

STRENGTH THROUGH UNITY

JCRC Leading the Way



REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY

2015-2017



The Jewish Community Relations Council of Greater Washington

(JCRC) is the public affairs and community relations arm of the Jewish community, representing The Jewish Federation of Greater Washington and more than 100 Jewish organizations and synagogues throughout D.C., Maryland, and Virginia. The JCRC focuses on government relations, Israel advocacy, intergroup relations, and social justice.

Our agency endeavors to foster a society based on freedom, justice, and democratic pluralism. The JCRC lobbies for local Jewish organizations and public policy priorities; strengthens local domestic support for Israel; builds bridges between local Jews and other Greater Washington area faith, ethnic, and minority communities; and provides hands-on opportunities to fulfill the Jewish value of tikkun olam (repairing the world). The JCRC of Greater Washington is a partner agency of The Jewish Federation of Greater Washington.

Cover photo: Faith leaders and elected officials participate in a Maryland interfaith press conference held in response to bomb threats targeting Jewish institutions.

GREETINGS

We are pleased to present this overview of the JCRC's numerous and diverse achievements over the past 24 months, a period encompassing breathtaking changes locally, nationally, in the Middle East, and in the world. In the past two years, the Jewish Community Relations Council of Greater Washington has continued fulfilling our mission of advocating for the needs of the local Jewish community, responding to challenges facing us, and building for the future. Amid shifting political, social, and economic trends, JCRC remains a steady, consistent leader in improving our community, including strengthening relationships with key public, community, faith, and intergroup leaders; identifying and accessing new government funding streams; developing innovative and robust pro-Israel initiatives; enhancing JCRC staff coordination and greater collaboration among our constituent organizations; producing dynamic proactive and responsive programming; and increasing the number of JCRC activists and donors.

Having raised more than \$1 million in a special campaign to position our agency for the future, we enhanced our agency's professional capacity and public impact by adding an associate director position to our staff and engaging a marketing firm. These investments have allowed JCRC to expand its programmatic agenda and media presence at a time when voices such as ours are more important than ever. From the development of new programming, including this year's "1967 Miracles & Challenges" digital toolkit, which features original lesson plans, resources, and programming ideas, to a more intensive response to anti-Semitism in our schools that included numerous outreach programs for parents, our ability to serve and lead our community has been significantly strengthened.

Of course, our support for Israel is a mainstay of our work, not only in commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the Six-Day War and reunification of Jerusalem. Our agency continues to vigorously oppose efforts on the state and local level to delegitimize Israel, and to support proactive efforts to enact legislation protecting Israel from boycotts, build grassroots support for Israel locally, and train high school students to navigate the challenges of Israel activism on the college campus.

Working with elected officials throughout the Greater Washington region, we helped secure more than \$8 million from state and local governments for Jewish agencies and schools to improve facilities, provide desperately needed services to vulnerable populations, and increase security in a time of surging anti-Semitism.

With our schools and institutions experiencing a dramatic increase in reported anti-Semitic vandalism and threats, we are deepening partnerships with our region's leaders in politics, law enforcement, and school systems and within other ethnic and faith communities.

Despite the polarized political environment, the JCRC continues our important work of building a unified community by advocating for things that unite us and speaking out against injustices. We thank you as always for your support that makes these efforts possible. In particular, we thank Cookie Hymer Blitz, JCRC president 2014-2016, for her two years of stellar service and leadership, our board members and the JCRC staff.

Michael Friedman
President

Ron Halber
Executive Director

LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY AND GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

The JCRC is honored to serve as our regional Jewish community's most highly respected and influential voice in the halls of state and local government. Through its jurisdictional commissions, and with the benefit of relationships developed and nurtured over many years, the JCRC effectively represents the Jewish community to elected officials in Maryland, Northern Virginia, and the District of Columbia. Through parlor meetings, advocacy days, emails blasts, and individual meetings with legislators and their aides, we advocate for the needs and priorities of our community and for robust funding for our region's Jewish agencies; monitor bills concerning a variety of social, cultural, religious, and economic issues; and provide opportunities for Jewish voters to engage directly with elected officials and candidates for public office.

HIGHLIGHTS

- > Held numerous legislative breakfasts, parlor meetings, and candidate forums in Virginia, D.C., and Maryland
- > Testified in favor of Maryland Gov. Larry Hogan's request for an increase in a state program that provides scholarships to low-income private school students.
- > Lobbied in Maryland for the Health Care Decisions Act, which prevents individuals who are the subject of protective orders, or who are separated and/or in the process of divorcing their spouses, from serving as health care agents for their potential/alleged victims.
- > Supported a Montgomery County bill to create a strategic plan to reduce and eliminate food insecurity.
- > Secured \$8 million in government funds, including more than \$1.4 million, for security upgrades to local Jewish institutions and schools.
- > Obtained the first Virginia state funding for Jewish social services programs to support Holocaust survivors.
- > Fought attempts in Virginia and Maryland to delegitimize Israel.
- > Supported legislation on disability rights in Virginia and Maryland, and participated in Jewish Disabilities Advocacy Day.
- > Opposed legislation in Virginia for two years running that would have allowed for discrimination against members of the LGBTQ community.
- > Urged Virginia Gov. Terry McAuliffe to veto a bill targeting Planned Parenthood and other health providers that offer abortions and other reproductive services.
- > Accompanied Maryland Gov. Larry Hogan on an economic mission to Israel.



Clockwise from top left: Virginia Gov. Terry McAuliffe gathers with Jewish activists during his annual Hanukkah party; Washington, D.C., Mayor Muriel Bowser meeting with rabbis; JCRC organized Maryland Gov. Larry Hogan's visit to Charles E. Smith Jewish Day School in Rockville; Rep. John Delaney speaks during the JCRC's candidate forum; Ralph Northam, now governor-elect, at the JCRC's Virginia Gubernatorial Primary Forum hosted by Temple Rodef Shalom.



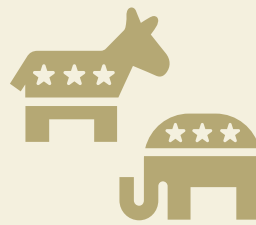
650

Community members made their voices heard at advocacy days in Richmond, Annapolis, and Montgomery County



5241

Letters sent to elected officials on issues important to the Jewish community



JCRC activists met with all

32

elected officials of the Montgomery County Delegation in Annapolis



JCRC activists met with

36

elected officials in the Virginia General Assembly including all Jewish officials



Clockwise from top left: The JCRC created and co-sponsored an Interfaith Welcoming Seder in Virginia; JCRC's Rabbi Batya Glazer, fourth from left, joins other faith leaders at a press conference with then-Vice President Joe Biden in support of Muslim students at Georgetown University; Faith leaders and elected officials participate in a Virginia interfaith press conference held in response to bomb threats targeting Jewish institutions.

COMMUNITY AND INTERFAITH RELATIONS

JCRC promotes mutual tolerance and respect by building bridges to all races, religions, and ethnic backgrounds. We are proud to stand with both Jewish and non-Jewish allies in working toward the creation of a just society where all are welcome. The past two years have seen a dramatic uptick in acts of anti-Semitism, racism, and hatred of the “other.” The JCRC has been in the forefront of condemning these acts and combatting anti-Semitism, Islamophobia, and other expressions of prejudice in our communities.

HIGHLIGHTS

- > Hosted Protect & Prevent: A Workshop for Jewish Institutions, with The Jewish Federation of Greater Washington at the JCC of Northern Virginia.
- > Coordinated and co-sponsored A United Response to Hate Speech, Bias Incidents, and Hate Crimes at Northern Virginia Community College, which drew hundreds of community members and dozens of public officials and religious leaders.
- > Co-sponsored second annual Washington-Area Rabbi-Imam Summit.
- > Facilitated scholar-in-residence program with Dr. Amy-Jill Levine, professor of New Testament and Jewish studies at Vanderbilt Divinity School and College of Arts and Sciences, for Lutheran clergy and the Washington Board of Rabbis on the occasion of the 500th anniversary year of the Protestant Reformation.
- > Served in leadership positions on numerous interfaith and intergroup boards and committees, including chairing the InterFaith Conference of Metropolitan Washington and co-chairing the Faith Community Working Group of the Montgomery County.

JCRC is a model for other faith communities in terms of embracing the broad spectrum of Jewish traditions and advocating very effectively on their behalf, and also working collaboratively with all faith traditions in creating a more beloved community.

— Rev. Mansfield “Kasey” Kaseman, Office of Community Partnerships of Montgomery County

ISRAEL ACTION CENTER

The JCRC vigorously supports the State of Israel, training and empowering grassroots activists to advocate for a strong U.S.-Israel relationship and defending it against delegitimization on campus.

HIGHLIGHTS

- > Hosted meetings, conference calls, and webinars with prominent Middle East experts and Israeli public officials.
- > Educated hundreds of teens and their parents, preparing them for engaging with Israel on campus.
- > Continued participation in the Greater Washington Forum on Arab-Israeli Issues, including co-sponsoring Annual Community Education Day on Arab Citizens of Israel.
- > Created and launched 1967: Miracles & Challenges, a digital toolkit of comprehensive resources serving as a one-stop shop to assist Jewish institutions and individuals in learning, reflecting on, and teaching about this pivotal moment in the history of Israel and the Jewish people.
- > Trained 15 Northern Jewish activists to engage with Protestant congregations on behalf of Israel.
- > Served as Washington-area coordinator and expert adviser for "Project Community," a joint effort of the Israeli government and the nongovernmental organization Geshet, which brought 20 Israeli mayors, journalists, NGO leaders, and other influentials to the community.

IAC'S
SCHOLAR IN
RESIDENCE
IMPACT



1 Israeli leader



Events in DC, MD, and VA at synagogues, churches, universities, think tanks, high schools, and JCCs



4 Days



1200 Individuals engaged

ADVOCACY, EVENTS, AND BRIEFINGS

30 Israel focused events in DC, MD, and VA empowering community members to speak out for Israel.

5189 Letters and emails sent to elected officials in support of Israel

TEEN ISRAEL ENGAGEMENT



2 Partner Organizations: JCRC & Federation

4 Signature Programs: Israel Engagement Fellowship, Talk Israel, Start the Conversation, Teen Israel Committee

5 Years Building Authentic Connections to Israel

45 Synagogues & Youth Movements Across the Jewish Spectrum Engaged

High school participants from **37** schools in DC, MD, & VA.



Clockwise from above: Interfaith participant speaks during JCRC's annual Yom Hashoah commemoration in Virginia; Liberian refugee Crannough Jones speaks at JCRC's Yom Hashoah commemoration in Maryland; Holocaust survivor Ruth Kohn shares her testimony with a member of the U.S. Navy; Hundreds attend JCRC's annual Yom Hashoah commemoration in Maryland.

HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE AND EDUCATION

For more than 40 years, the JCRC has been honored to undertake the sacred responsibility of Holocaust remembrance and education in the Greater Washington region. Through annual Yom Hashoah commemorations, our Holocaust survivor speakers bureau, and consultations with educators, we remember the victims, honor survivors, and serve as a resource to teachers, students, and the community at large for teaching about the magnitude and consequences of the Holocaust — and the lessons that can be gleaned. We nurture close, long-standing, meaningful relationships with many of our local survivors and their families, and ensure their active participation in the planning and implementation of JCRC's Holocaust-related programming.

HIGHLIGHTS

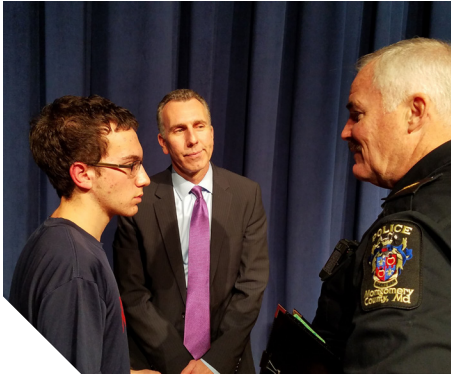
- > Organized and led annual communitywide Yom Hashoah remembrances in Maryland and in Northern Virginia. The 2016 program theme was Seeking Truth and Justice — 70 Years After Nuremberg; in 2017, the commemoration, Displaced Persons: Struggles to Find a Home, focused on the displaced persons camps and the universality of the refugee experience.
- > Brought survivors to speak to more than 7,000 adults and children.
- > Sponsored annual luncheon honoring survivors in Northern Virginia.

As long as I will be able to, I will continue to tell my story. It's very important, especially for our young people. They are our hope for the future. Hopefully, they will take a stand & protest when they witness any injustices. Yasher Koach, continue to do the work that you do.

Thank you for continuing to offer a place and a chance for each generation to remember the past.

— Pearl Raikin, child of survivors

— Rita Lifschitz Rubinstein, survivor



Top: A student confers with Montgomery County Police Chief J. Thomas Manger and Rabbi Mitch Malkus, head of Charles E. Smith Jewish Day School, following a JCRC discussion on anti-Semitism in the schools. Right: Fairfax County Public Schools Director of Intervention and Prevention Services Mary Ann Panarelli discusses the school system's response to incidents of anti-Semitism, hate, and bias after the JCRC's program, A Space for All: A Conversation about Ending Prejudice in our Schools, at Temple Rodef Shalom.



EDUCATION OUTREACH

The JCRC is committed to supporting our area schools in their efforts to provide a welcoming environment for all people. We collaborate with our interfaith partners proactively to reach out to educators, parents, students, and the community at large through targeted initiatives, and we are an important education and advocacy resource for local Jewish families whose children attend public and private non-Jewish schools.

HIGHLIGHTS

- > Worked with the Montgomery County Public Schools to develop Guidelines for Respecting Religious Diversity.
- > Created an online calendar for educators highlighting religious observances of approximately a dozen faiths, denoting the dates on which students may need accommodations due to religious practices.
- > Presented community-wide workshops addressing bias and prejudice in public school settings, aimed at helping parents navigate the school system.
- > Facilitated training sessions for educators on Judaism, Israel, and the Holocaust.
- > Presented at workshops for social studies teachers based on the Institute for Curriculum Services' Israel and the Middle East Conflict curriculum unit. ICS aims to strengthen the quality of K-12 education related to Judaism and Israel topics.
- > Helped revise and edit the adopted history and social science Standards of Learning for Virginia, to improve the accuracy of teachings about Israel and Judaism.



JCRC activists participate in a gun control rally in Annapolis.



SOCIAL JUSTICE

The JCRC proudly works to fulfill our faith tradition's prophetic voice by linking arms with interfaith and intergroup partners to advocate for public policies that promote fairness, tolerance, and equality for all.

HIGHLIGHTS

- > Co-sponsored Virginia Interfaith Center for Public Policy Day for All People, with 150 faith leaders and congregants from around the state advocating for immigration reform, criminal justice reform, redistricting, access to health care, gun violence prevention, economic justice, and eliminating childhood hunger.
- > Launched our first strategic social justice partnership with Tzedek DC, a new Jewish community-sponsored public interest center that safeguards the legal rights of low-income D.C. residents who face debt collection suits.
- > Partnered with HIAS (formerly Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society) on two major events — an interfaith community Havdalah and a Jews for Refugees Assembly — to educate our community and mobilize a coordinated, impassioned response to the federal travel ban that disproportionately affected Muslims and refugees and, more generally, to the rising tide of Islamophobia and xenophobia in American society.
- > Co-sponsored Racial Justice Town Hall in Silver Spring, focusing on work being done in the Montgomery County Public Schools in response to racist, anti-Semitic, and bias incidents.



Local news media frequently interview JCRC Executive Director Ron Halber. Here he speaking with a reporter for WJLA-TV Channel 7.

JCRC IN THE NEWS

The JCRC serves as a collective Jewish voice to the community at large; on social media, it is one of the most strongly followed JCRCs in the nation. Our professionals are highly sought-after for their perspectives and analysis on a wide range of issues of critical importance to the Jewish community, and routinely appear in a diverse range of national, local, and Israeli outlets, including The Washington Post, NPR, WTOP, WAMU, Baltimore Sun, JTA, Washington Jewish Week, Kol Habirah, and i24 TV. Over the past two years, our opinion pieces have been published by such media outlets as the Baltimore Sun, Kveller, and eJewish Philanthropy.

[Stop trying to make Israel a wedge issue](#), Jerusalem Post, Aug. 7, 2016

[BDS' destiny is failure](#), Times of Israel, Aug. 16, 2016

['Worst fears, best hopes' for the Trump presidency](#), JTA, Dec. 12, 2016

[Seeking unity in the face of national divisions](#), eJewish Philanthropy, Aug. 2, 2016

[New law protects victims of violence at every age](#), Maryland Reporter, June 12, 2017

[Remembering the Holocaust: Honoring lives lost, survivors, heroes](#), April 24, 2017, WTOP

[Maryland legislators will introduce anti-BDS bill](#), Jan. 18, 2017, Baltimore Jewish Times

[1967: Miracles and challenges – an opportunity to unite](#), June 7, 2017, eJewish Philanthropy

[When protesting the JCC bomb threats doesn't help](#), March 13, 2017, Kveller

[BDS movement demonizes Israel](#), Feb. 14, 2017, Baltimore Sun

[Surge of hate graffiti on bathroom walls, other areas, has Maryland county rattled](#), Washington Post, Dec. 12, 2016

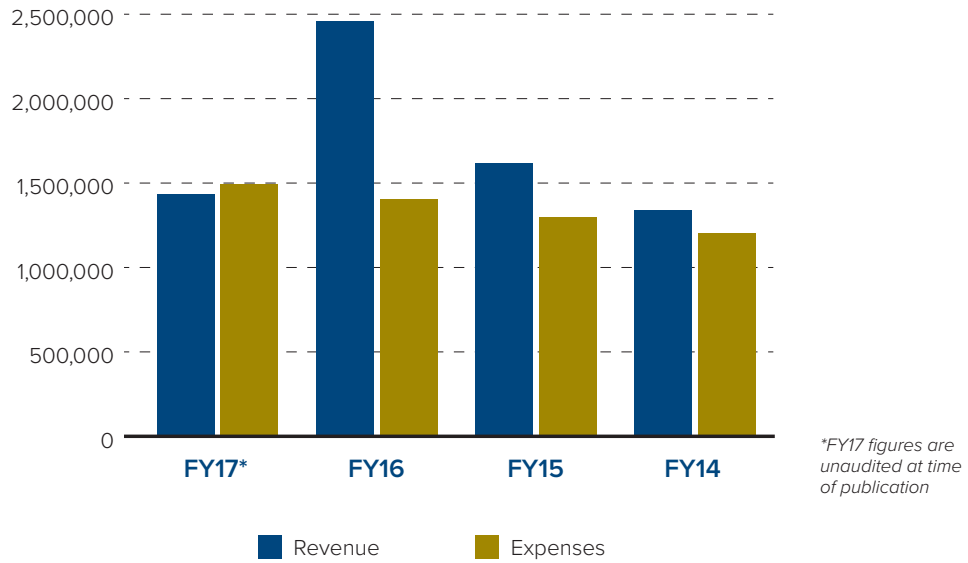
[D.C. leaders work to combat anti-Semitism](#), WJLA-7, March 10, 2017

FINANCIALS

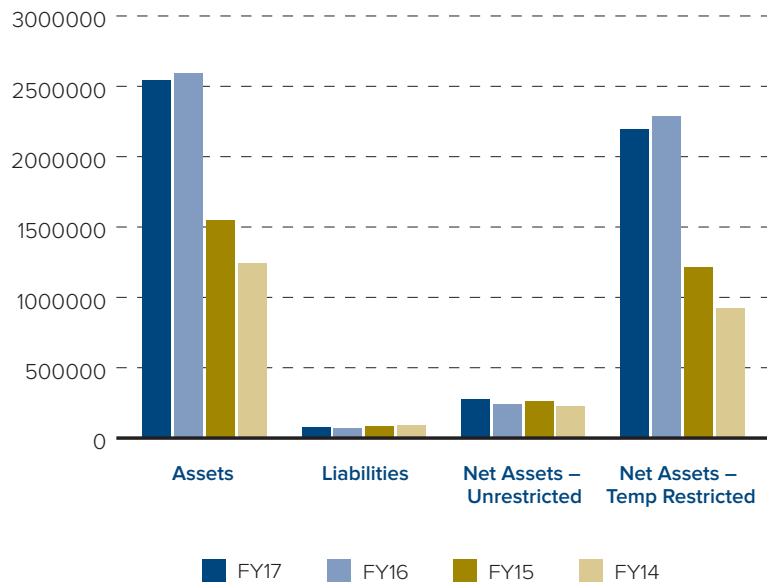
Over the past four years, JCRC’s revenue has continued to exceed expenses, allowing the organization to build a reserve for future use or unexpected community needs. The significant increase in FY 16 revenues is a result of the completion of the Campaign for the Future. In FY 17, the JCRC began to use funds from that campaign, and thus expenses exceed revenue for the year.

JCRC continues to maintain a healthy balance sheet, with assets consisting primarily of cash and receivables from the Jewish Federation of Greater Washington for the FY 18 allocation, pledges from the 2017 gala, and the Campaign for the Future. Liabilities consist of currently due bills. Net Assets Temporarily Restricted represents funds to be used in the coming years or for a specific purpose.

JCRC REVENUES & EXPENSES



JCRC BALANCE SHEET



COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

Adas Israel Congregation	Congregation Olam Tikvah	Na'amat USA Greater Washington Council
Adat Shalom Reconstructionist Congregation	Congregation Sha'are Shalom	National Council of Jewish Women
Agudas Achim Congregation	Congregation Shaare Tikvah	Montgomery County Section
Alpha Omega International	Council of Area Reform Presidents	Northern Virginia Section
Am Kolel Judaic Resource and Renewal Center	Edlavitch DCJCC	Washington, D.C. Section
American Association of Jewish Lawyers and Jurists	Ezras Israel Congregation of Rockville	National Capital Tay-Sachs Foundation
America-Israel Cultural Foundation	Fabrangen	Nevey Shalom, The Jewish Congregation of Belair
AJC, Washington, DC	Garden of Remembrance Memorial Park	Northern Virginia Hebrew Congregation
American ORT- National Capital Area	Gesher Jewish Day School of Northern Virginia	Ohev Sholom Talmud Torah Congregation
American Red Magen David for Israel	Hadassah	Ohr Kodesh Congregation
American Society for Technion Israel Institute of Technology, Washington Chapter	Greater Washington Area Chapter	Orthodox Union
Anti-Defamation League, Regional Office	Northern Virginia Chapter	Oseh Shalom
Association of Child Survivors of the Holocaust in the Washington/ Baltimore Area	Hebrew Day Institute	Reconstructionist Havurah of Greater Washington
Association of Reform Zionists of America, Mid-Atlantic Region	Hebrew Free Burial Society	Service Guild of Washington
Bender Jewish Community Center of Greater Washington	Hebrew Free Loan Society	Shaare Tefila Congregation
Bet Mishpachah	Hevrat Shalom Congregation	Shaare Torah
Beth Chai	HIAS	Silver Spring Jewish Center
Beth El Hebrew Congregation	Jewish Coalition Against Domestic Abuse	Temple Beth Torah
Beth Joshua Congregation	Jewish Community Center of Northern Virginia	Temple B'nai Shalom
Beth Sholom Congregation & Talmud Torah	Jewish Council for the Aging, Inc.	Temple Beth Ami
Beth Sholom Temple	Jewish Federations of North America	Temple Emanuel
Beth Torah Congregation	Jewish Foundation for Group Homes, Inc.	Temple Micah
Bethesda Jewish Congregation	Jewish Funeral Practices	Temple Rodef Shalom
Bikur Cholim of Greater Washington	Jewish Genealogy Society of Greater Washington	Temple Shalom
B'nai B'rith Chesapeake Bay Region	Jewish Historical Society of Greater Washington	Temple Sinai, Washington DC
B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundations:	Jewish Holocaust Survivors and Friends of Greater Washington	Temple Solel
American University	Jewish Labor Committee Washington, DC Chapter	The Generation After
George Mason University	Jewish National Fund of Greater Washington	The Jewish Federation of Greater Washington
George Washington University	Jewish Residents of Leisure World	Tifereth Israel Congregation
University of Maryland	Jewish Social Service Agency	Tikvat Israel Congregation
B'nai Israel Congregation	Jewish Study Center	Tzedek DC*
B'nai Shalom of Olney	Jewish War Veterans	United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism Seaboard Region
Brit Tzedek v'Shalom	Jewish Women International	Union for Reform Judaism, Mid-Atlantic Region
Charles E. Smith Jewish Day School	Jews United for Justice	Washington Board of Rabbis
Charles E. Smith Life Communities	JWRP	Washington DC Jewish Community Center
Chesapeake Area Reconstructionist Council	Kehilat Shalom	Washington Hebrew Congregation
Congregation Adat Reyim	Kemp Mill Synagogue	Women's American ORT
Congregation B'nai Tzedek	Kesher Israel	Women's International Zionist Organization
Congregation Beit Chaverim	Kol Shalom	Woodside Synagogue Ahavas Torah
Congregation Beth El of Montgomery County	Labor Zionist Alliance Washington Chapter	Yeshiva of Greater Washington
Congregation Beth Emeth	Machar	Yiddish of Greater Washington
Congregation Etz Hayim	Magen David Sephardic Congregation	Young Israel Shomrai Emunah Congregation
Congregation Har Shalom	Melvin J. Berman Hebrew Academy	Zionist Organization of America
Congregation Har Tzeon-Agudath Achim	Milton Gottesman Jewish Day School of the Nation's Capital	
Congregation Ner Shalom	Mishkan Torah Congregation	

**Strategic Partner*

DONORS

PILLAR

Pennie & Gary Abramson
ANONYMOUS
Carol & Gary Berman
Debra & Dennis Berman
Sara & Michael Friedman
Susie & Michael Gelman
Isadore and Bertha Gudelsky
Family Foundation
Arlene Gudelsky Kaufman
Shelley Gudelsky Mulitz
Michael T. Friedman
Laura B. Gudelsky Mulitz
Paul Berger
Leslie & Samuel Kaplan
Manette & Louis Mayberg
June & David Trone

VANGUARD

Marcy & Neil Cohen and Ryna
Cohen
Samuel R. Dweck Foundation
Robert P. and Arlene R. Kogod
Family Foundation
Drs. Ellen & Stuart Lessans
Toni & Ron Paul, M.D.
David Bruce Smith

PACESETTER

Devorah & Dennis Berman
Cookie Hymer Blitz & Nelson
Blitz
Gail & Paul Chod
Diana & Michael David Epstein
Geroge Wasserman Family
Foundation
Margie & Ron Glancz
Gorlin Family Foundation
Leena & Erwin Groner
Carol Mates & Mark Kahan
Arlene Kaufman & Sanford M.
Baklor
Leslie & Bruce Lane
Johanna Chanin & Randall Levitt
Amy & Alan Meltzer
Naomi and Nehemiah Cohen
Foundation
Sharis & Thorn Pozen
Melinda Bieber & Norman Pozez
Karen & Joe Sandler
Cindy & Rick Zitelman

PATRON

Aaron and Cecile Goldman
Family Foundation
Wendi & Daniel Abramowitz
Kathryn & Ira Bartfield
Sheila & Bob Budoff
Sharon & David Butler
Carey & Behnam Dayanim
Yvonne Schlafstein Distenfeld
& Jeffrey Distenfeld
EagleBank
Harriette & Allan Fox

Gelman, Rosenberg &
Freedman CPAs
Monica & Mitch Gorochow
Judy & Alan Gross
Margie & Joe Hoffman
Sophie & Howard Hoffman
Irene & Eddie Kaplan
Hilary Smith Kapner
Kerry Iris & Eric Kassoff
Jocelyn & Daniel Krifcher
Dr. Kay Klass & Mark Levitt
Benjamin Lieber
Elizabeth & Bob Margolis
Rabbi Amy & Gary Perlin
Linda & Barry Perlis
Potomac Law Group
Wendy & Harvey Reiter
Nancy & Irving Shapiro
Richard Shore
Stinson Leonard Street LLP
Susan & Bruce Turnbull
Rhonda & Robert Zahler

SPONSOR

Adventist Health Care
Naomi & David Balto
Cathy Shaw & Robert A. Barkin
Vivian & Ray Bass
Loryn & Abba Blum
Lisa & Jonathan Charnoff
Carol & Howard Cohen
Kamal & Barry Cohen
Katie & David Colburn
Eileen & Arthur Dykes
Renee & Rick Edson
Nava & Mark Ely
Resa & David Eppler
Anita & Noel Epstein
Karen & Bobby Epstein
Amie Hoerber &
Dr. Mark Epstein
Eve & David Farber
Debra & Marvin Feuer
Judy Flippen-Anderson & Paul
Anderson
Ellie & Michael Flyer
Jennie & Brian Foot
Hilary Dworkin & Norman
Freidkin
Sharon & Marc Friedman
Liz & Paul Frommer
Miriam & William Galston
Paula Goldman
Miriam & Menachem Gottlieb
Gray Plant Mooty
Galia Messika Greenberg &
Dr. Edward Greenberg
Judy & Sheldon Grosberg
Gail Ross & Peter Haas
Majorie & Larry Haas
Marci Handler & Doug Klayman
Robin & Harvey Hanerfeld
Joyce & Robert Johnson
Judy & Sheldon Klein
Risa Bender & Benjamin Klubes

Kelly & Alex Kogan
Nancy & Ed Kopf
Francesca & Neil Kritz
Delia & Marvin (z"l) Lang
Liza & Michael Levy
Stefanie Sanders Levy &
Michael Levy
Sharon & Steven Lieberman
Margery & Sheldon London
Jennifer & Matt Mandel
Iris Markel
Ven Neralla & Christopher
McCannell
Sasha & Michael Medina
Pam & Sam Melamed
Polly & Manny Miller
Beth & Bob Mitchell
Laura B. Gudelsky Mulitz
Shelley & Tommy Mulitz
Gerson Panitch
Orlee & Irwin Panitch
Na'ama Lewin & Jules Polonetsky
Anita & Arthur Polott
Amy & Daniel Prywes
Ilana & Daniel Ratner
Ed Rehfeld
Cynthea & Thomas Riesenber
Betsy Schwartz
Susana & Stephen Shapiro
Bobbi & Larry Shulman
Lynn & Jeffrey Snyder
Drs. Linda & Robert Stillman
Susan & Brad Stillman
Lori & Les Ulanow
Margo & Lev Volftsun
Robin Hettleman & Matthew
Weinberg
Drs. Marilyn & Gary Wind

SUPPORTER

Lois & Dr. Leslie M. Alperstein
Renee & Gilly Arie
Midge & Robert Bajefsky
Gabriela & Leonard Bebchick
Paul Berger
Miriam & Jeffrey Berkowitz
Stephanie Bernstein & Henry
Winokur
Bethesda Vision Care
Faith & Dr. Philip Bobrow
Amy Cantor
Bunny & Jerome Chapman
Gail N. Kaufmann &
Sherman L. Cohn
Janet & Michael Cornfeld
Laura & Michael Cutler
Heidi & William Daroff
Sarah & Richard Dine
Susan & Howard Feibus
Meryl & Kevin Fishkind
Carole & Barry Forman
Annette & Bernie Forseter
Susan & Charles Freed
Sara & Paul Glashofer
Nina & Sol Glasner

Donna & Martin Goldman
Lisa Gordon
Lisie & Michael Gottdenker
Lois & Robert Gottlieb
Marilyn & Ralph Grunewald
Michelle & Ron Halber
Nancy & Paul Hamburger
Tamara & Dr. Harry Handelsman
Susan Banes Harris & Larry Harris
Harris Jones & Malone
Carol & Robert Hausman
Kim McWhorter & Arnie Hiller
Cathy & Daniel Hodin
Meredith & Jonathan Jacobs
Sherry & Ronald Kabran
The Honorable Sherri D. Koch
& Jack Rosenzweig
Debbie & Terry Korth
Cindy Craven & Delegate Ben
Kramer
The Honorable Sherrie L.
Krauser & The Honorable
Peter B. Krauser
Mimi & Michael Kress
Simeon Kriesberg
Connie & Jay Krupin
David Martin & Stuart Kurlander
Belinda & Adam Lehman
Alyza Lewin and Nathan Lewin
Ann Lewis & Mike Sponder
Susan & Eric Meyers
Morris, Manning, & Martin, LLP
Susan & Ralph Nurnberger
Debra Reiter Panitch
Susan & James Pittleman
Barbara & Mark Rabin
Daphna & Daniel Raskas
Lawrence N. Rosenblum, CPA
Wendy Rudolph & Graeme Bush
Jennie Litvack & Robert Satloff
Diane & Howard Schilit
William Schneider
Evonne & Elliot Schnitzer
Susan & Laurence Schor
Sheldon Schuman
Tracy Bloom Schwartz & Alan
Schwartz
Elaine & Marvin Senter
Madeline & Fred Shapiro
Paulette & Stan Shulman and
Marc Shulman
Guila Franklin Seigel & Nathan
Siegel
Ann Wimpfheimer & Eddie
Snyder
Eve & Andy Stern
Monica & Richard Sussman
Arielle & Aton Teitelbaum
Lorraine & Howard Tischler
Stacey & David Topol
Gail & David Weiss
Tal & Steve Widdes
Shanna & Gary Winters
Alane & Eugene Youngentob

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

2016-2017 Executive Committee

Michael Friedman

President

Erwin Groner

Vice President

Sam Kaplan

Vice President

Miriam Galston

Vice President

Ron Paul, M.D.

Treasurer

Thorn Pozen

Financial Secretary

Bob Budoff

Recording Secretary

Cookie Hymer Blitz

Immediate Past President

2016-2017 Board of Directors

Rabbi Charles Arian

Rabbi Stephen Baars

Robert Barkin

Ira Bartfield

Rabbi Jacob Blumenthal

Kamal Cohen

Drew Cooper

Behnam Dayanim

Anita Epstein

Debra Feuer

Judy Flippen-Anderson

Martin Goldman

Mitchell Gorocho

Menachem Gottlieb

Sheldon Grosberg

Judy Gross

Peter Haas

Mark Kahan

Sheldon Klein

Ed Kopf

Francesca Kritz

Stuart Lessans

Alyza Lewin

Matt Mandel

Christopher McCannell

Galia Messika Greenberg

Beth Mitchell

Orlee Panitch

Barry Perlis

Daniel Prywes

Thomas Riesenber

Ed Rehfeld

Rabbi Arnold Saltzman

Fred Shapiro

Michael Siegel

Susan Turnbull

Irvin Varkonyi

Marilyn Wind

Eugene Youngentob

2015-2016 Executive Committee

Cookie Hymer Blitz

President

Michael Friedman

Vice President

Erwin Groner

Vice President

Barbara Zakheim

Vice President

Sam Kaplan

Treasurer

Miriam Galston

Financial Secretary

Ron Paul, M.D.

Recording Secretary

Joe Sandler

Immediate Past President

2015-2016 Board of Directors

Rabbi Charles Arian

Rabbi Stephen Baars

Robert Barkin

Ira Bartfield

Bob Budoff

Jerome Chapman

Andrew Cooper

Alysa Dortort

Anita Epstein

Debra Feuer

Judy Flippen-Anderson

Martin Goldman

Mitchell Gorocho

Menachem Gottlieb

Valerie Greenfeld

Sheldon Grosberg

Judy Gross

Peter Haas

Sheldon Klein

Kelly Kogan

Ed Kopf

Francesca Kritz

Stuart Lessans

Alyza Lewin

Lucky Malamut

Christopher McCannell

Orlee Panitch

Barry Perlis

Thorn Pozen

Daniel Prywes

Ed Rehfeld

Rabbi Arnold Saltzman

Fred Shapiro

Michael Siegel

Gerald Sommer

Susan Turnbull

Irvin Varkonyi

Marilyn Wind

Eugene Youngentob

JCRC STAFF

Ron Halber

Executive Director

Guila Franklin Siegel

Associate Director

Steve Adleberg

Director, Education

Outreach

Rabbi Batya Glazer

Director, DC Government

& Community Relations,

and Director, Social

Justice Initiatives & Inter-

Group Relations

Julie Greenwald

Executive/Program

Assistant

Darcy Hirsh, Esq.

Director, Northern

Virginia Government &

Community Relations

Nirma Medrano

Office Manager/Senior

Programming Associate

Jennifer Raskas

Director, Israel Action

Center

Alexis Schwartz

Associate Director, Israel

Action Center

Meredith Weisel, Esq.

Director, Maryland

Government &

Community Relations

JCRC CONSULTANTS

Ashlie Bagwell

Maryland Lobbyist

Bluelight Strategies

Media & Public Relations

Heidi Daroff

Social Media

Debra Gold Linick

Holocaust Programming

Jill Myers

Contract CFO

Aimee Seibert

Virginia Lobbyist



Jewish Community Relations Council
6101 Executive Boulevard, Suite 300
North Bethesda, MD 20852
301-770-0881

C/O Jewish Community Center of Northern Virginia
8900 Little River Turnpike
Fairfax, VA 22031
703-962-9230

C/O JFNA
1720 I St. NW, Suite 800
Washington, DC 20006
301-770-0881

