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The Jewish Children's Fund

Putting Smiles on Faces & Songs in Hearts

Where there is no bread, there is no Torah

A Jew requires both his physical and spiritual needs to be met in order to live a healthy, balanced existence. The Jewish Children's Fund understands the importance of nurturing both body and soul. They serve as an umbrella of support to a wide variety of organizations and programs, catering to the diverse needs of Jewish children and families across the U.S. and beyond. Some are lacking the basics of bread on their table; others are yearning for an enriching Jewish experience—be it a Bar Mitzvah celebration, holiday experience, or a month away in a kosher camp setting. There are children who require warm winter coats, and others whose eyes light up with a new box of toys. The Jewish Children's Fund embraces the call of each unique situation, bringing smiles, warmth, and meaning into countless lives.

Food and More

Surprisingly, child hunger remains an inescapable part of life for many across the United States.

Illness, death, or unemployment are some of the challenges that can make it difficult, or even impossible, for parents to provide adequately for their family.

The Jewish Children's Fund is there to ease the burden and provide the most basic of necessities for children from such homes.

Beyond food essentials, the JCF provides new shoes, warm winter coats, and the touches that make all the difference to a child with little else to smile about.

Holiday Craft Programs

It's no secret that children learn best through play. The JCF makes Jewish holidays come to life with engaging approaches:

Olive oil press workshops ahead of Chanukah, model matzah bakeries before Pesach, and candle-making classes to prepare for Shabbat are just a taste of the many offerings throughout the year.

The JCF shares these activities with schools, synagogues and community centers around the world, giving all children access to these incredible educational resources.

Programs in the Former Soviet Union

Children's Homes

Thousands of young orphans in Ukraine face distressing hardships, such as hunger, neglect, and even abuse. The Esther and William Benenson Home for Children in Dnipro serves as a warm and welcoming beacon for hundreds of vulnerable Jewish children. With the generous support of the JCF, this safe haven provides for the all-encompassing needs of each of their charges. Their genuine care is felt in the extra measures of the small comforts that they provide.

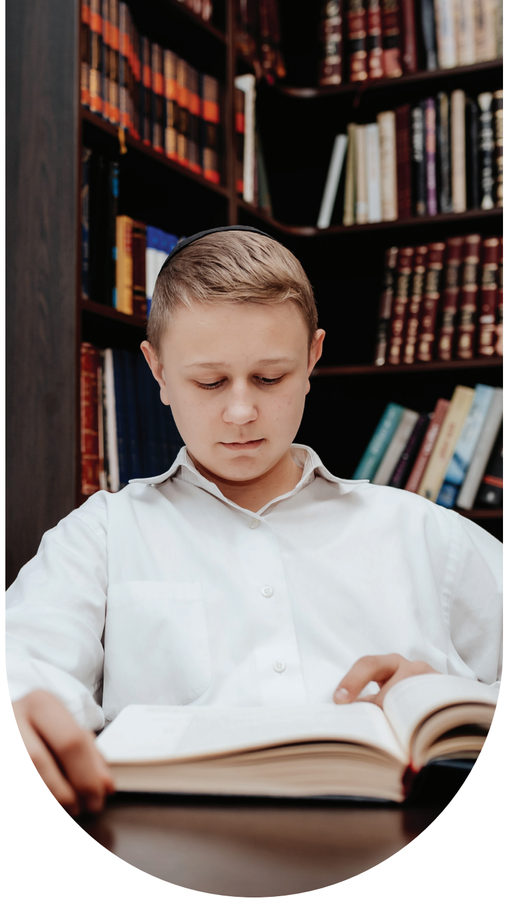
Medical Care

For many poor families in Ukraine, access to adequate medical care is something to dream of. Enter the Marcia Wilf and Ira Yavarkovsky Jewish Children's Medical Clinic, which provides free, quality service to those who can't afford it. The Jewish Children's Fund is proud to support this vital resource. The healthcare facility boasts a team of experienced doctors and life-saving equipment, and services pediatrics across a wide spectrum of needs. They also focus on preventative care through education, enhancing the general well-being of the communities they serve.

Youth Club

The streets are no place for a teen—the dangers of drugs, alcohol, and crime are all too easy to fall prey to. To counteract these unhealthy temptations for Russian teens at risk, the JCF supports specialized chapters of youth clubs.

In these wholesome settings, teens are given the opportunity to express creativity, bond with friends, and grow their unique, individual personalities. The clubs are safe spaces—lifelines in both the physical and spiritual sense—for teens who need an extra dose of love, meaning, and human connection.



Bar/Bat Mitzvah

A Bar/Bat Mitzvah marks a significant transition to maturity—the age one is held accountable for the fulfillment of the commandments. It is a milestone that most Jewish adolescents look forward to, but not everyone will celebrate this monumental transition to Jewish adulthood. The JCF doesn't let these kids miss out. From early preparation to the details of the big day, everything is covered. Boys receive tutoring, a Bar Mitzvah video and audio kit, a ritual guide, a customized haftarah cassette, and even a tallis and yarmulke. Girls can participate in national Bat Mitzvah Club chapters, where they explore the meaning of becoming a young Jewish adult—through activities, projects, and engaging lessons. Participants come away with a deep appreciation for their heritage and a renewed sense of purpose and pride.

Interactive

The Jewish Children's Fund is behind many unique interactives that bring Judaism alive for children across the continents.

From comic books to multimedia presentations and engaging games, these initiatives inspire the next generation to continue our beautiful legacy.

Most notable is the Jewish Children's Museum in Brooklyn, New York—the first and only of its kind.

This incredible playspace features hands-on exhibits, seasonal workshops, and many multi-sensory displays for visitors to interact with. With a mission to promote understanding and an appreciation for Jewish tradition, this enterprise stands out as an award-winning model of interactive education and cultural engagement.

Summer Camp Scholarships

Camp is an oasis of fun, friendships and self-discovery. It's an unmatched experience that fosters independence, builds social skills, and unlocks opportunities for new adventures, creating memories to last a lifetime. With the help of the Jewish Children's Fund, no child needs to be left behind. The JCF sponsors this much-needed reprieve for those from disadvantaged homes. For some, it's their only respite from the grind of city life and the daily struggles of impoverished survival. A wholesome month or two can make all the difference. The JCF gives them that chance to be a kid again—carefree, smiles and all.

Our Children, Our Future

"Today's children; tomorrow's leaders." Ensuring our children are adequately cared for helps shape the future for coming generations.

Education, food, emotional well-being—these are crucial components to a healthy upbringing.

The JCF understands this great responsibility, using their resources to help alleviate suffering and enhance the comfort, health, and happiness of countless young lives.

Send a care package. Make a bar mitzvah. See new friendships bloom and blossom into lifelong relationships. Sponsor a winter coat, a month at camp, a trip for a young orphan in Ukraine. Help keep teens off the streets, and watch them flourish in a healthier space. Be a part of all this and more—by collaborating with the JCF. Your support can make all the difference in helping the JCF continue their vital work, making the world a better place—one child at a time.

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