



The Jewish Federation
OF THE BLUEGRASS

Developing new, engaging and creative
programming for the entire Jewish Community.



2022 IMPACT REPORT



A Note From Our Leadership

The Jewish Federation of the Bluegrass, along with our dedicated lay leaders and professional staff, have been able to create meaningful and impactful work through collaboration with our organizational partners, leaders, and donors. This report provides insight into the local, state, and global impact we have achieved together.

We truly appreciate your long-standing support and partnership as it has allowed us to harness the power of our community for the greatest results. For as long as there has been a Jewish Federation in central Kentucky, we have worked together to address pressing issues within our community, making a difference in the lives of those in need locally, in Israel, and throughout the world. We have always been committed to caring for Jews in need, strengthening future generations, and ensuring a vibrant Jewish future. We maintain this commitment now and always and work to engage in a strategic, innovative, and forward-thinking approach meant to ignite passion for our community and inspire Jewish central Kentuckians to participate in Jewish life.

Looking ahead, we renew our commitment to our community, prioritizing engaging a diverse group of Jews in new and creative ways meant to inspire spiritual passion and create lasting impact. The road ahead of us presents numerous challenges. Despite this, we believe that by uniting as a community, we have the capacity to accomplish remarkable things. This is the power of community, and we are grateful for your passionate and unwavering support as we continue to **Move Federation Forward**.

Thank you once again for your partnership and belief in our mission. Everything we do, we do with - and for - you.

Mindy Haas
Executive Director

Angie Ornstein
President

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JFB Board of Directors

Thank you to the 2022 members of the JFB Board of Directors for their commitment to our mission and for working alongside the staff and numerous volunteers to unite, empower, and improve our Jewish community.



Josh Shapiro and Gov. Andy Beshear

Executive Committee

- Angie Ornstein - *President*
- Seth Salomon - *Vice President*
- Justin Sadle - *Treasurer*
- Joshua Shapiro - *Secretary*
- Fran Mandel - *At-Large*

Board of Directors

- Evalyn Block
- Jana Brooking
- Bruce Broudy
- Aaron Ann Funfsinn
- Mimi Kaufman
- Adam Parritz
- Aaron Rothke
- Ricki Rosenberg



Rich & Angie Ornstein, Ricki Rosenberg, and Nancy Hoffman



JFB Staff - Making A Difference In Our Community

The daily operations of Jewish Federation of the Bluegrass are conducted by its six-person staff. Only two members of the staff are full-time employees. All staff members work frequent evenings, weekends, and some holiday events, well beyond their expected hours, in order to make sure the programs and services you know and love function as planned for Jewish Lexington.

Mindy Haas - Executive Director

Daniel Baker - Assistant Executive Director

Paula Mertens - Director of Jewish Family Services

Susan Voglesong - Youth Program Manager

Carly Conatser - PJ Library Coordinator

Joy Fisher - Outreach Coordinator



Staff bonding: Work hard, play hard!
Mindy, Carly, Susan, Daniel, Joy, Paula

We're dedicated to making sure JFB is seen in our community. Your staff works to make a difference by partnering with, volunteering for, and/or supporting the following organizations and programs.

Alpha Phi Omega National Coed Service Fraternity, Inc.

Alpha Zeta Chapter of Alpha Phi Omega at UK

Alzheimer's Association, Walk to End Alzheimer's

American Heart Association

Bluegrass Aging Consortium

Bluegrass Alumni Association of Alpha Phi Omega

16th District PTA – Fayette County

Emergency Food & Shelter Program

Fayette County Health Department

Fayette County Public Schools

God's Pantry Food Bank

Habitat for Humanity

ITN Bluegrass

Kentucky State PTA

Lactation Improvement Network in Kentucky

Lexington Chapter of Hadassah

Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America

Ohavay Zion Synagogue

Temple Adath Israel

The Lexington Human Rights Council



Paula Mertens and friends doing art!
Global Day of Jewish Learning



Mindy & Daniel present
Pride donation to Arbor Youth Services

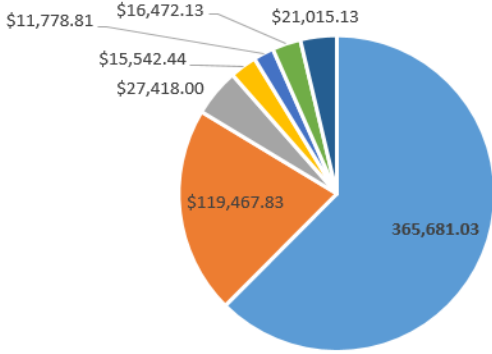


By The Numbers - 2022 Annual Campaign

Through the generosity of our donors, we were able to provide all of the many services and events you know and love for our community. When you send a gift to Federation, each and every dollar is stretched to have the biggest impact possible.

The Annual Campaign is the battery that keeps Federation running. With the gifts we receive, we make a difference in Jewish lives locally, in Israel, and around the world. When you give, please give generously!

2022 Revenue: \$578,340

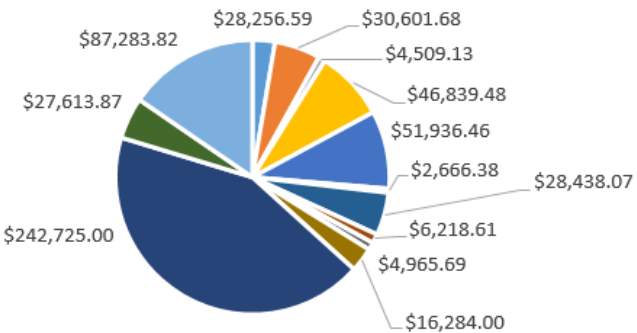


- 2023 Campaign
- Designated Givings
- Grants
- Program Sponsorships-Corporate
- Camp Shalom Tuition
- Event Revenue
- Endowment Interest

\$39,000+
raised for Emergency Relief
 Your contributions made a major impact in relief efforts at home and around the world in 2022.

War in Ukraine
Western KY Tornadoes
Eastern KY Floods

2022 Expense: \$578,340



- Disaster/Immigration
- Emergency Disbursement for Individuals
- Event/Programs
- Rent
- Facility expenses
- Employee Compensation
- Reserve Fund
- Allocations to Jewish Organizations
- Office Expenses
- Information Technology
- Travel/ Conferences
- Memberships/Dues
- Company Contributions and Taxes

\$578,340+
raised for the benefit of
Jewish Lexington!

Immigrant Community Support

In collaboration with the OZS and TAI Social Action committees, we continued our unwavering support for immigrant families through providing tutoring, assisting with shopping needs, offering airline tickets, and providing crucial emotional support. At a time when individuals and families seek refuge from violence and instability and arrive in this country with dreams of a better future, the Jewish community remains dedicated to their well-being. We take immense pride in actively supporting immigrants within our community and advocating for the rights and welfare of those who have been marginalized and left behind.

\$27,000 in Grant Support!

JFB received funding from the following foundations which supported Camp Shalom, PJ Library, the Hope, History, and Healing Tour, community Hanukkah celebrations, and more.

Blue Grass Community Foundation (BGCF)
 Harold Grinspoon Foundation
 Hornik Family Foundation
 Jewish Federations of North America
 Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence (JHFE)



Jewish Family Services: Working for You!

In 2022, Jewish Family Services (JFS) worked to assist those in need through community referrals, providing emergency funds, distributing camp and Israel scholarships, and by connecting with community organizations to broaden our impact.

375+
calls, emails, and
visits to clients
seeking resources.

115
referrals to
community
support resources.

\$5,000
in scholarships for
Camp and Israel
programs.

\$1,500
given to clients
and community
members in need.

JFS Committee

Thank you to the volunteers who served on the JFS Committee in 2022 and helped support the work of Jewish Family Services in our community!

- Fran Mandel, *Chair*
- Connie Loventhal
- Dawn Vermey
- Mimi Kaufman
- Laura Schachman



Paula Mertens & Fran Mandel

Youth Engagement: Camp Shalom and PJ Library

Lexington's Jewish youth have a number of opportunities to meet other young Jews, to engage in Jewish life, and to have some fun! Through our PJ Library program and Camp Shalom, we provide great opportunities for learning, connection, and growth which will impact our Jewish community for generations.

PJ Library

In 2022, PJ Library organized 14 programs which included community-wide collaborations with Ohavay Zion Synagogue and Temple Adath Israel, small group programs for families with similar aged children or interests, and parent gatherings meant to understand parent needs and inspire more programming and relationships.

140
active enrollments

99
families
represented



Camp Shalom

Three weeks of activities, field trips, and Jewish connections are what drive our summer day camp. Camp Shalom remains a beloved program in our community, and children continue to speak of fun experiences and new friends as motivation for returning year after year.

72
camp weeks sold!



2022 Events and Programs

In 2022, we worked to provide a diverse, engaging, creative, educational, and fun assortment of programming. Our goal was to have a little something for everyone, and we were so proud to provide over 45 programs and events for you and your families!

- 2022 Annual Community Giving Campaign Kickoff
- 2022 Annual Meeting and Awards Celebration
- At-Large City Council Candidates Forum
- Camp Shalom
- Coffee with the Chief
- Lexington's Community Hanukkah Celebration
- DiverCity Festival participant
- Global Day of Jewish Learning
- Hope, History & Healing Tour kickoff with Eli Capilouto
- Hope, History & Healing program with BGCF
- Hope, History and Healing Tour to Montgomery Alabama
- Jerry Seinfeld show at EKU Center for the Arts
- JFB Celebrates PRIDE! Fundraiser
- JFS Hanukkah Party at Preston Green Senior Living
- JFS Stewart Home Hanukkah Party
- JFS Stewart Home Visits
- Lexington Holiday Lighting Festival participant



Coffee With The Chief

JFB welcomed Lexington Police Chief Lawrence Weathers, along with several additional officers, who joined staff and community members in discussing work the LPD does throughout the city. In particular, Chief Weathers fielded questions about antisemitism, safety in our schools, race relations, and even mental health programs in place to support LPD officers.

45+ programs and events bringing Jewish Lexington together!

JFB coordinated a 5-day tour of Montgomery and Birmingham, Alabama, as well as local programming, exploring civil rights and the Jewish connection to the cause. The trip was led by locals Chester and Ann Grundy, as well as their daughter, Saida. Nearly 40 Lexington community members participated in the trip, which featured historic landmarks, local Jewish institutions, and of course, plenty of food! Partnerships with the Lexington chapter of the NAACP, as well as the local League of Women Voters, were established as a result of these efforts.



Hope, History and Healing Tour

- One Book Jewish Lexington
- Phone Banks opposing Ammendment #2
- PJ Library Hanukkah & Havdalah
- PJ Library Pizza in the Hut
- PJ Library Purim Party
- PJ Library Yom Ha'Atzmaut Celebration
- Lexington Pride Festival participant
- Purim Pizza Party at Goodfella's
- Rosh Hashanah Multigenerational Party
- Selichot Program
- Women's Philanthropy Day Trip
- YBJ Brews with Jews
- YBJ Hanukkah Party
- YBJ Rosh Hashanah Dinner
- YBJ Shabbat Dinners
- Yom Hashoah Commemoration
- and so much more!

**Something
for everyone!**



Our Jewish Community Partner Agencies

We introduce ourselves as an inclusive agency working with and for the entire local Jewish community. As such, we're proud to work with all of our community partners to co-sponsor events, collaborate on mitzvah projects, and participate in educational programming. Thanks to our local Jewish Community Partners for their constant support of Jewish Federation of the Bluegrass!



We are PROUD to work with our community partners!



Family Fun Day 2022



JFB Celebrates PRIDE!

In June, JFB's Young Bluegrass Jews group organized our first ever PRIDE celebration to show support for the LGBTQ+ community. Nearly 120 Jewish and non-Jewish community members were in attendance. They enjoyed delicious cupcakes, candy, and specialty cocktails, as well as an exciting drag performance with 5 local queens participating. With support from the performers who donated part of the tips they earned, as well as the generosity of over 25 sponsors, the event raised \$3,000 which was donated to local youth shelter Arbor Youth Services.

JFNA represents 146 independent federations and a network of 300 communities across the continent!

Jewish Federations of North America

We proudly belong to the Federation movement. Among the top 10 charities on the continent, Federations protect and enhance the well-being of Jews worldwide through the values of *tikkun olam* (repairing the world), *tzedakah* (charity and social justice) and *Torah* (Jewish learning).



Our Local Affiliates

JFB proudly collaborates with a number of local organizations to be able to provide the highest quality of support, services, and programs to our community.

- Arbor Youth Services
- Blue Grass Community Foundation (BGCF)
- CivicLex
- Community Response Coalition of Kentucky (CRCKY)
- Downtown Lexington Partnership
- Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Committee
- Emergency Food and Shelter Program (EFSP)
- God's Pantry Food Bank
- ITN Bluegrass
- Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence (JHFE)
- Kentucky Nonprofit Network
- Kentucky Refugee Ministries
- Lexington DiverCity Festival
- Lexington-Fayette County Health Department (LFCHD)
- Lexington Human Rights Commission
- Lexington League of Women Voters
- Lexington Police Department
- Lexington Pride Center/Lexington Pride Festival
- NAACP-Lexington
- Prevent Child Abuse Kentucky (PCKAY)
- Stewart Home & School
- United Way of the Bluegrass

Based on the momentum from 2021, we officially joined Downtown Lexington Partnership as a part of the annual holiday lighting program in Triangle Park. We worked with Jewish community leadership to incorporate a joint community choir singing festive Hanukkah songs, and coordinated our Hanukkah celebrations downtown throughout the Festival of Lights.



Hanukkah Songs at the Holiday Lighting!

TOGETHER we are EXTRAORDINARY!



**Jordan Brennan & Jordan Heller
Co-Chairs, Young Bluegrass Jews**

Our National Affiliates

In our affiliation with Jewish Federations of North America, we partner with the following organizations and are proud of the work they do in our community and across the world.

- American Jewish Committee (AJC)
- Anti-Defamation League (ADL)
- Hadassah Women's Zionist Organization of America
- Israel Action Network (IAN)
- Israel Bonds
- Jewish Agency for Israel
- Jewish Council for Public Affairs (JCPA)
- Keshet | For LGBTQ+ Equality in Jewish Life
- Network of Jewish Human Services Organizations
- PJ Library/Harold Grinspoon Foundation
- Secure Communities Network (SCN)



Thank You, Jewish Lexington!

Now and always, we are so thankful for YOU, Jewish Lexington. Every time you attend one of our events or volunteer on a committee, you inspire us to do even more for our community. Every dollar you give goes toward valuable experiences, programs, and events enjoyed by Jews of all ages. In every hug, every high five, and yes, even every Facebook "like," we see the love and passion you have for Jewish Lexington, motivating us to strengthen Jewish Federation of the Bluegrass even more to support the community we adore so much. In times of joy and even in times of sadness, when we find ourselves coming together, we know we can go the distance. It's all because of the generosity, the support, and the kindness of our friends and neighbors. We're proud to be part of Jewish Lexington, and we hope you are, too! Thank you!



Global Day of Jewish Learning

Our Sponsors

We are so thankful to the following business partners for showing their support through program and event sponsorships in 2022!





The Jewish Federation
OF THE BLUEGRASS



2023 ANNUAL COMMUNITY GIVING CAMPAIGN

Now We Go Forward. Help us continue to make a difference in 2023.

Please give generously!

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