiroko Rosen	Warshawsky
Janet and Micha Bein	Karen Hendrixson	Richard Rosen	Barbara, Jonathan &
David Benoun	Vashti Horvát	Marvin Roth	Kathleen Weisblastt
Scott Bergstein	Cathleen Hough	Charlotte Rothenburg	Aviela Weltman and Matti
Alan Bernstein	Betty Jacob	Jeffrey Rothschild	Gorodenchik
Pat Bieze	Judith S Jacobson	Errol and Nancy Rubin	Charlotte White
Rebeca Braidman	Karen and James Kantor	Jean Marie Sadqi	Andrea Yablon
Ellen Brown	Lois and Stanley Kaplan	David and Susan Safran	Stephanie and Benjamin
Laura and Matt Copel	Marilyn Katler	Susan and Debra Saloman	Yoffee
Betsy Diamant-Cohen	Eleanor Katz	Tucci	Stuart Yusem
Hinda Diamond and Ken	Robin Katzanek	Coblens Scherr	Lyn Zukerkorn
Aronowitz	Michael Kolsky	Markalekho Scheva	
Cheryl Drucker and Frank	Allen Leider	Wendy Schutzer	
Okun	Josh and Elila Levinson	Marjorie Shafon	
Byron and Pamela Eliashof	Julian D. Lipsher	Dina Shargel and David	
Roger Epstein and Barbara	Elyse Litvack	Projansky	
Kirk	Matthew and Allie Lowinger	Jean Shepard	
Doris Feinland	Cherie Marcus	Fredrick Silverman	

## JOIN US ON OAHU FOR:

**Jewy Hui (Ages 21-40)**

**Teen Group**

**Keiki Group (0-6th Grade)**

**Book Club**

**Movie Club**

**Go to [JCS-hi.org](https://jcs-hi.org) for more information and events!**

## Need Help? JCS of Hawaii Offers:

**Prevention  
Services**

**Crisis Case  
Management**

**Crisis  
Counseling**

**Support  
Groups**

**Workshops**

**Emergency  
Financial  
Assistance**

**Email [admin@jcs-hi.org](mailto:admin@jcs-hi.org) for more information**



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## Bringing the JCS Statewide Staff Together

Our staff had their first in person meeting in January! They participated in a lauhala weaving activity at Pu'uhonua Society. We learned about Hawaiian weaving practices and concepts to incorporate the *Aloha Spirit* into Tikkun Olam.



**JCS Statewide Staff**

L-R, Tonya Martin, Bianca McCluskey, Annie Rothmann, Sarah Osofsky, Emma Broderick (Pu'uhonua Society), Sandra Razieli, Kamala Trotter, Jill Raznov, Mimi Lind



Ed Finkel - JFNA

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## Quick Visit from JFNA

The Jewish Federation of North America's Managing Director of the Network of Independent Communities, Ed Finkel, made a brief stop on Oahu on his way to Maui in January. Ed helped arrange for Maui Jewish Ohana to receive their first Torah. We were able to thank the JFNA in person for their tremendous support of the Maui fire victims and JCS.

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## Meeting a Developing Need

Following the lead of other Jewish social service agencies, JCS has decided to provide spiritual care support for those who are unaffiliated with a congregation.

The need was first identified by Maui fire survivors who questioned why something so horrific happened to them. Then, Hamas attacked Israel and the growing antisemitism left people feeling vulnerable and questioning their Jewish identity.

These complex and important issues are more existential in nature and beyond what our staff addresses. To better meet that need, we are partnering with Rabbi Sandra Razieli who has worked with, and has a rich understanding of, the wide spectrum of Jewish identities. She lives on Maui and can serve the whole state in person or by Zoom.

Spiritual support counseling is usually a one-time consultation on issues such as:

- Jewish identity
- Navigating interfaith relationships
- Helping people on their Jewish path
- Existential crises that involve meaning and relationships

Please contact JCS or one of our island-specific case managers for a referral. We are appreciative of the financial support we are receiving for her services.

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## Helping Hawaii's Youth Attend Camp

For many years, JCS has received a small grant from the Singer family to support Hawaii youth to attend Jewish summer camps in Israel or the continent. The funds are very limited, and the costs are quite high, but we hope to help defray it for some families who qualify.

Please visit our website [www.jcs-hi.org/jewish-life-in-hawaii](http://www.jcs-hi.org/jewish-life-in-hawaii) (scroll down to Resources for Jewish Parents) for the most current application. Applications are due by March 15, 2024.



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