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**SOUTH JERSEY
JEWISH
COMMUNITY
TRACKER**

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2020-2021



The COVID-19 Years

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GLOSSARY / REFERENCE ● ● ●

THE JEWISH FEDERATION OF SOUTHERN NEW JERSEY (JFED) - JFED and its family of agencies support those in need, enhance Jewish life, and ensure the continuity of a vibrant Jewish community locally, in Israel, and around the world.

JEWISH FEDERATION AGENCIES

- Katz Jewish Community Center (JCC)
- Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC)
- Jewish Community Voice (JCV)
- Samost Jewish Family & Children's Service (JFCS)
- Jewish Senior Housing and Healthcare Service (JSHHS)
- Jewish Community Properties (JCP)

JEWISH FEDERATION SUPPORTING ORGANIZATIONS *(local foundations that support JFED as part of their charter)*

- Raymond & Gertrude R. Saltzman Foundation (SF)
- Jewish Community Foundation, Inc. (JCF)

COMMUNITY TRACKER - A report created by the Jewish Federation solely based on responses to surveys emailed to synagogues, day schools, emergent Jewish organizations and Jewish Federation agencies and supporting organizations to best describe our local community. The Community Tracker is designed to foster conversation with the organized Jewish community of Southern New Jersey about trends, opportunities, patterns, and needs, so that we can plan collectively.

DAY SCHOOLS - Schools designed to provide children with both Jewish and secular education. Grades: K-8 and high school

SUPPLEMENTAL SCHOOLS - Schools providing children Jewish education after public day or private school studies. Grades: K-12

EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER (ECC) - Early childhood education programs that serve children in daycare, preschool and/or kindergarten.

EMERGENT JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS (EJO) - Emergent congregations share a devotion to revitalizing the field of Jewish engagement, a commitment to approaches both traditionally rooted and creative, and a demonstrated success in attracting unaffiliated and disengaged Jews to a rich and meaningful Jewish practice. Emergent communities take an entrepreneurial approach, operating outside of conventional institutional models, rethinking basic assumptions about ritual and spiritual practice, membership models, staff structures, the religious/cultural divide, and physical space.

AREAS OF IMPACT - The Jewish Federation programs and services fall into five Areas of Impact: older adults, special needs, global connections, community engagement, and family & youth, allowing us to prioritize, fundraise, and leverage resources to capacity.

🌸 - Indicates a section or data related to COVID-19.

HELPFUL LINKS ● ● ●

WELCOME TO SNJ - This is a resource link for new leadership. Information on programs and services that are available to local organizations including more about the Federation and our family of agencies, grants and financial awards that are available, and marketing opportunities to promote upcoming events. jewishsouthjersey.org/welcomeleadership

JLINK - Connect with our Jewish community programs and events online at jlink-snj.org

PUBLICATIONS - The Community Tracker and other relevant materials can be found online at: jewishsouthjersey.org/reports

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BACKGROUND

The Community Tracker survey is conducted annually by the Jewish Federation of Southern New Jersey (JFED). It uses both qualitative and quantitative questions to describe our community. Now in its fourth year, the tracker data is based solely on the information supplied by the organizations that responded to the survey. Data collection is carried out via an online survey in early spring each year.

✿ In March 2020, the landscape of our community, and the world, changed due to COVID-19. The data presented in this report was gathered during the height of the pandemic. At this time, it is unknown what the long-term impact of COVID-19 may be on the South Jersey Jewish landscape. Now two years in, our community is still feeling the impact. We have seen numerous furloughs, layoffs, a decline in memberships, and most recently the virtual/hybrid challenges. But more importantly, we are seeing innovation and opportunities for collaboration and engagement on a new level.

At the onset of the quarantine, JFED recognized the need to communicate and to be present for each other. As such, JFED initiated weekly Zoom calls sharing resources and best practices with community leadership. As of summer 2020, these calls were held monthly and continue to bring resources to the community such as guidance on the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP), best practices for virtual events, discussions on reopening buildings, security assistance from the Regional Security Advisor, and connecting with local organizations who are working in similar capacities. As we live through these unprecedented times, JFED continues to innovate, support community initiatives, and facilitate opportunities to strengthen our Jewish community.

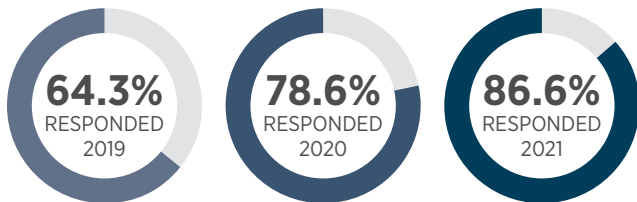
INVITED ORGANIZATIONS & RESPONSE RATE



Synagogues

TOTAL INVITED 15 | RESPONDED* 13

The number of synagogues participating has increased each year.



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| Adath Emanu-El* | Temple Emanuel* |
| Congregation Beth El* | Temple Sinai of Cinnaminson* |
| Congregation B'nai Tikvah
Beth Israel (CBTBI)* | Young Israel of Cherry Hill* |
| Congregation Beth Tikvah* | Chabad Lubavitch of Camden
and Burlington Counties* |
| Congregation Mkor Shalom* | Chabad Gloucester County |
| Congregation Sons of Israel* | Temple Har Zion |
| Nafshenu* | Torah Links* |
| Temple Beth Sholom (TBS)* | |



Day Schools

TOTAL INVITED 3 | RESPONDED 3

For the second consecutive year, all of the day schools invited to participate (100%) did so.

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| Foxman Torah Institute (FTI) | Politz Day School |
| Kellman Brown Academy (KBA) | |



Emergent Jewish Organizations (EJO)

TOTAL INVITED 0 | RESPONDED 0

Currently, there are no EJO in our community. This is a change from last year, as we had one EJO, and two years prior we had two. One, Nafshenu, became more like a synagogue in the past year and, as such, for the purpose of the Community Tracker, has been included in the synagogue section. Moorestown Jewish Association (MJA) did not respond this year as they are a cultural/social meeting group and at this time do not fit into the areas we are surveying.



For the third consecutive year, there was a **100% response rate** from JFED family of agencies and supporting organizations.

- Katz Jewish Community Center (JCC)
- Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC)
- Jewish Senior Housing and Healthcare Service (JSHHS)
- Jewish Community Voice (JCV)
- Jewish Family and Children’s Service of Southern NJ (JFCS)

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- Jewish Community Foundation, Inc. (JCF)
 - Raymond & Gertrude R. Saltzman Foundation (SF)

WHERE WE ARE ● ● ●

All invited synagogues and day schools are located in the tri-county area serviced by JFED.

LOCATIONS OF JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS

Burlington County (5):

- Congregation Beth Tikvah
- Congregation Adath Emanu-El
- Chabad Lubavitch of Burlington County
- Temple Sinai of Cinnaminson
- Temple Har Zion

Camden County (12):

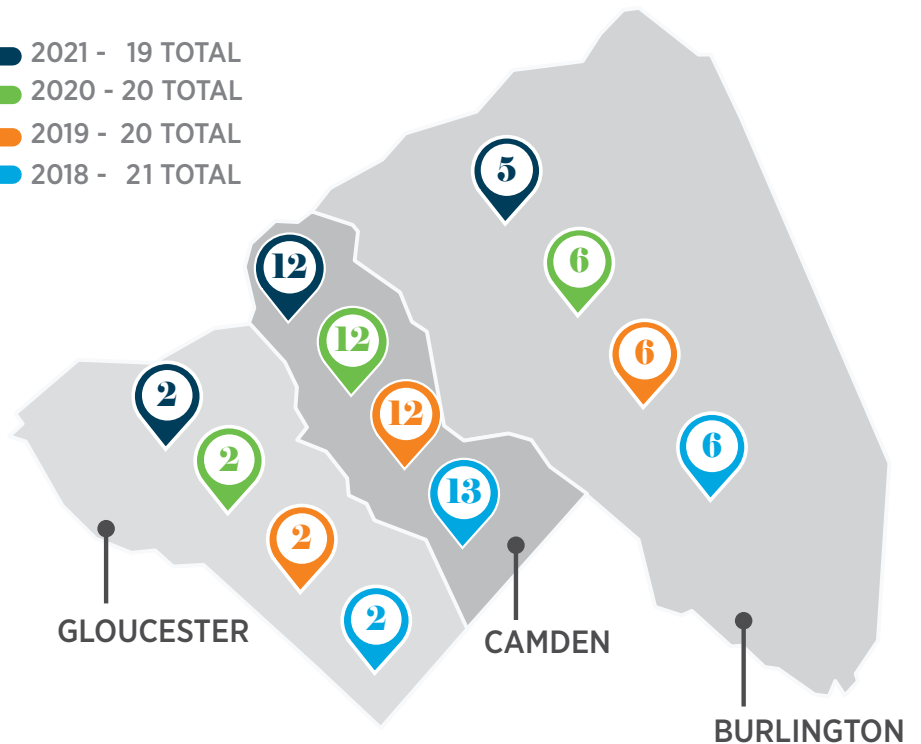
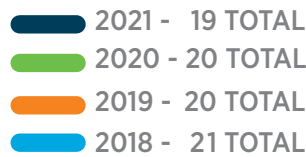
- Congregation M’kor Shalom
- Young Israel of Cherry Hill
- Temple Beth Sholom
- Nafshenu
- Congregation Beth El
- Temple Emanuel
- Torah Links of South Jersey
- Congregation Sons of Israel
- Chabad Lubavitch of Camden County

DAY SCHOOLS:

- Kellman Brown Academy
- Politz Day School
- Foxman Torah Institute

Gloucester County (2):

- Congregation B’nai Tikvah Beth Israel
- Chabad Gloucester County



Note: Chabad of Camden & Burlington Counties are under the same leadership so they respond as one organization, yet have two locations in different counties.

WHO WE ARE ●●●

SYNAGOGUE HOUSEHOLD/FAMILY MEMBERSHIP:

This data is based on responses from the 11 synagogues that responded in both 2020 and 2021. While data prior to 2020 showed a slight uptick in membership for these synagogues, that was not the case in 2021. It is important to note that this is an aggregate number; while some synagogues did report an increase in membership, this did not outweigh the decline in membership overall.



2020
3,995

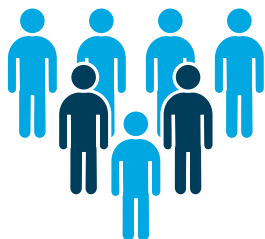
2021
3,475

▼ 520
SYNAGOGUE HOUSEHOLD/
FAMILY MEMBERSHIPS

*From 2020 - 2021
there was a decrease of 13%.*

SYNAGOGUE TOTAL INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP:

Data is based on totals from 9 synagogues that responded in both 2020 and 2021.



2020
8,131

2021
6,970

▼ 1,161
SYNAGOGUE INDIVIDUAL
MEMBERSHIPS

*From 2020 - 2021
there was a decrease of 14%.*

Where we had an uptick in membership prior to this year, we now see a decrease of 520 households, and 1161 members.

COMPARISON WITH PRIOR DATA:

This chart represents data from seven synagogues that reported data in 2019, 2020 and 2021.

Synagogue Membership	2019	2020	Year Over Year Change	2021	Year Over Year Change
Households/Families	3,087	3,105	+18	2,821	-284
Individuals	7,706	7,831	+125	6,656	-1,175

From 2020 - 2021 the majority of synagogues that answered the membership questions saw a decrease of household/family memberships and an individual member decrease while in prior Community Trackers, we saw an increase in affiliation numbers. It will be documented via the Community Tracker in the years to come how long it will take to bring back these members, or engage with new ones to return to our pre-pandemic numbers.

Note - NOT ALL SYNAGOGUES HAVE SEEN A DECREASE.

🌸 The COVID-19 pandemic may have been a significant factor in the decrease of family and individual members at our local synagogues. Although most (not all) synagogues reported a decline in *membership*, many reported an increase in *participation*.

As noted by a respondent: The Orthodox community is a fast-growing segment of the broader Jewish community in Camden County, Cherry Hill in particular. There are many opportunities to solidify the connection and increase participation.

K-8 DAY SCHOOLS ENROLLMENT:

	2018-2019	2019-2020	2020-2021
Households	180	166	168
Individuals	236	238	247

K-8 DAY SCHOOLS:

Day school enrollment increased by 2 households/families and by 9 individual students in the 2020/2021 school year over the previous school year.

🌟 Day schools during this time frame may have seen an increase in enrollment due to offering in-person classes during the COVID-19 pandemic whereas the local public school classes were all virtual or hybrid. We will continue to monitor the success and retention of these new students via the Community Tracker.

THE CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES WE FACE

Top issues/challenges faced by synagogues and day schools:

As reported in the survey this year, the most prevalent problems were COVID-19 and related issues stemming from the pandemic such as:

- When and how to re-open safely
- The difficulties of future planning
- Declining incomes
- Decrease in contributions and dues
- How to properly engage members uncomfortable attending shul in-person
- How to continue to connect people with others with physical limitations

Synagogues and day schools suggested the following opportunities that could be achieved through collaboration:

- Sharing a social worker through JFCS
- Greater Israel advocacy
- Best practices in hybrid events
- Better outreach towards unaffiliated
- Bulk purchasing, shared services, program partnerships
- Reaching more Jews in the area and creating a feeling of community
- Increased attendance at programs and events
- More opportunities to partner with other synagogues for teen programming and education
- More programs to help people overcome COVID-19 fears and begin involvement in community

Top issues related to membership reported by synagogues and day schools:

- New members need assistance getting to know our community
- New members need more financial assistance
- Need to find a way to identify new members
- Retaining members post B'nai Mitzvah

JEWISH EDUCATION ●●●

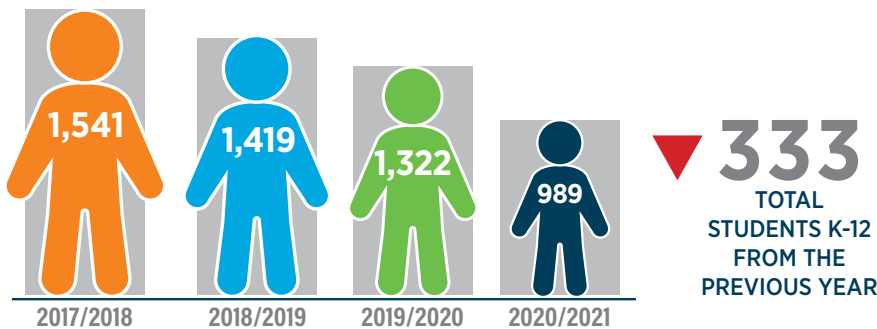
This section focuses on Jewish education for youth including supplemental schools, day schools and early childhood centers (ECC).

SUPPLEMENTAL SCHOOLS



Supplemental schools provide Jewish education to children (grades K-12) after public/private school. There are 8 supplemental schools included in the 2021 results: Temple Beth Sholom Rabbi Albert and Sarah Lewis Religious School, Temple Sinai Religious School, Congregation B'nai Tikvah Beth Israel (CBTBI), Congregation Beth Tikvah, M'kor Shalom Religious School, Adath Emanu-El Religious School, Beth El Religious School, The Religious School at Temple Emanuel.

In the 2019/2020 school year, our results included 10 supplemental schools. Temple Har Zion no longer has a religious school and Nafshenu's religious school was not active during COVID-19. Temple Har Zion now sends its students to CBT and the future of Nafshenu's school is unknown to us as of the preparation of this report.



The number of students (K-12) enrolled in supplemental schools declined 25% from last school year.

★ The large decrease in attendance this past year was likely due to virtual learning fatigue and parents choosing to give their children a break.

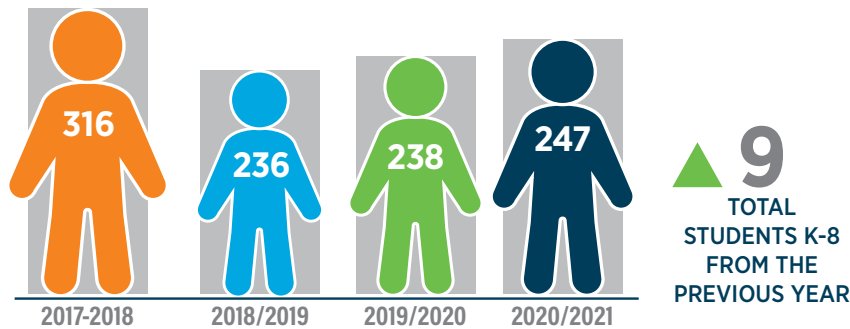
Data for Special Needs Education at Supplemental Schools

151 STUDENTS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS	15% OF TOTAL STUDENTS	30 STUDENTS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS CELEBRATING B'NAI MITZVAH THIS YEAR
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DAY SCHOOLS



Our community has two day schools (Kellman Brown Academy and Politz Day School) that offer grades K-8 as well as early childhood programs, and one high school (Foxman Torah Institute) for grades 9-12.



Day schools saw a slight increase in enrollment this past year from 166 households/families to 168 and had an increase of 9 total individual students.

★ The increase this year is likely due to the pandemic and that public school classes were virtual whereas the day schools offered in-person education.

HIGH SCHOOL (9-12 grade)	70 TOTAL STUDENTS	65 FAMILY UNITS
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317

STUDENTS IN JEWISH DAY SCHOOLS (K-12)

989

STUDENTS IN SUPPLEMENTAL SCHOOLS (K-12)

STUDENTS ENROLLED IN JEWISH EDUCATION



20% attend Jewish day schools

80% attend supplemental schools

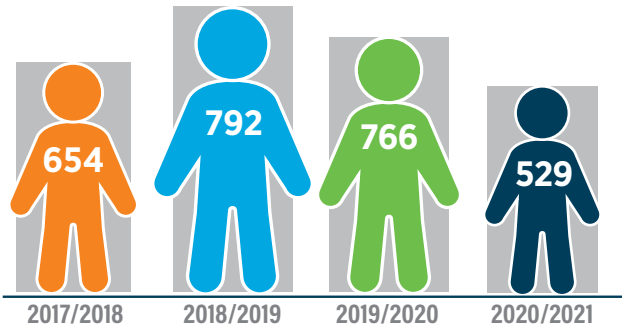
★ The percentage of children attending day schools is increasing compared to children in supplemental schools. In the past, 10% of students were in day schools. The increase to 20% may be in response to the impact of COVID-19 policies and protocols.

EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTERS (ECC)



There are 8 Early Childhood Centers in our community: Congregation Beth El ECC, Adath Emanu-El ECC, The Pre-School at Temple Emanuel, Kellman Brown Academy, Eric B. Jacobs Early Childhood Education Center at Temple Beth Shalom, M'kor Shalom ECC, Politz Day School, and Sari Isdaner Early Childhood Center at the JCC.

Two ECC are located in day schools, five are located in synagogues and one is at the JCC. The six ECC outside of the day schools accept non-Jewish students. The day school ECC do not accept non-Jewish students.



237
TOTAL STUDENTS
INFANT-K FROM THE
PREVIOUS YEAR

There was a 31% decrease in ECC enrollment this year.

APPROX. **37%**
NON-JEWISH STUDENTS

Percentage includes 6 ECC that allow non-Jewish students. In 2020, approximately 42% identified as non-Jewish. The majority of schools range from 65-98% Jewish while one school is 35-40% Jewish.

KEY TAKEAWAY: Enrollment in both supplemental and early childhood Jewish education is trending downward. It will be critical to find ways to re-engage with these students and families. Many families opted to keep their children home this year due to COVID-19.

This chart shows enrollment data starting with a Jewish education census in 2004 and compares it to data collected through our current enrollment.

	SUPPLEMENTAL AND DAY SCHOOL ENROLLMENT	EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTERS (ECC) ENROLLMENT
2003-2004	3,407	987
2009-2010	2,423	852
2013-2014	1,735	717
2017-2018	1,777	739
2018-2019	1,727	792
2019-2020	1,560	731
2020-2021	1,236	529

JEWISH FEDERATION OF SOUTHERN NEW JERSEY

AGENCIES

The Jewish Federation agencies are service providers. They work collaboratively with our synagogues and day schools, and there is always interest and opportunity to better align our efforts. Leveraging data from this report, we plan to foster more dialogue among all Jewish agencies and funding sources in our community.

- Katz Jewish Community Center (JCC)
- Jewish Senior Housing and Healthcare Service (JSHHS)
- Samost Jewish Family & Children's Service (JFCS)
- Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC)
- Jewish Community Voice (JCV or The Voice)

Agency: JCC	2019-2020	2020-2021	Impact of COVID
Household Memberships	3,950	2,962	25% Decrease (▼988 Households)
Individual Memberships	13,000	9,562	26% Decrease (▼3,438 Individuals)

📌 This decline can be attributed to COVID-19 and the ability to freeze memberships. As we look to next year's Community Tracker, we will determine the success of bringing members back.

Agency: JFCS	2019-2020	2020-2021	Impact of COVID
Households Serviced	3,600	9,346	159% Increase (▲5,746 Households)
Individuals Serviced	11,000	13,355	21% Increase (▲2,355 Individuals)

📌 The demand for services spiked due to the impact of COVID-19, more than doubling the number of households serviced by JFCS from the prior year.

Agency: JCV	2019-2020	2020-2021	Impact of COVID
Household Circulation	6,500	6,500	Circulation remained the same

Agency: JSHHS	2019-2020	2020-2021	Impact of COVID
Residents	678	470	31% Decrease (▼208 Residents)

✿ This decline can be attributed to the sale of buildings and the impact of COVID-19.

Agency: JCRC	2019-2020	2020-2021	Impact of COVID
Households	3,600	300	92% Decrease (▼3,300 Households)
Individuals	16,300	500*	97% Decrease (▼15,800 Individuals)

✿ School based programs were greatly impacted by COVID-19. All programs were virtual and some were eliminated altogether.

Total touches* with community members

*Touch - This term may underestimate the actual impact. For some individuals, this might be one point of engagement, whereas others may have ongoing or multiple sources for engagement.

(We do not know the extent of duplication)

JFED System Employment	2019-2020	2020-2021	Impact of COVID
Full-Time Employees	346	260	25% Decrease (▼86 individuals)
Part-Time Employees	364	330	9% Decrease (▼34 Individuals)
Total Employees	710	590	17% Decrease (▼120 Individuals)

These numbers reflect a snapshot in time when the survey was completed. Staff fluctuates, particularly in the summer months.

✿ This year, we have seen an increase in volunteers. This data will be collected starting in the next Tracker so we can better understand the impact our volunteers make on delivering programs and services to the community.

Counties with Individuals Impacted by JFED Agencies	2020	2021
Burlington County	20.25%	18.25%
Camden County	71.75%	71.72%
Gloucester County	8%	11.98%

🌸 Impact/Challenges of COVID-19:

- Revenue was significantly impacted due to reduced membership, ad revenue and community referrals. This directly impacted operating budgets and led to a decreased staff force and increased responsibilities for remaining staff. Volunteers helped to fill the void, enabling agencies to continue providing vital services at the height of the pandemic.
- In person programming was prohibited for the majority of the year. This required a shift to virtual programs, which greatly impacted participation and accessibility. In some cases, entire program offerings were eliminated or significantly reduced in scale.
- The agencies were challenged to service the heightened needs of existing clientele and members as well as providing a range of services to new individuals impacted by the pandemic.
- Individuals, children and families experienced greater rates of anxiety and depression as a result of the isolation caused by the pandemic restrictions. The public health crises evoked PTSD in many Holocaust Survivors, who have been re-traumatized by forced quarantines and isolation.
- New tools and online platforms were necessary to provide remote access for programming, counseling and other support services. Telehealth has been an effective tool for clients to receive counseling and case management.
- Individuals with developmental disabilities had additional hardships, as they yearn to increase socialization, avoid isolation, and strive for inclusion in community activities and integrated employment. The pandemic has required Special Needs Department staff to flex their creative muscles to keep clients engaged.
- Weinberg Commons, our new residential housing for 16 adults with special needs, has been particularly challenging in terms of the move-in process and socialization of residents, both of which have been hampered by the pandemic. The pandemic upended its planned budget including the additional unexpected pandemic related costs.
- Educational, social, therapeutic and wellness programs were limited to online access only.
- An increase in food insecurity and the need for additional staff and volunteers to provide services to those in need was experienced. Both staff and volunteers rose to the challenge to provide a safe and contactless system of food delivery.

- The need for technology to stay connected with the community and offer vital services including telehealth, transportation and other support services increased.
- A decrease in advertising and operating revenue. Fear of COVID-19 has decreased the number of residents in senior housing, members and referrals.
- A decrease in operating revenue resulted in a decrease in staff resulting in added responsibilities for existing staff.

Goals for Future Collaboration:

- Addressing Jewish poverty is a goal shared across our Federation system. Collaboration is ideal to address the increase of food insecurity and to work closely with the Orthodox community with the new Rhona Fischer Family Assistance Program (FAP).
- Working together to learn more about the needs within our community and sharing this information in a way that partnerships can be mutually beneficial.

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SUPPORTING ORGANIZATIONS/FUNDING

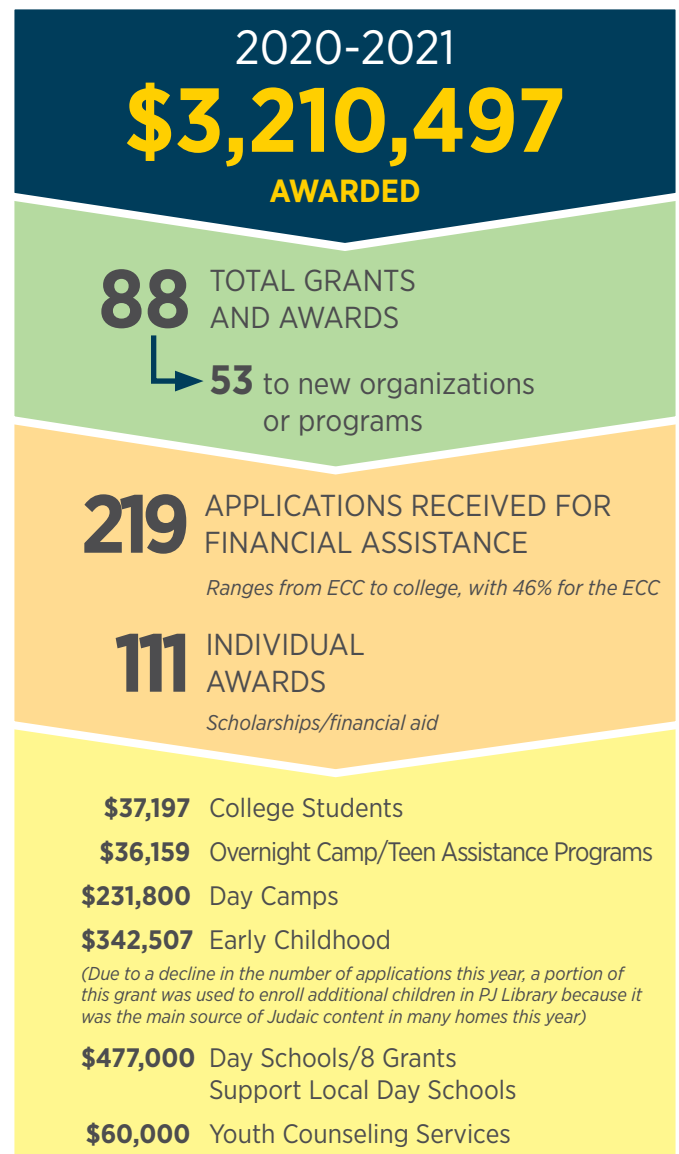
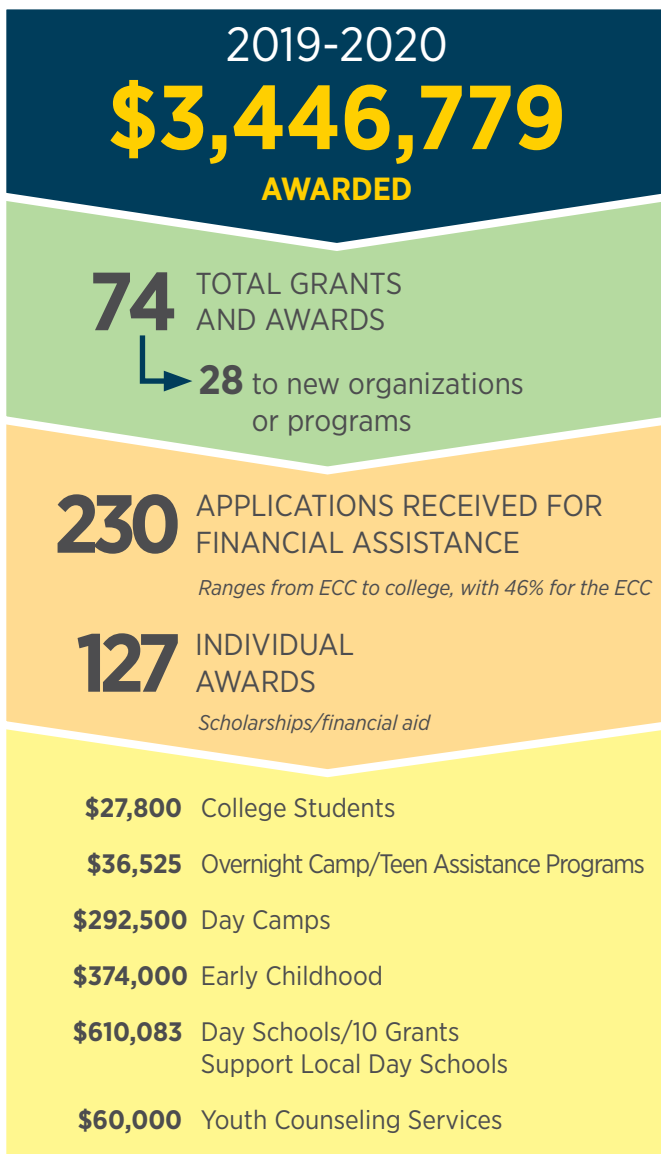
Several organizations offer grants, awards, and/or scholarships in our community. Below is information on the awards for the past year and how to learn more about each organization.

Supporting organizations:

- Jewish Community Foundation, Inc. (JCF)
- Raymond & Gertrude R. Saltzman Foundation (SF)

Jewish Federation distributed funds from the following sources:

- Jewish Federation of Southern New Jersey Financial Aid for Jewish Overnight Camp & Teen Leadership
- Jewish Women's Foundation of Southern New Jersey (JWF)
- Community COVID-19 Relief Fund - New this year, this fund offers temporary grants to alleviate some of the financial burden caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.



*Our local Early Childhood Centers are partners in this program and contribute 25% of the awards

We are grateful to the generosity of the Saltzman Foundation which awards a large percent of these funds.

🚫 Due to COVID-19, JCF did not have a funding cycle last spring. Rather, JCF allocated their total grant dollars to the Community COVID-19 Relief Fund to be distributed to those needs.

Jewish Federation distributes its resources into five Areas of Impact. These **Areas of Impact** define our mission aligned priorities and how we serve our community, both locally and around the world.

\$1,194,787	Older Adults
\$1,140,466	Family and Youth <i>(local, all scholarships, programs, and counseling)</i>
\$331,204	Community Engagement
\$293,827	Special Needs
\$250,213	Outside JFED Areas of Impact
\$0	Global Connections
\$3,210,497	Total Awards

AWARDS ARE DETERMINED BY COMMITTEES



In addition to these awards, JCF has distributed additional dollars through the endowment and donor advised funds it manages on behalf of individuals and organizations.

LIST OF FUNDED ORGANIZATIONS:

- Adath Emanu-El & The Early Childhood Center at Adath Emanu-El
- Aleph Home Care
- BBYO
- Camp Gan Israel
- Congregation Beth El & Congregation Beth El Early Childhood Center
- Congregation Beth Tikvah
- Congregation M'kor Shalom
- Congregation Sons of Israel
- Foxman Torah Institute
- Jewish Community Relations Council
- Jewish Federation of Southern New Jersey
- Katz Jewish Community Center
- Kellman Brown Academy
- Lions Gate
- Nafshenu
- Politz Day School
- Samost Jewish Family & Children's Service
- Temple Beth Sholom
- Temple Emanuel
- Temple Har Zion
- Temple Sinai

Below is information on our local funding organizations including funding parameters, mission of the organization, and contact information.

RAYMOND & GERTRUDE R. SALTZMAN FOUNDATION

The Raymond & Gertrude R. Saltzman Foundation (“Foundation”) is a supporting organization of The Jewish Federation of Southern New Jersey. It is established to help qualifying recipients through grants in accordance with the wishes of Ruth Saltzman, while preserving and ideally growing the Foundation’s assets so that future generations can continue to benefit from Mrs. Saltzman’s generosity, in perpetuity. The Foundation encourages members of the community to create similar foundations in support of the Federation’s mission.

Grants may be awarded for services, programs, or activities in furtherance of the Jewish Federation’s mission in the Tri-County area and are related to the following four (4) main purposes:

- **IMPROVE LIVING CONDITIONS AND ALLEVIATE PROBLEMS OF JEWISH ELDERLY**
- **PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO JEWISH CHILDREN AND FAMILIES:** Grants may be made to assist Jewish children and families who, because of economic problems or limited capabilities, are unable to achieve a standard of living which would enable them to participate in activities which the Federation considers reasonable.
- **PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO JEWISH PERSONS OVERSEAS:** Grants to the Federation or directly to organizations eligible for support from the Federation may be considered to support and assist Jewish persons overseas and in Israel who require assistance, financial or otherwise, to live securely and participate adequately in the society in which they live.
- **PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO EDUCATIONAL OR CULTURAL PROGRAMS UNDERTAKEN BY OR SUPPORTED BY THE FEDERATION**

Please contact Kathleen Hargrove at kathleen@saltzmanfoundation.org or visit the website saltzmanfoundation.smapply.io for deadlines, funding parameters, and the application.

JEWISH COMMUNITY FOUNDATION, INC.

The purpose of the Jewish Community Foundation, Inc. is to foster and facilitate sustainable philanthropy to support the mission of the Jewish Federation of Southern New Jersey and the needs of our Jewish community here, in Israel, and around the world. JCF seeks to create a climate that supports funding of programs and organizations by involving agencies, synagogues, day schools, individuals, and families in the planning process. It strives to provide long-term funding vehicles for philanthropic action and education on philanthropic needs.

Jewish and secular organizations serving Burlington, Camden, and/or Gloucester counties may apply for JCF grants to help launch new and innovative programs and services to benefit the community. (Full guidelines can be found at jcfsnj.org/grants.)

Please contact Mike Staff at mstaff@jfedsnj.org or 856-673-2528 for more information on applying for JCF Grants or visit jcfsnj.org/grants for deadlines and funding parameters.

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Demonstrably financially needy families can apply for their child to receive financial assistance to attend a Jewish overnight camp, or for a teen in grade 9-12 to attend an organized teen Israel experience for three weeks or more. All camp and Israel programs must be sponsored by a recognized Jewish organization and provide Jewish and/or Zionist content as part of their programming. Must be residents of Burlington, Camden or Gloucester County.

Please contact dje@jfedsnj.org for more information or visit www.jewishsouthjersey.org/financial-assistance.

JEWISH WOMEN'S FOUNDATION OF SOUTHERN NJ

Jewish Women's Foundation's mission is to support funding programs and services that improve the lives of those who identify as Jewish females and children. Through strategic grant making, JWF addresses issues of importance to this population both locally and internationally. It also endeavors to empower women as funders, decision makers and agents of change.

This year's funding parameters focused on the emergent needs of COVID-19 in the community. Grants were accepted from organizations in the tri-county area of South Jersey that addressed needs of women and children associated with Jewish poverty i.e., food access, health care, housing education, job training and nonprofit sustainability.

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JEWISH FEDERATION OF SOUTHERN NJ COVID-19 EMERGENCY RELIEF FUND (TEMPORARY)

Jewish community organizations in need of assistance due to the impact of COVID-19 were able to apply for emergency funding during FY 2020/2021. At this time, the Fund is not accepting new requests.