

**JCC BUDAPEST-  
BÁLINT HÁZ:**



YEARS  
OF  
JCC BUDAPEST  
BÁLINT HÁZ

**CELEBRATING OUR  
30<sup>TH</sup> YEAR AS THE  
HEART AND HOME  
OF HUNGARIAN  
JEWISH LIFE**

**IMPACT REPORT**  
OCTOBER 2024



JCC  
Budapest  
Bálint Ház

# WELCOME



JCC BUDAPEST-BÁLINT HÁZ IS A BIG, WARM JEWISH SPACE WHERE HUNGARIAN JEWS CAN FIND MEANING, PURPOSE, AND AN AUTHENTIC SENSE OF BELONGING. OUR GOAL IS TO CONNECT THEM WITH THEIR ROOTS, STRENGTHEN THEIR JEWISH IDENTITY, CELEBRATE THE DIVERSITY OF JEWISH LIFE, AND BUILD A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE FOR OUR COMMUNITY.

MARCELL KENESEI,  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

# HOME!

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## GRATITUDE

Thanks to your friendship and support, JCC Budapest-Bálint Ház continues to thrive with cultural programming, learning opportunities, social engagement for all ages, and acts of kindness that illuminate our entire community.

# LOOKING BACK, BUILDING FORWARD

The three decades since we celebrated the opening of JCC Budapest-Bálint Ház have come and gone in the blink of an eye. We are excited to mark this milestone with you and to share highlights from the past year on the following pages.

Back in the early 1990s, it was difficult to imagine a vibrant future for Hungarian Jewry after the Holocaust and a long

era of Communist rule, but we were very lucky to have dear friends who shared our dreams of Jewish revival and helped us lay our foundation.

Foremost among them was the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC), our American partner, which established and supported us for our first twenty-five years. The Balint Family from England invested in us, too,

taking us from concept to construction while giving our building its Hungarian name – Bálint Ház, or Balint House. Today, we are proud to operate independently as the Bálint Jewish Community House Foundation.

October 2023-September 2024 was a big year for us. Not only did we kick off a season of 30th birthday celebrations with exciting developments

in each of our key program areas, but more community members than ever filled our halls with their enthusiasm for Jewish life. And it is they, our Jewish family, who make JCC Budapest-Bálint Ház feel like home.

**Read on to learn more about our JCC, the heart of Jewish life and community in Budapest.**

# OUR IMPACT

BY THE

# NUMB3RS

JCC Budapest-Bálint Ház is the largest Jewish NGO in Hungary, representing the majority of Hungarian Jewry.

**100,000–120,000**

ESTIMATED JEWISH  
POPULATION  
OF HUNGARY

**80%**

JEWISH  
RESIDENTS  
IN BUDAPEST

**20,000**

ACTIVELY  
IDENTIFIED  
AND AFFILIATED  
JEWS

## ENGAGEMENT

**35,000** INDIVIDUALS YEARLY

**38** HOLIDAY AMBASSADORS, OVER 150%  
INCREASE FROM THE PREVIOUS YEAR

## JCC PROGRAMS

**120** INCLUDING 9 NEW  
**1,200** PARTNER PROGRAMS

**55,000**

UNIQUE  
WEBSITE  
VISITS

## SOCIAL MEDIA REACH

**1,3**

MILLION  
ON INSTAGRAM  
AND FACEBOOK

**δ**

**30%**  
INCREASE OVER  
LAST YEAR

## FLAGSHIP PROGRAMS

**12,000** GUESTS @JUDAFEST

**3,000** @ZSIFI, A 10% INCREASE  
OVER LAST YEAR

MONTHLY  
NEWSLETTER

**7,000**  
SUBSCRIBERS

VOLUNTEERS

**100**  
ACTIVE

(66% INCREASE  
FROM LAST YEAR)



# FLAGSHIP EVENTS

Year after year, our signature programs have wide-reaching impact – raising Jewish visibility, combating stereotypes, and spreading Jewish positivity throughout our beloved capital.





# JUDAFEST

JCC Budapest's 17<sup>th</sup> annual street festival welcomed the public to immerse themselves in Jewish tradition, culture, food, and history in the heart of the Jewish Quarter. People of all ages and backgrounds came together, celebrating the vital role our community plays in the life of the city. As always, Judafest was free and open to all.



ABOUT  
**45%**  
OF THIS YEAR'S  
JUDAFEST  
ATTENDEES WERE  
FIRST-TIMERS



*Budapest Mayor Gergely Karácsony, our festival patron, welcomed over 200 guests and dignitaries to our opening night celebration, among them Israeli Ambassador Yacov Hadas-Handelsman and German Ambassador Julia Gross. In his remarks, US Ambassador David Pressman stressed the importance of events like ZSIFI in combatting antisemitism and preserving diversity.*

## ZSIFI JEWISH AND ISRAELI FILM FESTIVAL

**ZSIFI, the largest Jewish film festival in Central and Eastern Europe, has become a Budapest cultural institution.**

Each November, we feature the best in contemporary Israeli and Jewish-themed films that reflect the diversity of the Jewish experience on screen, striking the perfect balance between entertainment and insight.

The tragic events of October 7 and the ensuing war transformed our 12th annual ZSIFI festival from a cultural event into a public opportunity for members of the Jewish community to work through our trauma together. Hostage posters were

prominently displayed in theaters and the crisis was a key topic at post-screening panel discussions.

Though we selected the slate of films weeks before the attack, two choices seemed prescient in retrospect. *The Child* by Yahav Wiener, who was murdered during the massacre at Kfar Aza, was a featured short film. And *Golda*, a biopic about Prime Minister Golda Meir during the Yom Kippur War, proved an especially poignant choice for opening night.

# JEWISH KN<sup>🧠</sup>OWLEDGE & LEARNING

JCC Budapest brings its unique brand of universal Judaism to the community, breathing fresh air into ancient traditions. Through holiday celebrations, educational programs, youth camps, and social opportunities, people of all ages, interests, and backgrounds find their own path to Jewish connection.

On Pesach, over **100** community members gathered for a Seder + game night, a fun and festive modern twist on a millennia-old ceremony.





## DIY THE HOLIDAYS

For those who live far from the JCC or are just looking to bring that special JCC holiday energy into their own homes, our popular DIY holiday kits were the perfect resource. We quickly sold out of all 75 boxes filled with holiday must-haves, from ritual objects to recipes. Our eight interactive holiday websites were curated with everything needed to celebrate at home.

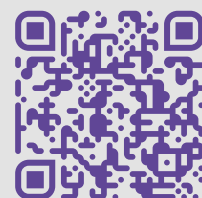
# HOLIDAY PROGRAMS

**Our holiday schedule was packed this past year with innovative programs that attracted new audiences, enlarging the JCC Budapest family.**



## LIGHT UP THE NIGHT

Over 250 people joined our annual Family Chanukah Party at the JCC, a fantastic evening of music, dance, games, latkes, and sufganiyot. We took enormous pride in having so many community members celebrate the holiday with us.



## TU B'SHVAT TOGETHER

In cooperation with several local partners, we organized a fun-filled activity fair and traditional Tu B'shvat seder at the Rumbach Synagogue. It was one of our best-loved events of the year, attended by more than 200 children and their parents.

## JCC BUDAPEST HOLIDAY AMBASSADORS

Our 38 holiday ambassadors played a central role in raising the profile of our DIY Judaism initiative. After hosting holiday celebrations for family and friends at home using JCC resources, they promoted their experiences and our holiday boxes and cards on their social media platforms to encourage others to follow suit.

## PICK A CARD, ANY CARD

Our Shabbat and Passover Seder game decks are now available in four languages, with Russian added this year. The English-language cards ship anywhere via Amazon.



# FOR YOUNG AUDIENCES

JCC Budapest's commitment to the younger generation reflects our faith in the future of Hungarian Jewry. We offer joyful programs that inspire a love of Judaism and a strong sense of Jewish pride. These programs also offer a space for building lasting friendships, disconnecting from social media, and developing leadership skills.



## 25%

OF OUR 2024  
JCAMPERS WERE  
FIRST-TIME  
PARTICIPANTS.



## JCAMPING IN THE COUNTRY

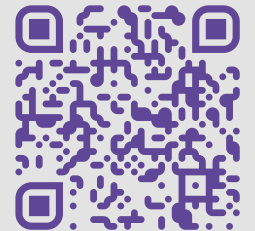
Back for its fifth incredible season, this past year's JCamp took place in late March at the JDC-Lauder Szarvas Camp, just a two hour-drive from the city. We once again designed an unforgettable, overnight Jewish camping experience for more than 100 campers and

madrichim who had the time of their lives. We continued to leverage that enthusiasm by engaging campers and their families in year-round JCC programming. For the madrichim, we also provided a continuum of leadership development.

## CAMP JICHAK FAMILY CAMP

Our annual family camp pulsed with the wonderful energy of 300 campers – more than 100 children and their parents – as summer came to an end. Hosted by JCC Budapest and the Manora Association at

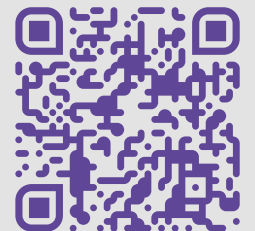
the JDC-Lauder Szarvas Camp, this immersive experience had the children singing and dancing, playing and making art, all while exploring Jewish traditions, like a beautiful Kabbalat Shabbat.



## BUILDING BRIDGES

In partnership with the Jewish Federation of San Diego, we hosted the Global Ambassadors Program (GAP), bringing together 12 Hungarian and 12 American teens for a weeklong cultural exchange in Budapest. The two groups bonded

while enjoying cultural and tourist activities as well as a community Shabbat and a Jewish identity workshop. Participants are already asking what comes next, looking to keep the connection going.



*"It was wonderful to see 'strangers' become lifelong friends in just a few days."*

*Hungarian host parent*

# COMMUNITY

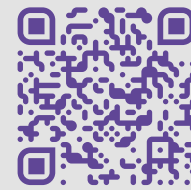
## BACK TO OUR ROOTS

**Our experiential programs encourage community members to delve into the many layers of their Jewish heritage. With something for everyone, we are a hub of activity all week long.**

### GLOBAL DAY OF JEWISH LEARNING

Once again, JCC Budapest participated in this meaningful intercontinental event. Taking our own unique approach, we offered several program tracks that included formal study, a cooking workshop, art therapy, and so much more. Over 100 community members joined in, including many new faces that had never attended our events before.

### A NIGHT WITH THE JCC



Our Shavuot celebration has become so popular, we moved it from the JCC to a more spacious venue this year. The switch allowed us to host 280 participants for multiple parallel sessions, among them prayer gatherings, formal study, crafting, debates about the pros and cons of keeping kosher, and a panel on women in Jewish communal leadership roles.



# ENGAGEMENT

## THE POWER OF MEMORY

We partnered with the Here and Now Company Art Foundation to give a group of Jewish and non-Jewish students the chance to explore Budapest's wartime memories through a contemporary lens. Seventeen high schoolers and five Holocaust survivors

explored together the timely question, Where do you feel safe today? The experience culminated on January 27, International Holocaust Remembrance Day, with a student-led theatrical installation staged in the Jewish Quarter.

### SHALOM CLUB

Our 200-strong senior and survivor club was, as always, the most active at the JCC, meeting almost every day, often on Zoom. Their diverse activities ranged from Mah Jong to Hebrew classes, Zumba to holiday celebrations, keeping this inspirational group young in mind and body.



### CULTURE CLUBS @THE JCC

The amateur Community Choir performed classic and contemporary Jewish and Israeli music at events throughout the year. For those who like traditional – and not so

traditional – Israeli folk dancing, Hora Dance House was the place to be on Monday evenings. And of course, we continued our very popular board game nights.



# SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

**At JCC Budapest-Bálint Ház, we embrace diversity and are passionate about the Jewish values of kindness and mutual support. Even when resources are limited, we remain steadfast in our commitment to assist those in need, partnering with organizations and activists who share our dream of making the world a better place.**



## MITZVAH PROJECT

This recurring JCC program creates opportunities for young community members to experience the privilege and joy of giving back. This year, we engaged eight Jewish high school students in hands-on volunteer work with NGOs addressing food insecurity in Budapest. The multiweek project culminated on our annual JCC Mitzvah Day. Over 70 participants came to hear the students talk about their work and to witness the unveiling of our new Mitzvah Wall honoring the JCC's community partners.

## PRIDE AND LGBTQ+ KABBALAT SHABBAT

As anti-minority agitation intensified in Hungary, we reinforced our commitment to allyship and inclusion. In addition to our regular LGBTQ+ inclusive worship events and Pride March representation, we hosted panel discussions featuring spiritual leaders of different faiths to explore the relationship between religious and LGBTQ+ identities. It was an important step towards our goal of creating a Minorities for Minorities network.



## LIFE-CHANGING SUPPORT FOR ROMA WOMEN

Roma refugees from Transcarpathia who live in squalid conditions in the Hungarian countryside face discrimination and receive limited aid. The women are especially vulnerable, with no resources to purchase feminine hygiene products and little or no access to reproductive health care. In response, the JCC distributed more than 100 packages filled with items critical for their gynecological and sexual health along with general toiletries for their children and families.

## ALL-HEARTS CLUB

**On Mondays, we host a special program for a group with Down syndrome, and special education needs, who visit JCC Budapest for developmental activities that engage them in stories and play.**

Inclusion is an essential component of all the work we do. To that end, we offer multiple programs for children and adults with a range of special needs and disabilities, enhancing their lives while also enriching the experience of everyone who comes to the JCC.

## A PLACE FOR EVERYONE

This is an amazing group of adults with Down syndrome and autism who live under guardianship. Our programs, like weekly Israeli folk dancing at JCC Budapest, offer them fun opportunities to feel at home within the Jewish community.



Thanks to support from our partners, the group also spends a remarkable week each June at Szarvas Camp, staffed by our regular camp madrichim. This year's entourage included seventeen adults with intellectual disabilities and nine aides who had the chance to swim, dance, sing, visit local attractions, and simply enjoy being together outdoors.

The camp provided a much-needed period of rest and relaxation for participants and their families, who cannot afford to take vacations on their own given the socio-economic impact of their care.

**The All-Hearts Club enjoyed an unforgettable experience at Szarvas Camp.**

## A HELPING HAND TO UKRAINIAN REFUGEES

Despite depleted resources, we brought together the Hungarian Jewish community and eight partner organizations to organize three open house weekends at the JCC. The events gave over 700 Ukrainian refugees living in Budapest access to essential services, clothing, school supplies, and household items. There was extremely high demand, with registration filling up in under an hour.



# ONE PEOPLE, ONE HEART:

## SUPPORTING ISRAELIS IN HUNGARY

## AFTER OCTOBER 7



**This has been a life-changing year for Jews everywhere. In the wake of October 7, JCC Budapest stepped up to help in every way possible.**

For decades, Budapest has been an exceedingly popular tourist destination for Israelis. Hundreds found themselves stuck in the city after the horrific attacks, unsure when or how they'd be able to get home. We also anticipated the sudden wave of Hungarian olim returning from Israel to Hungary for extended periods of time with their spouses and families.

The situation evolved rapidly. JCC Budapest-Bálint Ház created a coalition with our local Jewish community partners that pooled resources and expertise to support Israelis facing numerous, unexpected challenges. From the outset, we extended the JCC's opening hours to provide the following:

- Special activities for children aged 3-7. We connected parents of older children with our Jewish schools.
- A co-working space with essential equipment like laptops, free WiFi, and restorative coffee and snacks.
- Access to psychological and medical care in partnership with the local Jewish hospital.
- A warm welcome to join community and Jewish holiday events.
- Winter clothing as the seasons changed.

This support continued for four months, when most of the Israelis returned home.

## SOLIDARITY VIGIL

Days after the attacks, JCC Budapest co-organized a vigil at the Dohány Street Synagogue to remember the terror victims and demonstrate our solidarity with Israel.

## FINDING SAFE SPACE AT THE JCC

Natalie, a young Israeli mother, arrived in Budapest on October 17th with her one-year-old daughter, while her husband remained in Israel on army reserve duty. They had family in Budapest, and the couple agreed this was best for their child. Still, Natalie felt uprooted, afraid, and lonely without her support network in Israel.

Through a Hungarian Jewish women's group on Facebook, she learned that the JCC was providing much-needed resources to Israelis stranded in the city. Hebrew-speaking volunteers entertained her

daughter in the JCC playroom while she utilized our co-working space. She found friends within the Israeli expat community and her daughter had other toddlers to play with. It became their home away from home.

**"The JCC was the safest place for us to be," she says.**





# ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

**Our 30<sup>th</sup> year was marked by growth and change in all areas of our operations and programming.**

## PARTNERSHIP WITH JDC

It was the visionary thinking of JDC and its faith in our Jewish future that made it possible for us to launch the JCC Budapest-Bálint Ház thirty years ago. Today, JDC remains our strategic American partner and important friend, guiding us in our

new iteration as an independent institution since 2022. JDC provides a wide range of resources, both financial and professional, that include ongoing strategic consulting, mentorship, resource development guidance, funding, and more.

## ABOUT JDC

The American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC) is the world's leading Jewish humanitarian organization, working in over 70 countries. Founded in 1914, JDC puts the timeless Jewish value of mutual

responsibility into action, making it essential to the survival of millions of people and the advancement of Jewish life around the globe. For more information, please visit [www.JDC.org](http://www.JDC.org)

## NEW PARADIGMS

We are grateful to have recently established Friends of JCC Budapest, a US-based independent 501(c)(3). Its mission is to support the charitable, educational, and religious activities

of JCC Budapest-Bálint Ház, and to educate the public in the United States about Hungarian Jewish culture. Our former Global Engagements Coordinator Dan Alpert serves as its executive officer.

## CREATING A CULTURE OF GIVING

For sixty years of Communist rule, the Hungarian Jewish community existed without a tradition of philanthropy or volunteerism. Today, we are working to nurture a new, healthy culture of giving at the JCC, one which calls on each of us to be generous with whatever resources we have – financial, time, talent, or skill.

We have made significant strides in this direction, strengthening our core community's commitment to our essential values. We engaged more volunteers, inspired more activists, and empowered more members through our mini-boards and holiday ambassador opportunities.

To streamline our volunteer activities and further our community-building goals, we recently created a Volunteer Coordinator position. In this important new role, Rebeka Kubik focuses on outreach and engagement, nurturing a cadre of volunteers dedicated to both JCC Budapest and one another.



## CHANUCATALYST

At our annual Chanucatalyst award ceremony, we said Thank you! to our leaders who best exemplified the JCC Budapest-Bálint Ház core values of action, tikkun olam, and tzedakah. Community members

chose the winners by casting an inspiring 3,500 votes. We also gave special recognition to the incredible organizations in our coalition to help Israelis stranded in Budapest after October 7.



## YEARS OF JCC BUDAPEST BÁLINT HÁZ

# BIRTHDAY EVENTS

Marking the start of our fourth decade as a JCC in the heart of Budapest is both a miracle in the history of our community and a tribute to the hard work, investment, faith, and vision of so many people – both in Hungary and around the world.

## WHAT'S A BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION WITHOUT FRIENDS?



We were honored that more than 30 of our partners from San Diego, Dallas, New York, Park City, Palm Beach, Virginia Beach, Washington D.C., London, and Israel joined us for a meaningful mission, bookended by Judafest and our big birthday bash at the Budapest Music Center. Hundreds of supporters, volunteers, community members, as well as the US ambassador, the Israeli ambassador, the city mayor, and other special guests attended the party as well, celebrating with us in style.



We are bringing our 30<sup>th</sup> birthday celebrations to the U.S. and look forward to spending time in your community. For more information, contact Marcell Kenesei ([marcell@jcc.hu](mailto:marcell@jcc.hu)) or Dan Alpert ([dan@friendsofjccbudapest.org](mailto:dan@friendsofjccbudapest.org)).



# BOARDS, COMMITTEES & FRIENDS

JCC Budapest is deeply grateful to the many people who made it possible for us to thrive as the leading Jewish institution in Hungary over the past year.

Local leaders and board members reaffirmed their unwavering commitment to our mission and long-term sustainability. They worked together with our dedicated professionals, activists, volunteers, and partners abroad to impact lasting change.

Philanthropists and US-based Jewish Federation delegates helped JCC Budapest grow in all our program areas. Our partnerships were a testament to a strengthening alliance between American and European Jewry at a critical moment in Jewish history.

## VOTING MEMBERS:

**Péter Barta**  
President

**Gabriella Benisch**

**Péter Selmecsi**

**Cathi Luski**

**Rabbi Zoltán Radnóti**

**Emese Danks**

**József Horváth**

## ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS:

**Joel Beckman**

**Mircea Cernov**

**Rabbi Michael Paley**

**Steering Committee**

**JCC Director**

- Representatives of The Bálint Ház Foundation
- Representative of The Friends of JCC Budapest
- Delegates of The Hungarian and Budapest Jewish Community



# STEERING COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

- Cathi Luski, Co-Chair
- Joel Beckman, Co-Chair
- Shari and Fred Schenk
- Gabriel Balint
- Rina Langer
- Stan Rabin
- Marilyn Gellert
- Katty Rosenstock, as representative of Jewish Federation of Greater Dallas
- Beth Wayne and Traci Rollins, as representatives of Jewish Federation of Palm Beach County

# A GROWING PARTNERSHIP

We established a Palm Beach Committee to serve as a counterpart to the Budapest Committee at the Jewish Federation of Palm

Beach County, a strategic partner whose members contribute to the growth of Jewish community development in Hungary.

# MINI-BOARDS

Our four mini-boards – Family, Young Adult, Holiday Ambassadors, and Rosh b'Rosh think tank – provided key strategic input, cultivated local leadership, and widened

the scope of our impact. Members actively worked to increase community buy-in and ensure that JCC Budapest programs aligned with our diverse demographic.

# 2024 FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

## BUDGET

EXPENSES	2024 Expenses (\$US)
Adult programs	375,000
Children's programs	74,000
JCC Without Walls	200,000
Shalom Club	41,000
Social Responsibility	101,000
Staff Costs	340,000
IT	47,000
Operating Expenses	145,000
Marketing	38,000
Fundraising	112,000
Reserves/Differences in Exchange Rate/ Multi-Year Grants	5,050
TOTAL	1,478,050

## INCOME

Donations via JDC (JCC Friends, foundations, federations, private individuals)	698,400
Funds raised from Hungarian and European Sources	453,400
Grants	238,250
JCC revenue streams: fees for programs and services	88,000
TOTAL	1,478,050

# COME VISIT US

**Experience the vibrancy of Jewish Life in Budapest first-hand with JCC Budapest-Bálint Ház. We love international travelers and would be delighted to help you plan a meaningful visit to our city. We offer an array of opportunities, including but not limited to:**

- Participation in JCC Budapest activities.
- Meetings with JCC community members and staff.
- Connections with our partners.
- Jewish and general tourist recommendations.
- Venues for programs, events, and collaboration.

Let us know if you're coming to town. For more details about what we can provide, visit [www.friendsjccbudapest.org](http://www.friendsjccbudapest.org).





# BE A MENSCH!



## MENSCH

(BELOW 360 USD)

- Richard Rossman
- Susan Hock
- Sarah Kayle
- Bruce Freyer
- Ron Kaplan
- Daniel Burkeman
- Anonymous
- Lois Fioretti
- Linda Singer
- Bruce J. Powell
- Julian Bussgang
- Jane Fantel
- Alex Weisler
- Mindy and Andrew Feldman
- Carol Caplan
- Marissa Porter
- Eileen and Mark Wesley
- Julia Winston
- Robyn Goldberg
- Barbara Craft
- Daniel Zaas
- Andreas Petrou-Zeniou
- Linda Rattner Nunn
- Dikla Schaap
- Victor Ney
- Honey Levick

## BRONZE

(360 – 1799 USD)

- Scott Zeger
- Judith Darsky
- Cynthia Gersony
- Sara Cass
- David Rabin
- Harold Treiber
- Daniel Kramer
- Gary Krausz
- Rabbi David and Debbie Kornberg
- Ronald A. Nagel
- Beth and Hawkeye Wayne
- Linda Schottenstein Fisher
- Cheryl Rattner-Price
- Gregory Feldman
- Amy and Jonathan Bergner
- Arleen Priest
- Michael D. Weinberg

## SILVER

(1800 – 2499 USD)

- Janie and Adam Frieman
- Cheryl Fishbein and Phil Schatten
- Meira Fleisch
- Leslie and Shlomo Caspi
- Betsy and Richard Sheerr
- Abby Goldstein
- Laura Solomon

## GOLD

(2500 – 4999 USD)

- Carol and Ted (z"l) Levy
- Susan and Eric Weisman
- Judi Gottschalk
- Na'mit and Zev Nagel
- Martine Fleischman
- Julie Platt
- IKAR
- Steven E. and Gloria F. Vogel Family Philanthropic Fund

## PLATINUM

(5000 – 9999 USD)

- Harriet and Marc Suvall
- The Plum Foundation
- Sharon and David Wax
- Irene Fayn
- Alan Reinitz, in memory of Blanka Reinitz (z"l)
- Eva Gero & John Cillag
- Sydelle Sonkin
- Sandra and Edward Weinstein

## DIAMOND

(10,000 USD AND ABOVE)

- George & Martha Rich Foundation (Langer Family)
- Gellert Goldreich Family
- Jewish Federation of Greater Dallas
- Lisa and Victor Kohn
- Cathi and David Luski
- Jewish Federation of Palm Beach County
- Stan and Barbara (z"l) Rabin
- Louis B. Thalheimer and Family
- Shari and Frederick Schenk
- The Rosalinde and Arthur Gilbert Foundation
- Balint Charities, Andres Balint Charitable Trust
- Beckman Family Foundation
- Susanna and David Green
- United Jewish Federation of Tidewater
- Anonymous
- The Jack Buncher Foundation
- Dorot Foundation
- The Rosaline Katz Family Foundation
- Drs. John and Daisy Merey
- Nicky Yakubovich

## L'HITRAOT!

As this year has taught us, everything can change in an instant. We might find our position as Jews in the world further compromised. Or we can discover our greatest dreams have come true.

Our role as a JCC is to be a source of Jewish life and stability, and to promote unity while valuing diversity, whatever happens.

We need to sustain a culture of giving and inclusion, of kindness and mutual support, of opportunities that deepen our love of heritage and community. And we must hold our heads high as proud Jews, rooted in a richly layered history and invested in building the future we hope for.

We have come so far over the past three decades. But there is plenty of room for us to grow. We hope you'll join us.

### STRATEGIC PARTNERS:



JCC Budapest-Bálint Ház was founded in 1994 by the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC), launching Hungary's Jewish revival after the fall of the Iron Curtain. Today, it serves as the center of Jewish life in the heart of Budapest. In 2022, JCC Budapest-Bálint Ház became an independent local NGO, and in 2024, it established Friends of JCC Budapest as a registered 501 (c) (3) in the United States. To learn more about joining our cadre of overseas friends and investors, please visit [www.friendsofjccbudapest.org](http://www.friendsofjccbudapest.org)

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