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A Message from Our Leadership

THIS IS OUR HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY.
And what a privilege it is to be leading this vital organization during this milestone year. Not just because JDC has a storied history confronting crisis and rebuilding Jewish life worldwide, but because today we are at the vanguard of the Jewish future.

We’re providing life-sustaining aid to the world’s poorest Jews. From isolated, destitute elderly, to the neediest Jewish children and families, to Israelis yearning for a dynamic future, we’re providing the help and hope that make all the difference.

JDC is heading into the next 100 years leading a global revitalization of Jewish life in the face of social, political, and economic turmoil. Innovative JDC programs, like a nighttime Jewish street festival in historic Krakow and a pan-Asian weekend of Jewish learning in Shanghai, are giving people new ways to connect to community and experience Jewish life firsthand.

This is our future—innovating and strengthening Jewish life and communities around the globe through cutting-edge, adaptable solutions to evolving needs.

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In Israel, for example, the dramatic expansion of our Israel Unlimited partnership for adults with disabilities—made possible by a landmark lead grant from our partner, the Ruderman Family Foundation, with new funding from our other partner, the Israeli government—will further advance its groundbreaking for the most vulnerable in the conflict zone and transformed day center lunch programs into meals-on-wheels for the elderly, aided displaced families, distributed emergency kits to seniors and people with disabilities, and mobilized volunteers to entertain frightened children in bomb shelters.

JDC’s emergency-response capability was also tested in the former Soviet Union (FSU) as we marshaled our Hesed welfare center network to aid elderly Jewish clients and repair and rebuild homes in towns hard hit by flash floods in Krasnodar. We also brought clients extra food and fuel for heat during the record freezing winter.

Some 150,000 elderly and impoverished Jews in 2,600+ locations relied on Hesed services last year. Just over half benefit from expanded funding provided by the German government through the Claims Conference for home care and other assistance for Holocaust survivors. Providing for the equally vulnerable Jewish elderly who are not entitled to restitution-related aid is our ongoing challenge, but one we will always work tirelessly to meet.

JDC also continues to work with Greek, Bulgarian, and Baltic Jewish communities devastated by Europe’s economic crisis. We provide rent and utility subsidies, medicines, job training and skills development, access to Jewish life through free holiday celebrations, and scholarships that are keeping children in Jewish schools. Given the rise in nationalism and anti-Semitism often accompanying economic decline, our support is a lifeline that reassures these communities they are not alone.

JDC Entwine is a powerful example of global Jewish responsibility, mobilizing young Jewish advocates and leaders to make a lasting impact on the worldwide Jewish community. In four years, JDC Entwine has increased its programming by 400 percent, with over 40,000 service hours contributed by its year-long Fellows in 2012. Entwine’s Learning Networks expanded to America’s west coast, while its London cohort played a pivotal role in new pan-Asian Jewish conclaves in Beijing and Shanghai. And its involvement with our pioneering leadership programs in the FSU—like the KAET social entrepreneurship training venture, in partnership with PresenTense—is forging stronger ties among young Jews and Jewish communities worldwide.

Our recommitment for our next 100 years is to this guarantee—that wherever in the world a Jew is in need, JDC will be there.

JDC’s world-class humanitarian aid expertise also benefited victims of global disasters. Our past-trauma and community rehabilitation programs—forged with Israeli trauma experts and local NGOs—changed thousands of lives devastated by Japan’s tsunami and nuclear disaster. And in Haiti, where our earthquake response impacted over 300,000 people, we’ve honed in on children’s educational opportunities on campuses we helped build; trained critically needed civil society leaders; and provided anti-cholera aid after Hurricane Sandy.

Recognizing a century of service, our JDC Archives is a premier Jewish historical resource utilized by scholars and researchers worldwide. A major five-year project to begin to digitize our text collections has been completed, and the archives.jdc.org website, launched last year to media praise, is giving the public new access to unique historic materials. In addition, major Jewish museums recently opened in Moscow and Warsaw drew on the JDC Archives’ collections and expertise.

As always, we deeply appreciate the trust and support we receive from Jewish community federations across North America in partnership with JFNA, the Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Foundation, the International Fellowship of Christians and Jews, the Maurice and Vivienne Wohl Charitable Foundation, the Swiss Banks Settlement, World Jewish Relief, and other individuals, foundations, estates, and partners around the world. Special thanks to the Conference on Jewish Material Claims against Germany, which has designated JDC as its agent in providing welfare services to Holocaust survivors in the FSU and Eastern Europe.

The tradition of communal responsibility set by our founders 100 years ago is upheld today by the devoted members of our Board, whose commitment to excellence guides the work of a staff unique in its devotion to the Jewish people. We are grateful to Darrell Friedman for serving so ably as Interim CEO, and for making our leadership transition as seamless as possible.

We are honored to be leading JDC at this historic time—because our Centennial is not just about looking back, but about assessing our work today and setting forth a vision for the future.

Our founders in 1914 could not have known all the challenges the 20th century would bring to Jews the world over. And if these first years of the 21st century have taught us anything, it’s that we, too, are living in unpredictable, volatile times—times of tremendous global Jewish opportunity, but also of uncertainty and threat. So our recommitment for our next 100 years is to this guarantee—that wherever in the world a Jew is in need, JDC will be there.
Today JDC is changing the face of the Jewish future, leveraging a century’s experience confronting poverty and crisis and rebuilding Jewish life around the globe.

Since its founding in 1914 at the outset of World War I, JDC has played a pivotal role in modern Jewish history, bolstering Jewish lives and communities amid tragedy and triumph, and transforming difficult challenges into valuable opportunities.

In the face of famine and pogroms...the genocide of World War II to the building of the State of Israel...from revitalizing Jewish life post-Communism to responding to contemporary dangers the world over, JDC has answered the call.

Learn more about JDC’s rich history by visiting the JDC Archives website (archives.jdc.org), which provides access to searchable text and photo collections, a names database, and online exhibitions drawn from one of the most significant collections for the study of modern Jewish history.

In these times of unprecedented global Jewish opportunity, we invite you to join us in celebrating JDC’s past in our Centennial year—and renewing our commitment to building an ever-stronger global Jewish tomorrow.

Check out our Centennial Snapshots, a look back at critical JDC accomplishments that relate to our ongoing, contemporary initiatives.

1. JDC officials at a milk distribution center for children in Iasi. In the aftermath of World War I, JDC helped support some 58,000 orphaned Jewish children in Central and Eastern Europe and it cared for over 4,000 Jewish orphans in Palestine. Romania, c. 1921.

2. To promote economic development, JDC helped establish the Palestine Economic Corporation and the Central Bank of Cooperative Institutions, which facilitated the growth of the citrus industry and other agricultural projects in the new British Mandate. Palestine, 1920s.

3. These German Jews departing from Bremerhaven were among the 100,000 German refugees assisted by JDC-supported organizations from 1935 to 1939; by 1940, JDC was helping European Jewish refugees in 40+ countries. Germany, 1938.

4. New shoes were an item of pride among the 41,000 Jewish children in Western Europe’s DP camps; they benefited from JDC’s all-encompassing post-Holocaust aid program, which was helping to meet the needs of hundreds of thousands of Jews across the continent in 1946-47. Germany. c. 1946. Photo: Al Taylor

5. JDC activities in Gondar in the 1980s benefited the large number of Ethiopian Jews then living in that province, and JDC aided 24,000 Jews in Addis Ababa in the year leading up to the Operation Solomon airlift in May 1991. Ethiopia. 1988. Photo: Edward Serotta

6. Through Malben, JDC helped Israel establish new care facilities for elderly immigrants and rehabilitation programs for people with disabilities, like this young polio-sufferer from Iraq who is learning to walk again. Israel. c. 1994.

7. A young student at a JDC-supported Jewish school in Marrakesh. JDC has continued to help small but vibrant Jewish communities in North Africa maintain institutions essential to Jewish life. Morocco. 1965.
Investing In Our Children

Children are the future of Jewish communities we help build around the world. That’s why today, providing for the fundamental needs of the poorest Jewish children and their families—and ensuring their well-being, healthy development, and Jewish connection—is at the heart of our global work. JDC’s wide range of assistance and Jewish cultural and learning programs are giving the next generation the skills and confidence they need to succeed in today’s economy, and linking them inextricably to our shared heritage.

JDC’s Baby Help Program

Housed in the Buenos Aires community’s state-of-the-art seniors’ complex, JDC’s Baby Help program is nurturing young children from struggling Jewish families and using “adoptive grandparents” to link them to Jewish traditions.

GOOD HEALTH LEADS TO A BRIGHTER FUTURE

JDC provides 33,000+
of the neediest Jewish children and their families in Europe and the former Soviet Union (FSU) with critical material assistance and a connection to community life.

- hunger relief
- medical care
- warm clothing and heating aid
- rent subsidies and home repair services
- employment and other counseling for parents
- scholarships to participate in Jewish Community Center programs, Shabbat and holiday celebrations, family retreats, and Jewish camping experiences

NURTURING ISRAEL’S YOUNGEST

74,000 children, youth, and young adults now have a path to a better future because of JDC programs in Israel in 2012. A leading innovator of pioneering services for children and youth at risk in Israel, JDC’s Ashalin programs are being replicated today across all population groups and scaled for national impact. The program area below shows how this works.

Achieving School Readiness:

- Pre-school enrichment for Ethiopian-Israeli children
- Adapted for Israeli Arab children
- Scaled to impact disadvantaged children nationwide

ENSURING ACCESS TO JEWISH LEARNING

In Morocco, Tunisia, Turkey, and Greece, JDC is helping Jewish schools that are mainstays of their communities keep children within a Jewish framework and giving them the quality education they need to secure a promising future. Assistance includes:

- scholarships
- teacher training and new resource materials
- building and equipment upgrades

In an old section of Kharkov, Ukraine, Alec and Lena struggle to provide each day for their youngest children—Evgenia, 13; Magdalena, 10; and Zahariya, 7—all of whom benefit from services supported by the International Fellowship of Christians and Jews-JDC Partnership for Children in the Former Soviet Union.

The family shares four dilapidated rooms in a 340-year-old wooden building. The elder children are married or studying elsewhere with state subsidies for those from large families.

Alec, a professional musician, despairs that he cannot find work; he oversees the kids’ schooling and music classes, also paid for by the state. Lena writes educational books for children, but is poorly compensated. The couple cannot pay their utility bills and sometimes spend days on end without gas for cooking and heat.

The family began getting Partnership help soon after Evgenia was born. “Without it we’d be hungry,” says Alec. “We would die maybe.” Lena adds that the food they receive is a godsend. “You see the children are so thin. The kids are happiest the day I use my food card and bring home bags of food. It’s the most we have.”

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Partnership programs also provide clothing and school supplies and pay for medicines when the children get sick, which is often. Its family center is equally prized—a place where the kids can go for Shabbat and holiday celebrations, “a place that feels cozy to them,” according to Lena, where they can find community and learn about their heritage.

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Pioneering Care for the Vulnerable

Caring for the most vulnerable is a hallmark of our community. Today JDC and its partners are at the vanguard of alleviating hunger and hardship for the poorest Jews in the world. Sometimes these needs emerge from crises; others are more entrenched social gaps. But whether we are providing food and medicines to elderly struggling to survive on inadequate pensions in the former Soviet Union or pioneering services that enable Israeli seniors and people with disabilities to live independently at home and feel a part of Israeli society, JDC is committed to developing—and replicating—the most effective models of care to improve lives and communities worldwide.

HESED SOCIAL WELFARE NETWORK

JDC’s network of Hesed ("loving-kindness") social welfare centers today provides food, medicines, home care, winter heating, and social programs for the world’s poorest Jews. Created to address the dire needs of Jewish pensioners following the fall of the Soviet Union, the efficient Hesed model also builds community, training local professionals and volunteers to provide "social services with special compassion."

149,901 elderly Jews in 2,600+ cities, towns, and villages across the former Soviet Union (FSU) received critical services from 161 Hesed social welfare centers and other organizations.

Country/Region Number of Elderly Aided
Belarus 12,777
Central Asian Republics & Caucasus Region 9,184
Moldova 3,585
Russian Federation 64,704
Ukraine 59,651
Total 149,901

*Includes Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan

11,000,000+ hours of home care were provided to isolated and increasingly frail elderly.

Pioneered by JDC in Argentina over a decade ago and now a mainstay of hunger relief programs in Eastern Europe and the FSU, food debt cards maintain clients’ dignity and independence—and newly piloted bank cards will offer even greater flexibility and freedom of choice.

CENTENNIAL SNAPSHOT

From 1948 through 1950, JDC played a critical role in one of history’s largest mass migrations, helping to bring close to 440,000 Jews to Israel. Nearly one-fourth were veterans of the DP camps; many were elderly or desperately sick survivors of Nazi atrocities; fewer than half were physically able to shop, bring the food and fresh foods she gets from Hesed and fresh foods she gets from Hesed also pays her electric bill. She received home care at one point, but has since preferred to do things for herself.

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For 50 years, Tamara was a history teacher, and she worked as a journalist and editor. She has a passion for travel and reading, and she enjoys spending time with her grandchildren. When she is not working, she enjoys gardening and cooking.

And it funded the training of nurses and rehabilitation professionals.

Under MALBEN’s aegis, disabilities once deemed hopeless responded to new treatments and therapies. New immigrants with disabilities were fitted with prosthetics and given loans to open small businesses; while vocational training programs helped them—and recovering TB patients—secure gainful employment and a place in mainstream society.

A new Supported Housing Program helps young adults with disabilities make the life-changing transition from living in institutions or their parents’ homes to living in the larger community.

QUALITY CARE FOR ISRAEL’S SENIORS

JDC is a force for innovation in elderly care in Israel. Through its ESHEL partnership, JDC develops transformative services that profoundly enhance seniors’ independence and quality of life and are addressing cutting-edge issues like elder abuse, dementia, and the special needs of aging Holocaust survivors.

75,000+ Israelis age 65+ are being cared for and aging with dignity.

260+ Supportive Communities give seniors the services and security they need to continue living in their own homes and neighborhoods.

SHARING WORLD-CLASS KNOW-HOW

JDC expertise—developed through ESHEL and the applied research of the Myers–JDC-Brookdale Institute in Israel—has informed Jewish communities’ state-of-the-art approaches to elderly care in Morocco, Tunisia, Turkey, India, and parts of Eastern Europe and Latin America.

Upgrading residential facilities and their quality of care

Using golden age clubs, summer camps, café programs, and day centers to combat isolation and promote wellness

The Women’s Health Empowerment Program is promoting early detection of breast cancer and support for survivors in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Hungary, Russia, and among Israeli and Palestinian women.

Through the work of our medical director, Dr. Rick Hodes, JDC is providing life-changing spinal surgeries and expert cancer treatments for Egyptian children.

HARNESSING ISRAELIS’ ABILITIES

Israel Unlimited, an innovative public-private partnership of JDC, the Ruderman Family Foundation, and the Government of Israel, is working to make Israeli society more inclusive and ensure that all Israelis with disabilities have access to the services and support they need to work and live independently.

Managed and operated by people with disabilities, JDC’s Centers for Independent Living promote social change among Israelis with disabilities and link them to a peer network, the job market, and other critical services:

Peer counseling

Workshops on using assistive devices

Independent-living training programs

In her early 90s and living on her own in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan, Tamara S. tells a visitor to her drafty, one-room apartment, “Hesed has kept me alive for over a decade. I have confidence that if anything happens, there is an organization that I can talk with to get help.”

For 50 years, Tamara was a history teacher, and her former students still check up on her. A longtime widow, she has absolutely no relatives—except for her family from the JDC-supported Hesed social welfare center.

Now confined to her flat, Tamara eagerly awaits the Hesed workers who come laden with food packages and medicine for her many ailments. Hesed also pays her electric bill. She received home care at one point, but has since preferred to do things for herself.

Tamar keeps her spirits up by quilting and embroidery, and is proud she can still cook for herself, using the staples and fresh foods she gets from Hesed.

“I want to do it for myself. But since I’m not physically able to shop, Hesed brings the food to my door—and has never let me down. My tiny parcel a month keep me alive. Without them, I would starve and die.”

Tamar prides herself on preparing cabbage soup, oatmeal, potatoes, and kasha. “Please come again so I can feed you,” she tells her visitor.

“I’m glad you don’t forget me. I feel loved and cared for. Thank you,” she says. “Now I have support and hope.”
Promoting Self-Sufficiency

Thriving communities start with thriving people. To fuel their success, JDC is equipping tens of thousands of individuals with the tools they need to support themselves and their families in today’s competitive global marketplace. For Jewish men and women facing financial turmoil in Europe, Asia, and Latin America, we’re providing vital employment assistance to help put food on their tables and keep roofs over their heads. And as a leading social innovator in Israel, JDC is creating pioneering programs that ensure all working-age Israelis have a stake in Israel’s future and are equipped to share in the nation’s burgeoning economy.

**Mobilizing Israel’s Workforce**

JDC’s TEVET employment initiative with the Government of Israel has coached/trained/employed chronically jobless Israelis, including:

- young adults from disadvantaged backgrounds
- struggling immigrants
- ultra-Orthodox Jews (Haredim)
- Israeli Arabs
- people with disabilities

JDC’s one-stop employment centers have empowered 27,000 Haredim and Israeli Arabs to enter and advance in the workplace, and will scale to reach 92,000 in every major Haredi neighborhood and Israeli Arab city.

JDC is focusing on promoting career mobility for the women it helps enter the workplace through the Woman of Valor (Eshet Chayil) program model: Ethiopian-Israelis and other immigrants, Israeli Arabs, and other long-term jobless Israeli-born women.

90% of the Haredi women we trained in computer technology, graphic and interior design, or financial analysis as an alternative to teaching have found jobs at leading companies.

75% of hard-to-employ young adults trained by JDC’s intensive STRIVE work-readiness “boot camp” were successfully placed in jobs.

**Centennial Snapshot**

The goal of restoring economic self-sufficiency has been paramount in JDC’s aid programs. In the devastating aftermath of World War I, it helped Eastern European Jews begin to support themselves and their families again by establishing or revitalizing networks of loan kassas—community-based credit cooperatives that provided low-interest or interest-free loans to craftsmen, small business people, and the poorest families. (These were echoed some 80 years later when JDC initiated microenterprise development projects and loan funds to help Jews whose lives were upended by Argentina’s financial crisis.)

JDC also joined with ORT to provide vocational training courses for young adults, like the textile workshop pictured here, and it set up a special fund to issue small loans to would-be farmers and entrepreneurs in what was then British Mandatory Palestine.

In Central and Eastern Europe, for example, JDC is helping Jewish professionals retouch to compete in today’s job market and regain the stability they lost in the recent economic downturn and the continent’s current debt crisis.

**Assistance includes:**

- help with resume writing, interviewing, and job-search techniques
- professional training, counseling, and language courses
- small business loans

**Replicable Job Center Model**

The Ariel Job Center—developed by JDC to aid thousands of Jews devastated by Argentina’s 2001 economic crisis—is the prototype for programs combating unemployment and underemployment today among Jewish community members in:

- BUENOS AIRES, Argentina
- SANTIAGO, Chile
- PORTO ALEGRE, Brazil
- BUDAPEST, Hungary
- BUCHAREST, Romania
- TALLINN, Estonia
- RIGA, Latvia
- SOFIA, Bulgaria
- CARACAS, Venezuela
- BUENOS AIRES, Argentina
- PORTO ALEGRE, Brazil

**Boosting Employment in Turkey**

The JDC-funded Job Placement Service in Istanbul, Turkey is combating significant unemployment within the Jewish community, owing largely to closure and downsizing of Jewish-owned small and mid-sized businesses unable to compete with multinational companies.

The service has placed nearly 1,000 recent university graduates and other Jewish professionals in viable jobs, 200+ of them in the last year.

**Philipp, Kommimiyyut, Israel**

Phillip—a 24-year-old Czech-born Israeli—is from the Haredi farming community of Kommimiyyut, unique for its dedication to the Haredi way of life in a rural setting. Since his wife works only seasonally, his job is critical. “When you add up the costs of paying for a mortgage, Neder (traditional elementary school) for the children, even just food to get by on, it’s impossible without going to work,” says Phillip.

JDC’s one-stop employment centers for Haredi men and women reach out to corporate partners throughout Israel who are looking for skilled workers to meet the needs of a rapidly growing economy. The Central Bottling Company (CBC), the Israeli subsidiary of Coca Cola, has signed on—a global brand with a sense of corporate social responsibility.

Asked if his community really considers it acceptable to go out to work at Coca-Cola, Phillip proudly declares: “Everybody does it where I live—Shabbos is Shabbos and the other days of the week we work,” adding that he still learns every night in his community. CBC’s Haredi employees appreciate the opportunities provided by both JDC and Coca Cola, and their interaction with their boss reflects mutual respect.

Managers at the CBC facility in Sorek, southeast of Tel Aviv, are on the lookout for skilled workers for jobs that are difficult to fill and require specialized training; they have found that Haredi employees hired through this program fulfill those requirements.

The plant managers also feel that Haredi employees bring important values to the workplace—loyalty, honesty, integrity, and dedication—and emphasize that they are hard-working and productive, quick learners with a low turnover rate.
In this time of unprecedented opportunity for the global Jewish community, JDC is there—innovating every kind of Jewish experience to engage those seeking cultural connection worldwide. We are bringing a Jewish world nearly lost to Communist repression back to vibrant, extraordinary life by ensuring that wherever in the world Jews may live, from North Africa to South America to East Asia, so does the promise of strong, sustainable communities deeply connected to the global Jewish people.

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JDC’s network of local, regional, and international Jewish camping experiences and other summer programs are energizing young Jews from Cuba to the Central Asian Republics, connecting them to Jewish culture, to each other, and to the global Jewish community.

**Argentina – Armenia – Belarus – Bulgaria – Croatia – Cuba**

**Estonia – Georgia – Hungary – India – Kazakhstan – Kyrgyzstan**

**Latvia – Lithuania – Moldova – Poland – Romania – Russia**

**Turkey – Ukraine – Uzbekistan**

**JUDAFEST JUNIORS, HUNGARY**

Geared to the younger set but equally popular with their parents, Judafest Juniors in Hungary—a favorite among JDC’s Judaiahim Without Walls initiatives—brings families in Budapest’s large Jewish population closer to Jewish life.

“Many people who are not ready to attend other kinds of Jewish programs are warmly welcomed here, and it gives us a chance to show ourselves to the larger society,” explained Agi, a mother of two whose family enjoyed April’s festival. “Through hands-on exhibits, an obstacle course, even a virtual Olympics, the attendees experienced the diverse expressions of Jewish culture around the globe. In a city home to many Jews who are not yet connected to the community, the festival had something for everyone, appealing to Jews of all backgrounds and degrees of religious affinity.”

Agi, for example, the daughter of a rabbi, grew up in a traditional home—a rarity for someone in her generation. Her kids now attend JDC’s International Jewish Camp at Szarvas and the Jewish day school.

Tamar, on the other hand, terms her family secular and does not usually participate in community activities. Nevertheless, she is attracted to an event like this—and brought her 51-year-old mother, who feels, “It’s very important to have programs that are not directly ‘religious’ but that fit the secular people who are interested in Judaism.”

Linda, an informal Jewish educator, agrees, emphasizing the importance of having “widely advertised, diverse programs that many non-affiliated people attend. At Judafest Juniors, nobody feels like an outsider because the event spotlights a community open and welcoming to all.”

**Jewish Community Centers**

**73,000+** people engaged with their heritage through activities organized by the network of JDC-supported Jewish Community Centers throughout the former Soviet Union (FSU) and Central and Eastern Europe in 2012.

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In Argentina, the Baltics, Bulgaria, Germany, Poland, Romania, and Turkey, the grassroots Limmud studyfests we support are helping fuel the global Jewish revival. Community members serve as event organizers, teachers, and students in the quest to learn more about Jewish tradition and culture. The first-ever Asia-wide event in Shanghai this spring drew participants from China, India, Singapore, Japan, the UK, and the US.

**Family Retreats**

In the FSU, Bulgaria, and Romania, dozens of family retreats and Shabbatonim are key to connecting parents and children to Jewish life and to other young families in their communities.

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Developing Global Leaders

Communities need strong leaders to navigate current sociopolitical and economic challenges and pass on robust Jewish community life to future generations. Through its renowned leadership development opportunities, JDC is cultivating and empowering a core of young activists that spans oceans and continents. At the same time, our specialized training, mentoring, and regional networking experiences are enhancing the capabilities of those currently guiding Jewish institutions, giving Jewish communities the tools they need to forge a strong future in an ever-changing landscape.

Global Service

40,000+ service hours

were contributed in 2012 by Entwine’s 26 year-long Jewish Service Corps (JSC) Fellows in locations like India, Ethiopia, Turkey, Ukraine, Slovakia, Germany, Israel, and Rwanda. Hundreds of North American college students and young professionals traveled on Entwine “Insider” service or learning opportunities to countries from Kazakhstan to Lithuania to Argentina.

Leadership

Our premier Ralph I. Goldman Fellowship in International Jewish Service and JDC’s exciting new Global Leaders Initiative will enable standout young Jewish leaders to gain an inside view of JDC’s global operations—and impact our work worldwide.

Education

4,000+ young Jews

across the U.S. learned about international Jewish needs last year through Entwine Learning Networks in seven cities across North America.

NETWORKING AND TRAINING

Regional programs like Gesher promote cross-border ties among young Jewish activists in the Balkans and Black Sea, Danube, and Baltic areas. As a boost to Greek Jewry, the city of Thesaloniki hosted the 2012 Gesher Young Adults Institute—a much-anticipated annual training and networking event.

ADVANCING A NEW GENERATION

Nurtured by counselor training programs at JDC’s International Jewish Camp at Svarze, Hungary, young leaders from Europe, the FSU, India, China, and Singapore are engines of Jewish renewal in their home communities. Made in Community trained at Hadarha Colleges in Turkey and Bulgaria and the Baltic’s Kadima School now lead local camps, youth clubs, and intergenerational activities.

Prospective leaders across the FSU are gaining the tools to contribute to their communities and take responsibility for their Jewish future through Mita’s expanding initiatives in Russia, the Caucasus region, Ukraine, Kazakhstan, and Moldova. Lehava’s project-based program in St. Petersburg, and the Moscow-based KAET Fellows—a social entrepreneurship training venture of JDC and PresenTense.

BUILDING PROFESSIONAL EXCELLENCE

Enriching 400+ Jewish leaders annually, JDC’s acclaimed Buncher Community Leadership Program and Lead4t training opportunities offer professionals and volunteers from Latin America, Europe, the FSU, and India intensive seminars in their own language, locally and in Israel. They also boost management and strategic planning skills of top leaders, leveraging the cutting-edge research of the JDC International Centre for Community Development at Oxford University.

TRANSFORMING ISRAELI SOCIETY

THROUGH LEADERSHIP

JDC’s Institute for Leadership and Governance is working in partnership with the Government of Israel and others to bring together the country’s top leaders—philanthropists, community leaders, senior government officials, mayors, and heads of academia—in order to realize transformative changes in Israeli society.

CENTENNIAL SNAPSHOT

JDC recognized early on that the ability of local Jews to operate their own communal services and institutions was essential to building strong, sustainable communities. It trained nurses in Poland following WWII, and established the Paul Baerwald School of Social Work in France to provide professional training to those working globally with Holocaust survivors. Its establishment in 1994 of the William Rosenwald Institute for Communal and Welfare Workers in St. Petersburg, Russia set the standard for tens of thousands of local professionals and volunteers who have since taken part in training programs at the Institute and at regional centers. From management courses to training for newly recruited volunteers to a new development in post-Soviet society, the Institute has imparted essential skills to those on the vanguard of rebuilding Jewish community life in the FSU.

WOMEN’S EMPOWERMENT

Organized by our International Development Program, JDC’s annual International Women’s Leadership Workshop in Israel offers educational, networking, and professional development opportunities for trailblazing female NGO and civil society leaders. Changemakers in their home countries, these women have been key partners with JDC in responding to recent global humanitarian crises.

Kate B., 22, was introduced to JDC, overseas Jewish needs, and the global Jewish world through an Entwine “Insider” trip to Israel during her sophomore year at the University of Virginia. “I had the experience of a lifetime,” she writes, “where I was able to connect with the community in an intensely exciting way.” The trip organized through her school’s Hillel sparked Kate’s desire to dig deeper and further her activism and leadership through Entwine’s continuum of opportunities.

Kate became the Student Coordinator for Entwine’s Insider Trip to Ukraine the following year. She worked to shape the program, recruiting and selecting trip participants, spearheading pre- and post-trip projects, and helping to lead the group in the field. That summer Kate traveled to Argentina, volunteering full-time with JDC-supported community programs as an Entwine Fellow.

For her talents and enthusiasm, Kate was selected to become JDC Entwine’s National Steering Committee’s first college representative, working to develop Entwine’s strategic goals. “I believe the future of JDC lies with young Jews around the world,” says Kate, delighted to be part of a committee “dedicated to building this up-and-coming movement of young Jewish adults and leaders.”

Having made the transition from college student to young professional, Kate soon found a JDC opportunity corresponding to her new stage in life: she is currently spending the year as an Entwine Global Jewish Service Corps Fellow in Argentina. A perfect example of someone who has moved successfully along the movement of Entwine’s continuum, Kate has taken on new leadership responsibilities and deepened her commitment to global Jewish peoplehood every step of the way.

Kate B., United States
The table on page 16 summarizes JDC’s annual budget with income provided primarily by the Jewish Federations of North America/Federations system and the extent to which additional funds from various sources have been obtained and utilized. In sum, the JDC core budget of $75.8 million has leveraged another $290.5 million for total expenditures on JDC projects of $366.3 million during 2012.
Today’s urgent mission for JDC is rescuing Jews and others in danger and crisis, alleviating hunger and hardship, and renewing and rebuilding emergent Jewish communities. JDC impacts millions of lives in more than 70 countries worldwide.

**Consolidated Financial Information**

The following is a summary of JDC’s audited Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 2012. For a copy of the full Financial Statements and Independent Auditor’s Report, email Ophir Singal, JDC Chief Financial Officer, at financials@jdc.org or access at www.JDC.org/financials.

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1. Some 12,000 Ethiopian-Israeli children in 15 cities are benefiting from JDC’s PACT (Parents and Children Together) programs, which provide preschool enrichment activities to bridge educational and social gaps.

2. A therapy session at LeDor vaDor, the Jewish community’s state-of-the-art multifunctional complex for seniors in Buenos Aires, which receives ongoing technical assistance from JDC.

3. In Central and Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union, cross-border programs bring young Jews together for leadership training and Jewish learning opportunities.

4. A micro-loan from JDC’s micro-financing program gave this beaming woman in Gondar City a path to economic independence by enabling her to open her own small shop.

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