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JEWISH SOUTH JERSEY  
**COMMUNITY TRACKER**



**Jewish Federation**  
of Southern New Jersey  
& OUR FAMILY OF AGENCIES

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# RESOURCES

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## GLOSSARY & REFERENCES

### THE JEWISH FEDERATION OF SOUTHERN NEW JERSEY (JFSNJ)

The Jewish Federation of Southern New Jersey and our family of agencies supports those in need, enhances Jewish life, and ensures the continuity of a vibrant Jewish community locally, in Israel, and around the world.

### JEWISH FEDERATION AGENCIES

- Katz Jewish Community Center (JCC)
- Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC)
- Jewish Community Properties (JCP)
- Jewish Family & Children's Service (JFCS)
- Jewish Senior Housing and Healthcare Service (JSHHS)
- JFed Security, LLC
- Kellman Brown Academy\*

### JEWISH FEDERATION SUPPORTING ORGANIZATIONS

*(local foundations that support JFSNJ as part of their charter)*

- Jewish Women's Foundation (JWF)
- Raymond & Gertrude R. Saltzman Foundation
- Jewish Community Foundation, Inc. (JCF)

**COMMUNITY TRACKER** - A report created by JFSNJ solely based on responses from surveys emailed to synagogues, day schools, emergent organizations, and Jewish Federation agencies and supporting organizations. The tracker is designed to foster conversation with the organized Jewish community of Southern New Jersey about trends, opportunities, patterns, and needs so that we can plan collectively.

**DAY SCHOOLS** - Schools designed to provide children with Jewish and secular education. Ages: K-8 and high school.

**SUPPLEMENTAL SCHOOLS** - Schools providing children with Jewish education after public, day, or private school studies. Ages: K-12.

**EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTERS (ECC)** - Early childhood education programs serving preschool and kindergarten children.

**AREAS OF IMPACT** - JFSNJ programs and services fall into five Areas of Impact: Older Adults, Disability Services (formerly Special Needs), Global Connections, Community Engagement, and Family & Youth. Our Areas of Impact allow us to prioritize, fundraise, and leverage resources to capacity.

## LINK

**[jewishsouthjersey.org/reports](http://jewishsouthjersey.org/reports)** - A link to the Community Tracker and other relevant materials

\*KBA became the newest agency of The Jewish Federation in 2024.

# BACKGROUND

The Community Tracker, conducted by the Jewish Federation of Southern New Jersey (JFSNJ), asks qualitative and quantitative questions to describe our community. The information outlined in this summary is based solely on the responses provided by the organizations that completed the survey. Data collection is done annually.

Data from last year shows a continued uptick in membership and engagement across the Jewish community. The report also addresses opportunities and possible needs identified in the survey.

## INVITED ORGANIZATIONS & RESPONSE RATE



### SYNAGOGUES

Of the 14 synagogues invited (Chabad of Camden & Burlington Counties has two locations), there were 12 respondents. Highlighted synagogues responded:

- **Adath Emanu-El**
- **Chabad Lubavitch of Camden and Burlington Counties**
- Chabad Gloucester
- **Congregation B'nai Tikvah Beth Israel (CBTBI)**
- **Congregation Beth El**
- Congregation Beth Tikvah
- **Congregation Kol Ami**
- **Congregation Sons of Israel**
- **Temple Har Zion**
- Nafshenu
- **Temple Beth Sholom (TBS)**
- **Temple Sinai of Cinnaminson**
- Torah Links
- **Young Israel of Cherry Hill**



### DAY SCHOOLS

Day schools had a 100% response rate for the second consecutive year.

All three indicated below were invited and replied:

Foxman Torah Institute (FTI) | Kellman Brown Academy (KBA) | Politz Day School



### JEWISH FEDERATION AGENCIES & SUPPORTING ORGANIZATIONS

#### Jewish Federation Family of Agencies - all replied

- Katz Jewish Community Center (JCC)
- Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC)
- Jewish Senior Housing and Healthcare Service (JSHHS)
- Jewish Family & Children's Service (JFCS)
- Jewish Community Properties (JCP)\*
- JFed Security

#### Jewish Federation Supporting

#### Organizations & Grant Entities- all replied

- Jewish Community Foundation, Inc. (JCF)
- Raymond & Gertrude R. Saltzman Foundation
- Jewish Women's Foundation (JWF)

\*not surveyed as they provide services to institutions, not people.

Jewish Community Voice is no longer an agency; it is now a department of Jfed. As such, they are not included in this report.

# WHERE WE ARE

All invited organizations, which include synagogues and day schools, are located in the tri-county area: Burlington, Camden, and Gloucester Counties.

## LOCATIONS OF JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS

### SYNAGOGUES

#### Burlington County: 5

Congregation Beth Tikvah, Adath Emanu-El, Chabad of Camden & Burlington Counties, Temple Sinai of Cinnaminson, Temple Har Zion

#### Camden County: 8

Congregation Kol Ami, Young Israel of Cherry Hill, Temple Beth Sholom, Nafshenu, Congregation Beth El, Torah Links of South Jersey, Congregation Sons of Israel, Chabad of Camden & Burlington Counties

#### Gloucester County: 2

Congregation B'nai Tikvah Beth Israel, Chabad of Gloucester County

### DAY SCHOOLS

#### Camden County: 3

Kellman Brown Academy, Politz Day School, Foxman Torah Institute

# WHO WE ARE

Data shows changes in membership from 2024-2025 and is based on self-reported numbers from each organization that responded to the survey in the spring of 2025. Not all organizations completed all questions from the survey and we have learned not all organizations track membership the same way.

## SYNAGOGUE HOUSEHOLD MEMBERSHIP

Synagogue data reflects totals from the synagogues that responded in those years. Not every synagogue has responded each year. We continue to see year-over-year growth and are higher than pre-COVID numbers.

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
<b>Households</b>	4121	4110	3675	3490	3978	3606	<b>4,229</b>

The following shows data from the synagogues that **have responded each year** since the Community Tracker began. As this represents the same synagogues, year after year, it is a good representation of membership trends.

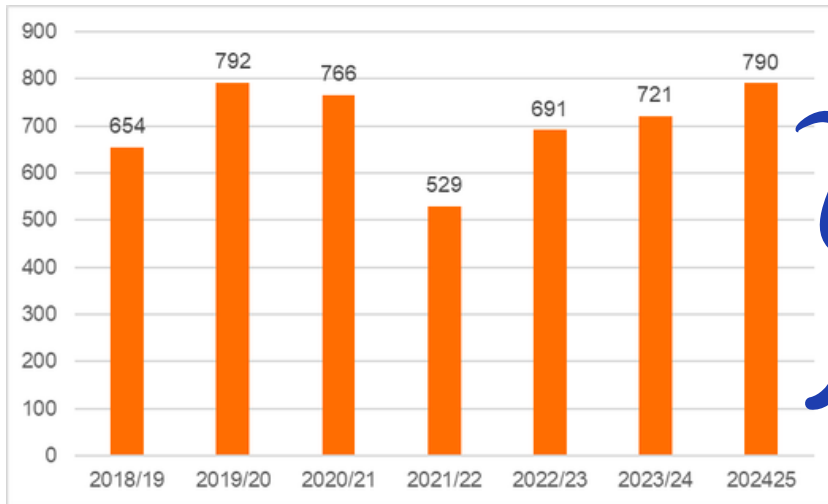
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
<b>Households</b>	3518	3490	2964	2900	2967	2940	<b>3029</b>

# JEWISH EDUCATION

This section focuses on Jewish education for youth, including supplemental/religious schools, day schools, and early childhood centers. We now also surveyed our local BBYO, as that has become a primary engagement for local teens. This trend is seen locally and nationally.

## EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTERS (ECC)

There are seven ECCs in our community: Congregation Beth El ECC, Adath Emanu-El ECC, Kellman Brown Academy, Eric B. Jacobs Early Childhood Education Center (at Temple Beth Sholom), Kol Ami ECC, Politz Day School, and Sari Isdamer Early Childhood Center at the Katz JCC. Two early childhood centers are in day schools, four are in synagogues, and one is at the JCC.



There are approx 2,660 Jewish children ages 0-5 (county data). This is determined assuming 2% Jewish in Burlington and Gloucester County, and 6% Jewish in Camden County. This equals an estimated 30% of Jewish children ages 0-5 are enrolled in a Jewish ECC in our community.

There is a 14% increase in enrollment since Oct 7.

- We continue to see an increase in the number of students attending ECC. In the 2024-2025 school year, there were three kindergarten classes, as shown in the above chart.
- Approximately 58% of ECC students identified as Jewish from the five centers that allow non-Jewish students. The two Jewish day schools do not enroll non-Jewish students.
- We see a decline in the 4-year-old classes, which we are anecdotally told is due to free Universal Pre-K\*. The chart below shows data from previous years.

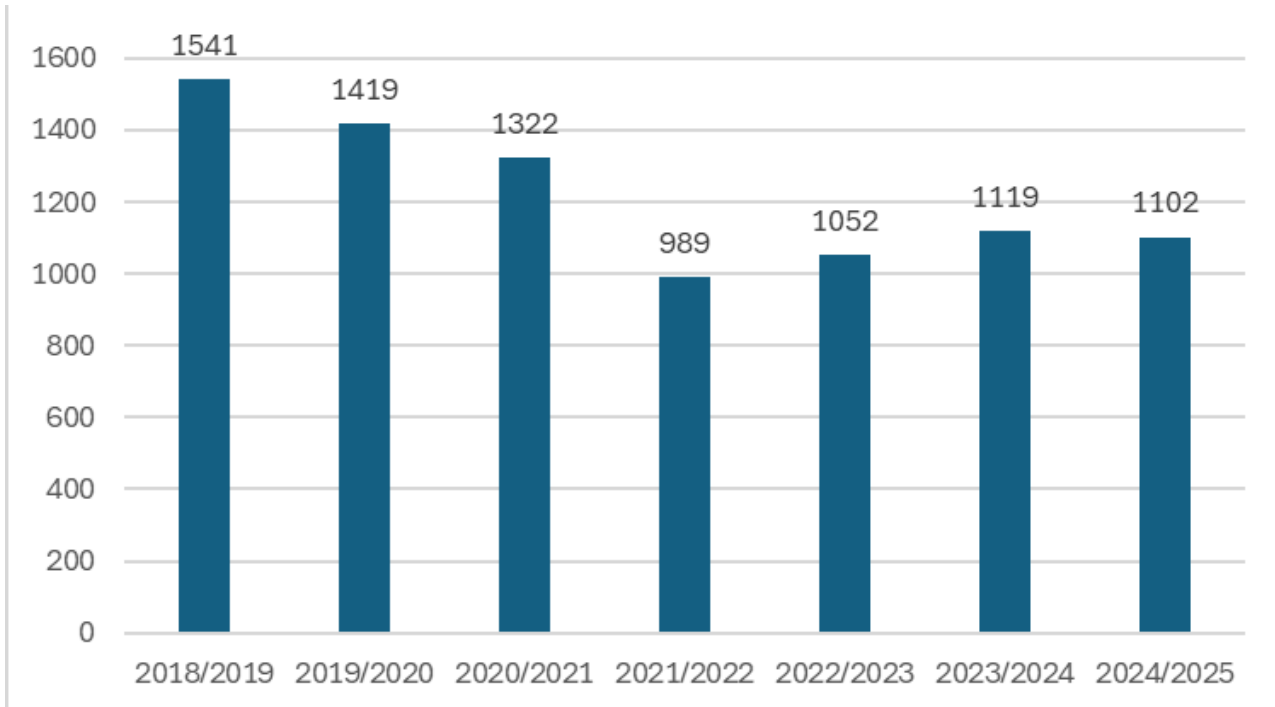
	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25
			COVID YEARS			Post Oct 7	
Supplemental/Day School	1,777	1,727	1,560	1,236	1,389	1,333	1,573
ECC	739	792	766	529	691	721	790
BBYO	684	596	540	507	457	530	424
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,200</b>	<b>3,115</b>	<b>2,866</b>	<b>2,272</b>	<b>2,537</b>	<b>2,584</b>	<b>2,787</b>

**There is a 17% increase in engaged children since our lowest numbers during COVID.**

\*Free Preschool for ages 3 and 4 started in NJ last year. Currently, there are limited spots available, increasing each year, on a lottery basis. Every K-12 district will offer free preschool in the coming years. The impact is slowly being seen, and JFed is encouraging the schools to plan and be strategic in how to address this situation.

## SUPPLEMENTAL SCHOOLS

There are **seven** supplemental schools included in the community, **ALL** of which participated in the Community Tracker survey: Temple Beth Sholom Rabbi Albert and Sarah Lewis Religious School, Temple Sinai Religious School, Congregation B'nai Tikvah Beth Israel, Congregation Beth Tikvah, Kol Ami Religious School, Adath Emanu-El Religious School, and Congregation Beth El Religious School. All supplemental schools we surveyed are affiliated with a synagogue. The numbers below represent grades PreK-12.



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Students with disabilities in supplemental and day schools benefited from the Saltzman Foundation Jewish Inclusion Grant. The percent of total students needing interventions remains consistent, but there is an increase of 31% in the number of students benefiting from the grant. We are seeing a critical rise in needs in the ECCs and as such have implemented increased supports which are continuing to expand.



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Students with disabilities celebrated B'nai Mitzvahs this year. This remains consistent from last year.



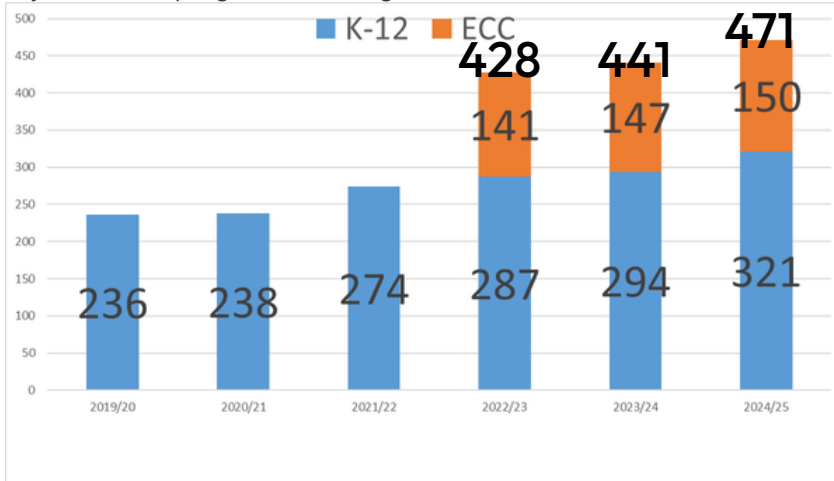
### Informal Jewish Education:

Recent studies indicate that youth groups are a preferred mode of engagement for teens. **BBYO** is the primary program in Southern NJ, serving 400-500 teens in recent years, some of whom are synagogue members and others who are not. As a result, there is some duplication in the numbers. Informal education is overtaking formal education—a national trend our community should take note of.

The **JCC Camps at Medford** also saw an increase in campers. They reported that the largest number of campers attended the summer of 2024 than had been seen in 20 years, and the number remained strong in summer 2025.

## DAY SCHOOLS

Our community has two day schools (Kellman Brown Academy and Politz Day School) that offer grades K-8 and early childhood programs. One high school (Foxman Torah Institute) has grades 9-12.

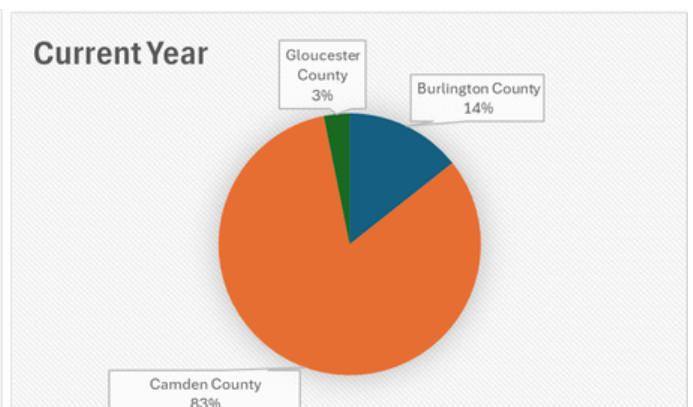
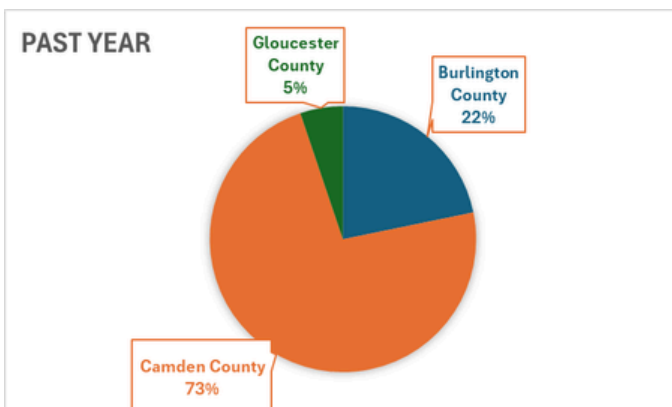


We continue to see an increase in students attending our day schools. The above chart shows the distribution of students in the day schools in grades K-8 and the ECC, which we started differentiating three years ago.

	2021/2022	2022/2023	2023/2024	2024/2025
<b>Day School</b>	274 (22%)	287 (21%)	294 (25%)	471 (30%)
<b>Supplemental School</b>	989 (78%)	1,102 (79%)	892 (75%)	1,102 (70%)
<b>Total Students</b>	1,263	1,389	1,186	1,573

- We have **1,573** children in grades K-12 attending a formal Jewish educational program in our community. (This does not account for students, particularly high schoolers, who may attend a Jewish school outside our community).
- Supplemental schools continue to be the preferred choice of Jewish education, although there has been a rise in the number of students attending day schools. Currently, 30% of the student population chooses day schools, which has grown from 10% since we started this tracker.

### The distribution of the student population by county:



# JEWISH FEDERATION OF SOUTHERN NEW JERSEY (JFSNJ)

The Jewish Federation agencies are service providers. They work collaboratively with our synagogues and schools, and there is always interest and opportunity to better align our efforts.

## AGENCIES:

- Katz Jewish Community Center (JCC)
- Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC)
- Jewish Community Voice (JCV or The Voice)
- Jewish Family & Children's Service (JFCS)
- Jewish Senior Housing and Healthcare Service (JSHHS)
- Jfed Security
- Kellman Brown Academy (KBA) NEW IN 2025

Our agencies reported a number of "touches" or engagements with community members. This term may underestimate the actual impact. For some individuals, this might be one point of engagement, whereas others may have ongoing or multiple sources for engagement.

	Households	Individuals
<b>JCC</b>	4260	9051
<b>JCRC</b>	900	2500
<b>Jfed Security</b>	7500	60,000
<b>JFCS</b>	2376	8355
<b>JSHHS</b>	1000	1500

# JFSNJ SUPPORTING ORGANIZATIONS/FUNDING

Several supporting organizations of the Jewish Federation offer grants, awards, and scholarships in our community. Below is information on all funding sources and awards for the past year.

## SUPPORTING ORGANIZATIONS:

- Jewish Community Foundation, Inc. (JCF)
- Raymond & Gertrude R. Saltzman Foundation (SF)

## JEWISH FEDERATION FUNDING SOURCES:

- JFSNJ Financial Assistance for Jewish Overnight Camp & Teen Leadership
- Jewish Women's Foundation of Southern New Jersey (JWF)

**29 community members sit on the committees responsible for grant and scholarship distributions.**

2021-2022 <b>\$3,896,508</b> AWARDED	2022-2023 <b>\$3,900,386</b> AWARDED	2023-2024 <b>\$4,107,485</b> AWARDED	2024-2025 <b>\$4,922,248</b> AWARDED
<b>62</b> TOTAL GRANTS AND AWARDS 36 to new organizations or programs	<b>88</b> TOTAL GRANTS AND AWARDS 55 to new organizations or programs	<b>82</b> TOTAL GRANTS AND AWARDS 56 to new organizations or programs	<b>131</b> TOTAL GRANTS AND AWARDS 51 to new organizations or programs There were 181 applications 72% of applicants received awards.
There was a total of <b>145 individual awards</b> for scholarships and financial aid for early childhood centers, day camp, and overnight camp.	There was a total of <b>288 individual awards</b> for scholarships and financial aid for early childhood centers, day camp, and overnight camp.	There was a total of <b>325 individual awards</b> for scholarships and financial aid for early childhood centers, day camp, and overnight camp.	There was a total of <b>346 individual awards</b> for scholarships and financial aid for early childhood centers, day camp, overnight camp, and student awards.

*We are grateful to the Saltzman Foundation's generosity, which awards a large percentage of these funds. In addition to these awards, our JCF provides funding distributed through endowment and donor-advised funds. Our local Early Childhood Centers are partners in this ECC financial aid program and contribute 25% of the awards given to early childhood students.*

## LIST OF FUNDED ORGANIZATIONS:

**Overnight camper tuition assistance was provided to families attending eight camps:**

Agudah Midwest - Girls, BBYO-CLTC, Camp Agudah, Camp Airy, Camp Bais Yaakov, Camp Chaviva, Camp Kaylie, Camp Louise, Camp Poyntelle, Camp Ramah in the Poconos, Camp Young Judea Sprout Lake, Ramah Israel, Tizmoret Shoshana, TheZone, URJ Camp Harlam

**ECCs and day schools** (tuition assistance): Adath Emanu-El, Congregation Beth El, JCC, Kellman Brown Academy, Congregation Kol Ami, Politz Day School, Temple Beth Sholom

**Day Schools:** Kellman Brown Academy, Politz Day School, Foxman Torah Institute

**Day Camps:** JCC Camps at Medford and Camp Gan Israel

**Synagogues:** Adath Emanu-El, Chabad Lubavitch, Congregation Beth El, Congregation Beth Tikvah, Congregation Kol Ami, Temple Beth Sholom, Temple Har Zion, Temple Sinai, Young Israel

**Jewish Federation of Southern New Jersey (JFSNJ) & our family of agencies:** JFSNJ, Katz Jewish Community Center & JCC Camps at Medford, Jewish Community Relations Council (Raab/Goodwin Center), Jewish Family & Children's Service, Jewish Senior Housing and Healthcare Service/Lions Gate & Saltzman House, Weinberg Commons

**Other:** BBYO South Jersey, Jewish American Cultural Club at Haddonfield Memorial High School, Moorestown Jewish Association, Raise the Bar Family Services, TRU Partnership

# QUALITATIVE DATA

Below is the feedback we received from the responding organizations regarding community needs and opportunities:

## Successes & Achievements

- Record-high food pantry distributions
- Mental Health Expansion in counseling sessions
- Expanded JFed Rides program
- Opened the new Jonathan Sinay Building and launched the vocational program.
- Engagement: reached 5,500 people with Violins of Hope and Israeli soldier delegations, hosted Junior Maccabi Games
- Synagogue/School Growth and ECC expansion
- Fundraiser success
- Intergenerational Hebrew High programming
- Successful safety enhancements and training across the community

## Membership Trends

- Mostly Stable with Slight Growth: Some drops but balanced by new families; more youth presence.
- Financial Barriers: Many families struggle to pay full dues, necessitating increased fundraising and scholarship support.

## Emerging Needs

- Financial Stress: Rising cost of living, food insecurity affecting working families and older adults.
- Mental Health: Increased anxiety, depression, and social isolation (especially among teens and seniors).
- Security Concerns: Growing need for infrastructure and antisemitism response.
- More children with disabilities in ECC/camp programs.

## Requested but Unmet Services

- Financial assistance (scholarships, tuition help, kosher food aid).
- Transportation to services/programs.
- Additional security infrastructure.

## Goals for Collaboration

- Stronger partnership with Federation marketing & JFCS for senior counseling.
- Joint efforts to solve transportation challenges for seniors.
- Shared educational programming, financial resource pooling, and vendor cost-sharing with other synagogues.
- Community-wide engagement initiatives (Israel trips, teen programs).

## Shared Community Issues

- Rising wages and costs are putting pressure on budgets.
- Declining participation in traditional synagogue services and Torah study.
- Difficulty retaining members post-B'nai Mitzvah and attracting younger members.
- Program fatigue around antisemitism/Israel topics.
- Growing need for scholarships and security support.
- Succession planning and leadership sustainability challenges.

# Together, we make an **IMPACT.**

The Jewish Federation of Southern New Jersey (JFSNJ), along with our family of agencies, brings our Jewish community together with programming and resources for children, teens, older adults, and individuals with disabilities through the generosity and leadership of our community members.

The heart of our mission is to serve the Jewish people of Southern New Jersey, reaching all ages and supporting diverse needs and interests. JFSNJ distributes its resources into five **AREAS OF IMPACT** so that we make an impact in a big way to help everyone.



## **OLDER ADULTS**

We keep older adults engaged in the community with social, recreational, and cultural programming infused with Jewish heritage and values, while also supporting their mental and physical well-being.



## **DISABILITY SERVICES**

We enhance the quality of life for members in our South Jersey Jewish community with disabilities. These individuals should have the opportunity to achieve their highest potential and lead independent and fulfilled lives.



## **GLOBAL CONNECTIONS**

It is our responsibility to advocate for Israel and every Jewish community around the world.



## **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

We create lasting and meaningful ways for Jews in Camden, Burlington and Gloucester Counties in Southern New Jersey to connect and strengthen their Jewish identity.



## **FAMILY & YOUTH**

We are passionate about strengthening individuals, families and the community through comprehensive, caring social services along with recreational, cultural, and educational programming.

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