

# ISRAEL EMERGENCY FUND GRANTS REPORT



As of November 9, Federations across the country have collectively raised over **\$638M**, including more than **\$18.5M** from donors in the Bay Area, and nearly **\$175M\*** in grants have been made for various basic needs, emergency medical services, evacuation and housing, mental health, trauma relief, and more.

Following the practice of other Federations nationwide, 80% of the dollars we have raised in the Bay Area have been granted to Jewish Federations of North America (JFNA) for inclusion in JFNA's Israel grant allocation process. The remaining 20% is being directed by our Bay Area Israel Affairs Task Force, with guidance from our Federation's Israel professional team.

## JFNA COLLECTIVE GRANT ALLOCATIONS

Grant allocation decisions are being made by JFNA's Israel Emergency Campaign Allocations Committee, which meets regularly to discuss ongoing needs and review proposals. This Committee is co-chaired by **Jeffrey Schoenfeld**, Chair of JFNA's Israel and Overseas Committee, and **Stephen Hoffman**, Chairman of the Jack, Joseph and Morton Mandel Foundation. Also sitting on the Committee and representing the San Francisco Bay Area are **Susie Sorkin**, past member of our Federation board and current member of JFNA's National Women's Philanthropy Board, and **Daryl Messinger**, Chair of the Association of Reform Zionists of America (ARZA) and past president of the Union for Reform Judaism, Oshman Family Jewish Community Center, and Congregation Beth Am.

**JFNA Collective Total Dollars Allocated to Date** (as of November 9, 2023)  
**\$65,153,715\*\*** to over **100 organizations:**

- ◆ **Fund for Victims of Terror** ..... **\$17,000,000**  
Immediate cash grants to families and individuals who have been impacted by acts of terror and violence.
- ◆ **Evacuation, Housing, Respite, and Support for Frontline Communities** ..... **\$16,311,900**  
Support for communities under fire and for new *olim* (immigrants) living in absorption centers through evacuations, temporary housing, children's activities, and increased security.
- ◆ **Emergency Medical Services and Health Care** ..... **\$10,830,000**  
Medical supplies and equipment for first responders and hospitals.

\* Includes \$110M in Federation-directed grants and \$65M in JFNA collective grants.

\*\* Grants are being disbursed as funds are received, with prioritization for urgent, short-term needs, recognizing that needs will continue to evolve and will be immense.

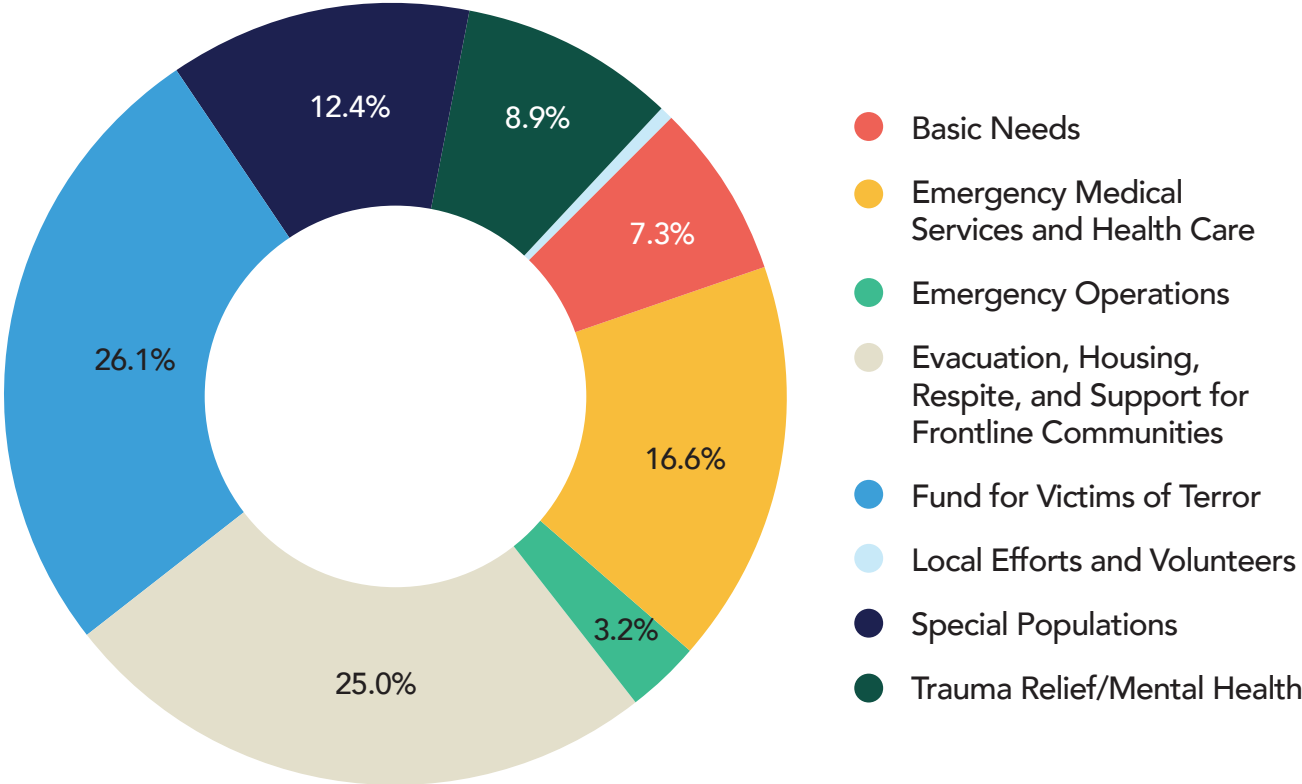
- ◆ **Special Populations** ..... **\$8,053,150**  
 Targeted assistance to vulnerable populations and their caregivers, including the elderly, young children, people living with disabilities, Russian-speaking Israelis, Ethiopian Israelis, Holocaust survivors, and other marginalized populations, such as Bedouin communities.
  
- ◆ **Trauma Relief/Mental Health** ..... **\$5,791,305**  
 Wide-scale trauma relief and psychosocial support with expanded capabilities through telephone hotlines; direct care to first responders, Lone Soldiers, the injured, and families whose relatives were murdered, injured, or abducted; training and support for caregivers and responders, including hospital emergency teams and municipal teams.
  
- ◆ **Basic Needs** ..... **\$4,754,360**  
 Food and financial assistance for impacted families, the elderly, and the homebound.
  
- ◆ **Emergency Operations** ..... **\$2,063,000**  
 Initiatives to support the coordination for organizations to scale efforts effectively.
  
- ◆ **Volunteer Efforts** ..... **\$350,000**  
 Enhance capacity and provide operational support to evacuees, special populations, frontline communities, and those responding to the crisis.

### JFNA Collective Largest Total Allocations

The Jewish Agency***	\$21,960,000
NGOs in Frontline Local Municipalities/Regional Councils	\$7,250,000
JDC	\$3,650,000
Israel Trauma Coalition	\$2,700,000
Brothers and Sisters for Israel	\$1,800,000

\*\*\*includes \$15M multi-year gift collectively allocated

**JFNA Collective Allocations to Date by Needs**



**238,000+** hot meals served to individuals in at risk communities.

Nearly **300** counselors trained to provide emotional support.

Nearly **110,000** volunteers mobilized to fulfill medical and food insecurity needs in Israel.

**22 tons** of medical supplies and humanitarian aid used for emergency medical care.

Over **80%** of the **5,300** emergency grants through Funds for Victims of Terror have been distributed.

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## BAY AREA SUPPORT FOR ISRAEL

The San Francisco Bay Area Federation has mobilized **\$18.5M** for Israel, including over **\$12.2M** raised for our Israel Emergency Fund and more than **\$6.2M** recommended by our donors, donor-advised funds, and supporting foundations for organizations working on the ground in Israel.

Grant decisions for 20% of these funds are being made by our Israel Affairs Task Force chaired by Federation board member **Guy Miasnik**, and guided by **Barak Loozon**, Director of our Federation's Israel office, and **Ester Biro**, our Israel Program Officer. Other members of this Task Force include Federation Board Chair, **Eileen Ruby**, and Federation board members **Arthur Slepian**, **Barry Cohn**, **Susan Saal**, and **Jerry Yanowitz**, as well as **Ido Sergev** and **Susie Sorkin** (who is also on JFNA's Israel Emergency Campaign Allocations Committee). The Task Force meets weekly to make grant recommendations, which are then approved by our Board of Directors.

The Task Force has prioritized grants to organizations that have existing partnerships with the Federation. This helps to ensure that resources are allocated to organizations with proven capabilities, strong leadership, transparency, and accountability. This also helps to align emergency grantmaking with our longstanding shared society agenda, which is now more important than ever. The Task Force is also working to determine where grants will respond to the most pressing needs and serve the most people. Additionally, they are seeking out unique opportunities to fund organizations that are not already supported by JFNA (or other major) efforts, or to meet otherwise unmet needs.

**Bay Area Federation Total Dollars Allocated to Date** (as of November 9, 2023)  
**\$830,000\*\*** to **10 organizations** in three key areas:

◆ <b>Basic Needs and Support in Frontline Communities</b> .....	<b>\$425,000</b>
◆ <b>Urgent Mental Health Needs and Trauma Relief</b> .....	<b>\$155,000</b>
◆ <b>Support for Special Populations Such as Women, Arab Israelis, and Ultra-Orthodox</b> .....	<b>\$250,000</b>

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## Grantee Highlights

### Basic Needs:

#### **Shaharit** ..... **\$125,000**

This grant supports small grants to everyday people working together to address urgent needs in innovative ways. Proposals for these mini grants are solicited through a variety of methods, including Shaharit's vast network of connections on the local level. The proposals are evaluated by a Shaharit team with vast experience in entrepreneurship and community organizing. The average grant size is \$2,500-\$5,300, with a maximum of \$10,000. Grant criteria include successfully identifying and addressing a concrete need; involving a community of people; and demonstrating creativity. Proposals are sourced from all parts of Israeli society, and those that cross sectoral boundaries are encouraged. A team of Shaharit community organizers makes site visits throughout the country, and the grantees document their work. Micro-grant examples include:



#### **Mobilizing Together with You**

- The Yavneh community is mobilizing to help the families of military and security forces, displaced families, and senior citizens. They have mobilized about 900 volunteers with the help of the Women's Circle Association to support families in need.
- This project is assisting with providing activities for kids, shopping for medications and other necessities, and providing weekly emotional support meetings and conversations. Teams of volunteers are cultivating personal relationships with the families they are assisting, who are mostly coming from the Gaza envelope.



#### **Birthday Cakes for the Children of the Gaza Envelope**

- Pastry Chef Liron Takoo launched a project to donate birthday cakes to children from the Gaza envelope who are celebrating their birthday displaced from their homes.
- For the project, 130 pastry chefs have been recruited from across the country to prepare beautifully designed birthday cakes and donate them to the children wherever they are currently staying, from the north to Eilat. They take care of everything, from buying ingredients to delivering the cakes.
- In the first three days of the project, the pastry chefs delivered 120 birthday cakes. They are seeking funding to continue this project. The families are tremendously grateful for the opportunity to celebrate.
- Pastry Chef Liron Tikoo seeks more resources to finance the costs of ingredients and delivery.





### Support for Druze Families on the Home Front

- Samira Azzam, a member of the Druze community, is providing activities for adults and children with special needs in her community. She seeks to provide daily programming appropriate to the increased stress of her constituents.
- With the support of other professionals, she works with community members with special needs on fears and anxieties in order to provide a sense of social belonging, warmth, and inclusion to individuals who on normal days feel isolated and all the more so during wartime.
- This project is supporting the Arab, Druze, and Bedouin communities.

### Urgent Mental Health Needs:

#### HaGal Sheli ..... **\$75,000**

This grant is supporting a specialized educational program assisting individuals aged 14-23 in coping with complex trauma, which was designed with the Defense Ministry to address PTSD. The program comprises meetings led by educators, professional psychologists, and social workers, offering immediate assistance to teenagers and young adults, along with sea-based activities (like surfing) that create an environment conducive to emotional expression and open dialogue. They incorporate the Memory Structure Intervention (MSI) model for structured trauma processing, emphasizing resilience and the inner resources of trauma survivors.

### Support for Special Populations:

#### Yanabia ..... **\$150,000**

This grant is dedicated to installing secure, mobile shelters in unrecognized Bedouin villages in the Negev, with the aim of saving lives. This grant will be used to build 20 new shelters.

We understand the importance of staying connected and will provide regular updates as we make new grants. Your support and engagement are crucial, and we value the opportunity to share insights into our ongoing efforts.

If you have any specific questions or if there's additional information you would like to receive, feel free to reach out at [info@sfjcf.org](mailto:info@sfjcf.org).