



# Stewardship Report

## 2025

A Year of Connection, Collaboration  
& Global Jewish Impact





# Leading with Vision, Inspiring Success

Dear JCC Global Friends,

As we navigate an extraordinary year marked by both challenge and growth, we are humbled by the resilience of the global JCC network and the steadfast support of partners like you. Together, we continue to nurture Jewish peoplehood across the world and foster vibrant, interconnected communities.

Guided by the 2025-2029 Strategic Plan, this report shares highlights from January to July 2025—made possible thanks to your generosity and belief in our shared mission.

With gratitude and optimism,

  
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## The JCC Global Network

**60+**  
countries

**200+**  
cities

**1000+**  
JCCs

**3.5 M**  
Served  
Annually



# Creating Partnerships

## Around the World

“JCC Global - From Good to Great” program, made possible thanks to a grant from the Jewish Federation of North America, established 10 long term global partnerships between 11 JCCs in Ukraine and 21 JCCs around the world



The program was launched at the JCC Global conference in Budapest, bringing together more than 100 participants from 10 countries - Argentina, Hungary, Israel, Italy, Mexico, Poland, Serbia, Ukraine, UK and USA.



We thank Leslie Rubin Weinberg, Jane Gellman, the Jewish Federation of Atlanta, the Jewish Community Fund of West Palm Beach and the JCC in Redbridge, NJ for their additional donations to the participating JCCs in Ukraine



# Highlights of JCC Global

## From Good to Great

**32    106    856    22**

JCCs

Lay leaders and  
staff members

Participants in  
Zoom sessions

Mentoring  
Sessions



### JCC Global-Women2Women

A Celebration of Culture and Connection: A global project for 36 women from Hesed Nefesh, Poltava, Ukraine; Hesed Haim Sumy, Ukraine, and the Pardesia Community Center, Israel. Local in-person meetings and joint online sessions featured dance, Yiddish songs and Jewish cuisine. The journey will continue in October at a joint one week in-person seminar in Krakow, Poland.



### JCC Global - Teens Connect

A global project of Beit Grand JCC, Odesa, Ukraine; Shimon and Sara Birnbaum JCC, Bridgewater, New Jersey and Migvanim, Ramat Hasharon, Israel. Thanks to the warm invitation of the Bridgeater JCC, teens from Odesa and Ramat Hasharon flew to New Jersey in July where they joined the camp team as junior instructors for two weeks and were hosted by local families.



### JCC Global - RaZoom

A global project of JCC Solomonika, Dnipro, Ukraine; Edith and Carl Marks JCH of Bensonhurst, New York, USA and Krakow JCC, Poland. An innovative international tutoring initiative whereby young adults from NY and Krakow tutor children in Dnipro- creating not just academic progress, but meaningful cross-border connections.



### JCC Global - Voices Remembered

A global project of Hesed Hana, Kryvyi Rih, Ukraine; Mandel JCC Palm Beach Gardens, Palm Beach Gardens, FL, USA and JCC Budapest Bálint Ház, Budapest, Hungary. While the filming of Holocaust survivors by local teens is still being developed, in-person delegations visited Budapest: In the spring teens from Kryvyi Rih and in July teens from West Palm Beach.



# Amplifying Support for Ukraine Regional Impact



Graduation of the Content Creation course at the JCC in Kyiv

## SecondStride Employment Initiative



JCC Global's SecondStride initiative has successfully addressed Ukraine's wartime employment crisis through an innovative, network-based approach spanning eight JCCs nationwide. In its inaugural year, the program served 1041 individuals, with 226 people (21.7%) securing employment through full-time positions, part-time work, freelancing opportunities, or launching their own businesses. The program was made possible thanks to a grant from UJA Federation of New York.



A family attending a Healing Retreat at the JCC in Kharkiv

## Mental Health and Healing Programs



Thanks to a grant from the Jack Buncher Foundation, 10 JCCs across Ukraine and Moldova served more than 2,200 individuals. The grant provided psychological, social, and healing programs for displaced refugees from Ukraine and for individuals with special needs, with JCC Global serving as a facilitator and supervisor.



## The Dr. Mark Ramer Hub for Directors and Senior Staff of JCCs in Ukraine: Building Capacity, Building Community



The Hub meets once a month online to enable peer support, enrichment, and ongoing guidance. This year the sessions focused, thus far, on strategic planning and board development. The program is implemented in partnership with JDC.



Free Shop at JCC Krakow

## Helping Ukrainian Refugees



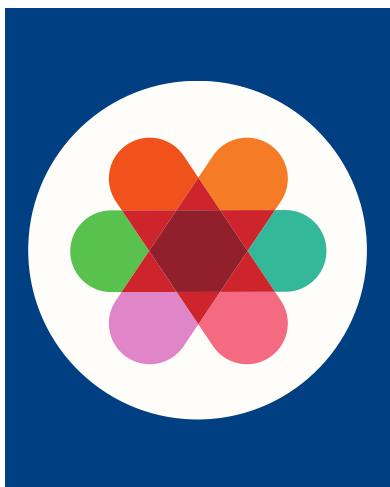
The war forced countless Ukrainians to leave their communities and seek safety across borders. Thanks to a grant from the Ronald S. Roadburg Foundation, JCC Budapest and JCC Krakow were able to provide community activities, summer camp events, mental health sessions and personalized support to hundreds of immigrants. The grant also expanded mental health support in Ukraine.



# Supporting Jewish Life & Community

## Da'at program for Jewish Educators in Former Yugoslavia communities

Now in its fifth year, this regional initiative led by JCC Global and Haver Srbija has entered a new phase. With support from the Pincus Fund, the program is aimed at creating and leading values-based educational programs. It features a Dr. Mark Ramer Hub, a seminar in Slovenia and project implementation.



## CDI Mexico's 51st Carlos Halpert Jewish Dance Festival

JCC Global proudly supported the Festival, which brought together over 2,000 dancers and more than 10,000 attendees



## Israeli Communities in Europe

JCC Global, together with ECJC, is looking to foster sustainable relationships between the established local Jewish communities and emerging Israeli/Jewish immigrant groups for the benefit of all.

## Holiday Celebrations

JCC Global continues to strengthen global Jewish connections by celebrating online holidays in creative, collaborative ways with hundreds of participants.

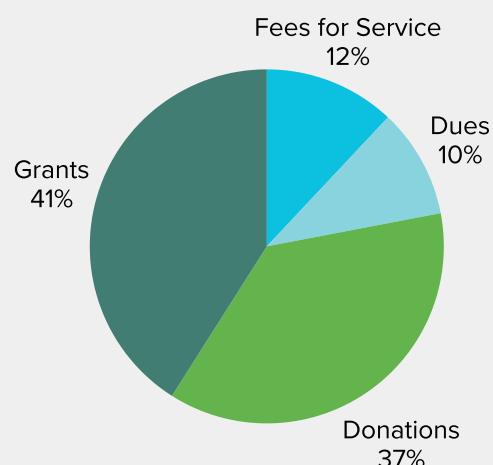




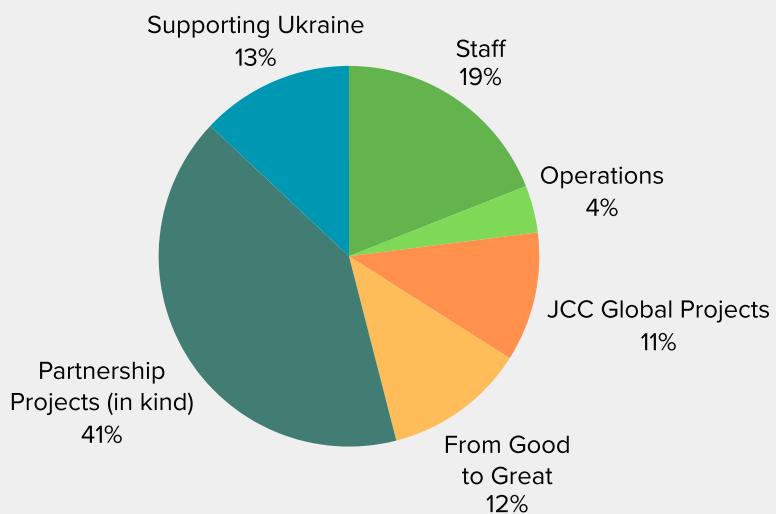
# Your Giving at Work:

The majority of JCC Global funding supports JCCs around the world in building global Jewish connections and serving their local communities

# 2025 Income



# Expenses





# Meet the Team Behind the Mission



*Meet the senior team of lay leaders and professionals who have contributed their expertise, passion, and resources to drive our success.*



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## Thank You for Making This Possible

We are deeply grateful for your partnership and support in helping Jewish communities thrive locally and connect globally.

Thank you for being part of the JCC Global journey.  
We welcome your feedback and invite you to stay connected.



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