

JUF's Israel Emergency Fund

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JUF's [Israel Emergency Fund](#) has mobilized over \$52 million in critical support for the Israeli people at this time of crisis.

A committee of JUF lay leaders has allocated \$35.9 million of these emergency relief funds to date in the following areas of impact:

- Multi-faceted support for the residents of Kibbutz Nir Oz: \$1 million
- Trauma relief and emotional support: \$7.74 million
- Employment and economic resilience \$4.3 million
- Housing, food, and physical needs: \$3.97 million
- Emergency medical and first responders: \$5.52 million
- Support for victims of terror and their families: \$3.56 million
- Special populations (such as Holocaust survivors and minorities): \$2.66 million
- Other emergency needs and local efforts: \$4.02 million
- JFNA Collective Projects: \$3.13 million

Supported Organizations

updated April 18, 2024 - new grants are in blue

Support for Kibbutz Nir Oz

- **Kibbutz Nir Oz** was one of the hardest hit communities in the October 7 attack, with a quarter of its population either murdered or taken hostage and only six remaining buildings. Kiryat Gat—in the heart of JUF's Partnership Region—will be home for the Nir Oz evacuees for at least the next year while the government rebuilds their kibbutz. JUF will partner with the community as they seek to heal emotionally, socially and physically.

Trauma relief and emotional support

- **The Achva Academic College**, serving diverse sectors in Israel's southern periphery, to expand the capacity of its **Clinic for Culture-Sensitive Clinical Psychology**. Grant funds will allow for additional supervising psychologists who will supervise 8 new clinical interns-- expanding opportunities for individual and group therapy sessions to ensure more individuals and families from the south have swift access to a therapist.
- **Ben Gurion University of the Negev** to increase its psychological supports for students and staff, including medical and nursing students who have been helping at Soroka Medical Center and many students are serving in the reserves. Funds will increase the number of clinical therapists as well as create a support program for BGU students returning from the reserves.
- **Chimes Israel** for wartime resilience training for caregivers of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Chimes' 27 centers across Israel provide intensive support services — from after-school programs and supported employment to adult rehabilitative nursing care and mental health support services—to help clients live with dignity, independence and opportunities to participate in community.

- **The Counseling Center for Women** to increase access to psychotherapy as well as additional professional supervision for therapists related to war trauma.
- **Enosh - The Israeli Mental Health Association** to deliver crisis intervention trauma support for children and young adults, focusing on loss and bereavement.
- **ERAN (Emotional First Aid by Telephone)** to support expansion of 24/7 emergency hotline services.
- **Hadassah Medical Organization and Tel Aviv Sourasky Medical Center (Ichilov Hospital)** for multiple capacity-building trainings in trauma relief and psychological support for psychiatrists, psychologists, and social workers within their systems
- **Hasharon Sexual Assault Crisis Center** for resilience training for hotline rape crisis counselors and media campaigns for sexual assault victim support.
- **The Health Corporation** in coordination with JFNA support for the establishment of 16 new community intervention centers providing access to intensive therapeutic supports. An anticipated 3,200 people are expected to receive service in the first year.
- **Helem Club** to provide trauma relief and psychological support for Israelis suffering from PTSD. Helem Club is currently supporting combat officers and soldiers who need emergency mental support, along with family members of returning soldiers in mental distress.
- **Home by the Sea** for Safe Harbor, which is a new marine group therapy program for evacuated children, aged 6-18. Home by the Sea typically specializes in marine group therapy for children and adults with special needs and at-risk youth.
- **The Israel Center on Addiction** for trauma and resilience training for therapists and teachers.
- **Israel Medical Association** to support the mental health of medical professionals during the war.
- **The Israeli Public Forum for Youth Villages and Boarding Schools** to fund supplies and trauma services for youth from boarding schools evacuated from the Gaza envelope.
- **The Jerusalem Hills Therapeutic Centers** to increase therapeutic treatment for its children, their family members, and staff. One-third of the children experienced the traumas of the war firsthand, which has only added to the pre-existing trauma from their turbulent upbringings.
- **Kfar Galim** to support its camp for evacuee children, providing respite from the turmoil, along with full room and board, therapeutic sessions with clinicians, and fun.
- **Magen David Adom** to provide psychological support to first responders.
- **Metiv-Herzog Israel Center for Treatment of Psychotrauma** for therapeutic intervention for IDF reservists and security forces.

- **MOSHE- Words that Make a Difference** is devoted to reducing suicide rates through community-based interventions. The grant will be used to support full implementation of the agency's emergency plan, including professional community training, hotline support, as well as individual and group online support groups.
- **NATAL** to provide psychological and emotional treatment generally; to support a collaboratively developed program of mental health and wellness to address trauma and post trauma in the Druze community; and to support Ometz, a three-year pilot initiative to boost resiliency, enhance emotional and social functioning, and increase social responsibility among youth (16-18) and young adults (21-35) and their family members in four municipalities. The target populations are those who have accumulated symptoms of post-trauma but fall between the cracks of existing program eligibility.
- **Nitzan** to provide trauma relief and psychological support for children with learning disabilities & ADHD.
- **Or Lamishpahot** (A Light for Families) supports bereaved families of IDF soldiers. Funds will be used to support its Matching Family Mentor program which matches newly bereaved families with those who have already suffered loss.
- **The Shalom Hartman Institute** in support of its short-term initiative working with representatives of evacuated groups and communities to provide tailored spiritual support and guidance.
- **Shekel – Inclusion for People With Disabilities** to fund Shekel's special needs emergency hotline, therapy, and consultations for evacuees with disabilities in Eilat.
- **Tel Aviv University's National Center for Traumatic Stress and Resilience** to fund several part time senior therapist positions to treat additional individuals and implement 4 PTSD post trauma training programs for social workers.
- **United Hatzalah** to provide psychological support to first responders.
- **World ORT Kadima Mada** to expand its provision of mental health services (individual and group therapy hours) for the students and staff of its Kfar Silver Youth Village. The Village is an agricultural school, located 15 km from the Gaza border and serves students from lower socio-economic and/or difficult backgrounds.

Employment and Economic Resilience

- **Be-Atzmi** (By Myself) to expand its economic resilience employment program for evacuees to six additional locations including individuals coming from the upper and western Galilee.
- **Fresh Start** for their small business consultation program. Fresh Start specializes in the economic recovery of families and small businesses facing crisis. Over the next year, funding will provide 100 small businesses directly impacted by the war with business consulting, debt management, legal counseling and, where appropriate, short- and long-term vocational transition services.

- **American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC)** to increase economic resilience at the individual employee level through the creation of mobile employment centers, re-skilling and upskilling training and job placement services, and employment rehabilitation programs for those wounded in the war. An estimated 6,500 people will be served.
- **JFNA - Israel Small Business Emergency Loan fund** providing capital to established NGO loan platforms targeting small business and microenterprises not covered by the traditional market.

Housing, food, and physical needs

- **Abraham Hostels** to provide accommodations, food, emotional support and children activities in three locations for up to 450 evacuees who fall outside government parameters for evacuee funding.
- **Be'er Sova Association** for its community restaurant, which serves warm meals alongside activities such as empowering women from at-risk groups, legal counseling, and information about rights.
- **Beit Yatziv** to provide daycare and emergency support to the staff at Soroka Medical Center, in addition to supporting youth relocated to the Dead Sea area. Beit Yatziv is an educational organization working to narrow social and educational gaps among children, youth, and adults from Israel's socio-economic periphery.
- **Brothers and Sisters for Israel** for emergency needs of the evacuated and to provide logistics and development support within the Gaza envelope.
- **Have You Seen the Horizon Lately** to support Rahat emergency center, a joint Jewish and Arab-Israeli project in service to those living in Southern Israel.
- **IsraAID** to provide evacuated families in Eilat and the Dead Sea with safe places to process trauma through therapeutic play, arts, crafts, and sports.
- **JDC** for its Israel emergency fund, which is providing job training, food vouchers and cash assistance, strengthening small businesses in the South, delivering medical equipment, training volunteers, establishing schools for displaced children, and providing access to other emergency services.
- **Latet Humanitarian Aid** for Israel emergency response. Latet addresses food insecurity and poverty in Israel through its network of 210 local associations, including food banks.
- **Leket Israel** to deliver immediate financial support to Israeli farmers.
- **Maccabi World Union** for housing, food, and enrichment for evacuees at Maccabiah Village in Ramat Gan.
- **Mitchashvim** for laptops for evacuees and families in need. Mitchashvim refurbishes computers donated by Israeli businesses and has received 5,000 requests for computers from families who were evacuated from Southern Israel and left without any means of communication.

- **Mizrahi World Movement** for emergency human service needs.
- **Pitchon Lev** to scale up humanitarian aid operations by expanding logistics capabilities and increasing staff for its nationwide call center. Pitchon Lev is a humanitarian organization focused on breaking the cross-generational cycle of poverty for all religious groups and nationalities.
- **SAHI** for food distribution to families in need, rehabilitating and equipping public shelters, and providing assistance to the elderly. SAHI is a social contribution project for at-risk youth that launched in Kiryat Gat with JUF seed money, and now operates throughout Israel.
- **Sapir College**, which is the only academic institution located near the Gaza border. The College attracts young adults to study and live locally and will be an active partner in the rejuvenation of the area.
- **Social Delivery** for humanitarian aid for evacuees, investing in its agile sustainable logistics system to coordinate aid delivery and respond to exponentially increasing demand.

Emergency medical and first responders

- **ADI Negev-Nahalat Eran** for the Harvey and Gloria Kaylie Rehabilitation Medical Center, which provides community-based inclusive health services to the residents of the southern Israel.
- **American Friends of Shaare Zedek Hospital**
- **Magen David Adom** to purchase rescue vehicles and emergency medical supplies.
- **Shaare Zedek Hospital, Sheba Medical Center, and Soroka Medical Center:** The Israeli hospital system has treated thousands of patients who were injured during the attacks on October 7 and in the fighting since. In addition to current needs, funding is also being used to build emergency care capacity for the future.
- **The Israel Medical Association** in support of its Emergency Preparedness training for 600 physicians in hospitals around the country.
- **The Reuth Tel Aviv Rehabilitation Hospital** to increase its capacity to take additional residents and provide professional development courses for physiotherapists and occupational therapists.
- **Soroka Medical Center** to build emergency care capacity by training staff in the use of point-of-care ultrasound as well as resuscitation training.
- **United Hatzalah** to purchase rescue vehicles and emergency medical supplies.

Support for victims of terror and their families

- **JAFI Victims of Terror Fund** to provide emergency aid for survivors of terror, including financial assistance and services such as psychological counseling and job retraining.
- **The IDF Widows and Orphans Organization** to provide emotional, social, and financial support for IDF widows and orphans. In just the first two weeks of the war, over 360 IDF officers, soldiers and members of Israel's security forces were killed.
- **The IDF Widows and Orphans Organization Otzma** program, which includes quarterly camps during Sukkot, Hanukkah, Passover and summer, for children aged 6-18. The **Hanukkah camp** was adjusted to accommodate the addition of hundreds of new orphans.
- **The Organization for Victims of Terrorism in Israel**, to guide victims of terror through the recovery, giving them tools to rebuild a sense of security, self-esteem, and purpose. The organization relies heavily on volunteers and will increase its staffing to meet its growing number of clients.
- **The Partners of Fallen IDF Soldiers** to provide support groups and individual therapy for bereaved unmarried partners of fallen IDF soldiers.

Special populations (such as Holocaust survivors and minorities)

- **Access Israel** to support their "Back to Life" Program assisting war-wounded individuals to successfully navigate life after their disability.
- **AJEEC-NISPED** for its emergency response center for Negev Bedouins, respite activities, trainings and resources to defuse friction points, and activities to promote Arab-Jewish partnerships.
- **AMCHA** to provide psychological and social support services to Holocaust survivors. Expanded support includes a hotline for psychosocial support, increasing the scope of activities at AMCHA centers throughout Israel, and additional training and support for its therapists.
- **Avnei Derech La'Haim** (Milestones for Life) for its 'Help is Available' program, which was created in partnership with Movement for Independence. This emergency service program helps people with disabilities ages 18+ process feelings of loss and disorientation, cope with depression and strengthen their resiliency, enhancing their sense of visibility and support in the midst of the conflict.
- **ALYN Hospital – Pediatric & Adolescent Rehabilitation Center** for PELE: Personalized Solutions for Children with Physical Challenges, which provides physical tools and technology solutions to assist children with congenital and physical disabilities to participate independently in daily activities, such as eating and dressing.
- **Druze Yad Labanim** to provide additional financial and emotional support to over 700 bereaved families. The organization memorializes fallen Druze in the IDF and security forces and supports their families.

- **Empowering Ethiopian Women** to support a culturally sensitive helpline for Israeli women of Ethiopian origin.
- **International Fellowship of Christians and Jews** for protective gear for civil emergency squads in all Druze villages which have become targets of both Hamas and Hezbollah.
- **Lachish Community Center** to provide Shabbat cakes for families of enlisted reservists from Lachish, bringing some light to dark times.
- **Magen**, an organization combatting sexual abuse within the Haredi community, for an abuse prevention and education plan for evacuees as well as increased crisis support groups for survivors of abuse.
- **The Deborah Institute** for support of “**The Civil Commission on Oct 7th Crimes by Hamas against Women and Children**” aimed at developing a greater global understanding of the gender-related crimes committed through international advocacy and the training of evidence task missions to effectively collect victim testimony.
- **The Israel Women’s Network** in support of its **Women’s Rights Support Center** ensuring women understand their individual and labor rights and have tools to address violations of those rights. Consultation is available in Hebrew, Arabic, Amharic and Russian and will be accessible to Ultra-Orthodox women. The support center will also identify key issues for women arising from the war and seek to ensure women’s voices are heard in policy making spaces.
- **JUF’S Partnership Region of Kiryat Gat-Lachish-Shafir** for multi-faceted human services.
- **Lotus** for two projects providing mental and psychological support within the Druze community, the first providing in-person and online support to the broader Druze community and the second providing children ages 5-10 with a child-friendly resource for building emotional resilience. Lotus is a non-profit within the Druze community that helps train and place women in high-tech professions.
- **Nirim** to relocate its teen residential center and provide emotional support groups for evacuated teens in 5 other locations. Nirim serves 800 youth at risk through 23 community-based programs, as well as 120 teens in its residential center.
- **Ohr Torah Stone** for emergency financial aid and emotional support for women and their children.
- **The Foundation for the Welfare of Holocaust Survivors** to support Holocaust survivors emotionally, socially and financially, including replacing medical equipment destroyed during bombings, paying for hotel stays for evacuees and replacing medication and clothes left behind.
- **Sanabel** to provide emergency services to Druze teens and their families.
- **Yad LaKashish**, which gives Jerusalem’s needy elderly a sense of purpose, self-worth and connection to mainstream society through creative work opportunities, essential support services, and a warm community environment.

Other Emergency Needs and Local Efforts

- **aChord** for their emergency campaign. aChord promotes equal, tolerant, and respectful intergroup relations in Israeli society—and between Israeli society and its neighbors.
- **Beit Issie Shapiro** for Israel emergency response. The organization develops and provides therapies and state-of-the-art services for children and adults with disabilities.
- **Ben Gurion University** for its resilience fund, which is providing emergency housing to BGU community members and evacuated families, medical support and housing for medical professional, meals and basic provisions to those housed in BGU's temporary shelters, and reservist support.
- **Branco Weiss** for educational support to the communities bordering Gaza.
- **Bring Hersh Home** in support of public awareness efforts to elevate the case of all captives.
- **Fresh Start** for “Bearing Witness: Documenting October 7th and its Aftermath”.
- **Friends of the IDF** for its Israel emergency campaign, which is funding temporary field hospitals, intensive care ambulances, hygiene kits, and plasma kits. Funding is also supporting FIDF's partnership with **Brothers for Life**, which helps disabled and newly injured Israeli combat soldiers rebuild their lives after injury and trauma.
- **Fuente Latina** to support Israeli media coverage for Spanish-speaking populations.
- **Hadassah College in Jerusalem** to deliver multi-faceted services to students.
- **HIAS** for Israel emergency response.
- **Hostages and Missing Families Forum** for advocacy and emotional support of the hostages' families.
- **Ida Crown Jewish Academy** for partial support of its senior class month-long volunteer service project in Israel
- **JAFI Youth Futures Program** for their emergency campaign. The program partners teen mentors with at-risk children for a long-term period of cooperative learning and growth.
- **Jewish Agency for Israel** to add safe rooms to each floor at the Shoshana Absorption Center in Kiryat Gat, allowing residents to reach safety within the allotted timeframe.
- **Kaima Hukuk**, which is a non-profit education farm in Israel's lower Galilee, for its work to improve opportunities for Israel teens and young adults.
- **Kibbutz Movement** to support emergency needs of the 23 *kibbutzim* that were attacked by Hamas.
- **MAOZ** for their emergency campaign.

- **NatureGrowth** for their respite center in Sderot at the NatureGrowth Incubator.
- **Yemin Orde Youth Village**, which houses hundreds of at risk and immigrant children, providing individualized therapeutic care and academic tutoring to those in need of extra support. Yemin Orde guides and supports its graduates through their compulsory army service, higher education studies, and assists them in times of crisis and need as they enter adulthood.

JFNA's Collective Projects

Collective allocations allow Chicago to broaden the reach of our overall support. JUF's Israel Emergency Fund allocations are made in coordination to JFNA to ensure that funding is made proportionately.