

The Jewish Federation of New Mexico partners with Jewish organizations to meet the needs of Jews in New Mexico, Israel and worldwide through LEADERSHIP, PHILANTHROPY, EDUCATION and SOCIAL ACTION.

We accomplish this by:

- Prioritizing, funding and implementing programs that meet the needs of Jews of all ages in New Mexico;
- Strengthening Jewish identity and participation among Jewish New Mexicans;
- Providing a voice for the Jewish community that addresses critical issues and celebrates Jewish life;
- Sponsoring programs that inspire and develop multi-generational Jewish leadership;
- Supporting Israel and Jews in need around the world and by mobilizing the Jewish community to respond to humanitarian crises.

Who We Are:

Founded in 1948, the Jewish Federation of New Mexico is part of the United Jewish Communities (UJC), a network of 189 Jewish Federations and 400 independent communities. These organizations, raising an annual total of \$2 billion, are dedicated to improving and enriching Jewish life around the world.

Federation is the heart and soul of New Mexico Jewry's philanthropic and humanitarian activities. It embodies a 3,500-year-old tradition of caring that goes back to the giving of the Torah and sustains us in the bold pursuit of Jewish community, Jewish values and Jewish peoplehood. Federation is the people who care enough to want to perfect an imperfect world. Federation is the passion of commitment, where tzedakah and a sense of social justice can make a difference in someone's life.

Federation builds and strengthens Jewish community; from the Land of Enchantment to our homeland, from the homebound to the homeless, from elderly Jews in Russia to North American teens discovering their birthright in Israel. Whether the task is reducing Jewish poverty and hunger, rescuing and resettling new immigrants, or spurring Jewish renaissance worldwide, Federation is committed to seizing this moment in Jewish history to ensure the continuity of the Jewish people.



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Jewish Federation of New Mexico Questions and Answers

Where do the Dollars raised by Federation Go?

According to Jewish tradition, the highest form of tzedakah or charity is giving to a central campaign or community fund. Your gift to the Jewish Federation of New Mexico's Annual Campaign provides funds to meet urgent, ongoing humanitarian and social service needs of the global Jewish people, to encourage and support Jewish education and Jewish community, and to strengthen the relationship between New Mexicans and the Israeli people. Part of your gift remains right in New Mexico, and part goes to meet overseas needs through our partners, JAFI and JDC. These dollars help build the Jewish homeland and rebuild strong Jewish communities in over 60 countries around the world.

Can I designate where I'd like my money to go?

Yes. Designated gifts may be made to any of the Jewish Federation of New Mexico's Beneficiary Agencies, which include: Hillel at UNM; the NM Holocaust & Intolerance Museum; the Jewish Community Center of Greater Albuquerque; the NM Jewish Historical Society (NMJHS); Jewish Family Service of NM (JFSNM); the Solomon Schechter Day School of Albuquerque. Designated gifts may also be made to Israel via the UJC.

Does the Federation Serve Jewish Communities throughout New Mexico?

Yes. As one of the only statewide Jewish Federations, the JFNM supports projects in Santa Fe and Taos, and welcomes funding requests from New Mexico-based non-profit Jewish congregations and organizations through a yearly allocations process.

How does the Jewish Federation keep our community informed?

The Jewish Federation of New Mexico publishes the state's only Jewish community newspaper, *The New Mexico Jewish Link*. This award-winning publication is presented by the Jewish Federation as a means to unite the community through news, commentary and philanthropy. The Federation's website – jewishnewmexico.org – also features information about congregational and organizational life in New Mexico, as well as interesting stories updated daily from the Jewish Telegraphic Agency.

Throughout the year, the JFNM also brings a number of exceptional speakers to our community to address topics of concern and interest to community members.

How does the Jewish Federation speak on behalf of our community?

Through the Jewish Community Relations Council of New Mexico, the JFNM advocates for a safe, secure, democratic state of Israel and leads New Mexico in Israel Advocacy. The JCRC also combats anti-Semitism, and communicates with local, state and federal government officials to ensure public support for programs that impact New Mexico's Jewish Community, especially the elderly, children, the disabled, immigrants and the indigent. Enhancing interreligious relations in New Mexico's diverse setting is also a priority for the JCRC in order to promote mutual understanding and respect.

How do you Plan for the Future?

The Jewish Community Endowment Foundation of New Mexico (a project of the Federation), helps donors achieve their philanthropic goals for New Mexico's Jewish community via such vehicles as donor-advised funds, real estate donations, and the Book of Life program. The Jewish Women's Fund of New Mexico has also been created to provide annual support to organizations and programs serving Jewish women and children.

Developing Jewish Leaders is also a priority: the JFNM has implemented a Leadership Program designed to cultivate and educate a select group as the next generation of Jewish leadership in New Mexico.



The JFNM's Youth Conclave Grant Program provides grants for the purpose of encouraging New Mexico youth to attend youth programs sponsored by national youth movements. The JFNM also helps young people travel to Israel through its Israel Experience Grant Program.

To help Jewish children develop a passion for Jewish learning, the JFNM, in partnership with Congregation B'nai Israel, now serves as the New Mexico conduit for the PJ Library program, which sends Jewish-content books and music on a monthly basis to families with children from birth through age seven.

How can I get involved?

While funding and implementing programs that meet the needs of Jews of all ages in New Mexico remains a cornerstone of the Federation mission, increasing affiliation, or getting Jews involved and connected in New Mexico's Jewish community, is also a critical aspect of all JFNM endeavors. Creating passionate and strong leaders is another.

Please contact the Jewish Federation of New Mexico at (505) 821-3214 and express your particular interests.

The Federation will identify appropriate opportunities for you to contribute your time, philanthropy, ideas, and leadership.

