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Harry & Rose Getz Scholarship Fund
Freed Art Program Scholarship Fund
Reuben Askanase Past Presidents Fund
Susie & David Askanase
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PRESIDENT’S LETTER

This year, our J has moved from recovery to renewal. Rather than being haunted by Harvey, we have used its lessons to guide us to bring light into our community and build a bright future together.

We are building a community without boundaries. In response to challenges that no one could anticipate, our community came together in ways that no one could have imagined. New relationships have led to new partnerships and collaborations that elevate our idea of "business as usual" to new levels of engagement and service.

The resilience of our J is the result of remarkable leaders who selflessly serve. The work of our J inspires passion in our leaders who give their talent, time, and treasure to take our agency to new heights.

The J is the hub of our community: It’s Our Town Square. We see remarkable numbers of people come through our doors each year. Our membership numbers continue to increase and the experience has truly been a joy to me. I have been honored to serve with Joel Dinkel, our talented CEO, as my partner. I am inspired by his wisdom, expertise and vision, along with the dedication of our board of directors, and the endless energy of our staff. With their help and your support, our J will continue to deliver essential services to those in need, create meaningful connections of Jewish life, and bring light, connection and hope to our community.

Thank you for contributing to this glow with us.

Lauren Kaufman Blachman, President

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INCOME

57% Program Service Fees
17% Membership Dues
9% Community Contributions
5% Government Grants
4% Jewish Federation of Greater Houston
3% United Way of Greater Houston
2% Other
1% Foundation Grants

EXPENSES

16% Salaries and Benefits
21% Program Expenses
10% Occupancy and Transportation
9% Other

FINANCIAL REPORT

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SCHOLARSHIPS | $558,000

The J strives to make programs accessible to all regardless of financial need. We help those in need with financial assistance in many different areas of the J. Many of the scholarship dollars are made possible by the Irvin Kaplan Scholarship Fund which is supported through individual donations and the Children’s Scholarship Ball.

THE J’S IMPACT IN 2018–2019

YOUR J BY THE NUMBERS

102,239 meals served to JMeals On Wheels Clients
89% reenrollment in our Early Childhood Education programs at Bertha Alyce and Ellen Boniuk Early Childhood Schools
1,000+ students engaged in gymnastics development, activities and training at the J’s Houston Gymnastics Center
3,500 people engaged with Israel through our community shaliach, author talks, experiential programs, education classes and Yom Ha’atzmaut Festival
1,000+ participants Family Holiday Events with Mishpacha and Me and Mishpacha NEXT
227,475 hours volunteered to support senior corps and community programming
70+ weekly fitness classes including yoga, HIIT, cycle, strength, pilates, and more
38% of all Houston National Invitational athletes with 3,000 athletes from 8 countries
Friday Night Lights welcomes participants to celebrate Shabbat in unique way through Jewish culture. All three programs reached capacity in its first year.
Houston National Invitational celebrates 25 years with 3,000 athletes from 8 countries
A new Meals On Wheels truck through the support of the Shirley and David Toomin Family Foundation allows the J to deliver 7,800 more meals
Established the Jewish Teen Philanthropy Initiative, a teen giving circle designed to provide leadership training through the lens of collective philanthropy