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CJP's Israel Emergency Fund, Year Two: Powering Hope



We just have faith that we’re going to move forward. CJP saw this genuine need for the communities, for the country, and they stepped up in a most unbelievable way.

Danielle Abraham, ReGrow Israel

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CJP brings together released hostage Omer Shem Tov (left) and HaGal Sheli Founder and CEO, Yaron Waksman (right). Photo credit: Yonit Schiller Photography

Dear Friends,

It has been an honor to serve alongside the nine volunteer members of our IEF Task Force, and in deep collaboration with CJP’s leadership and staff. This dedicated group of volunteers and professionals worked together to steward the resources of this community through strategies that could most effectively impact the lives of those who needed help most.

Over 21 months, the Task Force allocated over \$59 million to support the people of Israel. These numbers reflect our community’s deep generosity and commitment in a moment that called us to action.

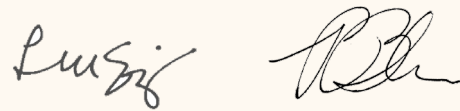
In every conversation with Israeli leaders, who partnered closely with this Task Force through each phase of this war, we witnessed something that left us inspired: a people who refused to let trauma define their future.

The speed with which innovation took root across Israeli society to support Israel’s recovery and healing has been nothing short of extraordinary. Communities that were shattered found ways to emerge — some stronger than before, and some who will need our enduring and ongoing support.

As you’ll read, the individuals and organizations featured in this report didn’t just use our grants effectively; they taught us what it means to transform despair into determination. This fund may bear CJP’s name, but its true authors are the people of Israel who continue to show the world that healing is possible and that the human spirit, when supported by community, is truly unbreakable.

The IEF enabled our organization to engage with leaders and communities in Israel in totally reimagined ways. We are committed to bringing forward the most important learnings of this Fund to CJP’s future work in Israel. With your continued involvement, we will redouble our efforts to support the country’s rebuilding, grow our strategic partnerships, and engage in ways that deepen our connections to our beloved Israel.

Am Yisrael Chai,



Laurene Sperling and Brad Bloom
Chairs, Israel Emergency Fund Task Force



CJP Israel Emergency Fund Task Force

The Israel Emergency Fund (IEF) Task Force served as the decision-making body for grants allocated from the fund. The Task Force balanced funding for emergent needs with the long-term planning and investment required to create sustainable frameworks for recovery and rebuilding.

The 11 volunteer members were invited to join the IEF Task Force in recognition of their significant experience with grantmaking in Israel as individual philanthropists or leaders of private foundations with professional staff in Israel; their comprehensive understanding of CJP, its operations, and leadership experience; and their subject matter expertise.

We are indebted to the many months and countless hours they contributed to the successful management and deployment of the fund.

Task Force Chairs

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Executive Summary: Year Two



Within 24 hours of the October 7, 2023 attacks, CJP launched the Israel Emergency Fund (IEF) to help address the unprecedented trauma and devastation caused by Hamas’ brutal assault on Israel.

What began as an emergency response has evolved into a sustained, strategic effort to support Israel’s recovery, rehabilitation, and rebuilding over the past two years.

Building on the foundation established in our first year, the Israel Emergency Fund has demonstrated the power of rapid mobilization, thoughtful stewardship, investing in Israel’s changemakers, and adaptive grantmaking. The IEF Task Force has allocated the entirety of the more than **\$59 million** raised through the generosity of our community.

Our deep collaboration with existing and new partners in Israel, combined with the expertise of our Task Force volunteers and professional staff, have created a unique model of responsive grantmaking that adapts to changing circumstances while maintaining focus on our core mission.

As we mark the second anniversary of October 7 with all IEF dollars deployed, we remain committed to supporting Israel’s long-term recovery and growth, its innovative and entrepreneurial spirit, and, above all, its people. The partnerships we have forged position us to continue making meaningful impact as Israel transitions from crisis response to rebuilding and strengthening for its future.

The IEF represented not just financial support, but Greater Boston’s unwavering solidarity with Israel and its people during their most challenging period, standing as a testament to what can be accomplished when a community mobilizes with both urgency and wisdom in support of those in need.

From emergency response to strategic recovery

The second year of the Israel Emergency Fund marked a critical transition from immediate crisis response to long-term recovery and resilience building. While year one focused on addressing urgent humanitarian needs, evacuation support, and initial trauma response, year two has emphasized community-specific rehabilitation, creating a sustainable infrastructure, and economic resilience.

The fund’s second year has been characterized by groundbreaking initiatives and exciting developments to our work in Israel:



Welcome home, Kibbutz Re’im: Following 17 months of displacement, members of Kibbutz Re’im returned home in the summer of 2025, an incredible milestone in the recovery process of the 430 surviving members of the kibbutz, which was attacked by 80 Hamas terrorists on October 7. CJP supported Kibbutz Re’im with a \$1 million grant and has remained connected with the community through every phase of the war.



Omer Shem Tov visits Boston: As the largest worldwide funder of the Hostages and Missing Families Forum, CJP supported 240 families — approximately 1,000 individuals — with psychological services, financial aid, and advocacy travel. One of those families was the Shem Tovs, whose son Omer was held hostage for 505 days. This past May, Omer and his parents, Shelly and Malki, made a special visit to Boston to thank CJP and the community that supported them through their harrowing ordeal.



Hiring our CJP Israel Director, Lior Krengel: CJP has hired Lior Krengel as our first-ever Israel Director to lead our strategic grantmaking, building on the transformational impact of the Israel Emergency Fund. Based in Israel, she will work closely with CJP leadership, volunteers, and staff in Boston and Haifa to direct our philanthropic support around the country. Lior joined us from the Israeli Children’s Fund (ICF) where she served as CEO. Co-founded by Lior, the ICF supports Israeli children who lost one or both of their parents on October 7.



Ongoing support of Haifa: In new collaborations with the Joint Distribution Committee (JDC) and the Jewish Agency for Israel (JAFI). This past summer, CJP granted \$500,000 in emergency funds in the immediate aftermath of Iran’s missile attacks on Haifa. We are grateful to our partners at JDC and JAFI who provided on-the-ground support for residents amid the crisis.

Israel Emergency Fund

BY THE NUMBERS

Over 21 months — and through the extraordinary generosity and trust of our donors — our Greater Boston community and Israel have been partners in the process of responding to crisis and scaling immediate solutions after the trauma and terror of October 7, 2023. Starting on October 8, more than **6,700 donors** rallied in support of Israel, helping to raise over **\$59 million**.

The numbers below reflect our investments in Israel after October 7 through the Israel Emergency Fund. While every dollar of the fund has been allocated to assist the people of Israel, our work is only just beginning.

\$14.31
MILLION

Community-specific rehabilitation

Keeping members of displaced communities temporarily together while they wait for safe returns home; once communities returned, funding crucial areas of work to promote stability and resiliency

\$5
MILLION

Economic relief

Stabilizing Israel's economy by supporting its small- and medium-sized businesses, which have been disrupted by evacuations and lengthy military deployments of business owners

\$7.13
MILLION

Emergency trauma and mental health support

Providing acute care to victims of the war and vulnerable populations, including soldiers, reservists, and their families suffering from PTSD

\$1.20
MILLION

Supporting Shared Society

Investing in high-impact partnerships that strengthen vulnerable populations and promote a more equitable Israeli society

\$9.35
MILLION

Emergency social services

Accelerating the delivery of basic services to victims of the war living in frontline communities, including education, medical services, and welfare programs

\$1.5
MILLION

Volunteer mobilization

Supporting the thousands of volunteers in Israel who have mobilized to respond to the crisis

\$1.33
MILLION

Local support for Haifa

Providing support to the most vulnerable residents of Boston's sister city of Haifa, and acute services to evacuees displaced to the city during the crisis

\$13.25
MILLION

Leveraging collective impact

Joining with federations across the country and Canada, CJP contributed to The Jewish Federations of North America's Emergency Fund.* These funds have supported everything from providing loans to thousands of Israel's small businesses to medical and trauma relief.

\$4.40
MILLION

Designated gifts to priority areas

Designated gifts made directly to priority areas identified by CJP's IEF Task Force



“I want everyone to understand that this funding support changed reality for people. This is more than budgets: This project allowed us to sit with communities, believe communities—and when we give them the trust, and give them the possibility to choose, they create amazing things. It’s very emotional.”

– Shay Ilan, community organizer at Project Horizon



“It was amazing to see these kids, coming here to camp closed in a cocoon and slowly opening up, turning into butterflies themselves,” she says. “It was like magic happened.”

– Cindy Geva, head of camper and staff care at Camp Halfmoon



“Without the protected space, I would not send our children to school, despite their need for a routine to maintain resilience. The efforts to provide us with protection and staff in the schools guarantee me peace of mind.”

– A parent, speaking to the support and security offered by CJP grantee Habaita

CJP is advancing a bold vision for the future. We are continuing to invest in Israel’s changemakers and innovators, and strengthening and significantly increasing our support for Israel education and travel experiences.

The new and fortified partnerships, the groundbreaking solutions to complicated challenges, and our dedication to Israel’s healing and rebuilding serve as additional testament to our ongoing — and endless — commitment to our homeland and its people.

**In total, Jewish Federations of North America (JFNA) has released more than \$829 million in support of Israel and its people. JFNA's emergency fund has released \$246.21 million, while another \$583.49 million has been designated by local federations across North America.*



Israel's South

Residents return home with CJP's critical support

On October 7, 2023, the southern region of Israel experienced a major, unprecedented attack by Hamas. This event marked the deadliest day for Israel since its founding in 1948 and triggered the Israel-Hamas war.

The horrific impact on communities in the South called for an immediate response from CJP's Israel Emergency Fund. Grants deployed from CJP's IEF took shape in three ways:

- Keeping communities together in safer parts of Israel early in the war
- Facilitating the return home of displaced communities as the region stabilized
- Supporting the needs of returning communities to build resiliency and empowering local leaders in rebuilding efforts

CJP's IEF dedicated nearly \$20 million to Israel's South to stabilize communities in the region. CJP funded every kibbutz and moshav along the Gaza border and addressed wartime gaps in food security, educational frameworks, and trauma healing across the region. Today, 90% of the region's residents have returned home, and while they will face a decades-long rebuild, CJP has ensured they feel our support with every step forward.



Kibbutz Re'im and Project Horizon

CJP's work began the first week of the war when we deployed an initial \$1 million emergency grant to Kibbutz Re'im, relocating 450 survivors from hotels to permanent housing in Tel Aviv. CJP was the first federation to employ this innovative and compassionate approach to keeping communities together.

After the success of Kibbutz Re'im, CJP became a founding partner in Project Horizon, a collaboration with UJA-Federation of New York and the Israel Business Alliance, dramatically expanding support from one devastated community to 54 kibbutzim and moshavim in Israel's South.

Since the formation of this partnership, Project Horizon has deployed \$17 million to support nearly 120,000 residents affected by the October 7 attacks. Project Horizon takes a community-centered approach, empowering local leaders to identify their own needs and priorities. For example, the project committed \$900,000 to build community-based activities, including more than 45 trips and activities for seniors who were moved to an assisted living facility in Bat Yam. Other projects include babysitting for parents and one-on-one support for kids whose loved ones were kidnapped; Israel Defense Forces soldiers received crisis support focusing on coping skills at war; and 20 young adults joined an overnight healing retreat in Golan.

Education is also a priority: summer programming and camps for kids; a special cycling program for evacuated children to build confidence and ambition; therapeutic horseback riding and surfing for kids and teens who, though displaced, should still feel at home in their own skin and enjoy a sense of normalcy.

Project Horizon funds everything from community resilience programs to mental health support to employment solutions. But most importantly, the initiative restores agency to displaced residents, allowing them to control their recovery process while maintaining community bonds.

This past June, residents of Kibbutz Re'im were able to return home, following renovations to buildings damaged during October 7. Project Horizon aims to ensure that each of the 54 most impacted communities by the Hamas attack continue to receive our support until their safe return home, and feel our strong commitment as they step toward the future.



HaGal Sheli



ReGrow Israel



Israel's North

CJP initiates key partnerships to position Israel's North for its rebuild

While Israel was under attack from Hamas in the South, tensions escalated with Hezbollah along Israel's northern border, marking the beginning of sustained cross-border violence not seen since the 2006 Lebanon War. Dozens of Israeli towns near the northern border were evacuated, displacing over 60,000 residents. Civilian and soldier casualties began to mount, while significant damage was inflicted on Israeli infrastructure and homes. The elongated conflict in the North left Israeli, Arab, and Druze communities in the country facing a challenging rebuild.

CJP's Israel Emergency Fund Task Force considered how to play a role in stabilizing the region given tremendous needs.

Grounded in our two-pronged approach of responsive and strategic sustainable investments for solutions at-scale, CJP focused impact in the following areas:

- Supporting vulnerable communities, including being the first federation to deploy emergency grants to Druze communities in Israel's North
- Investing in partnerships that prioritized both the needs of displaced individuals and measurable results
- Co-creating Project Tzafona to resource communities with the funds to support stabilization (both physical and emotional) for the coming year



Brothers for Life



The Hostages and Missing Families Forum



Project Tzafona

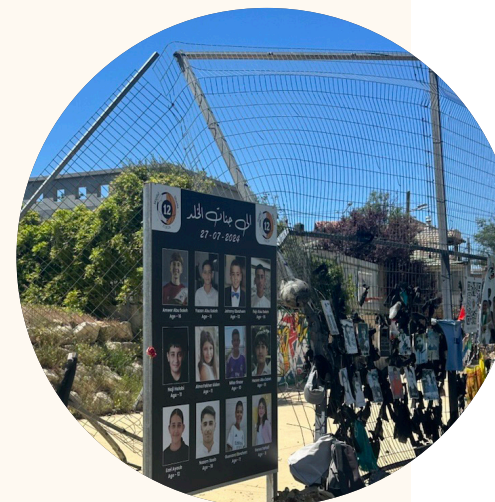
Project Tzafona is a platform for support of evacuated and acutely impacted communities in Israel's North designed by project partners, CJP and UJA-Federation of New York. With over \$8 million in committed funding, the platform intakes direct requests from community leaders of municipalities and regional councils to address the most urgent needs of their residents across recovery, rehabilitation, and capacity-building over the next 12–18 months, considered a crucial phase for returning home and for supporting residents who stayed in the combat zone, impacting up to 290,000 residents of the region.

This initiative builds on ongoing and proven direct engagement with municipalities and local partners — drawing from lessons learned during UJA and CJP's joint work in the South through Project Horizon. Project Tzafona works on community resilience, informal education, and care for vulnerable populations to support returning residents. The model is intentionally co-developed with local leadership, ensuring that solutions reflect real, on-the-ground priorities and that work can be executed at the local level with the financial support provided. By first establishing a flexible funding framework and then collaborating closely with local leaders, Project Tzafona not only addresses critical needs but also fosters a sense of ownership and agency — essential elements for long-term recovery.



Homeward/Habaita

This past year, CJP allocated \$2 million grants to continue our work with Habaita, expanding their mission of repopulating affected areas into Israel's northern regions. Their research identified that displaced families cited the rebuilding of educational infrastructure as the primary factor in their decisions to return home. With this in mind, Habaita aimed to recruit 200 new educators, including teachers, counselors, and support staff to help meet this need. CJP was the first Jewish federation to invest in Habaita's mission, inspiring other North American federations to join as partners.



Support of the Druze community

CJP provided \$610,000 to support the Druze community, a minority group that actively serves in the Israel Defense Forces and is notably underserved by the Israeli government. Two grants totaling \$300,000 — managed by the Israel Association of Community Centers, Israel's leading social service organization — supported resilience and mental health for the Druze community at different stages of the war. Following the devastating Majdal Shams attack that killed 12 children in August 2024, CJP's IEF Task Force allocated \$150,000 for the rapid development of safe rooms and bomb shelters for immediate protection, followed by an additional \$160,000 in May 2025 to provide for ongoing trauma support.

Partnering with Israel’s innovative leaders



Danielle Abraham, Executive Director, ReGrow Israel

Category: Support for the most vulnerable populations

“The way in which we decide to rebuild Israel’s agriculture has the power to shape the future nature, character, and security of the State of Israel. I want people to know we are at a historic juncture. At this moment the question we must answer is — will we be smart and strategic to realize the opportunities agriculture presents? Will we be sufficiently brave and bold to rise to the challenge?

CJP’s partnership has been truly empowering and transformational. When we understood that the State of Israel was facing an unprecedented agricultural crisis we established Project ReGrow to respond. From day one, CJP’s partnership allowed us to focus entirely on meeting the needs on the ground in the most strategic way. That is not taken for granted by us or our farmers. Our partnership has been a true gift, and I wish it could serve as a model of partnership for others.”



Yaniv Leidner, Co-Founder and CEO, Brothers For Life

Category: Support for the most vulnerable populations

“One message we hear time and time again from our wounded soldiers is that their military service, the battles they fought, and the injuries they sustained were not only to defend the State of Israel but to protect the entire Jewish people, both in Israel and across the Diaspora. This conviction has only deepened as we’ve built closer ties with Jewish communities and families abroad.

The Jewish community in Boston — and especially CJP — has been central to Brothers for Life’s growth. We are deeply grateful for your years of guidance, support, warm hospitality, and practical assistance; for opening your hearts to our soldiers and to our cause; and above all, for the trust you’ve placed in our work and our leadership.”



Rebecca Shafrir, Co-Founder and Head of Fundraising, The Hostages and Missing Families Forum

Category: Support for the most vulnerable populations

“CJP has been a leading force in standing with the families of the hostages since the earliest days following October 7. As the Forum’s largest donor, your unwavering support and partnership have been instrumental in addressing the evolving needs of the families throughout their ongoing and excruciating struggle.

At a time when the hostage crisis was not always top of mind for many, CJP and its donors demonstrated true loyalty and moral clarity. Your care, responsiveness, and ease of collaboration — free of red tape and unnecessary formality — were exactly what was needed in a time of emergency and deeply appreciated. Over time, you have become like family to the Forum — a source of strength, compassion, and steadfast commitment. We are deeply grateful and could not do this without you.”



Yaron Waksman, Founder and CEO, HaGal Sheli

Category: Mental health support

“Nearly two years after October 7, the pain and uncertainty are still with us. The long-term impacts on Israeli society are profound, and many continue to navigate fear, loss, and displacement. Yet in the midst of this, one truth has become clear: community is what carries us forward.

The care and partnership we feel from communities across continents, especially Boston, remind us that we are not alone, even in our most challenging moments. This sense of shared responsibility and commitment empowers us as individuals, as an organization, and as a society to rise above challenges and build a future rooted in resilience, hope, and mutual care.

CJP’s partnership has been a lifeline for HaGal Sheli since the darkest days following October 7. In those first uncertain weeks after that Shabbat, CJP believed in us, our mission, our staff, and our community’s ability to respond quickly. Together, we have provided life-saving trauma care while showing individuals, families, and entire communities that they are not alone.”



Dr. Glenn Cohen, Volunteer Clinician, B’shvil Hamachar

Category: Mental health support

“As we look ahead to rebuilding Israel and shaping its future, there’s one message I want every person to carry in their hearts: what comes next will be defined by our collective spirit and unwavering commitment to one another. This isn’t just about physical reconstruction; it’s about rehabilitating and fortifying the very soul of our nation, drawing strength from our shared history, and envisioning a future built on resilience, innovation, and deep-rooted unity.

Thanks to CJP support, we were able to double our professional team, directly leading to a doubling of our healing retreats. This means we’ve effectively doubled the number of reserve soldiers we are able to serve.

CJP’s partnership has been transformative for our organization, extending far beyond typical philanthropic support. Their collaboration has not only provided crucial financial backing, enabling us to expand our reach and deepen the impact of our programs, but has also offered invaluable strategic access to a broader network of resources and expertise helping us achieve goals that would have otherwise been out of reach.”



Sigal Moran, CEO, Habaita

Category: Community-specific rehabilitation — facilitating return home

“The State of Israel is currently facing one of the most complex and challenging periods in its history, security-wise, economically, socially, and politically. There is no doubt it will take time to rebuild, but I firmly believe we will succeed. My optimism stems from the incredible mobilization of so many Israeli citizens, the strong performance of local authorities, and the deeply moving support from Jewish communities around the world. This collective strength, of the State of Israel and of the Jewish people, is what gives me confidence that better days lie ahead.

As with any startup, success depends on finding those first believers, the ones who are willing to take a risk despite the uncertainty. CJP’s belief in the idea and in us, even in the earliest days, gave us the opportunity to prove ourselves and bring additional partners on board. Of course, the funding itself was and continues to be deeply meaningful, and we are truly grateful for it—but without CJP’s early trust and support, it would have been much more difficult to get off the ground.”



October, 2025

Dear Friends,

As we look toward the future, I am filled with both hope and determination about CJP's continued commitment to Israel. The past two years have tested our resolve, but they have also revealed the extraordinary depth of our community's connection to the Jewish homeland and our shared responsibility for Israel's rebuilding and healing.

Through the Israel Emergency Fund (IEF), our Greater Boston Jewish community responded to the October 7, 2023 attacks with unprecedented generosity, raising more than \$59 million to support the people of Israel during their darkest hours. But our work extends far beyond crisis response — we are investing in Israel's long-term future through the visionary leaders and organizations who are transforming challenge into opportunity.

We envision a future of deepened connections between Boston and Israel based on strategic philanthropic investments, meaningful immersive experiences, people-to-people relationships, and innovative Israel and Jewish education.

We have already taken concrete steps toward this vision, building on the impact and learnings from the IEF. We are thrilled to welcome the newest member of our team, Lior Krengel, who is leading our evolving Israel grantmaking. Lior is in close communication with our team in Boston and forging relationships with our local community.

As I write this, we're feeling so many mixed emotions — relief, gratitude, and joy over the release of the 20 living hostages and the news of the Israel-Gaza ceasefire deal. We're also experiencing immense grief for the hostages who did not survive, for the families waiting to bury their loved ones, for the hundreds of IDF soldiers who died defending the Jewish homeland, and for the countless innocent lives lost in both Israel and Gaza throughout this war.

Yet, what we've learned over this past year is that pain and trauma cannot diminish the power of community, the strength of partnership, nor the resilience of Am Yisrael.

Together, we are not just supporting Israel's recovery; we are investing in its renewal. We are building bridges of understanding that will endure long after today's headlines fade. And we will ensure that the bonds between Boston and Israel — for every generation — grow stronger with each passing year.

We could not do any of this sacred work without you.

With deep gratitude and appreciation,

Rabbi Marc Baker
President and CEO



Israel Emergency Fund Grants

Organization	Grant description	Category of support	Total amount deployed
Kibbutz Re'im and Project Horizon	Through an initial \$1M emergency grant to Kibbutz Reim, CJP provided temporary housing in Tel Aviv for 430 surviving kibbutz members, along with essential items, a communal space, psychological support for survivors, support for children as they integrated into Tel Aviv schools, and funding to help create a kibbutz business recovery plan for their return home.	Community-specific rehabilitation; Keeping communities together; Facilitating return home	\$5.5 million
	Upon the success of this pilot emergency investment, CJP's Israel Emergency Fund granted an additional \$3M to scale the Kibbutz Re'im relocation pilot into a collaborative project called Project Horizon. In this phase of work, the grant kept a total of 10,000 evacuees from eight communities relocated together in safer parts of Israel. Areas of work supported included interim housing costs related to full group relocation, mental health support, community resilience social services, informal educational programs, and employment solutions — all tailored to the communities' recoveries.		
Project Tzafona	CJP made an additional \$1.5M emergency investment in Project Horizon's expansion to include 54 total communities; the grant supports kibbutzim and moshavim across the Otef region and aims to facilitate the return of even more evacuees to the region by supporting recovery efforts.	Community-specific rehabilitation; Facilitating return home	\$4 million
	A platform for support of evacuated and acutely impacted communities in Israel's North in partnership with UJA-Federation New York. The platform intakes direct requests from community leaders of municipalities and regional councils on the most urgent needs of their residents across areas supporting recovery, rehabilitation, and capacity building during 12–18 months, considered a crucial phase for “returning home” and for supporting residents who stayed in the combat zone, impacting up to 290,000 residents of the region.		
Jewish Federations of North America (JFNA) Israel Emergency Loan Fund	By establishing a flexible funding framework and collaborating closely with local leaders, the platform not only addresses critical needs but also fosters a sense of ownership and agency — essential elements for long-term recovery.	Economic relief	\$3 million
	A centralized fund for five platforms that originate loans, at no or low interest rates, to support the needs of thousands of small businesses across Israel. CJP's first \$2M emergency grant to the program supports businesses country wide; the second \$1M emergency grant supports businesses in the country's North region.		

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Hostages and Missing Families Forum	CJP is the largest worldwide funder of the Hostages and Missing Families Forum, the lifeline service organization delivering support to the 240 families — approximately 1,000 individuals — impacted by the October 7 Hamas kidnappings.	Mental health support; economic relief; Support of the most vulnerable populations	\$2.554 million
	CJP made four grants throughout the war, designated to support psychological services, direct financial aid, and subsidizing delegation travel for Forum families to keep the story of the hostages alive in the media, aiming for their safe return.		
Homeward/Habaita	In addition to core grants in support of families, CJP's Israel Emergency Fund established a program called Summer of Hope. In the summers of 2024 and 2025, grants totaling \$304,000 enabled Forum teenagers, including released hostages and those whose family members are still held in captivity in Gaza, to attend Camp Kimama Halfmoon. This two-week Israeli American summer camp in the Berkshires was designed to support the immediate relief, emotional healing, and social resilience of the participants.	Community-specific rehabilitation; Facilitating return home	\$2.5 million
	CJP's first grant (\$500,000) funded a summer school program for 10,000 students in grades 4–12 that took place in the Western Negev in July and August 2024. Providing this service during the summer was crucial for returning families to the region ahead of the 2024–2025 academic year.		
B'shvil Hamachar	CJP's second and third grants (\$2M total) enable Habaita's execution of its “mid-term” plan for the North, which primarily focuses on bringing human capital to the region. The grant supports educators and school counselors who commit to moving to safer parts of the North. Key components of the mid-term plan provide training and professional development to teachers from a slate of field organizational partners; an innovative learning environment where an infusion of counselor support is available in classrooms; and scholarships for innovation in teaching that will be used to support hundreds of teachers in Habaita's pipeline.	Mental health support	\$2.325 million
	In the early stage of war, CJP's \$25,000 emergency grant delivered 200+ Zoom therapy sessions to spouses and parents of combat reservists on the front lines in Gaza to help cope with the stress of war deployment.		
	CJP's second emergency grant (\$300,000) delivered therapy to nearly 400 reservist soldiers who faced the most extreme scenarios of war on three-day programs with psychologists upon their exit from battle during the Gaza war.		
	CJP's third emergency grant (\$2M) funds 10-day intensive therapy programs for combat reservists who have been deployed for hundreds of days — experiencing the harshest war conditions — and have been away from their families as they attempt to transition back to civilian life. The grant also pilots an expanded therapy program to individuals who have suffered the most acute PTSD for continued mental health support for them and their families. Finally, the funding expands B'shvil's professional staff to include five additional clinicians, 90 facilitators, and a field researcher to meet the enormous mental health needs of Gaza war reservists.		

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HaGal Sheli	<p>In the immediate aftermath of the October 7 attacks and supported by CJP's first emergency grant to the organization (\$300,000), HaGal Sheli initiated an emergency plan to help Israeli youth navigate their complex emotions and experiences through clinician-built therapy programs using surfing and deployed their programs to evacuees.</p> <p>A second emergency grant of \$1.5M enabled 2,250 additional participants into HaGal Sheli's clinician-led, peer-to-peer therapy model which uses surfing as a tool to cope with mental health challenges. All participants are members of vulnerable communities impacted by the war, including 800 soldiers, evacuees, Nova Festival survivors, and at-risk youth. The grant also expands their smaller centers in Hof Ashkelon and Ashkelon to prepare for the timely return of these evacuated communities. The grant supports HaGal Sheli's 2024–2026 operations and unlocks a one-to-one matching grant from Israel's Ministry of Welfare, furthering the impact of HaGal Sheli's work.</p>	Mental health support	\$1.8 million
ReGrow Israel	<p>CJP's emergency grant to ReGrow enables the organization to restore farming communities in the North and South, as well as increase its organizational capacity by three staff members over the next two years to carry out projects. Projects supported by this grant include repairing infrastructure damage on farms in the South, delivering bomb shelters to ensure farmer safety in the North and South, purchasing new equipment for farmers across the country, supporting farming communities in the North, strengthening dairy farms with new technologies, and supporting the survival of 350–400 farms crucial to Israel's national food security.</p>	Support for the most vulnerable populations	\$1.5 million
Joint Distribution Committee (JDC)	<p>In the early stage of war, CJP's \$250,000 grant supported JDC's efforts in Southern Israel to train frontline social workers, teachers, caregivers, and medical professionals providing trauma relief; support operations of its emergency programs for vulnerable populations, including seniors and disabled citizens who have been relocated; and provide emergency financial support to small businesses and municipalities.</p> <p>CJP also deployed a \$1M emergency grant to JDC's National Mental Health Initiative. This program aims to transform the overarching mental health care system to ensure that every person who needs mental health care will have access to it for the long term. CJP's funding supports the build of a national mental health needs dashboard, technological solutions, and operational staff to scale the reach of the initiative.</p> <p>Finally, CJP deployed an emergency grant (\$209,000) to support JDC's Elka initiative in support of Israel's northern communities, providing the mayors, CEOs, and service department heads of 24 local authorities in Northern Israel with the tools and guidance they need to respond to the emergency and build for the future.</p>	All four funding categories	\$1.46 million
The Boston-Haifa Connection Office	<p>CJP's ongoing support, through four grants across different phases of the war, enabled educational activities and childcare for children of vulnerable populations, reinforcement of bomb shelters in underprivileged neighborhoods, and the absorption and support of internally displaced families and evacuees from the South and the North.</p>	All four funding categories	\$1.325 million

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The Upper Galilee Regional Council	<p>CJP's first emergency grant (\$300,000) helped the 120 Kibbutz Menara residents — the community closest to Lebanon and the attacks from Hezbollah in the North — to relocate to Kibbutz Gadot in a safer part of the Upper Galilee. This surge funding for Kibbutz Gadot provided expanded programming, housing, and services to its newly absorbed residents</p> <p>CJP's second emergency grant (\$1M) funded protective zones, including bomb shelters and safe rooms, at eight strategic school sites serving kindergarten students in the Upper Galilee Regional Council, timed for the September 1 launch of the 2024–2025 academic year. The successful opening of schools on September 1, including upgraded security for the most vulnerable children attending these institutions, was seen as a significant milestone for Israelis considering staying in the region and for the long-term health of the region by keeping communities together and safely functioning.</p>	Community-specific rehabilitation; Keeping communities together; Facilitating return home	\$1.3 million
Brothers for Life	<p>Through a series of four grants, CJP supported the organization's initiatives at hospitals, where professional teams and volunteers were deployed to conduct thousands of meetings with injured soldiers, assessing each soldier's immediate needs, customizing medical support for severely injured soldiers, and providing critical mental health support for their short- and long-term recovery in addition to financial aid needed for their recovery. Grants also supported operations of its newly established North home for injured soldiers, tailored to meet the needs of hundreds of people from the region.</p>	Support for the most vulnerable populations	\$1.15 million
The Israeli Children's Fund	<p>There are 440+ Israeli children that have lost at least one parent because of the war. The Israeli Children's Fund is embracing orphans and their surviving family members with resiliency grants timed to life's key milestones, fostering security and stability as they transition into adulthood. An experienced grants committee manages fund distribution, collaborating with government agencies and nonprofits for comprehensive support.</p>	Support for the most vulnerable populations	\$1 million
Majdal Shams and Druze Communities of the North	<p>Supported 17 Druze Villages in Northern Israel, the residents of which are deeply connected to the fate of the State of Israel. Communities are typically of low economic status and are underserved by the government, leaving them vulnerable in crisis.</p> <p>Grants were made in four parts: two grants totaling \$300,000 to the Israeli Association of Community Centers that provided community respite days and Arabic-speaking mental health counselors to communities; \$150,000 to Ofakim Leatid to stand up rapid-deployed bomb shelters; and \$160,000 to the Majdal Shams community in support of trauma recovery and community resiliency projects following the Hezbollah missile attack which killed 12 children from the community.</p>	All four funding categories	\$610,000
Dror Israel	<p>Through three grants, CJP supported the operation of 14 centers that provided daycare and informal education programs for evacuees from communities along the Gaza Strip. Funds were designated to bolster staff and program delivery to 2,500 youth evacuees in the North in 2024 and 2025.</p>	Support for the most vulnerable populations	\$600,000

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Jewish Agency for Israel (JAFI)	Through their Small Business Emergency Grants and SparkIL, JAFI is providing aid for businesses in Israel's South that have experienced destruction or complete/partial disruption.	Economic relief	\$500,000
Staying Together - Kibbutz Nir Oz	Kibbutz Nir Oz is one of the most impacted communities in Israel's South. Citing severe trauma, the majority of Kibbutz Nir Oz members (174 people) have decided they will not return to their original location. While the Israeli government will still rebuild Kibbutz Nir Oz, it is widely understood that the kibbutz will be repopulated by new residents who did not see or experience the bloodshed on that day and can restart the kibbutz. The Nir Oz “Staying Together” leaders have put together a \$25M permanent relocation project plan which leverages the best of private-public-philanthropic entities for the 174 people who will not return to Nir Oz.	Community-specific rehabilitation	\$500,000
The Tribe of Nova Foundation	Funding Tribe of Nova Foundation's three-year strategy for operations and programs at Beit Nova, a new, permanent, center for service, programming, and commemoration for victims and the community of survivors of Nova Festival attendees, providing resiliency programming and employment and benefit support as they navigate the next steps of their healing and recovery.	Support for the most vulnerable populations	\$500,000
Brothers and Sisters for Israel	Through two emergency grants awarded in the early stage of war, CJP supported Brothers and Sisters for Israel's volunteer mobilization efforts to deliver support to evacuated families across Israel, including medical supplies, clothing, food, shelter, and trauma therapy.	Support for the most vulnerable populations	\$450,000
The Boston-Haifa Connection Office, Joint Distribution Committee (JDC), Jewish Agency for Israel (JAFI)	Enabling a recovery package to Haifa, CJP's sister city, which was badly damaged by Iran ballistic missiles during the Rising Lions operation. Support was dispatched through three grants to the Boston-Haifa Connection office, JAFI, and the JDC.	Support for the most vulnerable populations	\$400,000
Givat Haviva	Provided housing and basic supplies for 260 evacuees from Ashkelon on its campus located between Haifa and Tel Aviv.	Support for the most vulnerable populations	\$315,000
Enosh	Helped establish an Enosh Mental Health Unit in the Kraiyot (North) to serve 200–400 children and young adults experiencing a mental health crisis. Services include short-term and long-term programs for therapy, psychiatric consultation and support, parental guidance, and group support.	Mental health support	\$300,000
Osim Shechuna	Funding to expand Osim Shechuna to three communities in the North; Osim Shechuna's presence and activities cultivate positive local leadership, decrease crime in vulnerable neighborhoods, and restore a sense of personal safety. The grassroots model enables activists to identify the basic needs of their neighborhood and assume leadership positions to ensure implementation of programs and activities for the benefit of the entire community.	Support for the most vulnerable populations	\$300,000

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Tzafona Medical Center's Galilee Talentech Initiative	Tzafona Medical Center is a newly created, state-of-the-art rehabilitation center located in Poria, in Israel's North. Given the shortage of rehabilitation beds, services, and specialized personnel on account of the ongoing conflict — particularly in the northern periphery — this grant fills an urgent gap to expand available rehabilitation services in Israel and strengthens the pipeline of professionals who will practice in the region.	Community-specific rehabilitation	\$300,000
Access Israel	Supported Access Israel's “Purple Vest” initiative, evacuating people with disabilities in Israel's North who live in homes without sufficient bomb shelters and safe rooms. The grant also enabled Access Israel to purchase additional accessible and fire-proof evacuation vans to add to their operating fleet throughout the North, provided funding for hotel stays in safer parts of Israel, and for wraparound lifeline services.	Support for the most vulnerable populations	\$250,000
Civil Emergency Headquarters	Civilian volunteers evacuated hundreds of residents from the conflict area, connected thousands of families with suitable hosts, and collected and distributed thousands of boxes of basic supplies and food for IDF soldiers and displaced residents.	Support for the most vulnerable populations	\$250,000
ELI	ELI is Israel's Association for Child Protection. CJP's grant enabled ELI to deploy 50 training courses for 750 participating trauma therapists who trained on ELI's best practice therapies for children in crisis in evacuated communities.	Mental health support	\$250,000
Galila Foundation	CJP's emergency preparedness grant in support of communities in the North funded firefighting equipment, civilian first responder equipment, and civilian volunteer training for emergency responses to Hezbollah rocket attacks.	Support for the most vulnerable populations	\$250,000
HaShomer HaChadash	During this emergency, HaShomer HaChadash worked to meet the labor shortage challenges that Israeli farmers faced through its Food Rescue Operation project. This grant supported HaShomer HaChadash's volunteer mobilization system to allow farmers who need people power on their farms access to volunteers who help harvest crops.	Support for the most vulnerable populations	\$250,000
ICON	ICON delivered vital supplies from the United States, including thermal clothing, medical supplies, and generators. These supplies were distributed to reservists, engineers, and affected towns and kibbutzim, in coordination with Israeli authorities on the ground.	Support for the most vulnerable populations	\$250,000
Jerusalem Civilian Command Center (JCCC)	The JCCC was established on the afternoon of October 7 to address Israel's urgent civilian and military requirements. In the first three months of war, the JCCC successfully mobilized more than 4,000 dedicated volunteers who worked tirelessly in shifts around the clock to fulfill time-sensitive humanitarian needs.	Support for the most vulnerable populations	\$250,000
Leket Israel	Leket Israel is supplying food to the most vulnerable Israelis, whose economic and employment situations have declined given wartime disruptions. Leket Israel food supply recipients have increased from 240,000 people pre-October 7 to 330,000 people served weekly since the war began.	Support for the most vulnerable populations	\$250,000

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TOM Global	Supported TOM Global, an organization focused on providing innovative accessibility solutions, in identifying 400 apartments and homes of people with disabilities in Haifa, Tzfat, Tiberias, and Ako to be customized with TOM solutions to create safe routes to protective zones and bomb shelters. The grant also supported TOM's efforts to help wounded soldiers in long-term stays throughout Israel's rehabilitation centers. TOM also built out a series of affordable prosthetics customized to individual needs.	Support for the most vulnerable populations	\$250,000
ImpactIsrael	Needham-based ImpactIsrael is the North American philanthropic partner of Yemin Orde based just south of Haifa. Yemin Orde is home to 400+ at-risk and immigrant youth from around the world, and CJP's first emergency grant (\$100,000) fortified its bomb shelters and protective zones, as well as provided on-site support programming for this community. CJP's second grant (\$129,000) enabled ImpactIsrael to deliver its Village Way Educational Initiative programs to 14 high schools in the North that absorbed at-risk youth evacuees in 2024.	Community-specific rehabilitation; Support for the most vulnerable populations	\$229,000
The Association for the Elderly of Eshkol Region	The Association met the needs of 1,000+ of the elderly of Eshkol in their newly displaced locations and provided social services, mental and medical services (including medicines, immunizations, and therapies), and social activities to help the elderly recover.	Support for the most vulnerable populations	\$200,000
Habaita, Back to the Galilee	Habaita, or Back to the Galilee, is a NGO formed in 2024 dedicated to facilitating a return by residents to the Upper Galilee in Israel's North. Its founders are social entrepreneurs — working pro bono — and employ five project managers and have engaged over 1,000 volunteers on a set of projects in its pipeline that, in consultation with local governments and regional council leaders, have been prioritized as essential to the repopulation of the area.	Community-specific rehabilitation	\$200,000
Lev Echad	Lev Echad operated a Central Emergency Response Center Network in Israel, with more than 20 emergency centers providing 24-hour support throughout the country to 25,000 civilians and reservists immediately impacted by the events of October 7 and in need of basic supplies, shelter, and medical assistance.	Support for the most vulnerable populations	\$200,000
Pitchon-Lev	Low-income communities in the North were in dire need of basic humanitarian support, including access to food. This emergency grant funded Pitchon-Lev's efforts to purchase, store, and deliver 2,000 food parcels to families in need living in evacuated and non-evacuated zones in the North, where access to purchasing food and work were severely disrupted.	Support for the most vulnerable populations	\$200,000
Momentum	Momentum's Thank Israeli Soldiers program screened soldiers for PTSD and helped them reintegrate into society through three-day healing programs upon exiting combat zones in Gaza.	Mental health support	\$200,000
The Equalizer	Supported sports programs for displaced children at hotels and continued services to these groups upon their return home. These programs are used as a tool for education, equality, leadership development, and strengthening social cohesion in marginalized communities.	Support for the most vulnerable populations	\$192,000

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Code for Israel	Funded 30 war response projects that enabled nonprofits to scale up their technical infrastructure to deliver their emergency priority services to their constituencies.	Support for the most vulnerable populations	\$150,000
Elul	Funded a group of 20 volunteers for one year of service in a border community in the North where basic services restarted in support of the region's rebuilding.	Support for the most vulnerable populations	\$150,000
Krembo Wings	Enabled Krembo Wings staff and programming for children with and without disabilities to shift to buildings with bomb shelters in the North and continue without disruption.	Support for the most vulnerable populations	\$150,000
Latet Youth	Funded 10 youth groups for one year in the North. Youth groups act as dedicated community volunteers delivering basic supplies and executing community projects. Youth also participate in education, leadership, and resiliency programs.	Support for the most vulnerable populations	\$150,000
The Summit Institute	Supports a pilot project treating soldiers of the Iron Sword war who are diagnosed with PTSD coupled with an inability to function day-to-day and are considered the most severe rehabilitation cases. The Dror program is designed to create long-term rehabilitation communities for veterans suffering from severe PTSD who cannot live at home; CJP funding is supporting the new test site for this work, located in a center in Jerusalem.	Mental health support	\$150,000
Machshava Tova	CJP's first grant to Machshava Tova (\$45,000) opened a technology lab in a Jerusalem hotel equipped with computers, projectors, and other tech for Sderot-based evacuees. CJP's second grant funded labs at hotels hosting evacuees from the North (\$100,000).	Support for the most vulnerable populations	\$145,000
Co-Impact	Co-Impact launched an emergency organizational resilience strategy to guide companies and professionals to maintain direct and open communication, trust, reciprocity, partnership, solidarity, and cohesion through emergency training between Arab and Jewish employees to ease workplace tensions.	Support for the most vulnerable populations	\$130,000
The Dvora Institute	Funded costs related to documenting the atrocities committed against women and children on October 7, producing testimonials and advocacy efforts in public forums and in front of international bodies like the United Nations and The Hague.	Support for the most vulnerable populations	\$100,000
Itach Ma'aki	In response to the crisis, Itach Ma'aki purchased and delivered basic supplies and food baskets (with an emphasis on needs for babies, such as diapers and formula) to families in unrecognized Bedouin villages in the Negev. The grant also supported rapid deployment of therapists to help support residents in crisis.	Support for the most vulnerable populations	\$100,000
Kfar Izun	Following the October 7 attacks, Kfar Izun swiftly mobilized to extend its well-reputed PTSD emergency mental health treatment to more than 2,000 survivors of the Nova Music Festival.	Mental health support	\$100,000

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The Public Forum	Before October 7, the Forum helped approximately 50,000 youth and graduates of youth villages and boarding schools, some of whom do not have any family support. The Public Forum estimates that 25,000 new children and teens have qualified for welfare and foster boarding schools because of the economic strain on families.	Support for the most vulnerable populations	\$100,000
Nefesh B’Nefesh	Supported Nefesh B’Nefesh’s emergency response plan, including coordinating the arrival and acclimation of foreign volunteer physicians to strengthen Israel’s healthcare system.	Support for the most vulnerable populations	\$80,000
Bring Hersh Home	Funded the Bring Hersh Home Campaign’s work for four months of its 330+ days in operation, helping to garner support and solidarity from millions of people across the world. Hersh Goldberg-Polin was murdered by Hamas terrorists in late August 2024. May his memory be a blessing.	Support for the most vulnerable populations	\$75,000
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Israel	Funded the supply of tablets and laptops to 68 at-risk families in the welfare system, each with up to four children, to support students in their remote learning at the start of the war.	Support for the most vulnerable populations	\$50,000
Educating for Excellence (E4E)	Supported E4E’s emergency Educational Excellence Program Centers to provide youth with access to social workers and mental health support, trauma counseling for staff and parents, and online programming for kids who are homebound due to constant rocket attacks.	Mental health support	\$50,000
ERAN	Supported the operational scaling of ERAN’s life-saving emotional first aid services in response to the war.	Mental health support	\$50,000
Hamaniot (Sunflowers)	Funded the opening of a Hamaniot service center in Ofakim, where 40 children (orphans who lost one or both parents) are provided with psychological support.	Mental health support; Support for the most vulnerable populations	\$50,000
Israeli American Council of New England (IAC New England)	Supported shipping costs of clothing, toiletries, and medical items for Israelis that were donated, sorted, and packed by hundreds of IAC New England volunteers.	Support for the most vulnerable populations	\$50,000
Metiv	Metiv’s training modules are positioned to help providers not trained in PTSD support meet the needs of their patients. This emergency grant offset costs related to training providers for approximately four months.	Mental health support	\$50,000
Sahar	Funded a three-month program to absorb and train 35 new Arabic- and Hebrew-speaking volunteers on Sahar’s lifesaving, suicide-prevention methodology, utilizing AI tools to monitor social posts for crisis messages. People in crisis are escalated to volunteers who mitigate the crisis point and connect the person to in-community resources.	Mental health support	\$50,000

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The Tzedek Centers	Funding has allowed The Tzedek Centers to deliver mental health and relocation services for direct victims and evacuees, as well as provide an informal educational framework for evacuated communities from the Gaza Envelope.	Support for the most vulnerable populations	\$50,000
Tishreen	With CJP’s funding, Tishreen mobilized a volunteer team in the community and schools to create educational activities, which served 250 young Arab men and women for three months as they processed and coped with their emotions and tensions of the war.	Support for the most vulnerable populations	\$40,000
Dualis	Supported Dualis’ Essential Jobs Campaign, which leveraged its network of 60 affiliated companies to place young people who experienced job loss in the first few months of war in employment and provided evacuees from Southern Israel with employment opportunities.	Support for the most vulnerable populations	\$25,000
Jewish Federations of North America (JFNA)	JFNA’s staff on the ground made 350+ crucial grants on behalf of our community and CJP relied on their outstanding project sourcing to fill many early needs in Israel. JFNA is one of the most well-positioned bodies in Israel to respond in crisis, activating longtime and new partners with rapid allocations. CJP made seven large grants to JFNA in support of their emergency strategy during the first phase of the war.	All four funding categories	\$13.25 million



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