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A Message from Our Leadership

This was a year of crisis and healing. JDC responded powerfully to the conflict in Ukraine and the ongoing threat of COVID-19, while continuing our core work far and wide. As you read this year’s report, we hope you’ll be inspired by our around-the-clock emergency efforts and discover impactful highlights from critical programs in Israel and in communities around the globe.

Our decades-long presence and local community partnerships positioned us with the expertise, infrastructure, and heroic professionals to save Jewish lives. In numerous conversations with refugees in Europe and those who remain in Ukraine, we heard stories of resilience and dedication from people who, despite having their lives overturned by the conflict, have focused on helping their fellow Jews and neighbors.

Hanna Pysana, an artist and teacher in Odesa long involved in JDC’s volunteer efforts and JCC activities, is one example. After being evacuated by JDC to Moldova, she sprang into action, helping coordinate our refugee relief efforts. Reflecting on the importance of this work she said: “I think that if we all are responsible to each other — we are all connected. And I can feel good, if someone else feels good. And if all people feel good in the world, I think the world would be different. It’s a global kind of thinking.”

Hanna’s words echo Jewish tradition and a special connectedness that motivates JDC’s timeless mission. Just as we will be there for Ukrainian Jews on the long road ahead, so too will we journey as partners with people and communities worldwide in charting their future. We can only do this with your help. And we are very honored and thankful to have your unwavering support in this life-saving work.

We would especially like to extend our deep thanks for the extraordinary generosity of our esteemed partners, including: Jewish Federations across North America through cooperation with JFNA and UIA Canada; 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); the Jack Buncher Trust; the International Fellowship of Christians and Jews; and other key philanthropic partners. Our ability to carry out our mission also lies in the boundless commitment of our Board of Directors and global staff.

For all of this, we are eternally grateful and energized to continue lifting lives for generations to come.

Mark B. Sisisky
President

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CEO
This is Who We Are. The Global Jewish 9-1-1.

For more than a century, JDC has been at the center of the saving of lives at times of crisis — and our expertise in doing so has been forged in history. From our founding in 1914 — when a group of American Jewish philanthropists aided starving Jews in Ottoman-era Palestine at the outset of WWI — JDC became a lasting lifeline to the global Jewish community and beyond.

Tracing the arc of modern Jewish life, we have been there for Jews in danger and great need. From the Holocaust to the founding of the State of Israel, from Operation Solomon to Argentina’s financial collapse, and from terror attacks to the COVID-19 pandemic, we have been there to aid Jews and Jewish communities. We have been there for millions of people ravaged by strife, conflict, and disasters of all kinds.

Below: In the early days of the conflict, subway stations became makeshift bomb shelters for Ukrainians in cities like Kharkiv and Kyiv. Opposite below: This 1922 photo shows a group waiting for the opening of the JDC soup kitchen in present-day Zaporizhzhia — part of a large-scale effort that helped nearly 2 million Jews survive famine. Opposite above: Holocaust survivor and JDC client Gallina Rashba receives a warm meal from her homecare worker in Odesa.

In dozens of countries over the course of the last 108 years, we were there. And as the global Jewish 9-1-1, we continue to be there — acting as the frontline of care, community, and healing — exemplified today in our response to the Ukraine crisis.

Jews and Jewish communities in Ukraine were forever changed on February 24th, 2022. As devastating images began pouring in, and the world grappled with how to handle the unfolding conflict, JDC was already on the ground providing aid to Jews living under fire, those willing and able to evacuate, and the thousands of refugees fleeing to neighboring countries.

JDC’s ability to quickly mobilize and respond in far-reaching and effective ways was not by chance. Our long history, infrastructure, and partnerships in the former Soviet region and Europe meant that we were not only there on February 24th; we’d been working hand-in-hand with Ukrainian Jews, other Jews in the post-Soviet space, and European Jewish communities for decades leading up to that day.

Over 30-plus years, JDC worked across the former Soviet Union to save Jewish lives and build Jewish life. In Ukraine alone, through our network of 18 Hesed social welfare centers, thousands of volunteers, and local staff, JDC served an estimated 37,000 Jewish elderly and 2,500 poor Jewish children and their families prior to the crisis.

JDC began preparing for what might unfold well before February 24th, mobilizing our vast local humanitarian relief network. The ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and 2014 Ukraine crisis made JDC’s network especially well-versed in emergency planning and implementation. In the months leading up to the conflict, JDC began providing additional food, medicine, and other supplies — to mitigate economic strife and prepare the Jews and Jewish communities we care for in the event of a worst-case scenario.

When that time came, we did not skip a beat. We were able to quickly aid the tens of thousands we already served and tens of thousands more we previously did not. For those who fled to the majority of Jews who remained, JDC became a symbol of hope, of life, and a promise to assist when all else seemed lost. We carry forward that commitment into the future as we aid those facing increasing need, rebuild what was destroyed, and help others build new lives whether in Ukraine or in countries they now call home.

This is simply who we are. This is what we do.
1915 WWI
World War I devastated the lives of Jews in Europe and Ottoman Palestine. Desperate and hungry, they had no one to turn to — until JDC delivered $1.5 million of support, along with 900 tons of food and medicine.

1917–1918 DP Camps
After World War II, tens of thousands of newly liberated Holocaust survivors had nothing to their name. JDC shipped 227 million pounds of supplies to help them rebuild, as well as support the religious activities that were equally necessary for a true recovery.

1940s WWII
JDC draws upon its resources to rescue and aid refugees in their flight from Nazi Europe to locations across the globe — subsidizing medical care, Jewish schools, welfare activities, vocational and agricultural training, and loan funds for German Jews, while also helping tens of thousands to emigrate. By 1940, JDC was aiding Jewish refugees in over 40 countries.

1948–1950 Operation Magic Carpet
In what was called “the largest human airlift in history,” JDC chartered close to 450 flights to airlift nearly the entire Yemenite Jewish community to the newly formed State of Israel. Prior to the flights and after the Yemenite Jews arrived in Israel, JDC organized educational, vocational, and language instruction classes to prepare immigrants for their new lives in Israel.

1949 Spiking Needs in Israel
With the new Jewish state under tremendous pressure to absorb Holocaust survivors, immigrants with disabilities, and the elderly and chronically ill, JDC partnered with the Jewish Agency for Israel and the Government of Israel to create Malben, a new national framework for providing care.

1962 Rescue of Algerian Jewish Community
When Algeria became independent, nearly its entire Jewish community sought refuge in France, fleeing harassment. JDC helped them evacuate and supported the French Jewish community’s massive expansion of services to absorb the newcomers, as well as successive waves of North African émigrés.

1979 Support for Cambodian Refugees
To assist Cambodian refugees fleeing to Thailand to escape the Khmer Rouge regime, JDC established its first “Open Mailbox,” which has allowed the American Jewish community to direct non-sectarian aid to those affected by natural and man-made catastrophes.

1989 Armenia Earthquake Airlift
In response to a devastating earthquake in Armenia in 1988, JDC financed and arranged an El Al airlift of more than 60 victims of the earthquake, most of them amputees, from Armenia to Israel. Once there, they underwent extensive rehab and were fitted for prosthetic limbs, returning home seven weeks later.

1991 Operation Solomon
When rebel forces closed in on Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, JDC helped plan and execute Operation Solomon, airlifting over 14,000 Jews to safety in Israel in just 36 hours.

2001 Argentina Financial Crisis
Starting in 2001, when Argentina’s economy collapsed, JDC mobilized a national network of Jewish organizations to deliver food, medicine, and other crucial supplies to more than 36,000 Jews in Buenos Aires and 14 remote communities.

2010 Haiti Earthquake
When a magnitude-7 earthquake struck Haiti, JDC mobilized immediately, working with on-the-ground partners to provide food, medicine, and other vital necessities to help earthquake victims rebuild their lives. JDC programs impacted more than 300,000 Haitians — 1 out of every 10 people affected by the catastrophic disaster.

2020–Present COVID-19 Pandemic
When the COVID-19 virus struck, JDC adapted its already vital life-saving services and community building programs to meet emerging needs introduced by the pandemic, while continuing its care for thousands of vulnerable clients.

Since Our Earliest Days, Aiding Those in Need.

In Ukraine, Decades of Care and Community.

1924-1938 Agro-Joint
JDC founded agricultural settlements and promoted an agrarian lifestyle for Jewish families in the newly established Soviet Union with the creation of Agro-Joint in July 1924. Consequently, 70,000 Jews were resettled in Ukraine and Crimea and taught to work the land and manage livestock in communally run settlements. In 1938, Agro-Joint was forced to dissolve by the Soviet regime, marking the last time JDC has a formal presence in the region until 1989.

1989 JDC Formally Returns to the Soviet Union
For the first time since 1938, JDC is invited to return to the Soviet Union. JDC quickly resumed its operations, prioritizing the rehabilitation and revitalization of Jewish life among Soviet Jews. JDC supports the training of educators, religious leaders, and communal professionals; builds Judaic libraries and imports Russian-language Jewish books and materials; and creates facilities for and implements an astonishing range of Jewish cultural and religious activities.

1990 Operation Passover
Nearly 11,000 Jews take part in JDC’s Operation Passover, which brings Jews across the Soviet Union together for communal Seders, with many celebrating the holiday for the first time.

2014 Ukraine Crisis
JDC, through its Hesed network, provided food, medicine, and continued care for affected clients, in addition to supporting thousands of IDPs (internally displaced people) and those refugees who fled east in the midst of the crisis.

2022 A Lifeline for Tens of Thousands
In hundreds of locations across Ukraine, JDC has been serving more than 35,000 Jewish elderly and vulnerable families through its network of JDC-supported Jewish Community Centers (JCCs), Hesed social welfare centers, Active Jewish Teens (AJT) chapters, volunteer centers, and more. Today, in the face of the current crisis, this vital work continues.
Voices of the Ukraine Crisis

“I left Odesa, crossed the border, and immediately my heart calmed down. I wouldn't be here without JDC — they gave me a green light all along the way. I didn't need to bang my head against the wall waiting for support. I called them, and right away, they told me to leave and helped make it happen.”

— Valentina Ichteiman, JDC client evacuated from Odesa, Ukraine

Photo: Arik Shraga
Voices of the Ukraine Crisis

“A crisis like this is never just a local issue. Maybe that’s why the situation is uniting people and uniting communities — we’re seeing such resilience and cooperation, and we’re seeing people helping each other. Today we’re not the ones in need, but you never know what might happen tomorrow.”

— Sasha Friedman, director of Szarvas, the JDC-Ronald S. Lauder Foundation international Jewish summer camp in Hungary
“JDC is everything to us. We can't imagine our lives without it. Jews don't abandon each other, so please keep helping us.”

— Evgen and Emilia (pictured) Nikitin, JDC clients in Dnipro, Ukraine
When the first explosions sounded on February 24, 88-year-old Natalia Berezhnaya found herself plunged into a sort of traumatic time travel.

“What am I feeling right now? Fear is not the word. It’s just that I can’t wrap my mind around the fact that in 1941, I had to hide in the basement of this building, and I’m going to have to do it again now,” said Berezhnaya, a Holocaust survivor and retired teacher who lives alone in Odesa and depends on JDC and the Claims Conference for food, medicine, and homecare. “I feel like I’m dreaming, like I’m having a nightmare.”

Berezhnaya is among the tens of thousands of elderly Ukrainian Jews and at-risk children and families — all clients of JDC before the conflict — who stayed in the country as the crisis began and who continued to receive life-saving humanitarian assistance even as rockets fell and air raid sirens blared. →

Inside Ukraine, Continuing Life-Saving Aid

Opposite: Holocaust survivor and JDC client Natalia Berezhnaya hugs her homecare worker, whom she credits with her survival during the Ukraine crisis.
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Leading up to this crisis, JDC-supported Hesed social welfare centers began to stockpile food, medicine, and other essential supplies to ensure Jews in need would have what they needed to survive, said Anatoliy Kesselman, director of the Hesed in Odesa.

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Across Ukraine, JDC and the Hesed system employ more than 3,500 homecare workers — many of whom have been paired with the same elderly Jews for years, developing a bond that begins to feel like family.

Though her job has now become exponentially more difficult, Valentina Smirnova — a homecare worker in Odesa — said it’s also become more important.

“It’s very hard to get to work between the sirens, but we must work. She’s become a member of my family,” Smirnova said of the 90-year-old woman she’s looked after for more than two years. “We’re all happy we have our JDC, and I’m so grateful to all those who help our ‘babushkas’ — the Jews of Ukraine. Believe me, at this terrible time, that help keeps them alive.”

As for Berezhnaya, she said her homecare worker is “my life — my eyes, my legs, my hands.”

“It’s tough to live in this world alone,” she said. “If not for JDC, I wouldn’t be able to survive. How can I not thank G-d for that?”

In some cities, JDC organized evacuations to help bring Jewish community members to safety in hotels and retreat centers in Western Ukraine — places like Truskavets, about 50 miles southeast of Lviv.

Boris Spivak and his wife lived in the hard-hit Saltivka neighborhood of Kharkiv, Ukraine’s second-largest city. When shelling partially destroyed their apartment building, they became internally displaced people (IDPs).

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“I’m very grateful to JDC for giving us an opportunity to stay here — in great conditions, with good food and medical support,” she said of her time in Truskavets. “It’s very, very hard, but the most crucial thing is when we’re given human kindness and understanding — that’s the greatest relief, as is the feeling that JDC will always care about us.”

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When Pini Miretski began creating JDC’s technology solutions to provide remote care and community connections for elderly Jews under lockdown during the COVID-19 pandemic, he had no idea the seniors’ smartphones would play a critical role in rescuing some of them during the conflict in Ukraine.

These older adults were among the nearly 13,000 Jews of all ages that JDC has evacuated from Ukraine since Feb. 25, the day after the crisis began. These complex operations entailed round-the-clock work and coordination by dozens of JDC staff and volunteers in Ukraine, Israel, and border countries like Poland and Moldova.

Evacuating the Most Vulnerable Jews
Together, they organized transportation, including buses, vans, and cars; care along the journey; and logistical support through treacherous conditions. The convoys often traveled through bombardment and destroyed infrastructure, frequently taking back roads to avoid main highways. These trips often took several days to reach safety. Once they crossed the border, JDC and its partners provided these thousands of Jews with food, medical care, accommodation, psychosocial support, and connections to local Jewish communities.

The convoys hailed from cities under siege and drew from crisis zones and danger, including during the Holocaust and the siege of Sarajevo in the 1990s.

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These discussions were made more harrowing given the trauma many Holocaust survivors suffered, especially as the early days of the crisis reminded them of events they experienced during World War II.

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“We needed to ensure that the unpredictable was predicted ahead of time, as they trusted us to bring them out of the conflict.”

Rescue teams would arrive at the home of the survivors and, in some cases, had to carry elderly down flights of stairs on a stretcher, into an ambulance waiting nearby. JDC and Claims Conference professionals in five countries across three continents worked together to plot a safe route and get the evacuees across Ukraine to Poland.

At the border, the survivors were either transferred to another ambulance or crossed directly over to make the journey to Germany or to countries like Austria, Israel, Moldova, and Poland. In Germany, the Claims Conference, together with the German government and local Jewish social service agencies, arranged for their long-term care in nursing homes in cities like Berlin and Dusseldorf.

Among them was Galina Ploschenko, a 90-year-old from Dnipro in eastern Ukraine. During the Holocaust, Galina’s father fought in the Red Army and she, her mother, and aunts were evacuated to Central Asia.

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Providing Humanitarian Aid to Refugees

When Galina Chornobyl, 95, crossed the Ukrainian border into Siret, Romania, she wasn’t sure what to expect, and she didn’t have a set plan: She just knew she needed to leave.

“I fled because of fear. I saw it from my window when the Kyiv TV tower was bombed. I didn’t want to die under the rubble of a destroyed building,” said Chornobyl, a longtime JDC client. “I ran so fast I forgot to take my dentures with me.”

But as soon as Chornobyl and her daughter Olga Goriachko saw the word “Hesed” on the side of the JDC-Federation of Romanian Jewish Communities (FEDROM) tent, they knew they’d be ok.

Opposite: A former volunteer turned JDC client, Galina Chornobyl fled Ukraine when she saw the Kyiv TV tower bombed from her apartment window, finding comfort and support at the JDC-FEDROM tent just over the Romanian border.
“It was like an oasis in the desert. They surrounded us immediately, offering food, water, help, comfort, and support,” Goriachko said. “We got to our people.”

Within minutes, Israel Sabag, the JDC country director for Romania, had secured the pair temporary accommodation in a Bucharest hotel, and soon after, they were set up in their own apartment in the city — just two of the more than 39,000 refugees JDC had already provided with vital necessities like food, medicine, and psychosocial aid in the first five months of the crisis alone.

“The chance to save Jewish lives daily gives us the energy to work around the clock,” Sabag said. “We’re living through history, and JDC’s experience doing this work since 1914 is what gives us the tools and responsibility to respond immediately to the needs of thousands of people coming from Ukraine.”

Across Europe, JDC and local Jewish communities worked to meet refugees at the border and house thousands of Ukraine’s Jews in temporary shelters — Jewish Community Centers (JCCs), hotels and guesthouses, retreat centers, and more.

Before the crisis began, Liudmila Mechina was working as the chief administrator at JCC KEDEM in Chișinău, Moldova, but within days of the Feb. 24 invasion, she began overseeing three sites in the city’s suburbs that housed hundreds of refugees before they were sunsetted.

“People came to us exhausted, angry, panic-stricken, and terrified after everything they lived through, but after a few days, you’d see them calm down a bit,” Mechina said. “Everybody here put in 100 percent of their physical and mental effort, and the refugees began to understand that we were here to help them.”

When Viktoria Bykova made the decision to flee — a multi-day journey that saw her driving at night with her headlights off on roads that had been set with mines — she was met at the border by Darek Plochocki, the security guard at the JDC-supported Warsaw JCC who volunteered to be the first set of helping hands people saw as they crossed into Poland.

A Jewish communal professional in her hometown of Melitopol, she said it felt meaningful to know the same organization that supported her Jewish community in Ukraine was responsible for housing and feeding her family in Poland.

“When we crossed the border, Darek and others in JDC blue jackets approached us, asking questions and making sure we were ok. When we saw them, we breathed a sigh of relief — these were our people, our Jewish community, and everything was going to be fine,” said Bykova, who helped run children’s activities in the Warsaw Hampton Inn where she and her two children lived for more than three months.

“JDC has a big soul — big enough to give warmth and support to so many people.”

For Karina Sokolowska, the JDC country director in Poland, that’s what it’s all about.

“Even months into this, we’re still housing hundreds of people in Poland, still providing daily programming for children and teenagers, still trying to integrate people into local Jewish community life, but it’s not only about providing food or shelter. It’s about embracing them,” she said. “Each family comes to us with their luggage and their trauma, and it’s our job to try to help make these horrific circumstances a little easier. It’s important to us, and I hope the families we’re privileged to host feel it, too.”

JDC worked around the clock in border countries like Hungary, Moldova, Poland, and Romania to feed, clothe, and house tens of thousands of refugees.

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VENO: Klara and Raisa’s Story
Connect with the powerful testimony of two Ukrainian women who found refuge at a JDC shelter in Moldova.
Answering the Call for Ukraine’s Jews

For years, Evgenia Kasap and her family received JDC humanitarian assistance — food, bedding, school supplies for her two sons, and more.

Then, overnight, she traded places: She became the voice on the other end of the line for Jews needing emergency aid and human connection as they fled Ukraine.

“It was a call from within — simply, help people,” said Kasap, now a key leader at the JDC-supported volunteer center in Chișinău, Moldova. “JDC provides people with help, ensures they’re not alone or forgotten, and works to unite Jewish people all over the world. This was one way I could give back.”

Opposite: After years of receiving JDC support for her family, Evgenia Kasap jumped into action when the Ukraine crisis began, manning an emergency hotline in Moldova.
Since the conflict broke out in February, JDC has operated emergency hotlines in collaboration with Jewish communities in Ukraine and nine other European countries. Five months into the crisis, hotline staffers in Ukraine, Moldova, and Israel had already fielded 60,000 calls and counting.

With every phone call, Kasap and other hotline operators deliver critical help to those with nowhere else to turn — and the need is immense.

“We work from 8 in the morning until 10 at night,” Kasap said in early March, just a few weeks into the conflict. “Very often, people call at night and don’t know where to go. They ask us to help them find a place to stay, and so we work quickly — doing whatever we can to find a place that can take them in.”

The JDC hotlines are a lifeline for Ukraine’s Jews, a source of both practical assistance — accommodation, transportation, and medicine — and connection to community for those in danger. Terrified callers, many sheltering from bombs and other threats, hear the supportive voice of someone who speaks their language and can guide them to safety.

“We receive calls from people who are trying to get out of harm’s way, or from refugees who have already arrived and don’t know where to go,” Kasap said. “We do all in our power to support them and direct them on their journey to whatever’s next.”

The hotlines can also save lives, with operators often serving as the first sign of hope for those caught in immediate danger. They’re also the first people to alert JDC’s on-the-ground team that someone needs help.

That was the case for Pola Barkan, a native Russian-speaker who works as the director of venture development at Hackavemet, JDC’s social innovation hub in Lod, Israel. When the crisis began, Barkan put that role on pause to help staff JDC’s Israel-based hotline.

One night, she received a call from a mother in Kharkiv, breathless and frantic.

“She told me, ‘I’m sitting in a basement with my month-old baby and I’m running out of formula,’” Barkan recalled.

The mother of an infant herself, Pola jumped into action, connecting the woman with local volunteers who rushed to assist her and her newborn.

“As mothers, we always try to do the best for our children. We’re willing to sacrifice everything for them, whatever it takes,” Barkan said. “When I learned that our colleagues on the ground reached her and gave her the formula she needed, I could finally breathe again.”

Barkan’s story is a testament to the seamlessness of JDC’s call-center system. When an incoming JDC hotline call is marked as urgent, data about the situation is directed to staff and volunteers at JDC-supported Hesed social welfare centers in Ukraine who, in many cases, already have deep relationships with the callers. Once they’re alerted, Hesed staff work to quickly meet the needs of the vulnerable and elderly.

It all happens thanks to the Hamal — the Jerusalem-based “situation room” that gathers real-time data about traffic at various border crossings, open beds in refugee camps and centers across Europe, and messages received by call-center operators like Kasap and Barkan.

“Once the conflict began, we quickly realized that a lot of information was flowing in. The Hamal organizes this data, helping JDC make informed decisions,” said Shay Kognitsky, who manages the Hamal in peacetime. “We can leverage this data to show people — people like our supporters and future generations studying modern Jewish history — the full picture of our response.”

For Kasap, answering calls in a Jewish Community Center located 1,100 miles from the nerve center in Jerusalem, it all comes down to the people on the other end of the line.

“We try to give moral support to those who are left alone and, if possible, provide them with medical supplies and food,” she said. “There are so many stories and so many calls. We’re always trying to help as much as we can.”

The Hamal — or “nerve center” at JDC’s Jerusalem campus was the first sign of hope for those caught in immediate danger.

The “puzzle pieces” include data submitted by call-center operators, as well as information flowing in through social media, government sources, and other aid organizations. JDC staffers like Kognitsky then evaluate the raw material to understand where help is needed and how to prioritize multiple emergency requests.

“Ultimately, these decisions save lives,” he said. “And in the future, perhaps we can use a tool like the Hamal in peacetime. We can leverage this data to show people — people like our supporters and future generations studying modern Jewish history — the full picture of our response.”

From her desk in Jerusalem, Pola helped save lives in Ukraine. Discover why working at JDC inspires her.
When Kristina Gladunova boarded the bus that evacuated her from Ukraine, she couldn’t have imagined she’d soon be assisting JDC — the same organization that helped rescue her family.

Before the crisis, Gladunova was living in Odesa, raising her toddler daughter and working in marketing as a project manager. But soon after the first rockets fell, she left everything behind — her husband, her parents, and her job — to flee to safety at a JDC refugee center on the outskirts of Chișinău, Moldova.

That’s when she discovered a new purpose: volunteering to help her fellow refugees.

“In the beginning, I needed to act, to do something useful. I can’t sit still,” Gladunova said. “The second day I was here, I went to the JDC office and asked what I could do to help.”

Gladunova and her daughter are just two of the tens of thousands of refugees that JDC has assisted since the Feb. 24 invasion. As a volunteer, Gladunova paid it forward, playing a key role in coordinating logistics at the facility where she, too, was making a new home — figuring out room assignments and preparing for the buses that took other Ukrainian Jews to their next destinations.

“Every bus you sent to the airport, you felt like, ‘Check! Someone else made it,’” she said. “History has brought us Jews together — it’s in our blood now. Even on a global level, in different parts of the world, Jews help and support each other.”

That same sense of mutual responsibility powered Hanna Pysana — an artist and Jewish educator living in Odesa before the crisis and a graduate of JDC’s Metsuda leadership program — in her volunteer efforts.

“When the conflict began, Pysana boarded a bus to safety in Moldova and quickly joined JDC’s humanitarian response — giving back to fellow refugees facing similar challenges.

“I volunteer because I’m human, just like them. I want to live — and I want to make sure they can, too,” Pysana said. “We are home for people right now, and our task as JDC is to provide people with a feeling of safety and the understanding that life goes on.”

The Ukraine emergency also catalyzed existing volunteers in European Jewish communities — people like Florentina Lavi in Bucharest. She has volunteered with her city’s JDC-supported Jewish communities, and in many European Jewish communities, existing volunteers — like Florentina Lavi in Bucharest, Romania — pivoted to focus on the Ukraine crisis.
Community Center (JCC) for years but took a few weeks off work shortly after the crisis began to take a more active role in the Romanian Jewish community’s refugee response.

“I try to help as much as I can. I listen to their stories, and I give them everything they need — even hugs, even kisses,” said Lavi, who put together aid packages for Ukrainians and helped to find them transportation and accommodation. “I have tears in my eyes, and it’s hard, but I’m also happy because I can give them a piece of happiness. That’s so important right now.”

Working to provide emotional, logistical, and educational support, JDC Entwine deployed volunteers who have played a key role in assisting refugees in countries like Poland and Hungary.

Early into the crisis, Entwine partnered with the Jewish Federations of North America (JFNA), who led the creation of the Ukraine Volunteer Hub — a centralized address for those wanting to support Ukrainian refugees. Since March, nearly 100 skilled, Russian-speaking volunteers from North America have been placed at sites operated by JDC and the Jewish Agency for Israel (JAFI).

“Volunteers deployed through the Hub have brought critical expertise and capacity, and they’ve helped JDC meet the extraordinary needs on the ground,” said Shaun Hoffman, Entwine’s executive director. “This experience has provided important support in response to the crisis, but it’s also had a transformative impact on the Jewish identities of the volunteers, and they’ll bring that back to their home communities — it’s the value of global Jewish responsibility in action.”

And for one Entwine volunteer — Klementyna Poźniak, stationed in Krakow as a Global Jewish Service Corps Fellow — the work was especially personal.

A native of Poland, she has spent months assisting JCC Krakow in its efforts to house, feed, and provide humanitarian aid to Ukrainian refugees. Poźniak was also able to find housing for the family of an Entwine colleague originally from Kyiv — the kind of interconnected humanitarian response that “shows the strength of our global community,” she said.

For Poźniak and other volunteers, each individual action — every article of clothing provided, every hotel room secured for a refugee family — adds up to a powerful large-scale response.

“It’s still amazing to me that I get to do this. I’ve always seen JDC as the 9-1-1 of the Jewish world, and it’s very humbling to be just one cog in that machine,” she said. “What we’re doing here may seem like a drop in the bucket, but each drop creates a ripple, and you never know where that will lead.”

Right: Volunteers helped to coordinate housing, meals, cultural activities, and more at JDC refugee camps like this one in Vadul lui Vodă, Moldova. Opposite: Many volunteers were graduates of programs like Metsuda, JDC’s flagship leadership training initiative in the former Soviet Union.

VIDEO: Kristina’s Story
Hear directly from Kristina why she’s so proud to partner with JDC and why our work assisting refugees like her is so critical.
When Dr. Avery Hart first heard the news coming out of Ukraine in late February, he knew he had to help.

A retired internist from Skokie, Illinois, Hart quickly sought out an organization that could use his skills and landed on NATAN Relief Worldwide — the Israeli NGO that connects volunteers with people impacted by natural and man-made disasters and which has partnered with JDC since the 2010 Haiti earthquake.

Within a week, he was on the ground in Przemyśl, a Polish city less than 10 miles from the border with Ukraine, working at the JDC-NATAN medical clinic housed inside a massive refugee absorption center there.
Obviously, from a medical point of view, we’re trained to see 20,000 refugees. For Hart, certain cases were hard to shake: the woman who had gone days without dialysis, the diabetic elderly gentleman with blood sugar five times the normal level, the patient in kidney failure who had received temporary shelter at a nearby convent, where she received a great need for the type of quality non-sectarian intervention that JDC could offer.

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Like other volunteers, Hart was stationed for two weeks at the clinic, the first of its kind in the area. In those early days of the Ukraine crisis, when the flow of refugees streaming over the border was at its peak, he and his team saw men, women, and children with ailments like high blood pressure, dehydration, and complications from chronic conditions they had left untreated as they fled.

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Across Europe, Integrating Ukraine’s Jews

Maxim Delchev was just a child in the late 1990s when Bulgaria suffered through financial instability in the wake of the Communist government’s collapse, but he still vividly recalls the way that JDC and other international Jewish organizations helped his friends and neighbors in their hour of need.

Twenty-five years later, Delchev — now the director of Jewish education for Shalom, the umbrella organization for Bulgarian Jewry — said it’s the memory of those lean years that’s helping power his community’s response to the crisis in Ukraine.

Opposite: Maxim Delchev, who heads up Bulgarian Jewish educational initiatives, said his community’s response to the Ukraine crisis is influenced by the help JDC provided them in the 1990s.
“I remember my grandmother going to the synagogue to receive food packages from JDC, paid for by Jews in the United States simply because there were Jews in need in Bulgaria,” he said. “Now we’re in a similar situation — we don’t know these people, but we know they need help. I’m happy we’re able to do what other people did for us. That’s our response to Ukraine. It wasn’t a question. It’s opening our doors and saying, ‘You are welcome.’”

The Bulgarian Jewish community continues to integrate the refugees — connecting them with open apartments, inviting them to camps, holiday celebrations, and other community gatherings, and enrolling Ukrainian students in Sofia’s Jewish day school.

For Julie Georgieva, Shalom’s director of client services and membership, it’s a response in line with her community’s mission and values even during peacetime. She said she smiles each time she sees a Ukrainian family at a community event like a Purim party or Passover Seder, and she was especially proud that when Shalom posted a questionnaire shortly after the Feb. 24 invasion asking community members to help the new arrivals, more than 200 people responded — a significant percentage of the Bulgarian Jewish community.

“In times of crisis, we can really see how strong our community is, and our people definitely stepped up,” said Georgieva, whose mother is originally from Kharkiv, Ukraine. “It’s a serious source of stress to lose your friends and your classmates, to be in another country where you don’t speak the language. I believe we’ve helped these families feel secure, safe, and very welcome.”

Georgieva’s is just one among many European Jewish communities that have partnered with JDC to absorb Ukrainian refugees and connect them with Jewish life in their new cities.

In Poland’s capital, the JDC-supported JCC Warszawa began putting out many of its communications in Ukrainian, along with the usual Polish and English, and Ukrainian refugee children were welcomed to Atid, the annual Polish Jewish summer camp.

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The JCC also hosted a series of “refugee Shabbat” events designed to make new Ukrainian members of the community feel especially welcomed and wanted, said Marta Saracyn, the center’s interim director.

“We may still be a growing community, but we have enough to offer people who have come here. We can give them a sense of security and a chance to breathe, and we’re there emotionally,” she said. “We didn’t turn away and pretend it wasn’t our business. We showed up for our fellow humans in need — because those are the values that drive us.”

It’s a response that means the world to Ukrainian refugees like Ann Kobtseva, who fled Odesa with her elderly mother and settled in Sofia in early March. A few days into her time in Bulgaria, Kobtseva remembered to check in with the Jewish community, though she was unsure what to expect when she rang the doorbell of the Shalom building on Aleksandar Stamboliyski Boulevard.

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“I get the chills when I talk about it. Here we are in wartime, living almost the same life as if we were at home. We have our own place, and we have people who care about us,” Kobtseva said. “They took care of us — not like we were friends or visitors or refugees, but as a part of the community.”

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In the first six months of the crisis alone, JDC assisted more than 39,000 Ukrainian refugees — people like Katya Shynderova, a former Jewish communal worker from Konotop, Ukraine, who found shelter at the JDC-supported KEDEM JCC in Chișinău, Moldova.
Global Highlights

JDC ARCHIVES

JDC’s Global Archives continued its critical work documenting the history of the organization. One highlight this year is an oral history project in which 18 retired senior JDC staff who served from the 1970s until the early 2000s were interviewed by veteran peers. These new testimonies — along with an online finding aid created to assist researchers — will offer historians and the public access to first-hand reflections from those tasked for decades with engineering JDC’s swift response to major global events.

The Archives team has also worked to index 11,000 JDC case files from post-World War II Czechoslovakia and over 76,000 case files from JDC’s work with Soviet and other Eastern European transmigrant refugees. Families are now able to request their entire case files — a major genealogical resource for those assisted by JDC’s Vienna and Rome offices during the Cold War.

Another major focus for the Archives was the creation of an online exhibit — featuring never-before-seen video footage, photos, text documents, and first-person accounts — devoted to exploring the “morale-boosting tours” JDC organized to help uplift the mental well-being of Holocaust survivors by bringing popular artists, Leonard Bernstein among them, to perform in the displaced persons (DP) camps in Europe. The Archives also awarded its 2021 JDC Archives Documentary Film Grant to Phyllis Lee’s “After the Final No,” which will explore themes of resilience and post-traumatic growth at Foehrenwald, the last Jewish DP camp to close in 1957.

JDC ENTWINE

Building on its deep expertise in designing and implementing immersive experiences, JDC Entwine quickly pivoted during the COVID-19 pandemic to adapt to the new reality and create a robust set of virtual engagement offerings for young Jews: virtual global service opportunities, travel options, giving circles, and book clubs, among other offerings. And as international travel ramped up again in early 2022, expectations of pent-up demand for global experiences played out, since re-launching its flagship week-long Insider Trip program in late 2021, JDC Entwine has seen a 250 percent oversubscription rate, with more than three applicants for every spot available on trips to countries like the United Arab Emirates, Rwanda, Greece, Israel, Argentina, and more.

Additionally, Entwine continued to expand one of its most successful pandemic innovations: Domestic Insider Trips taking place within the U.S. — a highly accessible and less expensive option for Entwine’s target audience. Entwine now offers an extensive hybrid program platform — an approach that has successfully engaged nearly 15,400 Jewish young adults through both in-person and virtual touchpoints in 2021 and 2022.

ISRAEL

In November 2021, JDC and the Government of Israel (GOI) signed a historic five-year contract, which will ensure that JDC remains a major partner in developing social services and increasing opportunities for all Israelis. This agreement, which encompasses all of JDC’s initiatives in the country, will bolster investment in some of the country’s most pressing social issues: breaking cycles of poverty among the most vulnerable, improving the wellbeing and resilience of older adults, fostering inclusion and independent living for people with disabilities, and providing access to opportunity for all.

Earlier that year, the GOI also approved the JDC Eshel-developed Optimal Aging Dashboard as the country’s National Index for Optimal Aging in Israel, which will now serve as a “north star” for Israel’s elderly sector. The dashboard codifies a shared set of indices for determining and measuring the extent to which Israel’s older adults are healthy and living independently — metrics that will guide policy-making, budget allocations, and program development.

These developments will allow JDC, along with its partners — the Government of Israel, municipal leaders, the business sector, and NGOs — to continue the vital work of driving systemic change with regard to Israel’s most complex social challenges.
After two summers without in-person programming due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Szarvas — the flagship JDC-Ronald S. Lauder Foundation international Jewish summer camp in rural Hungary — reopened in summer 2022, with hundreds of campers from across Europe and the world joyfully returning to an updated and refreshed campus. The improvements were made possible thanks to the generous support of more than 20 donors to a capital campaign that also served to cement an endowment that will guarantee the camp’s strong and sustainable future.

With major refurbishments of existing facilities as well as the addition of some new installations, the renovations — which include partial winterization, allowing the grounds to be a resource for Jewish communities year-round — mean Szarvas will thrive as an incubator of Jewish leadership development in Europe and beyond for years to come.

JDC continued its proud history of comprehensive, impactful welfare support for the Jewish community of Morocco, where the organization has worked since 1940.

JDC entered Morocco during World War II, when it provided food, medical care, and vocational training to Jewish refugees escaping Nazi-occupied Europe. To assist many of the 300,000 local Moroccan Jews living in difficult conditions, JDC helped support OSE (Oeuvre de Secours aux Enfants), an organization that worked to secure medical services for the country’s poorest Jews. OSE still operates today.

Building on these efforts, in 1949, JDC launched a full-scale assistance program that supported, among other things: homes for the elderly, Jewish school systems and nutrition programs within these schools; milk distribution stations; infant clinics and preschool centers that helped combat malnutrition and child mortality; and vocational training to help fight poverty. Today, JDC works in partnership with the community to provide social welfare assistance to the needy and support Jewish education and cultural programming for this small but dynamic community of about 1,500 Jews.

In 2021, 430 vulnerable Jews received assistance through the OSE medical clinic, which reaches clients in six cities. In addition, JDC partnered with the Moroccan Jewish community to continue to care for the most vulnerable elderly Jews — 23 residents of the Maison du Bel Age old-age home in Casablanca, and six residents of another facility in Tangier; 65 individuals across the country also received material support and humanitarian assistance.

In 2021, 231 people were evacuated from Sarajevo — a powerful echo of the organization’s work to evacuate 2,100 Jews, Muslims, and Christians in 11 bus convoys during the siege of Sarajevo in 1992.

JDC’s investment and support, in partnership with the Bosnian and Serbian Jewish communities, meant that 231 people were vaccinated in Belgrade — approximately one-third of the adult population of the Bosnian Jewish community.

“My message is simple — thank you,” said Vlad Andrle, the community’s welfare department director. “Without you, we wouldn’t manage to sustain our Jewish life.”

A program promoting digital literacy among older adults, helps close the digital gap and reduce the isolating effects of the pandemic. With the help of 100+ trained volunteers, the project has already reached 150 older adults, and involves a personalized, one-on-one learning and teaching process. In 2022, JDC continued to engage more volunteers and participants in Virtuali.
Inside Ukraine and in border countries, young volunteers were critical to JDC’s response — like this group of Moldovans, pictured here assisting a Ukrainian refugee at a shelter outside Chișinău.
2021 Global Expenses (Actuals)\(^1\)

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<td><strong>Program Delivery</strong></td>
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2021 Revenue

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<td>Foundations &amp; Individuals</td>
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<td>Government</td>
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<td>JDC Board of Directors</td>
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2021 Expenses

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<td>Case for Nazi Victims in the FSU</td>
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<td>Innovative Social Services in Israel</td>
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<td>Other Care Programs</td>
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<td>Building Jewish Life/Community Development</td>
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<td><strong>TOTAL</strong></td>
<td>100.0%</td>
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\(^1\) These figures differ somewhat from those in the audited financial statements on pages 55-57 because the convention for recognizing revenue and expense, as well as expense classification can vary, and because the combination of affiliated entities included in this report on our spending differs from the entities consolidated in the audited financial statements.
JDC’s Global Reach

Today, JDC’s urgent mission continues: rescuing Jews and others in danger and crisis, alleviating hunger and hardship, and renewing and connecting Jewish communities. Each year, JDC impacts more than 1 million lives worldwide.

Consolidated Financial Information

The following is a summary of the audited Financial Statements for The American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, Inc. (JDC) for the year ended December 31, 2021. For a copy of the full Financial Statements and Independent Auditor’s Report, email Ophir Singal, JDC Chief Financial Officer, at financials@JDC.org or access at www.JDC.org/financials.

Consolidated Balance sheet 2021

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<td>Accounts Payable &amp; Accrued Expenses</td>
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<td>Loans Payable</td>
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<td>Due to Others</td>
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Consolidated Statement of Activities 2021

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<td>Management &amp; General</td>
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<td>Fund Raising</td>
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<td><strong>Total Supporting Services</strong></td>
<td>30,450,696</td>
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| Total Expenses                              | $340,579,119 |

Changes in Net Assets

| Changes in Net Assets Before Other Changes  | $29,275,634  |
| Excess of Investment Return, Net           | 67,002,143   |
| Contributions for Capital Projects          | 8,142,833    |
| Gain on Disposal of Fixed Assets           | 1,362,530    |
| Pensions and Non-Qualified Plans Adjustments| 5,374,462    |
| **Changes in Net Assets**                  | $110,957,602 |

Net Assets — Beginning of Year               | $715,305,149 |

| Net Assets — End of Year                    | $826,262,751 |
**Consolidated Statement of Functional Expenses**

### Program Services

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<tr>
<th>Grants to Supported Organizations and Affiliates</th>
<th>FSU</th>
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| Totals of Grants to Supported Organizations and Affiliates | $139,584,387 | $69,283,216 | $7,977,378 | $5,444,158 | $222,289,139 |

### Supporting Services

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<th>Other Expenses</th>
<th>Management and General</th>
<th>Fund Raising</th>
<th>Total</th>
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<td>Payroll, Benefits, and Other Staff Costs</td>
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<td>$35,914,703</td>
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<td>Depreciation and Amortization</td>
<td>$1,466,705</td>
<td>$854,571</td>
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| Total Expenses 2021 | $158,375,084 | $120,725,929 | $14,390,109 | $16,638,138 | $310,128,423 | $20,624,228 | $9,082,468 | $310,579,119 |

| Total Expenses 2020 | $156,420,529 | $119,035,330 | $50,553,830 | $14,485,452 | $340,495,141 | $19,283,044 | $11,627,036 | $371,005,221 |
Thank you for being our partners in saving Jewish lives and building Jewish life.
Celebrating Our Supporters

Wohl Foundation

Wohl Foundation Trustees with JDC Professionals visiting the JDC Wohl Society Garden at JDC’s Jerusalem Campus (L to R: JDC’s Shoshana Aharon, Clare Edwards, Wendy Aryeh, Andrew Lugg, JDC’s Arieh Doobov, Pat Stanton and Howard Stanton), June 2022.

Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Foundation

Left: Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Foundation Trustee Nimrod Goor affixes a mezuzah in the newly renovated Weinberg Lobby on JDC’s Jerusalem campus, as Arieh Doobov looks on, April 2022. Right: Opening of the Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Lobby, at the newly renovated JDC building in Jerusalem (from L to R: Arieh Doobov, Weinberg Trustee Nimrod Goor, Sigal Shlach, Weinberg Professional Raff Rone, Weinberg President & CEO Rachel Munro), April 2022.

Our Partners in Chicago


New York City Ambassadors Symposium

JDC’s Board at Work

Welcome Back Reconvening Board Dinner
JDC’s Board convened in person in NYC in May 2022 for the first time since the onset of the Covid-19 pandemic.

Standing in Solidarity: Board Fly-In to Poland

Boutique Board Trip to Israel
JDC’s operations across the globe are made possible thanks to the special partnership we share with JFNA and Jewish Federations across North America. Federations’ annual support for these operations serves as the foundation upon which we are able to respond in times of crisis and emergency and provide life-saving assistance to Jews in harm’s way. In 2022, JFNA and Federations’ emergency campaigns are funding historic levels of urgently needed services for tens of thousands of Jews in duress within Ukraine and those being absorbed as refugees in neighboring countries.
We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the thousands of supporters whose incredible care and generosity have made it possible for us to impact tens of thousands of lives around the world. Below we recognize those who contributed $5,000 or more in 2022 to support JDC’s many life-saving and life-lifting programs around the world. Our supporters who have given $10,000 or more toward JDC’s core funding and humanitarian relief efforts appear in bold with recognition of their advancement of our global mission.

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$5,000,000+
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Anonymous (3)

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Anonymous

**Foundation**
$10,000 – $19,999
Anonymous (1)

**Member**
$5,000 – $9,999
Anonymous (5)

**Sustainer**
$1,000 – $4,999
Anonymous (3)

**Associate**
$500 – $999
Anonymous (1)

**Supporter**
$250 – $499
Anonymous (2)

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$100 – $249
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**Supporter**
$50 – $99
Anonymous (2)

**Sustainer**
$25 – $49
Anonymous (1)

**Member**
$10 – $24
Anonymous (2)

**Associate**
$5 – $9
Anonymous (1)

**Supporter**
$1 – $4
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**Foundations, Corporations, & Institutions**

**Patriot**
$1,000,000+
Samis Foundation
Barry and Robin Stein
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The Ronald S. Lauder Foundation
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$250,000 – $499,999
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The Bay Area Jewish Community Foundation
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$100,000 – $249,999
The Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Foundation
Anonymous (4)

**Contributor**
$50,000 – $99,999
Anonymous (1)

**Member**
$25,000 – $49,999
Anonymous (1)

**Supporter**
$10,000 – $19,999
Anonymous (1)

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Anonymous (4)

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**Member**
$25,000 – $49,999
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**Supporter**
$10,000 – $19,999
Anonymous (1)

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In these unprecedented times of crisis, rescue, and relief, we at JDC want to extend a very special thank you to JDC supporters who have made a gift of $5,000 or more between January 1 and June 1, 2022. Your acuity to ‘underwrite the matter’ of humanitarian relief and your immediate response to the unfolding crisis in Ukraine allowed JDC to respond with lightning speed, supporting tens of thousands of Jews and Ukrainians in Ukraine, and those leaving to pioneer new lives beyond their borders.

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Airbnb.org*
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JDC evacuated more than 12,900 refugees from Ukraine in the first six months of the crisis alone.
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The Second Century Campaign (SCC) aims to raise $200 million for JDC’s endowment, which will secure JDC’s essential core functions in the future and ensure that the organization will always be prepared to respond — whatever the future holds for the Jewish People.

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A family of Ukrainian refugees receives a Passover food package at their temporary housing in Bucharest, Romania.
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