JEWISHcolorado is guided by the core Jewish values of K’lal Yisrael, Chesed and Chinuch. We build on the Jewish people’s universal connection to one another, commit to acts of loving kindness and compassion, and ensure the continuation of timeless Jewish values through education.

Working closely with our lay leadership and volunteers, we care for Jews locally and globally. With you, we’re building a Jewish community focused on respect, engagement and support for each other. We strive to offer creative ways for meaningful connection to your Jewish identity and values.

Your generosity enables us to make these goals a reality.

Whether you are making a gift for the first time or donate every year, we pledge to work with you so together we can create the community we want to live in and leave for the next generation.

We look forward to partnering with you.

Sincerely,

Ruth Malman
Board Chair

Rabbi Jay Strear
President & CEO, JEWISHcolorado

We provide a pathway for Coloradoans to connect with the Jewish people and our shared values...

...through diverse, creative and inviting opportunities...

...to unite with the people of Israel and Jews wherever they may be, to ensure a thriving and lasting Jewish community in Colorado...

...by better understanding their needs, and leveraging our partnerships, resources and capabilities.

JEWISHcolorado supports programs and services that have a tangible impact on Jewish life in Colorado, Israel and around the world. The combined generosity of thousands of donors to the Annual Campaign makes it possible for our community to support more than 100 local, national and international agencies working to provide a lifeline to enhance and often save Jewish lives. Nearly $9 million was raised this past year from more than 4,200 donors like you!
A Snapshot of Our Programs:

**Children**
We offer several ways to engage toddlers to preteens with meaningful and relevant Jewish content and programs.

**One Happy Camper** provides scholarships so children can attend Jewish overnight summer camp for the first time.
- Since 2012, nearly 1,000 Colorado children have experienced Jewish summer camp.

**PJ Library and PJ Our Way** delivers free Jewish-themed books and music to children ages six months to 11 years, enabling them to learn about holidays and rituals at home with their families.
- Our PJ Library program is one of the nation’s most successful with over 3,000 families registered to receive subscriptions.

**Jewish Explorers** teaches elementary aged children and their families about Judaism in a fun, interactive, experiential framework in growing neighborhoods.
- Jewish Explorers has grown by more than 300% in its seven years, now reaching more than 1,800 students and families.

**Teens**
Our teen engagement programs offer opportunities to explore Jewish values and embark on a personal Jewish journey.

**The Joyce Zeff Israel Study Tour** is celebrating its 50th year of providing a life-changing, 5-week trip to Poland and Israel for rising high school seniors to connect with their Jewish heritage.
- IST’s 50th year will include reunions and community celebrations for more than 2,500 alumni who have experienced the trip’s magic.
- Through the generosity of Joyce Zeff z”l, every student is offered a stipend to make the journey more affordable.

**Jewish Student Connection** is a program facilitated in public high schools offering teens an opportunity to explore their Judaism, build identity, and dialogue in a safe space about challenging issues.
- Nearly 600 students participate in 15 different Jewish Student Connection clubs at 11 high schools.

**Young Adults**
JEWISHcolorado’s energetic Young Adult Department (YAD) connects 21-45 year olds to each other and the larger Jewish community by forging personal connections. Our goal is to inspire a commitment to live, give and lead Jewish.

- YAD provides a range of creative social, volunteer, educational, and leadership opportunities through programs like YAD Shabbat, YAD Family Shabbat and the YAD Ambassador program.
- Nearly 2,000 young adults have participated in a wide range of YAD programming.
- **The Ben Gurion Society (BGS)**, for young adults contributing $1,000 or more to JEWISHcolorado, was relaunched in 2019. There are now 151 BGS members.
- **The YAD Ambassadors program** empowers Jewish young adults to take leadership roles in planning, outreach and philanthropy. In FY19, Ambassadors planned 25 gatherings from Shabbat dinners to social outings designed to connect and build community.
  - More than 1,000 community members engage each month in programming with the Israeli emissaries, learning about and making connections with the people of Israel.
  - The Emissary program doubled in size last year due to the popularity of our shlichim.

**Israel & Overseas**
Acting on the value of K’lal Yisrael – our people’s universal connection to one another – we develop programs and initiatives to create strong personal bonds between our local community and the people of Israel, particularly those in our partnership region of Ramat HaNegev.

**Israeli Emissary (Shlichim) program** brings four teens and one senior emissary from Israel to Colorado to build “living bridges” through programs, travel and events like our annual Celebrate Israel festival where over 2,000 people come together to demonstrate support and pride in our Jewish homeland.

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**Ramat HaNegev** has been partner region for over twenty years. This special place is a socially just and ecologically sustainable community that has become an inspiration to the world.
- We are proud to invest more than $400,000 annually in support of Ramat HaNegev’s growing community and innovative programming.
"I did not find the world desolate when I entered it, and as my ancestors planted for me before I was born, so do I plant for those who will come after me."

Talmud, Ta'anit 23a
Your Gift to the Annual Campaign Makes Our Jewish Community Thrive

Your support allows us to:
Strengthen Jewish identity • Offer opportunities to engage in Jewish life • Care for our most vulnerable, locally and globally • Create experiences that make a difference and reflect Jewish values

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