



The Jewish Pride Fund (JPF) is a giving circle of the Jewish Federation Bay Area and is open to all members and allies of the LGBTQIA+ community. JPF launched in January 2018, with 10 members, under the leadership of the founding Chair, Sam Goldman. Successive Chairs include David Rak, Danny Wein, and Kyle Levine. As of June 2025, JPF has granted \$329,815 and currently has 30 donors.

Along with philanthropy focused on supporting the intersecting needs, values, and interests of the LGBTQIA+ and Jewish communities in the Bay Area, nationally, and in Israel, activities have expanded to include issue area education, guest speakers, Shabbat dinners, holiday celebrations, a closing party celebration, and volunteering opportunities.

Grants are listed from recent to later.

2025 Jewish Pride Fund Grants (for fiscal cycle July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026). JPF granted \$62,480 in 2025 to 10 organizations, two of which were honorariums to acknowledge the effort displayed by the grant application organizations, even though they were not awarded full grants in 2025.

1. Bat Kol – Israel (\$540 honorarium) – Founded in 2005, Bat Kol is the only organization in Israel serving Orthodox LGBTQIA+ women, who often face unique struggles and dramatic changes when coming out. Many experience family violence, are denied contact with their children, and face isolation. Bat Kol provides a community and “partial relief” as most Orthodox women remain in marriages or in the closet.

Grant Purpose: JPF awarded an honorarium grant to this organization in acknowledgement of their commitment to the application and interview process; however, they were not selected to receive a full grant this year.

2. Israeli Transgender Association - Israel (\$540 honorarium) –The Israeli Transgender Association (Trans Israel) is the only trans-led organization in Israel dedicated to supporting trans women from marginalized backgrounds, particularly those from social and geographic peripheries. This includes Mizrahi, Ethiopian, Arab women, and those from religious families who often face severe economic hardship, social exclusion, and

systemic discrimination. Many of these women are pushed into poverty and sex work due to a lack of access to employment, education, and state welfare resources.

Grant Purpose: JPF awarded an honorarium grant to this organization in acknowledgement of their commitment to the application and interview process; however, they were not selected to receive a full grant this year.

3. Congregation Sha’ar Zahav – Bay Area (\$6,000) – Founded in 1977 and rooted in history as San Francisco’s LGBTQIA+ synagogue, Sha’ar Zahav has always welcomed spiritual wanderers. The Journey to Judaism (J2J) learning and conversion program has supported hundreds of seekers and has been pathbreaking in its methods and inclusivity. Many other synagogues and religious organizations have sought support and guidance from Sha'ar Zahav to create programs that embrace LBTQIA+ people.

Grant Purpose: The grant from JPF is to contribute to the remaining 18-months of a 30-month pilot program called the Welcome Home Project, focused on supporting trans, gender non-conforming and non-binary people who are already Jews or interested in converting to Judaism to experience a welcoming Jewish spiritual and educational program as part of the conversation process.

4. Jerusalem Open House – Israel (\$6,000) – Founded in 1997, Jerusalem Open House (JOH) is the only LGBTQIA+ organization in Jerusalem, a city known for its complexity, religious significance, and diverse population. Despite the challenges posed by this unique environment, JOH has built a safe and inclusive space where LGBTQIA+ individuals from all backgrounds can find support, community, and advocacy.

Grant Purpose: The grant is for general operating support for all of the services provided by JOH, including mental health therapy, medical services, advocacy, and the annual Pride Parade.

5. Contra Costa Midrasha – Bay Area (\$7,000) – Contra Costa Midrasha’s (CCM) mission is to form and inform a diverse and pluralistic Jewish teen community (grades 8-12) and to develop and enhance personal Jewish identity for each member of this community. One aspect of this program is three weekend retreats including all grade levels.

Grant Purpose: Over the past year, the need for growth of the gender expansive cabin and staff training has become apparent based on the demographics of the teens that join the program. This grant is to support increased staff training and resources for a second gender expansive cabin during retreats, as well as additional staff training by an experienced educator for the 2025-26 year.

6. HOSHEN – Israel (\$7,000) – Since 2004, HOSHEN (Hebrew acronym for "Education and Change") has worked to transform public perception of the LGBTQIA+ community through experiential learning in schools, workplaces, and public institutions. Its workshops provide safe spaces for open discussions, challenging biases, and promoting inclusivity. Prior to the current Israeli government, HOSHEN reached approximately 100,000 individuals, including students, educators, law enforcement personnel, healthcare professionals, and municipal leaders. Research by HOSHEN identified a significant gap in support for LGBTQIA+ educators in Israel.

Grant Purpose: The grant supports HOSHEN in establishing Israel's LGBTQIA+ Educators Network. Many LGBTQIA+ educators face professional isolation, fear of exposure, and workplace discrimination, leading to emotional distress and high attrition rates. Research shows that peer support networks improve resilience, reduce burnout, and boost confidence among LGBTQIA+ educators. HOSHEN's new network will provide structured support, professional development, and tools for creating inclusive educational environments.

7. Project Keshet - Israel (\$7,000) – Project Keshet Israel (PKI) is the only organization in Israel dedicated to supporting Russian-speaking LGBTQIA+ immigrants and refugees from Ukraine, Russia, and Belarus. These individuals face severe challenges — fleeing war, systemic homophobia, and political persecution (including being labeled domestic terrorists in Russia), only to confront new barriers in Israel.

Grant Purpose: The grant will enable PKI to continue delivering critical services and advocating for systemic change for Russian-speaking LGBTQIA+ immigrants and refugees in Israel. Specifically, it will support:

- Expanding legal aid for interfaith LGBTQIA+ couples, including court fees and legal representation.
- Strengthening mental health services through therapy sessions and support groups.
- Scaling up Hebrew language courses to support financial independence.
- Enhancing media advocacy and community outreach to raise awareness of LGBTQIA+ rights in Russian-speaking communities.

8. Havruta – Israel (\$9,000) – Havruta is an organization that provides essential support to religious and ultra-Orthodox LGBTQIA+ individuals, a group that faces unique challenges due to the intersection of their religious identity and sexual orientation. Many LGBTQIA+ individuals within these communities' experience isolation, rejection from family, and lack of mental health resources that align with both their religious values and sexual identity.

Grant Purpose: The grant was awarded for the general operating expenses of Havruta to train additional staff, expand outreach initiatives, and increase program accessibility.

9. Beit Dror Youth Shelter – Israel (\$9,700) – Beit Dror is a unique emergency shelter for LGBTQIA+ youth (ages 12-18) experiencing rejection, isolation, or disconnection from their families due to their sexual orientation or gender identity. As part of the Otot Association of Shelters in Israel — primarily funded by the Ministry of Welfare — Beit Dror offers critical intervention and works to facilitate family reunification when possible.

Grant Purpose: The grant funds the repair of the intake shower and outside pergola, key areas used by shelter participants during critical periods of their stay. The Ministry of Welfare funding rarely covers ongoing maintenance, repairs, or upgrades for shelters in the Otot system.

10. The Pride House of Be'er Sheva and the South – Israel (\$9,700) - Established in 2015, the Pride House is committed to ensuring that every individual, regardless of their sexual orientation or gender identity, can live in the Negev free from discrimination, violence, and LGBTQIA+-phobia. Services include a psycho-social therapy clinic, cultural events, and identity-based social groups including an English-speaking group, Russian-speaking, Arabic-speaking and trans and non-binary, among others.

Grant Purpose: The grant was awarded for general operating expenses for The Pride House of Be'er Sheva and the South, which is the only organization dedicated to representing, addressing, and meeting the needs of the LGBTQIA+ community in southern Israel, serving communities from Kiryat Gat to Eilat.

2024 Jewish Pride Fund Grants (for fiscal cycle July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025). JPF granted \$43,235 in 2024 to six organizations during the regular grantmaking cycle and to three organizations for post-10/7 Israel Emergency Funds. From the gross money raised \$4,545 went to fund operations. JPF had 27 unique donors, with 19 active members, eight of whom were new to the Federation.

1. Nice Jewish Boys+ - Bay Area (\$8,000) – Nice Jewish Boys+ focuses on building community for gay, bi, queer, and trans men and non-binary folks in the Bay Area. NJB+ brings people together for queer and Jewish social programming, always with an eye for how those two identities intersect. Since October 7, NJB+ has seen a more urgent need to provide safe spaces for queer Jewish community to promote a sense of safety and belonging. With this grant, NJB+ will be able to reach out to a more economically diverse range of 725 virtual participants to have even more engage in live programming that has a

cost, such as the annual retreat. This funding can help lower the barrier to live entry programming that at this time only draws 125 of the 725 people.

2. San Francisco State Hillel – Bay Area (\$8,000) – SF Hillel’s mission is to support Jewish students and foster the Jewish future. This grant is to support “The Q-Jew Learning Fellowship” program that specifically addresses the needs they have surveyed from queer Jewish students who feel they are unable to be their full selves in queer and/or Jewish spaces. The 10-week fellowship and leader development program will help them explore their intersectional identities, while providing a haven on campus from the increased and intense antisemitism ignited further by the Israel Hamas war.

3. Jerusalem Open House – Israel (\$8,000) – This marks the third consecutive grant from JPF to Jerusalem Open House, this year for emergency services for the Jerusalem LGBTQIA+ community. This grant will support the Community Support & Safety and Families Project initiatives that provide extra spaces for safety and security and for individuals and families to gather that are marginalized community members during a time of crises such as the Hamas attack and ongoing war situation, when, unfortunately, members of the LGBTQIA+ community experience increased threat and violence.

4. Israel Gay Youth – Israel (\$8,000) – Israel Gay Youth (IGY) is the largest and oldest LGBTQIA+ youth organization in Israel. They received grants from JPF in 2018 and 2023. The 2024 grant award was specifically for rebuilding resilience among LGBTQIA+ youth living in the South and North post October 7 who were displaced from their homes and regular LGBTQIA+ support network. Through this project, the organization intended to reach 100 LGBTQIA+ teens in the ages 13-18 from the cities Kiryat Shmona, Ramat Hagolan, Sderot, Ashkelon, Ashdod, and Be’er Sheva, both participants and nonparticipants in IGY activities.

5. Pride House of Be’er Sheva and the South – Israel (\$8,000) – The Pride House of Be’er Sheva and the South is the only organization in the southern part of Israel that supports the needs of the LGBTQIA+ community from Keriat Get to Eilat. It is a volunteer-run organization with one full-time manager position offering community events, psychosocial workshops, therapy, Pride month events, support for the elderly and special populations, and community management during emergency such as October 7. The grant is for general operating support for these services, with a particular focus on increasing the therapy services.

6. Ma’avarim – Israel (\$2,515) – Ma’avarim is a four-time JPF grantee with the last grant awarded in 2022. This year, JPF succeeded in securing grant funding from Kehillat Israel Tzedakah Teens, a program of Kehillat Israel Reconstructionist Congregation of Pacific

Palisades to support JPF's Israel work directed for Ma'avarim. This grant of \$2,525.28 will help fund a part-time Welfare Services Coordinator for Ma'avarim.

7. Israel Post 10/7 Emergency Funding – Israel (\$720) – Granted in November, 2023 to HOSHEN, IGY and Jerusalem Open House evenly for mental health and support of soldiers.

2023 Jewish Pride Fund Grants (for fiscal cycle July 1, 2023–June 30, 2024).

JPF granted an annual record total of \$56,600 in 2023 to six organizations and contributed \$6,140 to fund operations. JPF had 28 members, seven of whom were new to the Federation, with two additional financial contributors from outside of the Fund who were also new to the Federation. Since 2018, JPF has granted a total of **\$224,600**.

1. Jerusalem Open House - Israel (\$11,000) – Jerusalem Open House (JOH), founded in 1997, received its second grant from JPF. During the summer of 2022, ten JPF members went on a trip to Israel to visit current and potential future grantees. Fund members had just allocated a grant to JOH in May and were able to do a site visit in June. Meeting in person was highly impactful and offered a full appreciation for the work of the organization. JOH acts as a one-stop LGBTQIA+ community center providing vital life-saving and joyful services to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, regardless of religion, race, ethnicity or other background. In a city that tends to run socially conservative compared to Tel Aviv, JOH offers services such as AIDS testing, mental health through the Open Clinic and community building offerings for teens through seniors. Jerusalem Open House is the sole organizer of the annual March for Pride and Tolerance in Jerusalem, with the funding coming directly out of the nonprofit with no aid from Jerusalem’s municipality. The grant supported for general operations.

2. Israel Gay Youth- Israel (\$10,000) – Israel Gay Youth (IGY) is the largest and oldest LGBTQIA+ organization in Israel. They were also one of the first JPF grantees back in 2018. Their work has continued to expand with the recognition that the “peripheral regions” of Israel need youth support groups more than ever due to the increasing assault of the LGBTQIA+ community and youth from the right-wing government. This grant supported staffing more groups in the periphery.

3. HOSHEN – Israel (\$10,000) – HOSHEN was established in 2004, specializing in raising awareness and sensitivity training. Since 2013, they conduct around 2,000 workshops a year in different institutions by using the methodology of the “Personal Story” to sensitize teachers, students, and administrators to greater understanding of the LGBTQIA+ community. Two trained LGBTQIA+ volunteers talk in schools, with university faculty, police and border guards, soldiers, army cadets, medical staff, social workers and

guidance counselors, to share personal stories and provide deeper trainings using their 200-person strong volunteer community. Traditionally, schools can pay for HOSHEN's services from government grants allocated to the schools for this purpose. With the new government in place, these funds were harder for schools to obtain – even when they apply - and are in future jeopardy. This grant is to provide general operating support to help keep these services going. HOSHEN was a first-time grantee that JPF members met while on the Pride mission to Israel.

4. Tehila - Israel (\$9,000) – This is the third year that JPF has supported Tehila, a voluntary, Israeli-registered nonprofit organization, founded over 30 years ago to help parents of teenagers and young LGBTQIA+ persons. Tehila provides support and emotional relief to parents all over Israel who struggle to accept the different sexual and/or gender identity of their children. With the help of grant funding in 2021 and 2022, Tehila has professionalized and now has an Executive Director. Over the last few years, the Executive Director has overseen continued growth and professionalization of 25 parent support group circles, including new support groups for religious parents. Tehila also started three new online groups via Zoom for parents living in areas without existing groups and one of the new online groups is geared to parents of transgender children and fathers. The number of new funders to Tehila has also grown since JPF's first grant to now include A Wider Bridge, the Schusterman Foundation and the Weinberg Family Foundation.

5. Jewish Queer Youth (JQY) – National (\$9,000) – Jewish Queer Youth (JQY) supports and empowers LGBTQIA+ youth from Orthodox, Chasidic, and Sephardic/Mizrahi homes. JQY envisions a world in which no young person, regardless of Jewish denomination or community, feels alone, ostracized, or shamed because of their sexual or gender identity. JQY provides crisis intervention, support services, and educational resources, guided by the conviction that access to mental health support should not be contingent upon religious or political beliefs. While JQY started off only serving New York City and the surrounding area with in-person drop-in centers, during the pandemic they found that holding virtual drop-in centers for people living all over the country, and even the world, was an effective way to support highly isolated religious youth. Even with the opening of in-person life, the virtual drop-in meetings remained strong, as well as in-person meetings in different cities across the United States. The general operating grant from JPF helped JQY continue to keep up with demand and growth.

6. Sephardic-Mizrahi Q Network – National (\$7,600) – The Sephardic-Mizrahi Q Network (SMQN) is an innovative grassroots movement committed to building an enriching and supportive community for an often-overlooked segment of the Jewish world: LGBTQIA+ Sephardic and Mizrahi Jews. SMQN seeks to create a vibrant and much-needed communal

platform for the intersection of LGBTQIA+ and Sephardic-Mizrahi life — a platform that uplifts and celebrates the full, multilayered identities of queer Mizrahi and Sephardic Jews. During the pandemic, SMQN was able to offer services and community building only previously available to Jews living in the New York City area, to a larger national and international audience that has strengthened their bonds and now wish to meet locally in cities across the world. The primary vehicle for gathering is around the Shabbat dinner or lunch table, or sometimes through speaker or educational events. JPF offered a general operations grant to SMQN, in support of theirs – and our commitment to inclusivity, intersectionality and a love of Jewish diversity.

2022 Jewish Pride Fund Grants (for fiscal cycle July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023).

JPF granted a total of \$56,000 in 2022 to six organizations and contributed \$6,022 to fund operations.

JPF grew from 17 members in 2021 to 27 members in 2022 and raised an additional \$20,000 to grant. Additionally, ten JPF members and the Federation professional lead embarked on an inaugural trip to Israel to visit Israeli grantees and celebrate Tel Aviv Pride together.

1. Ma’avarim - Israel (\$12,000) – This is the fourth year that JPF renewed commitment to Ma’avarim, which is the largest trans knowledge center in Israel and works to support the trans community on multiple fronts. The work of Ma’avarim empowers the trans community with knowledge and partnerships through providing personal support that meet the needs of trans, gender nonconforming people and their loved ones. Ma’avarim works to advance social change and bring voices from the trans community to decision makers on issues affecting the community, so no policy is written without trans people represented at the decision-making table. The grant is for general operations.

2. Jerusalem Open House - Israel (\$10,500) – Jerusalem Open House (JOH), founded in 1997 has been a JPF grantee since 2022. JOH acts as a one-stop LGBTQIA+ community center providing vital, life-saving, and joyful services to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, regardless of religion, race, ethnicity, or other background. In a city that tends to be socially conservative compared to Tel Aviv, JOH offers services such as AIDS testing, mental health through the Open Clinic and community building offerings for teens through seniors. Jerusalem Open House is the sole organizer of the annual March for Pride and Tolerance in Jerusalem, with the funding coming directly out of the nonprofit with no aid from Jerusalem’s municipality. The grant is for general operating support.

3. Beit Dror / Otot – Israel (\$9,500) – This was the fourth year that JPF renewed commitment to Beit Dror, which runs the only dedicated LGBTQIA+ youth shelter in Israel,

operating since 2002. Previously, Beit Dror received funding to renovate the shelter and offer award scholarships to young adults who have aged out of the shelter, but are still at high risk for health or financial instability. This grant supported a family intervention program, offered based on the understanding that parents, and family in general, hold significant roles in the social-emotional development of teenagers. Beit Dror sees the hostel as a natural environment for participants. Utilizing this space leads to a significant improvement in the relationship of teens and their families in the short and long term. Teens participating in this program are 20% more likely to return home from the shelter.

4. Tehila - Israel (\$8,500) – This was the second year that JPF supported Tehila, a voluntary, Israeli-registered nonprofit organization, founded over 30 years ago to help parents of teenagers and young LGBTQIA+ persons. Tehila provides support and emotional relief to parents who struggle to accept the different sexual and/or gender identity of their children. Tehila has succeeded in providing a warm, safe, and friendly home to parents and family members of young members of the LGBTQIA+ community all over Israel. With the help of grant funding in 2021, Tehila hired Lesley Sachs, the first Executive Director of the organization. She oversaw continued growth and professionalization of 20 parent support group circles, a 24/7 hotline, lectures, and presentations to encourage parents to share personal stories to foster national understanding, and advocacy through collaborating with 18 other LGBTQIA+ organizations by meeting with policy makers, municipal councils and state officials.

5. GLBT Historical Society – Bay Area (\$8,500) – The GLBT Historical Society has been a JPF grantee since 2022. The organization was founded in San Francisco in 1985 and is dedicated to collecting, preserving, and exhibiting materials and knowledge to support and promote understanding of LGBTQIA+ history, culture, and arts in all their diversity. The GLBT Historical Society submitted a special curated proposal to JPF to allow for the prioritization of staff time to create Jewish LGBTQIA+ historical resources, including a primary source set and newsletter article, which featured Sh'ara Zahav to build initial important relationships in the Bay Area LGBTQIA+ community and digitize new resources. JPF members are committed to building this relationship on behalf of the Bay Area LGBTQIA+ Jewish community to both demonstrate our commitment as proud Jews and make sure Jewish LGBTQIA+ stories are told through a national and international platform.

6. Sephardic-Mizrahi Q Network – National (\$7,000) – The Sephardic-Mizrahi Q Network (SMQN) (SMQN) is an innovative grassroots movement committed to building an enriching and supportive community for an often-overlooked segment of the Jewish world: LGBTQIA+ Sephardic and Mizrahi Jews. SMQN seeks to create a vibrant and much needed communal platform for the intersection of LGBTQIA+ and Sephardic-Mizrahi life — a

platform that uplifts and celebrates the full, multilayered identities of queer Mizrahi and Sephardic Jews. During the pandemic, SMQN was able to offer services and community building only previously available to Jews living in the New York City area, to a larger national and international audience that has strengthened their bonds and meet locally in cities across the world. JPF offered a general operations grant to SMQN, in support of theirs – and our commitment to inclusivity, intersectionality and a love of Jewish diversity.

2021 Jewish Pride Fund Grants (for fiscal cycle July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022).

JPF granted a total of \$36,000 in 2021 to five organizations and contributed \$3,280 to fund operations.

In 2021, in addition to evaluating organizations and proposals based on the intersection of Jewish and LGBTQIA+ lens, the Fund also examined organizational needs based on the COVID-19 pandemic and its impact on the organizations and the vulnerable populations that they serve, as well as the spring 2021 Palestinian-Israeli conflict.

1. Beit Dror/Otot (\$10,000) – Renewed commitment to Beit Dror, which runs shelters for LGBTQIA+ youth in Israel. This was the third year that JPF allocated a grant to Beit Dror and they received increased funding to award scholarships to young adults who have aged-out of the shelter, but are still at high-risk for health or financial instability. The scholarships allowed Beit Dror former residents to pursue life-changing actions, ranging from getting a driver’s license to become more employable to getting top surgery for gender alignment. These acts help individuals move forward beyond shelter life as they enter society independently.

2. Hillel - The Right to Choose (\$7,000) – Hillel empowers those leaving ultra-Orthodox communities in Israel to build meaningful, self-determined lives. All Hillel programs share the long-term objectives of full integration into mainstream Israeli society including stable employment, high-level education, secure housing, community engagement, and self-sufficiency. An estimated 8-10% of Hillel participants are members of the LGBTQIA+ community. This grant will help Hillel will launch the “Open Door” program, targeted specifically for LGBTQIA+ *yotzim* (Orthodox Jews who leave Orthodox Judaism), paying special attention to additional complexities for this population due to lack of knowledge/experience with regards to sexual norms, practices, health, and wellbeing is often combined with a period of ‘boundary testing’ in the initial stages of transition to secular society – potentially resulting in higher levels of at-risk behavior, physical, and emotional damage.

3. Ma’avarim (\$7,000) – Renewed commitment to Ma’avarim, which supports the trans community in Israel. The work of Ma’avarim empowers the trans community with

knowledge and partnerships through providing personal support that meet the needs of trans, gender nonconforming people and their loved ones. We contribute to community building by developing community resources and knowledge. Ma'avarim works for social change and bring voices from the trans community to decision makers on issues affecting the community, so no policy about us is written without trans people represented at the decision-making table. The grant is for general operations.

4. Tehila (\$7,000) – Tehila is a voluntary, Israeli-registered nonprofit organization, founded over 30 years ago to help parents of teenagers and young LGBTQ persons. Tehila provides support and emotional relief to parents who struggle to accept the different sexual and/or gender identity of their children. Tehila succeeded in providing, since its very early days, a warm, safe and friendly home to parents and other family members of young members of the LGBTQIA+ community in cities and towns all over Israel. With this grant funding, Tehila took its first steps to professionalize after 30 years of being volunteer-run and hired a new Executive Director to lead the growth of the organization.

5. JFCS's Jewish Baby Network (\$5,000) - Jewish Baby Network is creating a pluralistic community in the Bay Area where families of all kinds learn, share, and celebrate together. Jewish Baby Network is for expecting parents and families in the Bay Area with at least one child age newborn through three years. Jewish Baby Network welcomes everyone, including unaffiliated, single, and multi-parent, multi faith, multiethnic, multi abled, and LGBTQIA+ families. Funding would be to support the launch of an LGBTQIA+ Jewish Families Affinity group and additional programs.

2020 Jewish Pride Fund Grants (for fiscal cycle July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021).

JPF granted a total of \$28,000 in 2020 to four organizations and contributed \$3,245 to Fund operations.

In 2020, in addition to evaluating organizations and proposals based on the intersection of Jewish and LGBTQIA+ lens, JPF pivoted to also examine urgent organizational needs based on the COVID-19 pandemic and its impact on the organizations and the vulnerable populations that they serve.

1. Ma'avarim (\$7,000) – Renewed commitment to the general operating funds of Ma'avarim to scale resources to support the trans community in Israel. The trans community was part of a vulnerable population during the COVID-19 pandemic; however, Israel did not recognize the community as particularly vulnerable. Ma'avarim worked on advocacy, education and information dispersal to transform thinking in Ministry of Health, among the police and health care providers.

2. Beit Dror (\$7,000) – Renewed commitment to the Beit Dror shelter supporting teens in crises between the ages of 13-18. This grant funded approximately four scholarships to support teens who graduated from the shelter in a practical career opportunity.

3. Eshel – (\$7,000) – Provided operating support to the Welcoming Shuls, a program that surveys and ranks friendliness metrics of Orthodox synagogues. The grant helped Eshel to work more closely with Orthodox synagogue that already rank high on their “friendliness scale” to deepen and expand work with synagogue boards and staff for greater impact.

4. Sha’ar Zahav (\$7,000) – Provided general operating support to Sha’ar Zahav, an LGBTQIA+ normative synagogue started in 1977 that has grown in membership to 350 families. Many Sha’ar Zahav community members were part of populations particularly vulnerable to the COVID-19 pandemic, experiencing job loss and underlying health conditions. Sha’ar Zahav provided programs to continue to support the community.

2019 Jewish Pride Fund Grants (for fiscal cycle July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020).

JPF granted a total of \$29,000 in 2019.

1. Ma’avarim (\$6,000) – General operating funds to scale professional resources to support the trans community in Israel.

2. Beit Dror/Otot (\$6,000) – Renovation of the Beit Dror Shelter, the only shelter for LGBTQIA+ youth at risk in Israel, operated by Otot.

3. Keshet (\$6,000) – Supported Bay Area Institutional Change for LGBTQIA+ Equality and Inclusion program, to provide coaching and training that strengthens Jewish organizations’ ability to provide LGBTQIA+-inclusive policy, programming, culture, and leadership.

4. Eshel (\$6,000) – Provided operating support to contribute to the High School Pledge Campaign to activate Orthodox Jewish schools to pledge support for LGBTQIA+ students.

5. Nice Jewish Boys (\$5,000) – Provided operating support to increase the impact of the programming and continue to professionalize the young organization.

2018 Jewish Pride Fund Grants (for fiscal cycle July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019).

JPF awarded \$6,000 to the following three organizations, for a total of \$18,000 in 2018.

1. Israel Gay Youth (IGY) (\$6,000) – General operating support for their activities benefitting the LGBTQIA+ community in Israel. This is the largest and oldest LGBTQIA+ organization in Israel.

2. Eshel (\$6,000) – Provided operating support to contribute to the High School Pledge Campaign to activate Orthodox Jewish schools to pledge support for LGBTQIA+ students.

3. The Q – The Queer Jewish Youth Program at the JCCSF (\$6,000) – For support of the annual Intergenerational “It Gets Better” Dinner and the Pride Prom.

Mission Statement

The Jewish Pride Fund, a Federation giving circle, is committed to supporting the intersecting needs, values and interests of the LGBTQIA+ and Jewish communities in the Bay Area, nationally, and in Israel.

Vision Statement

Our vision is to create a world where Jewish LGBTQIA+ voices are heard across Jewish secular and religious society. We believe that if we empower LGBTQIA+ individuals and families that identify with the Jewish community through financial and activist support of deserving organizations, we contribute to the rising power and agency of the LGBTQIA+ community. We believe that members of the Jewish LGBTQIA+ community have a unique role to play in civil right, social justice, and religious inclusion.