



Today's Alliance serves to enrich the quality of life for Jews in Rhode Island, in Israel, and around the world. The Jewish Alliance of Greater Rhode Island meets this goal through philanthropy, planning, education and wellness opportunities, community relations, and volunteer recruitment and training. The Alliance convenes agencies, synagogues, and organizations to address issues of common concern. Together, we transform Jewish tradition and values into action.

Whether caring for people in need or nurturing and sustaining Jewish identity for future generations, this is where our community comes together as one; where we, as a community, develop innovative responses to critical, often life-threatening issues; where anyone who needs help can get it; where an energized Jewish community grows and celebrates; and where everyone, **including you**, can make a difference right now.

## Mission

To build and sustain the local and global Jewish community by maximizing philanthropic resources and volunteer efforts, as well as providing social, cultural, educational and wellness opportunities.

## Vision

To engage and inspire a vibrant and flourishing Jewish community through philanthropy and community.

## Values

- **Tzedakah**—upholding the Jewish traditions of righteous giving and justice.
- **L'dor v'dor**—securing a future filled with Jewish tradition and heritage.
- **Tikkun Olam**—repairing the world.
- **Hineni**—standing with others so no one stands alone.
- **Klal Yisrael**—supporting worldwide Judaism and the State of Israel.
- **Torah**—pursuing knowledge and lifelong learning.

We embody these values by:

- Providing community leadership, planning and fundraising
- Creating an exciting communal life that engages people in the greater Rhode Island area in Jewish life and learning
- Serving as a voice for social justice
- Supporting programs and services that protect our vulnerable populations
- Enhancing Jewish life in the greater Rhode Island area, Israel and worldwide

## History

### May 28, 1945

500 delegates from 51 Jewish organizations met and approved the formation of the General Jewish Committee of Providence, Inc. in response to the atrocities inflicted on Jews in Europe during World War II.

### July 11, 1945

The State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations recognized and registered the General Jewish Committee of Providence as a corporation. The 15 incorporators represented a cross-section of the Jewish community.

Within the group, religious beliefs included Orthodox, Conservative, and Reform Judaism, as well as outright secularism. Political views ranged from Socialist to Republican. What held the group together was a shared sense of Jewish community. Most members were Zionists; all were concerned with the fate of Jews in Europe and Palestine.

### Post World War II

The General Jewish Committee of Providence was fully enmeshed in the fabric of Jewish Rhode Island. In 1970, this body became the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island, a volunteer-driven community fundraising organization that provided community planning, leadership development and philanthropy to ensure a strong and vibrant community.

### 1971

The role of the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island continued to evolve as it faced greater challenges in an ever-changing economy. The building on Elmgrove Avenue in the heart of the East Side of Providence, known as the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island (JCC), was completed. For decades it has been a welcome center for the community, offering a variety of services. The facility also housed the Bureau of Jewish Education (BJE), which provided educational leadership to the community.

### January 2011 to Present

The Jewish Federation of Rhode Island, the Jewish Community Center, and the Bureau of Jewish Education merged to become what it is today: the Jewish Alliance of Greater Rhode Island. By joining three communal organizations into one, we've strengthened our mission, quality of programs and operational efficiency.



## What is the Jewish Alliance?

**An organization that provides philanthropic opportunities grounded in Jewish values, accessible to all, committed to the greater good.**

Raising funds for the community's benefit is the Jewish Alliance's top priority, and it enables us to offer resources and launch initiatives that could not happen otherwise.

Our philanthropic endeavors help us support other Jewish organizations and preserve Jewish life through volunteer and donor opportunities; community and fundraising events; and engaging programs and services for children, families, teens, adults and seniors. A heightened awareness of global issues allows the Jewish Alliance to extend aid at home, in Israel and abroad when and where it is needed most.

The Jewish Alliance of Greater Rhode Island turns Jewish values into actions by offering philanthropic opportunities for anyone to improve lives and connect with people of all ages, faiths and backgrounds. We work together to advocate change and make a communal impact that's bigger than what any of us could accomplish individually.

## Our Commitment to You

Your contributions to the Jewish Alliance support the greater good by impacting change, building community, helping others and enriching lives.

## Your Impact

Everyone has the power to make a difference. Everyone can give. Everyone can receive. Everyone can help. Every child, family, teen, adult or senior that shares time, money, leadership or participation is playing an active part in the community and thereby supporting the greater good.

## The Impact We Make Together

Everyone's time, participation and monetary contributions help to develop our vibrant synergy that provides monumental support at home and abroad. The Jewish Alliance is committed to improving, inspiring and connecting communities around the world. Through the Jewish Alliance, we can actively support this commitment together.

## Who We Help

Everyone. The Jewish Alliance extends support to people throughout greater Rhode Island, Israel, and other countries across the globe.

We believe in providing each person peace of mind through community involvement and empowerment via impactful actions and experiences. We connect people to charitable opportunities and provide them with reliable means of support and enrichment.

## Why Help?

Your experiences with the Jewish Alliance will be pivotal and rewarding. Make a difference in your life and others' lives by donating when you can, sharing your time and talents to enrich our expansive community, impacting change where it matters most and recognizing that the Jewish Alliance is also here when you experience a time of need.

## How to Help

### Philanthropy

#### Annual Campaign

Each spring, after rigorous review of the community's contributions to the Annual Campaign, the Jewish Alliance of Greater Rhode Island makes strategic philanthropic investments in an array of deeply impactful programs and organizations that fall under three core initiatives.

- ***Jewish Life & Learning***

Connects individuals to Judaism and offers our whole community a wealth of opportunities to learn and celebrate together throughout the year.

- Full service, Jewish-focused, NAEYC-accredited, DCYF-licensed Early Childhood Center for more than 100 children
- Students in Jewish day schools in Providence
- Greater Rhode Island high school students on an educational mission bringing together 10,000 Jewish teens and young adults from around the world
- Future volunteer and professional leaders to enrich our community

## Philanthropy | Continued

- ***Caring & Social Responsibility***

Aids the most vulnerable members of our community by putting food on the table, keeping a roof overhead and addressing other critical needs of children, seniors and the many individuals and families who are struggling.

- Nutrition to more than 160 people through Meals-on-Wheels and congregate dining
- Case management, counseling and home care solutions for individuals in need
- Workshops that train volunteers to assist with and understand those in need

- ***Jewish Peoplehood***

Helps our community survive and thrive worldwide — making life-saving food deliveries to impoverished seniors, providing educational and social programs for at-risk children and helping Jewish people everywhere to discover their heritage.

- Religiously-oriented schools for at-risk adolescents
- Services to new immigrants and at-risk populations
- Jews living in nearly 65 countries

## Community Planning & Service

### Living on the Edge Initiative

- Chevre Fellowship Fund ([jboost.org](http://jboost.org))
- Information & Referral Portal for Services and Assistance ([AccessJewishRI.org](http://AccessJewishRI.org))
- Broker Job Search Services for Under- and Unemployed
- Resources for Assisting Those on the Margins

## Enrichment Programs & Services

The Jewish Alliance offers a vast variety of enrichment programs and services for children, teens, adults and seniors. Some programs and services are made possible by the Alliance at the Dwares JCC while others take place throughout Alliance-supported communities in greater Rhode Island, Israel and across the world.

All programs and services are encouraged by and accessible through the Jewish Alliance because they are valuable opportunities for personal, community and cultural enrichment. Many programs and services promoted by the Jewish Alliance are directly supported by the Annual Campaign.



## Enrichment Programs & Services | Continued

### Something for Everyone

- (401)j
- Arts & Culture
- Community Concierge
- Community Relations Council
- Gift of Israel
- Jewish Life & Learning
- J-Fitness & Aquatics
- Senior Café
- *Shaliach* (Israeli Emissary)
- Women's Alliance

### For Families

- Alliance Family Room Parenting Center
- Early Childhood Center
- J-Cation Camp
- J-Space
- The Mothers Circle
- PJ Library
- Shalom Baby
- Summer J-Camp
- TigerSharks Swim Club

### For Pre-Teens & Teens

- Counselors-in-Training
- Harry Elkin Midrasha Community High School
- Maccabi Games & ArtsFest
- March of the Living
- Taglit Birthright

## Organizational Map

### Philanthropy

- Annual Campaign
- Endowment Fund
- Living on the Edge Initiatives
- Emergency Campaigns
- Capital Campaign

### Community Planning & Service

- Caring & Social Responsibility
- Jewish Life & Learning
- Jewish Peoplehood
- Jboost.org (Chevre Fellowship Fund)
- Information & Referral website
- Broker Job Search Services

### Programs & Services

#### Personal, Community, and Cultural Enrichment including

- (401)j NextGen
- Alliance Family Room Parenting Center
- Arts & Culture
- Community Concierge
- Community Relations Council
- Counselors-in-Training
- Early Childhood Center
  - Infant/Toddler Care
  - Preschool
- Gift of Israel
- Harry Elkin Midrasha Community High School
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