

Jewish Federation of Greater Pittsburgh

Get involved

Why get involved?

Why volunteer? Because you can change our community for the better. Because you can change our world for the better.

Because it changes you... for the better.

When you volunteer, you can make a significant difference to an organization or institution, helping to strengthen it and position it for future success. Or you can make a significant difference to one person whose life you touch, or one family. It's all in what you choose to do. And there are countless choices.

But, whatever you choose to do, you will be using your skills and talents, your passion and compassion, to engage in meaningful work. And that will make a significant difference in *your* life.

The Jewish Federation of Greater Pittsburgh and its family of beneficiary agencies offer countless opportunities for volunteer work...

Do you love a crowd... or are you better one-on-one? Do you see the big picture... or are you meticulous with every small detail? Is politics your passion? Or art? Or film?

Would you love to play with young children? Work with teens? Listen to the fascinating life stories of octogenarians? Do you have a knack for fundraising — and lots of creative ideas?

Just as skills and interests vary widely, so too do the options for utilizing and expressing them. Read on, to learn about just some of the opportunities to get involved in the Jewish community. Then let us help you find the one that's right for you!

Good places to start

The Jewish Federation

Outreach

Shalom Pittsburgh/Community Outreach

Get involved in planning exciting events and programs in the Jewish community for young adult couples and singles, and families with young children.

Development

Pacesetters

Community Campaign

Women's Philanthropy

Young Adult Division

Programs and projects within each division offer opportunities to plan events and reach out to members of our community to enlist their support for the Annual Community Campaign which, in turn, supports vital community services.

Community Building

Join one of the four Community Building Commissions that focus on different areas of community need. (Details on next page.)

Community Relations Council

Explore issues impacting the Jewish community and help shape policy.

Israel

Partnership 2000

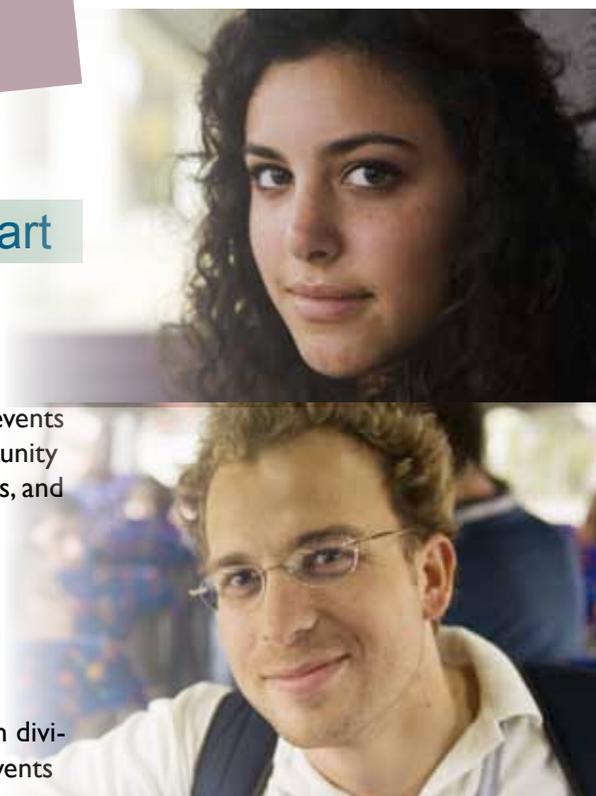
Participate in projects addressing economic development, culture and education, working together with people in our partnership region in Israel, encompassing the city of Karmiel and the Misgav region.

i-Connect

Enhance connections to Israel by planning and promoting programs in our community that educate and raise awareness about Israel.

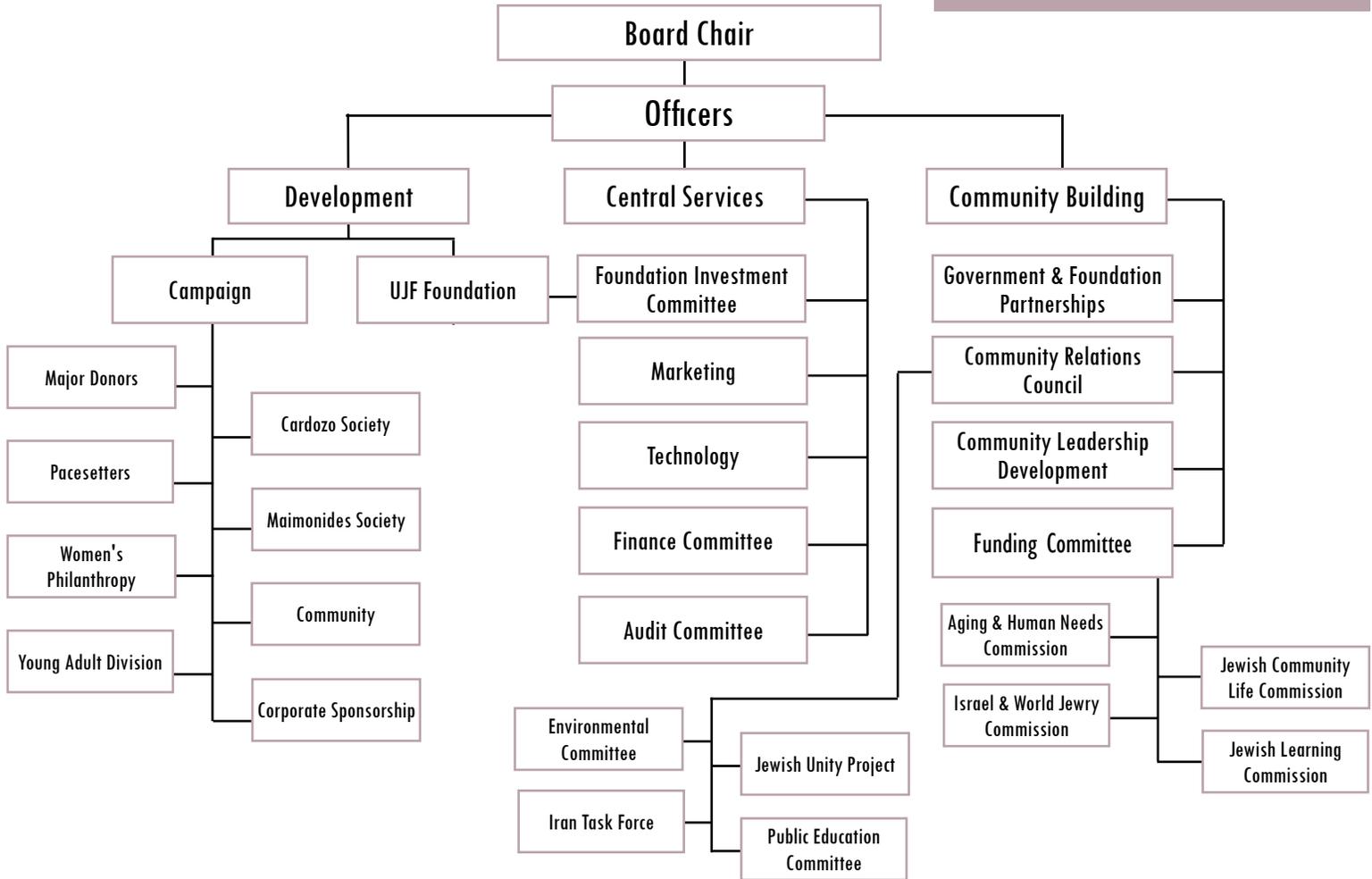
Agencies & Organizations

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Structure



Community Building Commissions

Aging & Human Needs

Mission/Vision: The Jewish community will provide an easily accessible, high-quality, complete continuum of care for the aging, the financially and socially vulnerable, those with special needs, and New Americans. Agencies served:

- ∞ Jewish Association on Aging
- ∞ Jewish Family & Children's Service
- ∞ Jewish Residential Services
- ∞ Riverview Towers

Israel & World Jewry

Mission/Vision: To provide the Jewish community with Israel and Jewish world-related programming, activities and initiatives in a strategic manner that will enhance awareness and engagement. The current structure of the Commis-

sion will facilitate an integral approach to the budgetary, programmatic and policy issues facing the Commission on a local, national and international level. Israel and World Jewry is a broad-based commission that works with the entire community, including:

- ∞ All Jewish agencies and institutions
- ∞ Synagogues
- ∞ Jewish Day Schools
- ∞ Supplemental schools
- ∞ Jewish youth movements

Jewish Community Life

Mission/Vision: The JCLC strives to ensure a thriving Jewish community. Teens and young adults are a focus, based on research showing that those who get involved and engaged at a young age will

stay connected and become the leadership of the future generations. Agencies served:

- ∞ Jewish Community Center
- ∞ Hillel Jewish University Center
- ∞ Chabad House on Campus
- ∞ Penn State Hillel
- ∞ Shalom Pittsburgh
- ∞ B'nai B'rith Youth Organization

Jewish Learning

Mission/Vision: Ensure the vitality and continuity of the Pittsburgh Jewish community by enhancing Jewish learning for all segments of the community through formal and informal education. Agencies served:

- ∞ Agency for Jewish Learning
- ∞ Community Day
- ∞ Hillel Academy of Pittsburgh
- ∞ Yeshiva Schools of Pittsburgh

Community Agencies and Programs

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Hillel Jewish University Center

Hillel JUC is the central address for Jewish life for college students on Pittsburgh area campuses. Hillel serves more than 3,000 Jewish college students with social, educational, cultural and religious programs. The agency welcomes students from all backgrounds.

- and money management, for those who need this type of support.
- ∞ The Career Development Center provides vocational guidance and support for the unemployed or under-employed.

- ∞ The Squirrel Hill Food Pantry provides supplemental Kosher food to individuals and families in need.

Jewish Community Center

The JCC offers a wide range of programs for all age groups and segments of the Jewish community: preschool; sports, art and other activities for school age children and families; teen trips to Israel; fitness programs; activities for children and adults with Special Needs; and much more. In addition to year-round programs, the Center operates an overnight camp and day camps during the summer.

Jewish Residential Services

JRS provides housing and support services for people who need supervision and help in their everyday lives due to mental and physical disabilities.

- ∞ JRS runs apartment buildings, with staff available to help residents build life skills. Clients who are more independent live on their own, with the help of other JRS services.
- ∞ The Howard Levin Clubhouse offers a supportive social environment, opportunities to learn work skills and social skills, and programming that connects clients to their Jewish heritage and the community.

Jewish Association on Aging

JAA provides residential and outreach services for Pittsburgh's Jewish elderly. Facilities and programs range from residential and nursing care for those who are too frail or ill to live on their own... to physical therapy for rehabilitation and to improve quality of life... to support services, such as Kosher meals on wheels, that enable more independent elderly to continue living in their own homes.

Riverview Towers

Riverview Towers provides apartments for low-income elderly, as well as a daily kosher meal in a communal dining room and important support services that keep clients safe and healthy. Classes, outings and other activities provide a social component and enrichment for residents.

Jewish Family & Children's Service

JF&CS helps people with problems by providing counseling and other services. The agency reaches out to families in crisis, such as parents who are unemployed and cannot afford food or other necessities.

Jewish Learning

To keep our Jewish community strong, we must understand our Jewish heritage. Pittsburgh's Jewish agencies work together to make sure that there are all kinds of learning activities available, so that we can appreciate Jewish tradition and teachings.

Agency for Jewish Learning

AJL is the central resource for Jewish education in Pittsburgh. It offers training to our community's Jewish educators at



Community Agencies and Programs

synagogues and Jewish day schools, creates educational materials and maintains an extensive resource center with books and audio/visual materials.

- ⌘ AJL acts as a convener and coordinator of community-wide educational programs, bringing together agencies and organizations to collaborate on planning programs.
- ⌘ The agency offers adult education, including the Melton Institute, an extremely popular two-year program of intensive Jewish study, as well as Jewish learning opportunities for teens, such as J-Site (formerly the School for Advanced Jewish Studies, or SAJS) and programs that engage teens in volunteerism and philanthropy.

Jewish Day Schools

Jewish Day Schools offer programs in Hebrew language, Judaic studies and general studies like English and Math. Our community has three Jewish Day Schools: Community Day School, operating K-8 for students from all Jewish backgrounds; Hillel Academy, preschool through grade 12; and Yeshiva Schools, also pre-school through grade 12. Hillel and Yeshiva are affiliated with the Orthodox movement, but also welcome non-Orthodox students.

More Jewish Learning

A variety of programs offered by our community's other agencies also support Jewish learning. These include: Jewish summer camps, Israel summer experiences for youth, classes and activities focusing on Jewish topics, programs for the entire Jewish community and leadership training for youth and college students who will soon be our Jewish community leaders.

JFilm

JFilm plans a number of programs related to building and expressing Jewish identity through the medium of film. Efforts encompass special screenings for different audiences as well as the Pittsburgh Jewish Israel Film Festival, a three-week

event that promotes Jewish and Israeli culture by presenting current and classic films from the United States and abroad. JFilm programs often feature national and international filmmakers to speak about their work and/or discussions to further examine some of the issues explored in the films. Special programs include:

- ⌘ "Teen Screen," offering free screenings of appropriate films for school groups.
- ⌘ "Reel to Real: Generation to Generation," bringing together teens and seniors to watch and discuss films.
- ⌘ "The Jewcy Film Series," geared to 20 and 30-somethings.

Pittsburgh Holocaust Center

The Holocaust Center educates Jews and non-Jews about the murder of Six Million Jews during World War II and works to guard against future acts of hate. The Center is an educational resource center for the entire community, providing training for teachers, educational materials and a book and video library.

- ⌘ The annual Holocaust Arts and Writing Competition enables 7th-12th graders to learn and express their feelings about the Holocaust.
- ⌘ The Center holds community-wide programs to honor the memory of Holocaust victims.

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