



We Put Jewish Values into Action.



The Leading Global
Jewish Humanitarian
Organization





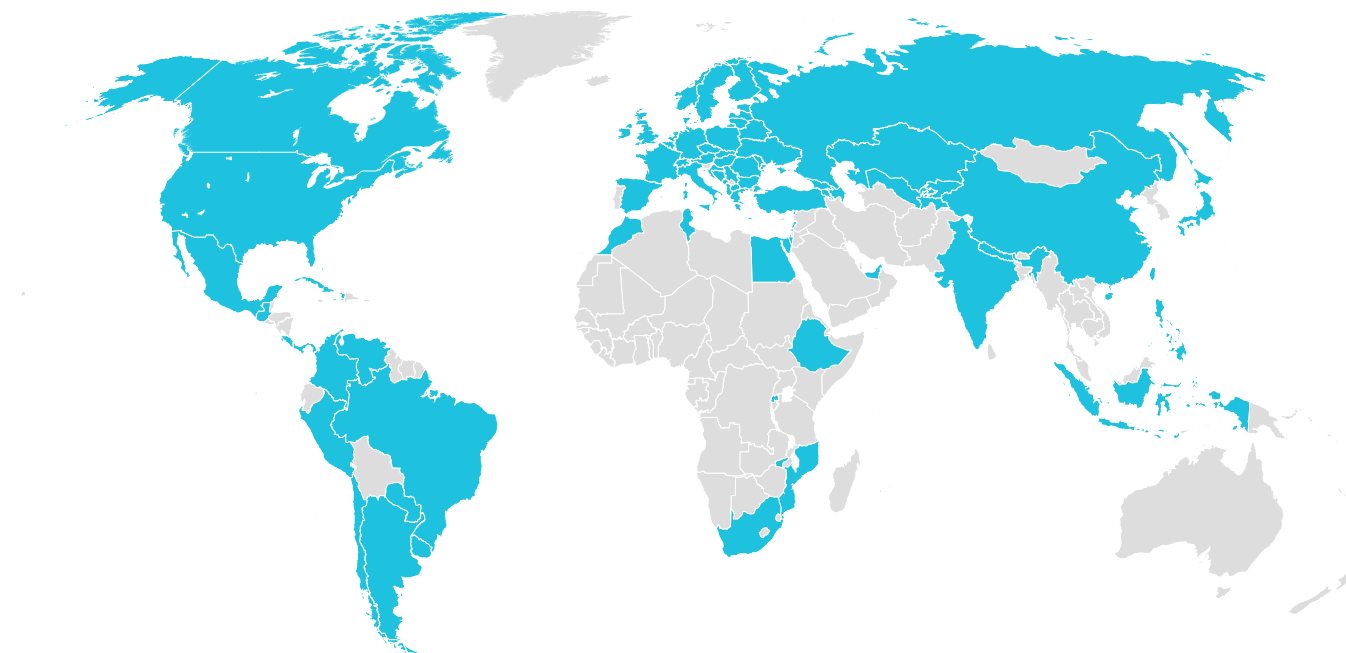
About JDC

JDC is the leading global Jewish humanitarian organization, working in 70 countries to lift lives and strengthen communities.

We rescue Jews in danger, provide aid to vulnerable Jews, develop innovative solutions to Israel's most complex social challenges, cultivate a Jewish future, and lead the Jewish community's response to crises.

For over 100 years, our work has put the timeless Jewish value of mutual responsibility into action, making JDC essential to the survival of millions of people and the advancement of Jewish life across the globe.

Where We Work



NEW YORK

World Headquarters

ISRAEL

LATIN AMERICA

Argentina
Brazil
Chile
Colombia
Costa Rica
Cuba
Guatemala
Haiti
Honduras
Mexico
Panama
Paraguay
Peru
Uruguay
Venezuela

EUROPE

Albania
Austria
Belgium
Bosnia & Herzegovina
Bulgaria
Croatia
Czech Republic
Denmark
Estonia
Finland
France
Germany
Greece
Hungary
Ireland
Italy
Latvia
Lithuania
Montenegro
Netherlands
N. Macedonia
Norway
Poland
Romania
Serbia
Slovakia
Spain
Sweden
Switzerland
UK

FORMER SOVIET UNION (FSU)

Armenia
Azerbaijan
Belarus
Georgia
Kazakhstan
Kyrgyzstan
Moldova
Russia
Tajikistan
Ukraine
Uzbekistan

AFRICA AND ASIA

China
Ethiopia
Egypt
India
Indonesia
Japan
Lebanon
Morocco
Mozambique
Philippines
Rwanda
Singapore
South Africa
Tunisia
Turkey
UAE





Our History at a Glance



1914

WWI. Jews in Ottoman-ruled **Palestine** are starving. JDC is founded to help.



1933

Hitler comes to power. The Nazis' 1935 Nuremberg Laws pauperize **German** Jews, forcing them out of jobs and schools. We subsidize welfare activities, retraining, and Jewish schools, and help tens of thousands emigrate.

1938

In **Cuba**, we support European Jewish refugees in partnership with the Quaker American Friends Service Committee. By 1940, we are helping Jewish refugees in 40+ countries.



1945

In **Germany, Austria, and Italy**, as 250,000 Holocaust survivors and Jews fleeing westward pour into Displaced Persons Camps, we provide food, clothing, job training, education, religious materials, legal representation, and emigration assistance.



1949

The new Jewish state is under tremendous pressure to absorb immigrants and Holocaust survivors who are elderly, chronically ill, or have disabilities. We partner with the Jewish Agency for Israel and the Government of **Israel** to create Malben, a new national framework for providing care.



1962

Algeria becomes an independent country. Fleeing harassment, nearly the entire Jewish community seeks refuge in France. We help them evacuate and support the French Jewish community's massive expansion of services to absorb the newcomers, as well as successive waves of North African émigrés.



1964

We begin to work in the Jewish communities of **India**, focusing on Jewish poverty and education.



1979

The number of Soviet Jews allowed to emigrate grows rapidly in the mid-1970s, soaring to over 51,000 in 1979. JDC provides a full range of services for those who remain in transit centers in **Austria** and **Italy**, seeking entry to the U.S. and other countries. The number peaks again in 1989, when JDC, with help from the U.S., assists 68,000+ émigrés.



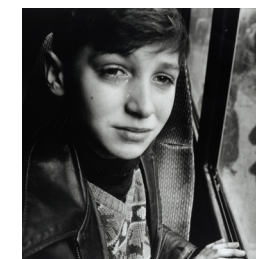
1983

In **Ethiopia**, we provide famine relief and set up non-sectarian medical and agricultural recovery projects in Gondar Province, assisting the region's many Jews. We improve electrification and promote well drilling for a clean water supply.



1990

In **Hungary**, we establish the Ronald S. Lauder Foundation-JDC international Jewish summer camp at Szarvas, which continues today to bring together youth from over 25 countries. Many only recently discovered that they are Jewish. We train them to become leaders and activists in their communities.



1992

With the assistance of local Jewish leaders in Sarajevo, we begin a series of 11 convoys, evacuating Muslims, Christians, and Jews out of war-torn **Bosnia and Herzegovina**.



2014 to Present

We provide critical support to thousands of Jews displaced by the conflict in eastern **Ukraine**. Today, Jewish communities **around the world** facing uncertainty or crises, including the COVID-19 pandemic, continue to look to JDC for assistance and partnership.



2004

The Indian Ocean earthquake and tsunami impacted 11 countries, killing over 227,000 people. In response, world Jewry contributes \$19+ million to JDC's aid programs. We implement emergency relief and long-term recovery projects in **India, Indonesia, Sri Lanka, and Thailand**. JDC subsequently leads the Jewish response to major disasters in **Haiti** (2010), **Japan** (2011), the **Philippines** (2013), and **Nepal** (2015).





Our Work

We Provide Aid to Vulnerable Jews

... because Jews in many parts of the world go hungry, lack medicine, and are missing the other critical resources they need to live full lives.

We provide the essentials — food, medicine, clothing, shelter. And we give hope — jobs, training, and transformative support for Jews in need. We do this as partners with, and as part of, local Jewish communities from Latin America to Europe and the former Soviet Union to North Africa, building and evolving care networks to ensure the most vulnerable have a lifeline. Whether we are serving elderly Jews in post-Soviet states who survived decades of oppression — even the Holocaust — or Jewish families whose life savings vanished overnight due to political or economic collapse, we ensure poor and vulnerable Jews know they're not forgotten.

Without the fundamental elements of survival, people can't live a dignified life. That's why we do this work. That's why the future needs us now.

Our Impact

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71,000 PEOPLE ARE HELPED BY JDC on any given day.

22+ MILLION HOURS of home health care were provided to vulnerable Jews living in desperate conditions in the last year.



Today, life-saving food, medicine, and homecare are provided in the former Soviet Union (FSU) to **over 80,000** of the world's poorest Jews in countries like Ukraine, Moldova, Belarus, and Russia.

6,900  volunteers participate in community care projects reaching **50,000+** elderly, children, and families at risk in 54 locations across the FSU.

110,000+ impoverished and often isolated Jews across Europe, Asia, Africa, and Latin America receive life-saving aid from JDC in a single year.

COVID-19 PANDEMIC RESPONSE

When the virus struck, JDC didn't stop service to our clients for a single day, distributing **over 10.3 million pieces of PPE** to keep them safe and pivoting to launch innovative new initiatives like JOINTECH, which provides elderly Jews with special smartphones that keep them connected to community life and care.

CRISIS IN ARGENTINA

Responding to Argentina's 2001-02 economic crisis, which soon impacted neighboring Uruguay, JDC helped create and fund a network of **75 community social assistance centers that by 2004 were assisting over 36,000 Jews suddenly facing desperate levels of poverty.** We're still helping the country's poorest Jews today.





Our Work

We Cultivate a Jewish Future

... because the Jewish part of Jewish life is worth fighting for.

Community is at the heart of what we do.

We work hand-in-hand with Jewish communities around the world, empowering them to realize their own dreams and care for their most vulnerable. This means giving Jews from Minsk to Mumbai pathways to express their Jewish identity and encouraging grassroots efforts that welcome Jews of all ages and backgrounds to claim their stake in — and shape — the Jewish future.

Our global Jewish service program, where young volunteers support their fellow Jews and others in need, is the largest in the world — and growing. We are building new generations of leaders who are poised to take on the challenges of tomorrow and inspired to act on the value of global Jewish responsibility.

Living Jewish values is how we sustain Jewish life. It's why the future of Jewish life needs us now.

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82,000+

PEOPLE CONNECT WITH THEIR JEWISH IDENTITY, VALUES, AND COMMUNITY through JDC each year.

In the 1980s, as JDC regained entry to countries throughout Central and Eastern Europe, we added Jewish cultural and training components to our social welfare activities wherever possible, taking advantage of every opportunity to nurture the beginnings of a Jewish reawakening well before the fall of communism.



25,000+ Camp Szarvas alumni are the vanguard for a bright Jewish future in Europe and beyond.

Camp Szarvas and its ripple effect has transformed European Jewish life.

- **It hosts 1,600 Jewish campers aged 6-18 from over 25 countries every summer**, many of whom remain the first in their families to embrace, explore, and connect to their Jewish identities.
- **Through Yesod**—a JDC partnership with the Schusterman Family Foundation and Rothschild Foundation Hanadiv for Jewish professional leaders in Europe — JDC helped expand its peer learning and community of practice that included 45 individuals from 15 countries to rethink Jewish camping in Europe.
- **13,700 adults** in the US were reached with JDC Entwine virtual programming.



The 3,100 young Jews

in the remarkable and rapidly expanding **Active Jewish Teens** network—with chapters today in **63 cities** and counting in the former Soviet Union—are a shining example of the goals we are striving to reach as we cultivate a Jewish future throughout these regions.

WHEN COVID-19 STRUCK,

we moved quickly to bring Jewish life online, pioneering digital programming like Zoom challah-baking at the Warsaw JCC and a Shabbat celebration in the FSU that drew **850 community members from 10 countries**.

In 1987, JDC established the Jewish Service Corps, placing young Jewish professionals and recent college graduates in JDC programs around the world to strengthen local Jewish communities and fulfill humanitarian needs. Today, JSC is part of

JDC Entwine, our young adult platform,

which offers global service, educational, and leadership opportunities that are building a generation of young Jews who are driven by Jewish responsibility at their core.





Our Work

We Create Opportunity for All Israelis

... because every Israeli should have the chance to succeed.

Israel's future demands that we move the needle on the nation's most complex social challenges: We must break cycles of poverty among the most vulnerable, foster inclusion and independent living for people with disabilities and the elderly, and provide access to opportunity for all.

At JDC, we drive systemic change by bringing together all of our partners — the Government of Israel, the business sector, and NGOs — to create research-backed, scalable solutions that draw on the entrepreneurial, can-do spirit that made the desert bloom.

The problems we solve — and our impact — go beyond any one neighborhood or village: We have decades of experience improving the country's social services for the betterment of all citizens. And our proven social innovations are even exported globally, lifting lives from the U.S. to Ukraine and Ethiopia to Japan.

The future won't be stable unless we bridge the gap between the Startup Nation's economic miracle and those being left behind. That's why JDC ensures that as Israel prospers, all Israelis share in its success. And that's why the future needs us now.

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OVER 1,000,000 ISRAELIS BENEFIT from programs developed by JDC.

150,000+ ISRAELIS

were helped by our aid and interventions during the **COVID-19 pandemic**, and our work is only deepening in this arena.



In the 1980s and '90s, JDC developed job-training and social and educational initiatives to promote the integration of newcomers

from Ethiopia and the former Soviet republics, including the PACT program for Ethiopian-Israeli youth that launched in 1998.

That same year, JDC partnered with NY UJA-Federation and the Israeli government to create Ashalim, which subsequently developed

over 300 programs to protect the well-being of at-risk youth,

providing them with the support they need to become successful, productive adults.



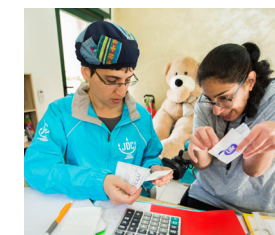
In 1969, the establishment of ESHEL formalized JDC's work for **older adults** in partnership with the government. Services set up to enable older adults to age at home continue to operate today in over **two-thirds** of Israeli cities.

Just one flagship "age in place" program serves over 60,000 people.



In 2009, JDC joined with the government and the Ruderman Family Foundation to create **Israel Unlimited** — a partnership promoting inclusion and accessibility for people with disabilities.

Today, we are working to expand housing options and upgrade supportive services for the increasing number of adults with disabilities who are determined to live independently in their communities.



304,000+ ISRAELIS HELPED by JDC's employment program since its inception.

In 2005, JDC and the Israeli government embarked on Tevet, a partnership fighting poverty, dependency, and underemployment by promoting job opportunities, training, and advancement in the workforce for the **ultra-Orthodox**, for **Israeli Arabs**, for **people with disabilities**, for **Ethiopian immigrants**, and for **young adults from disadvantaged backgrounds**.





Our Work

We Rescue Jews in Danger

... because Jews around the world still face threats.

We have their backs. We stand with them.

Our priority is to help Jewish communities live safely where they choose, whether it's Caracas, Kyiv, or Casablanca. But it's when things get tough that Jewish communities around the world know they can count on us most — because we are there, we're part of them. We have the reach, the relationships, the resources to act. And act we do: Out of a deep commitment to save Jewish lives, we've launched daring operations into crisis zones since our founding in World War I — wherever the crisis, whatever it takes.

And when there are threats to Jewish lives or Jewish life today, we're there with the boots on the ground and know-how to take them out of harm's way.

For more than a century, we have been the 9-1-1 of the Jewish people. And we will continue to be there at a moment's notice, because our future needs us now.

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1,000,000+ JEWS **RESCUED** since 1914 by JDC and our partners.

WORLD WAR I JDC channeled funds and life-saving supplies to Jews facing hunger and poverty, having lost homes, family members, and livelihoods in Europe and Ottoman-ruled Palestine.

In March 1915, JDC sent \$1.5 million and 900 tons of food and medicine

to Palestine on the S.S. Vulcan. A second shipment was made the following year.

WORLD WAR II As the war drew to a close, JDC raced to ship **227 million pounds**

of scarce supplies to Europe to feed tens of thousands of newly liberated Holocaust survivors.

By 1946-47, JDC had mobilized an army of professionals and thousands of tons of supplies to sustain the

700,000 Jews across Europe now depending on it for aid.

It organized medical care, job training, educational programs, a vast tracing service, and emigration assistance for those crowding the DP (Displaced Persons) camps, intent on rebuilding their lives.

Nourishing both body and soul, JDC provided religious supplies (as well as wedding rings), organized Jewish holiday celebrations and cultural activities, and facilitated the publication of a DP Haggadah and the DP Talmud.

From 1948-1950, **JDC worked with the Jewish Agency to bring some 440,000 Jews to Israel**, over 270,000 from Europe's DP camps and nearly 170,000 from North Africa and the Middle East.

OPERATION MAGIC CARPET

JDC chartered nearly 450 flights to bring **approximately 48,000 Yemenite Jews to Israel between December 1948 and September 1950.**



These were Jews who had trekked across 200 miles of desert to reach their point of departure in Aden. Upon arrival, they received food, clothing, shelter, and much-needed medical aid from JDC, a pattern it would replicate four decades later for Ethiopian Jewry.

OPERATION SOLOMON In May 1991, with rebel forces closing in on the Ethiopian capital of Addis Ababa, JDC helped negotiate, plan, and implement Operation Solomon, which airlifted **over 14,000 Jews to Israel over a 36-hour period.** The operation capped a decade of involvement in Gondar and Addis, where JDC's comprehensive health and welfare program had, at its height, some 24,000 beneficiaries.

JDC was meeting crisis-generated needs in Ukraine from November 2013 on, caring for the tens of thousands of impoverished Jews already served by its social welfare centers and

furnishing emergency relief to thousands of new clients who suddenly faced unemployment and poverty as economic conditions deteriorated.



By 2016, JDC was also providing food, medicine, medical consultations, clothing, housing subsidies, post-trauma care, and Jewish community connections to more than 4,000 displaced Jews in Ukraine and Russia.





Our Work

We Lead the Jewish Response to Global Crises

... because emergencies can happen anywhere, at any time.

We are always ready to mobilize. And we're motivated by the Jewish value of tikkun olam to leave the world better than we found it.

We are the Jewish hands who help communities of all backgrounds and faiths rebuild. When a typhoon, earthquake, or man-made disaster strikes, we leverage a century of experience and join arms with other rescue and relief organizations to bring immediate humanitarian relief for Jews and non-Jews alike in their toughest moments.

And we know the importance of promoting resilience and rebuilding the community — not just the roads. That's why we stay in communities to help people chart a new future, rebuild a sustainable local economy, and prepare to weather the next storm or crisis.

For JDC, crisis response goes beyond emergencies. It's slow-moving crises like endemic poverty, food insecurity, and the plight of refugees that bring out our best. We deploy the best of Israeli innovation and expertise in support of the UN Sustainable Development Goals and support Jewish communities from Greece to the Philippines on social action initiatives that are lifting lives every day.

Responding to crisis calls for compassionate action. That's what we do best.

It's why the future needs us now.

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69 COUNTRIES WHERE JDC HAS RESPONDED to a disaster or other crisis.

The December 2004 Indian Ocean earthquake and tsunami was one of the world's deadliest natural disasters, affecting 11 countries, killing over 227,000 people, and displacing as many as five million. World Jewry rallied in response, enabling JDC to raise over \$19 million for its aid program.



Both immediate relief and longer-term recovery projects were implemented in cooperation with local and international partners in four of the hardest-hit countries—**India**, **Indonesia**, **Sri Lanka**, and **Thailand**—and are estimated to have reached half a million people. We also trained a network of disaster-relief and risk-mitigation professionals.

1.2 MILLION PEOPLE in **Ethiopia** and **Indonesia** were reached by a JDC-supported social media campaign focused on hand washing.

Our work distributing **food** and **medical supplies** in places like **India** and **Indonesia**, didn't skip a beat during the **COVID-19 pandemic**, and we're continuing to work with local partners to ensure that the hardest-hit populations have the resources they need to sustainably rebuild and recover.



JDC responded quickly to the January 2010 **Earthquake in Haiti**, raising some **\$8.7 million** for programs that impacted the lives of **over 300,000 Haitians**.

We partnered with NGOs based in Haiti, Israel, and North America to address medical needs and **provide clean water, food, shelter kits, physical and psychological rehabilitation services, vocational training, leadership development, and quality educational opportunities through new model schools.**



Since 2019, JDC has been working in the Bahamas to help communities there recover from the devastating Hurricane Dorian.

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JDC receives significant funding support from Jewish Federations across North America through cooperation with JFNA and UIA Canada. Major funding partners also include: the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany, the Maurice and Vivienne Wohl Charitable Foundation, the Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Foundation, World Jewish Relief (UK), and tens of thousands of generous individual donors and foundations. The International Fellowship of Christians and Jews is a major operational partner.