



The Jewish Grad Organization



Annual Report

2024-25

A Transformational Year for
Jewish Grad Students

JGO Campuses

GREATER LOS ANGELES

California Institute of Technology
Chapman University School of Law
David Geffen School of Medicine
UCLA Loyola Marymount Law
Pepperdine University School of Law
Southwestern Law School
UC Irvine School of Law
UCLA Anderson School of Management
UCLA School of Dentistry
UCLA School of Law
USC Gould School of Law
USC Keck School of Medicine
USC Marshall School of Business

GREATER NYC

Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law
Brooklyn Law School
Baruch CUNY
Columbia Business School
Columbia Law School
Columbia SIPA
Columbia School of Social Work
CUNY Baruch School of Business
Fordham Gabelli School of Business
Fordham University School of Law
Hofstra Law
New York Law School
Touro Law Center
NYU School of Law
NYU Stern School of Business
NYU Vilcek Grossman School of Medicine
Pace Law
Rutgers School of Medicine
Rutgers-Newark Law
Seton Hall Law
St. John's Law
Stony Brook School of Medicine

BAY AREA

Golden Gate Law
Santa Clara Law
Stanford Graduate School of Business
Stanford Law School
UC Berkeley Haas School of Business
UC Berkeley School of Law
UC Davis Law School
UC Hastings College of the Law
UC San Diego
University of San Francisco Law

CENTRAL EAST

Carnegie Mellon Tepper Business
Cornell Law
Cornell-SC Johnson School of Business
Duquesne University Law
Indiana Kelley School of Business
Michigan Ross School of Business
Michigan School of Dentistry
Michigan School of Law
Ohio State University Law
Penn State Law
Syracuse Law
University of Pittsburgh Law
Wayne State Law

CHICAGO/MIDWEST

Chicago Booth School of Business
Chicago-Kent Law
DePaul University College of Law
Loyola University Chicago School of Law
Northwestern Kellogg School of Management
Northwestern Pritzker School of Law
Northwestern School of Medicine
University of Chicago Law School
University of Cincinnati College of Law
University of Chicago
University of Illinois Law
University of Illinois-Chicago Law
University of Iowa Law
University of Wisconsin Law
Washington University St. Louis Law

DC / MD / VA

American University Law
George Mason Scalia School of Law
George Washington Law
George Washington School of Medicine
Georgetown McDonough Business
Georgetown University Law Center
Georgetown University School of Medicine
Johns Hopkins Carey School of Business
Johns Hopkins School of Nursing
University of Baltimore Law
University of Maryland Law
University of Richmond Law
University of Virginia Law
UVA Darden School of Business

NEW ENGLAND

Boston University School of Law
BU Questrom School of Business
Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine at Tufts University
Dartmouth Tuck School of Business
Harvard Business School
Harvard Law
MIT Sloan School of Management
New England Law
Northeastern University School of Law
Suffolk Law
University of Connecticut School of Law
University of Connecticut School of Medicine
Yale Law School
Yale School of Management

GREATER PHILADELPHIA

Drexel Law
Rutgers-Camden Law
Temple Law
The Wharton School
University of Pennsylvania Law
Villanova Law
Drexel University
Widener Delaware Law School

SOUTHERN U.S.

Duke Fuqua School of Business
Duke Law
Emory Goizueta School of Business
Emory University School of Law
Emory University School of Medicine
Florida International University Law
Florida State Law
Georgia State Law
Nova Southeastern University
Southern Methodist Law
Tulane Law
UNC Chapel Hill Business
UNC Medicine
University of Florida Law
University of Florida MBA
University of Georgia Law
University of Miami Business
University of Miami Law
University of North Carolina Chapel Hill
University of South Carolina Law
UT Austin Law
UT Houston Health
Vanderbilt Law
Vanderbilt Owen School of Management

CANADA

McGill University Law
Ottawa Law
Queen's Law
University of Montreal
University of Toronto Law
University of Toronto Rotman
Western University
Windsor Law
York University Osgoode Hall Law

WESTERN U.S.

University of Arizona Law
University of Oregon JGrads
University of Oregon Law
University of San Diego School of Law
University of Washington Law
Seattle University Law
UNLV Boyd School of Law

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Welcome

Welcome Letter from Rabbi Dave Sorani, CEO



Dear Friends of JGO,

Every dollar you gave this year made a difference. This report is our way of showing you exactly where your philanthropic investment went, and how it was used to strengthen Jewish life, leadership, and pride on grad campuses across North America.

Your generosity became Shabbat dinners on campus filled with warmth and belonging. It became our Sloan Fellowship program that gave students the tools to have Jewish pride and lead with confidence. It became our speaker series, advocacy trainings, and mentorship programs that reminded Jewish students they are not alone.

In the past year, JGO powered Jewish community at 156 grad campuses, engaged more than 11,000 unique students, and trained nearly 700 emerging leaders, all because of your support. Each number represents a grad student who found Jewish community, a grad campus that became more connected, and overall where the JGO grew stronger.

Your belief in our mission has helped JGO become one of the fastest-growing Jewish organizations in the country. And while these pages celebrate what we've accomplished together, they also show the impact of your partnership, the tangible results of your giving, and the growing movement your philanthropy continues to build.

Thank you for your trust, your generosity, and your commitment to ensuring a strong Jewish future, one grad campus, one student, one moment at a time.

With deep appreciation,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dave Sorani".

Dave

Welcome

A Message from
Rabbi Matt Rosenberg,
Executive Vice President &
Senior Rabbi



In Jewish tradition, we bless each other at the outset of every year to “be the head, and not the tail.” The blessing isn’t about being ‘better.’ It’s about being a leader.

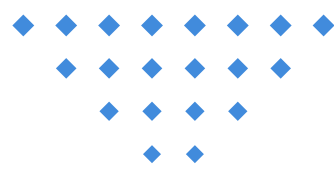
The head thinks, feels, perceives, processes, decides. The tail simply follows. To be the head means to initiate, influence, to shape the world around you rather than to be shaped by it. Judaism asks us to step into leadership—in our lives, communities, and world—and to help others do the same.

That’s what your friendship makes possible. In today’s campus climate, Jewish students are navigating a complex and polarizing environment. Young people are pulled toward the voices which reach them first, and seem more consistent, confident, or compelling.

Which is precisely why now is the time to invest in the young, proud Jewish leadership that JGO supports across North America.

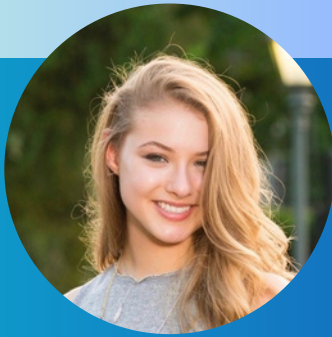
JGO empowers Jewish graduate students to be the principled, visible, values-driven leaders who can reach their generation. This report tells that story. It shows what your investment made possible in 2024–25: more campuses reached, students engaged, and leaders trained. But even more, it shows the kind of campus you’re helping build—where Jewish pride is active, resilient, and contagious.

Our grad students are already leading. The accomplishments in these pages are theirs—and yours. May we follow their example, and continue supporting them as they chart the path ahead.



Year in Review

The scale you made possible



*“Sincerely, we are so grateful to you all for affording us such a vibrant Jewish life on campus. In the most literal sense **it would not be possible without you all**, and we are grateful beyond measure.”*

-Sarah Simon
Columbia Law

156 Campuses Supported

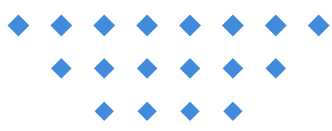
Student Leaders Trained **674**

693 Programs & Events

Individual Participants **11K+**

23,701 Total Attendance





The 2024-25 academic year marked an inflection point for JGO. What began in 2011 as a passionate nonprofit startup has transformed into a strong, thriving organization reaching **11,000 Jewish graduate students** across North America.

In the months following October 7, Jewish grad students turned to JGO for connection, meaning, and strength. We answered that call, hosting more events and welcoming more students than ever before. Attendance reached a record **23,700**, a **53% increase** from last year, fueled by our expanded programming team and deep investment in student leadership. But most importantly, students shared that they feel more connected, confident, and proud of their Jewish identity. This growth represents the deep, lasting community that JGO nurtures on every campus we serve.

With nearly **30 dedicated team members** now powering our mission, JGO is proud to enter its next chapter – stronger, more resilient, and more impactful than ever before.

Behind each one of these numbers is a story of Jewish graduate students growing into confident and engaged community leaders who will carry their Jewish identities and values into every part of their lives and careers – ***because of you.***



Powering Jewish Community at a Grad School Near You

From a single UCLA classroom in 2011, **JGO's Campus Fund** now supports Jewish Student Associations at more than **156 graduate schools** across North America with funding for events, VIP speakers, logistical assistance, strategic guidance and planning. Regular on-campus programs include Lunch Events, Career Panels, Shabbat Dinners, Holiday Parties, and Antisemitism Education.

In 2024-25, JGO's Campus Fund sponsored **586 grad school programs!**



90% of JGO's events are held on-campus, all of which are **student-run** in order to engage and empower the next generation of Jewish leaders.

JGO Summer Happy Hours!

City-wide happy hours in NYC, Boston, LA, Miami, and beyond drew **450 student participants**, helping them connect before the school year even began, sparking friendships and building momentum for what was to come.

Partners Summit

Investing in Our Student Leaders

Each fall, hundreds of Jewish graduate students step into JGO volunteer leadership, ready to build vibrant Jewish communities on their campuses. Through customized onboarding sessions and our annual **Miller Family Partners Summit**, JGO supports students with the training and confidence to lead effectively.

Our 2024-25 Summit brought together **140** Jewish graduate student leaders, organizational leaders, and partners, honing their **leadership, advocacy and community-building skills**. The result: a stronger, more connected network of student leaders driving Jewish engagement across our 150+ campuses.



-Susan Radov
President,

JBSA at Northwestern Kellogg

*“I was surrounded by Jewish graduate leaders—people who got it. We learned, planned, commiserated, and connected. That weekend was cathartic. JGO showed up for me when I needed to be seen, heard, and reminded: **You are not alone.**”*

Shabbat & Holidays

Fueling Jewish Meaning on Campus

Shabbat Dinners from Coast to Coast

JGO funded **134** Shabbats across the country in 2024-25, hosting **4,210** students at **49** campuses.

High Holiday Spaces

With **40** High Holiday events on **32** campuses with **1,323** students, we created safe spaces for students reconnecting during a challenging fall.

October 7 Commemorations

JGO funded **18** October 7 events at **15** campuses across the country, with **1,120** students in attendance.

Passover Events Across North America

JGO funded **28** Passover events and Seders hosted by student leaders, with **882** students joining.



"I felt deeply moved in our moment for the hostages. It is not often you get a moment of collective grief for these things outside of purely religious circles."

-Heidi Johnson

Carnegie Mellon University - Tepper School of Business

Sloan Fellowship

Building Jewish Leaders for Tomorrow

The **Sloan Fellowship** is the cornerstone of our mission: empowering Jewish graduate students to explore **identity, leadership, and community** through Jewish ethics and learning. JGO's 2024-25 Sloan Fellowship included **168 Fellows** across **four cohorts** in Los Angeles, New York, and nationally on Zoom.

Fellows engaged with distinguished guests and thought leaders, including **Bryan Palbaum** (CEO, Trader Joe's), **Tom Nides** (Former U.S. Ambassador to Israel), **Barry Salzberg** (Former Global CEO, Deloitte), and **Julie Platt** (Chair, Jewish Federations of North America), each sharing insights on leadership, values, and impact.



“Through the Sloan Fellowship, I found more than community – I discovered purpose, pride, and a renewed connection to my Jewish identity.”

-Maria Oceguera Cervantes
LLM, USC Gould School of Law



Fellows gain the confidence, clarity, and conviction to **lead with Jewish values** in every arena of their lives, ready to put their learning into action – on campus, in the workplace, and within their Jewish communities.

JEWL

Jewish Executive Women's Leadership

In 2024-25, our Los Angeles-based JEWL program brought together a cohort of remarkable young female leaders from diverse professional backgrounds for intensive sessions on personal and professional growth through a Jewish lens.



In 2025-26, **JEWL is expanding** to include new cohorts, national-virtual and NYC-based. Together, we are shattering the glass ceiling and redefining what it means to lead as Jewish women in today's world.

100%

felt the program empowered them as Jewish women

100%

felt greater appreciation for Judaism

100%

felt increased knowledge of Jewish values

*"JEWL's sense of community and support is **truly unmatched.**"*

-Tasha Yektayi

UCLA Anderson



JEWL is building a lasting network of Jewish women: empowered, connected, and shaping the future together.

JELCON

Jewish Executive Leadership Conference

Our **Redstone Family JELCON** is JGO's signature interactive networking forum for Jewish graduate students, young executives, and industry leaders: a space where **inspiration meets impact**.

In 2025, two sold-out evenings in Los Angeles and New York brought together **330 participants** for an unforgettable experience of networking and thought-provoking panels.

Panels featuring **Eytan Elbaz** (*Co-Creator, Google AdSense*), **Larry Grafstein** (*Deputy Chair, RBC Capital*), and **Valerie Leon** (*President, Givenchy Americas*) offered rare behind-the-scenes insight into leadership and Jewish values in the corporate world.



*“At a time when Jewish life on college campuses is facing immense challenges, **JELCON** provided a powerful space for connection, learning, and reflection.”*

- Natalie Kucer

Columbia Business School

Advocacy & Education

Standing with Jewish Students

Antisemitism on Grad Campuses

- 63%** of students experienced antisemitism post-Oct 7
- 67%** of students self-censor on Israel and Judaism
- 37%** of students feel their grad program gave insufficient support to Jews
- 49%** of students hid their Jewish identity on campus

Source: AJC x JGO Survey (Aug 2024)

“JGO programming is critical to ensuring Jewish students, in the face of constant hostility, have a community to feel physically and psychologically safe in.”

JGO has been a steadfast support for Jewish graduate students navigating rising campus antisemitism. When antisemitic incidents or bias concerns arise, our **new Director of Advocacy** provides **individualized coaching**, connections to **legal and mental health resources**, and **strategic advice** to students.



-Charlotte Aaron
Berkeley Law '24

Advocacy & Education

Standing with Jewish Students



Beyond crisis response, JGO empowers students to lead through education and proactive engagement. Our educational programs equip both students and administrators with the tools to understand, represent, and support Jewish identity on campus – from legal symposia to student-led Advocacy Forums and the upcoming Judaism and Israel 101 Primer.

Partnerships with **ADL**, **AJC**, **SCN**, **Brandeis Center**, and others help us provide training, safety resources, legal support, and policy guidance, ensuring that every Jewish student feels both protected and prepared.

Speaker Series

Elevating Jewish Voices Nationwide



Across the country, Jewish graduate students gathered this year to learn, question, and connect through JGO's **Campus Speaker Series**.

With 113 speaker events hosted on campus in 2024-25, students had the opportunity to hear directly from some of today's most influential leaders and thinkers. Each conversation offered space for honest reflection and dialogue, bringing nuance and courage to some of the most pressing issues facing the Jewish community today.

Notable speakers in 2024-25 included **Ronald Lauder** (*President, World Jewish Congress*), **Ambassador Dennis Ross**, **Nathan Hochman** (*LA District Attorney*), **Shai Davidai** (*Professor and Activist*), **Bassem Eid** (*Palestinian Peace Advocate*), and **Congressman Brad Schneider (D-IL)**, among leading Jewish executives and philanthropists.

"JGO has given us a safe space to reflect, vent, and engage in meaningful conversations about what it means to lead Jewish initiatives on campus. We're so grateful for everything JGO does for us."

\$3,318,375

2024-25 Fundraising Income

\$3,258,473

2024-25 Operating Expenses

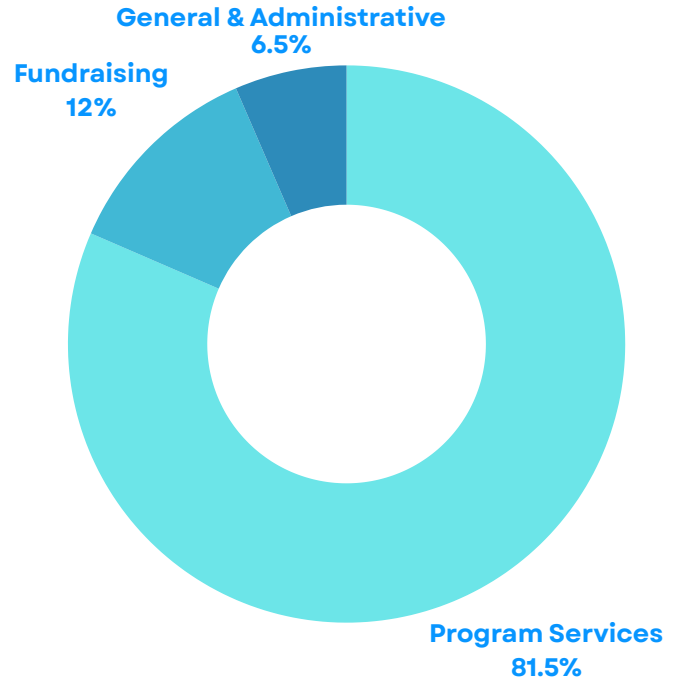
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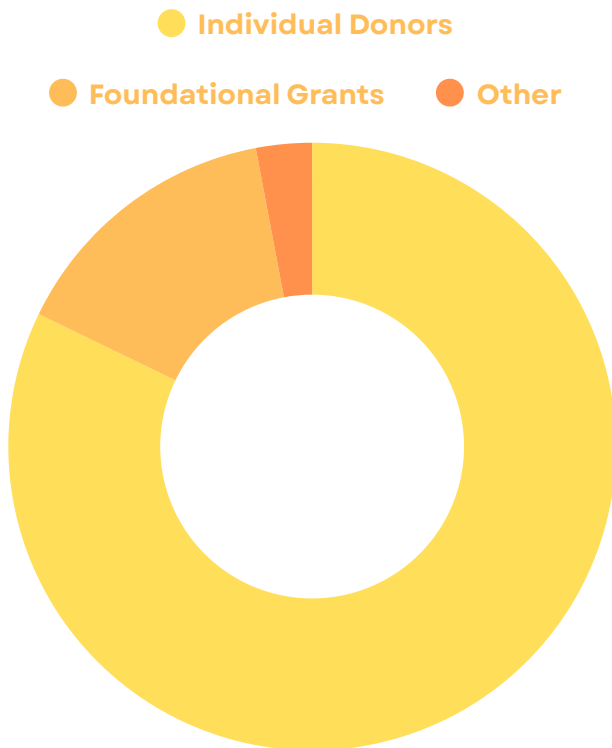
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2025-26 Fundraising Goal

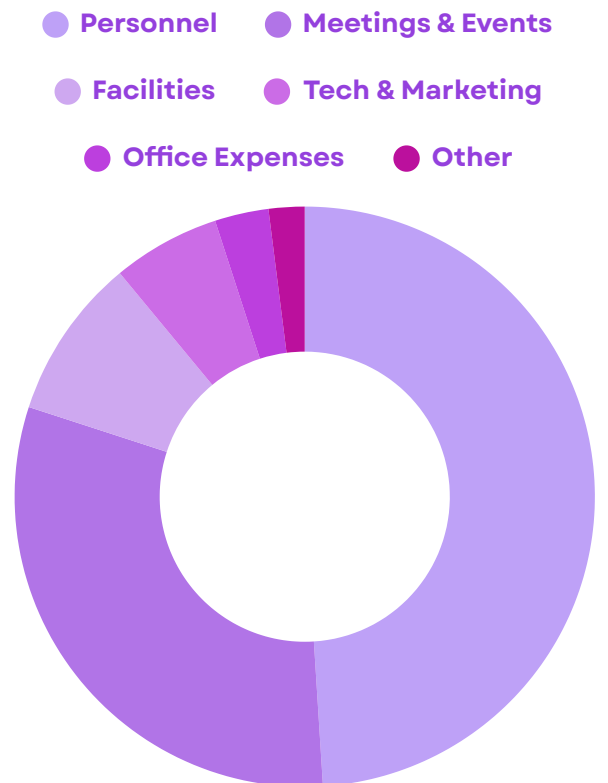
Expense Allocation



Revenue Streams



Expenses By Category



**Form 990 and Audited Financial Statements available upon request*

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