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Minnesota & The Dakotas

Impact Report

2021

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Mission

As the public affairs voice of the Jewish community, the Jewish Community Relations Council of Minnesota and the Dakotas (JCRC) fights antisemitism and prejudice, safeguards the Jewish community, advocates for Israel, provides Holocaust education, promotes tolerance and social justice, and builds bridges across the Jewish and broader communities.

The JCRC:

- Serves as the central public affairs voice of the Jewish community to elected officials, the media, government agencies, and other religious, ethnic, and cultural groups;
- Represents the Jewish community's interests on significant legislative, social justice, and public policy issues in a non-partisan manner;
- Promotes and facilitates the security of the Jewish community and Jewish institutions, and assists community members dealing with discrimination;
- Educates and mobilizes the Jewish community for Israel advocacy;
- Encourages and facilitates open dialogue and consensus among the Jewish community's diverse religious, political, and social perspectives;
- Provides education on the Holocaust, Judaism, Israel, and diversity programming;
- Remembers the victims and honors the survivors of the Holocaust;
- Sponsors community and educational forums; and
- Partners with local, national, nonprofit, interfaith, and Jewish coalitions.

The JCRC is a beneficiary agency of the Minneapolis and St. Paul Jewish Federations and is supported by the communities of the Twin Cities, Bismarck, Duluth, Fargo, Mitchell, Rochester, St. Cloud, Sioux Falls, Aberdeen, and Hill City.

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Letter from Executive Director

Steve Hunegs

Looking back at our second year of JCRC work during a pandemic, we are proud of what we have accomplished and are pleased to share some highlights from each department of our small-but-mighty organization.

- Spotlighted in the center-stitch of this report is the exhibition ***Kindertransport – Rescuing Children on the Brink of War***, which we co-presented at the American Swedish Institute (ASI) in partnership with ASI and the Greenberg Family Fund for Holocaust Awareness at Beth El Synagogue. The Minnesota debut of this exhibition was accompanied by ***The Story is Here***, featuring the stories of three local families in the Midwest who were personally affected by the Kindertransport. Over 10,500 people visited this exhibit.
- Our **Community Safety & Security** program continues to serve communities across Minnesota and the Dakotas to ensure Jewish individuals and institutions are safe and informed in an ever-changing environment.
- ***The Letters Project*** is creating meaningful opportunities to explore the complexity of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict from a place of deep and profound Zionism, to find one's own voice, and to hear different perspectives.
- During our 2021 fiscal year, our remarkable **Speakers Bureau** delivered more than 400 presentations on Judaism, Israel, antisemitism, and the Holocaust - reaching over 10,000 people.

I extend my deepest thanks to JCRC Board President **Judy Cook** for her partnership and leadership, as well as the executive committee and board of directors. The board of directors and staff have many accomplishments to be proud of in 2020 – 2021.

I also want to recognize Director of Community Security **Rob Allen** and Development Specialist and Annual Event Coordinator **Lisa Ferrier** who joined the staff in 2021. Lastly, I thank **Laura Zelle** and **Anthony Sussman** for their 15+ years of service to the JCRC. Together, we have over 110 years of experience as a staff.

Warm regards,

Steve Hunegs

COMMUNITY SAFETY AND SECURITY

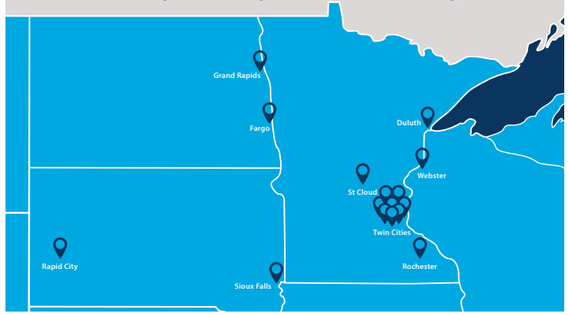
Safeguarding the security and well being of Jewish individuals and community institutions in Minnesota and the Dakotas

The JCRC continues to expand our Community Safety & Security program and adapt our services to meet our community's needs. We provide security protocols, trainings, facility assessments, grant guidance, funding, and threat analysis. We also foster strong relationships with law enforcement on all levels: federal, state, county, and local. We work with government agencies (e.g., FBI, U.S. Attorney's Office, Minnesota National Guard, MN Dept. of Public Safety, and many others), foundations, and other faith organizations to strengthen security for all communities. Our work has received public recognition by federal and county organizations, and we are regularly approached for guidance by government officials and other faith communities. Since 2007, we have assisted over 50 Jewish agencies, synagogues, and non-Jewish institutions to secure millions of dollars in Nonprofit Security grants to help protect their congregants and members.

"In response to an incident at the Sholom campus in St. Louis Park during 2021, we immediately reached out to JCRC staff for safety and security guidance. JCRC staff ably helped Sholom staff navigate this challenging situation in real time and coordinated immediately with local law enforcement. And if this wasn't enough, the JCRC provided financial assistance to help us with increased security measures. Please know how much your leadership and expertise means to Sholom!"

–Barbara Klick, CEO, Sholom

Community Security Work in our Region



JCRC Protecting Our Communities

- PHYSICAL SECURITY
- EVENT SECURITY
- TRAINING
- INFORMATION SHARING
- COMMUNICATIONS
- CYBER SECURITY
- COMMUNITY PURCHASES
- NONPROFIT SECURITY GRANTS

StarTribune

EDITORIAL

Community rallies after hate incidents

An anti-Asian and two anti-Semitic events last week are met with widespread empathy and unity.

By Editorial Board Star Tribune | SEPTEMBER 15, 2021 — 5:45PM

Star Tribune Editorial Board praises JCRC

"It also helps that the leaders of the [Hmong Cultural Center] and the Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC) of Minnesota and the Dakotas, along with scores of other individuals and institutions, exhibited solidarity for each other... Hunegs, who has done much to engender and energize such unity."

Hunegs added, "Community solidarity in the face of attacks at our institutions is essential. It protects all of us."

-Star Tribune Editorial Board

RELATIONSHIPS ENABLE OUR WORK

KADIMA
BUILDING OUR FUTURE

WE ARE GRATEFUL TO THE MINNEAPOLIS JEWISH FEDERATION KADIMA: BUILDING OUR FUTURE CAMPAIGN AND THEIR DONORS FOR THEIR EXTRAORDINARY WORK AND GENEROSITY FOR JEWISH COMMUNITY SECURITY

JCRC WELCOMES ROB ALLEN

Director of Community Security (Hired August 2021)

Minneapolis Police (1989-2013)

- Deputy Chief (Patrol/ Investigations)
- Incident Commander: 35W Bridge Collapse

Ramsey County Sheriff (Director of Planning)

Hennepin County Sheriff (Chief of Staff)

Israel Training Experience

- Incident Response
- Bomb Squad

OUR SECURITY WORK IS EXPERTLY GUIDED BY THE JEWISH COMMUNITY SECURITY STEERING COMMITTEE WHO BRING US A BROAD ARRAY AND MANY DECADES OF SECURITY EXPERIENCE.

Gil Mann, Committee Chair, Past Interim CEO, Minneapolis Jewish Federation
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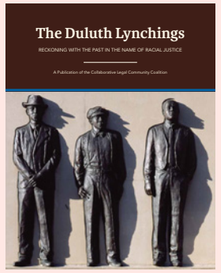
Staff: **Steve Hunegs, Rob Allen, Anthony Sussman**

CIVIL RIGHTS AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS

The Duluth Lynchings Anthology Commemorates Centennial of One of Minnesota's Darkest Days

The JCRC was proud to work with the incredible team at the Minnesota Historical Society and the Collaborative Legal Community Coalition to create an anthology of articles and essays on the occasion of the commemoration of the 1920 lynchings of Elias Clayton, Elmer Jackson and Isaac McGhie. We also thank the McKnight Foundation for its generous support of the project.



Rosh Hashanah and the First Day of School: JCRC Advocates for Religious Inclusion in Public Schools

One of the JCRC's missions is to advocate for Jewish families and employees in public schools and other educational and workplace settings.

The first day of school for many Minnesota school districts in 2021 was scheduled to be Tuesday, September 7, which was also the first day of Rosh Hashanah.

JCRC staff work with school districts, parents, and the Minnesota Rabbinical Association to build and maintain inclusive environments for Jewish families, educators, and staff in Minnesota school districts.

WE THANK AND RECOGNIZE THE FOLLOWING SCHOOL DISTRICTS, WHICH ADJUSTED THEIR 2021 SCHOOL YEAR START DATE:

Bloomington Public Schools
Burnsville-Eagan-Savage School District
Eden Prairie Schools
Edina Public Schools
Hopkins Public Schools
Inver Grove Heights Schools
Lakeville Area Schools
Minneapolis Public Schools
Minnetonka Public Schools
Mounds View Public Schools
North St. Paul-Maplewood-Oakdale
Orono Public Schools
Osseo Area Schools
Prior Lake-Savage Area Schools
Richfield Public Schools
Robbinsdale Area Schools
Rochester Public Schools
Rosemount-Apple Valley-Eagan
St. Louis Park Public Schools
St. Paul Public Schools
Wayzata Schools
West St. Paul-Mendota Heights-Eagan Area Schools

We apologize if we have inadvertently omitted a school district.

UNITED AGAINST ANTISEMITISM

JCRC, Federations, 20+ Jewish Organizations Stand United Against Antisemitism

On Sunday, July 11, over 250 Minnesotans came together at the Minnesota State Capitol under the bright summer sunshine to stand united against the rising threats to Jewish safety and security around us.

The gathering featured speakers representing diverse streams of Judaism and identities within the Jewish community, along with our interfaith allies. We extend deep thanks to our speakers who shared their perspectives on the challenges of combatting antisemitism and ideas for building a society free of antisemitism, racism, and all of the other bigotries that plague our communities.

JCRC Invited to Educate About Antisemitism

As the volume and frequency of antisemitic incidents continue to rise in our region and nationally, community organizations, private companies, and government agencies have invited the JCRC to educate their employees and stakeholders on antisemitism and the challenges facing the Jewish community.

Our presentations teach participants to understand antisemitism as a conspiracy theory that mutates across space and time to target Jews as individuals and as a collective.

By reviewing examples such as the "Great Replacement" conspiracy theory (which falsely accuses Jews of manipulating demographic changes to "replace" and subordinate white people) and accusations that Zionism is a form of settler colonialism, we teach participants to spot antisemitism wherever it appears.

"The presenters were very knowledgeable of the topic and could speak to it from a personal perspective. It was clear that the presenters were very vested in the topic and had a strong desire/goal/purpose to share their knowledge. I appreciated their candor. I appreciated their intelligence and dedication regarding the topic."

–Hennepin County Employee

TWIN CITIES JEWISH COMMUNITY GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS PROGRAM

Advocacy Guided by Jewish Values

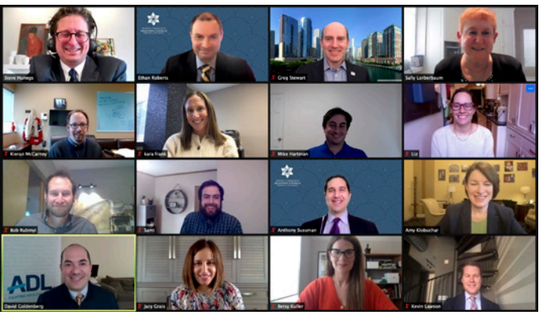
Initiated in 2001, and generously funded by the Minneapolis and St. Paul Jewish Federations, the Twin Cities Jewish Community Government Affairs Program (JGAP) represents the people, values and interests of the Twin Cities Jewish community, as well as the vulnerable populations we serve, before federal, state, and local governments.

Since its inception, JGAP has successfully advocated for millions of dollars in government funds to support vulnerable Minnesotans and secure communities.

In 2021, we were pleased that after months of sustained and coordinated efforts, Jewish Family and Children's Services of Minneapolis was awarded a one-time grant of approximately $2 million from the Minnesota Department of Education (MDE) to enable the ParentChild+ program to maintain its current level of service in the Twin Cities and Greater Minnesota. Similarly, we were gratified that the Governor, the House, and the Senate all provided a third round of funding for the Supplemental Nonprofit Security Grant Program, which the JGAP created to augment the federal program, and that an effort to levy unconstitutional property taxes on houses of worship, which we took the lead in opposing, was once again blocked from advancing in the legislature beyond a single committee hearing. Relatedly, the JGAP also took the lead in the decision by St. Paul to reverse a proposed zoning ordinance that directly targeted houses of worship.

Social Studies Standards

Outside the legislature, a significant priority for JGAP is ensuring that the decennial revision of Minnesota's K-12 Academic Standards in Social Studies ("Standards and Benchmarks") represents the values and interests of our Jewish community. Our community was outraged when the first draft of the Standards and Benchmarks removed all references to the Holocaust. Working with our allies at the Center for Holocaust and Genocide Education at the University of Minnesota, we took the lead in organizing a grassroots effort to convince MDE to not just restore the current benchmarks, but expand upon them. Thanks to our advocacy, all of our suggested benchmarks were incorporated in the second draft of the Standards and Benchmarks. Unfortunately, when the second draft was released the existing references to Judaism and other world religions were removed. In even less time and working now with an interfaith coalition the JGAP and JCRC engaged in another grassroots campaign to convince MDE to restore specific references to world religions. When the third draft was released approximately half of our suggested revisions were incorporated by MDE. In the months ahead we will continue to advocate for improvements in the final draft to ensure that Judaism and other world religions are taught as a critical source of identity and not just a matter of historical interest.



JCRC Annual Event

The JCRC was graced with a beautiful August evening for our sold-out Annual Event featuring Nick Winton and Michael Simonson, archivist and historian at the Leo Baeck Institute, at the American Swedish Institute (ASI).

We thank ASI and the Greenberg Family Fund for Holocaust Awareness at Beth El Synagogue, our partners in the exhibit *Kindertransport - Rescuing Children on the Brink of War*, for providing the backdrop for this year's JCRC Annual Event (read more about the exhibit on pages 12-13).

Our keynote speaker, Nick Winton, illustrated the importance of making a contribution to the community, just as his father, Sir Nicholas Winton, did when he organized the rescue of 669 children from Czechoslovakia on Kindertransports in the nine months leading up to the outbreak of World War II. It was a powerful and emotional moment when Nick showed a video of Sir Nicholas Winton reuniting with the kinder years later, many of whom were never able to reunite with their families.

ISRAEL EDUCATION AND ENGAGEMENT

Educating and engaging Jews and non-Jews alike about Israel's history, people, and challenges

In May 2021, complex issues between Israel and the Palestinians landed on the front pages of American newspapers amid escalating conflict between Israel and Hamas. Likewise, false and misleading narratives accusing Israel of being a settler-colonial enterprise gained traction in the national and local discourse.

MINNPOST

Don't erase our history: The Jewish people are indigenous to the land of Israel

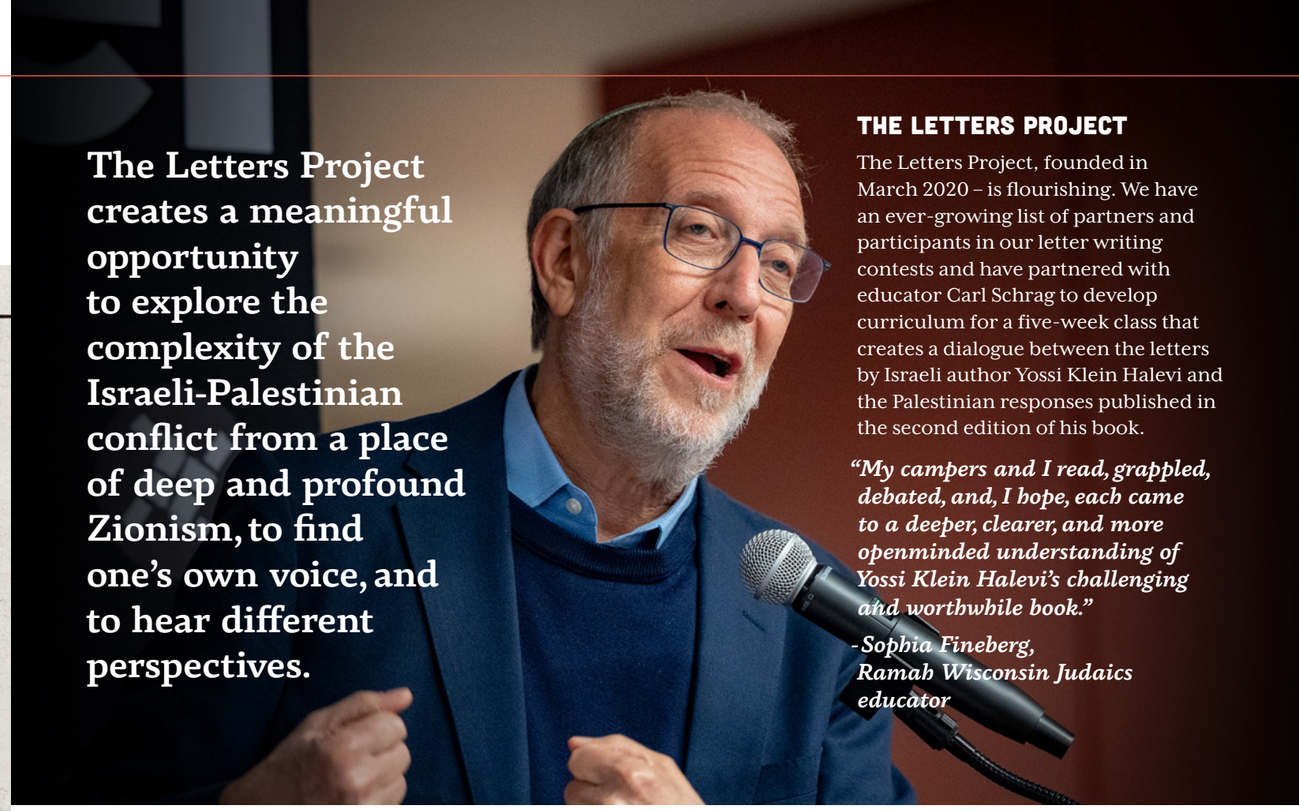
The truth is that the conflict between Israelis and Palestinians is the agonizing struggle between not one, but two indigenous peoples fighting over the same homeland.

By Ethan Roberts, Rhona Shwaid and Jacob Millner

In addition to responding in the press, the JCRC created a resource page on our website aggregating articles along with suggestions for how community members should approach conversations regarding Israel, anti-Zionism, and antisemitsm.

Visits with Diplomats and Thought Leaders

Visits from Deputy Consul General Daniel Aschheim (Israel's Consulate to the Midwest), Ambassador Dennis Ross, and author Yossi Klein Halevi engaged students, rabbis, community members, and JCRC leaders in deep conversations about Israel's relationships with American Jewry, with its Abraham Accords partner nations, and with the Palestinians.



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THE LETTERS PROJECT

The Letters Project, founded in March 2020 – is flourishing. We have an ever-growing list of partners and participants in our letter writing contests and have partnered with educator Carl Schrag to develop curriculum for a five-week class that creates a dialogue between the letters by Israeli author Yossi Klein Halevi and the Palestinian responses published in the second edition of his book.

"My campers and I read, grappled, debated, and, I hope, each came to a deeper, clearer, and more openminded understanding of Yossi Klein Halevi's challenging and worthwhile book."

-Sophia Fineberg, Ramah Wisconsin Judaics educator

PARTNERS AND PARTICIPANTS

Minnesota Hillel
Atlanta, GA Israel Coalition
Herzl Camp
Camp Ramah Wisconsin
Mount Zion Congregation
Rochelle Zell Jewish High School, suburban Chicago
Beth El Synagogue
Israel Center of Minneapolis Jewish Federation
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Bet Shalom Synagogue
Temple Israel Duluth
Adath Jeshurun Synagogue
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Sholom Home East
Talmud Torah St Paul
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Two Suburban Twin Cities Area High Schools

Kindertransport *Rescuing Children on the Brink of War*

"For, we must remember and remind those who might forget, and we must teach those who are not aware, and we must confront those who choose not to be reminded. It is only by our remembrance that we can invoke the will of God that this not happen again."

-Siegfried Lindenbaum, 1991

Kindertransport (German for "Children's Transport"), was the astonishing rescue effort that brought over 10,000 Jewish children from Nazi Germany to Great Britain and other countries, including Sweden, between 1938 and 1940.

The JCRC, the Greenberg Family Fund for Holocaust Awareness at Beth El Synagogue, and the American Swedish Instituite (ASI) partnered to bring the exhibition, *Kindertransport – Rescuing Children on the Brink of War* to Minneapolis. Accompanied by the local focus in *The Story is Here*, the exhibits were on display at ASI from July 22- October 31, 2021. Over **10,500 people** visited the exhibit and participated in accompanying programming including virtual tours, film showings, and University Day, showcasing presentations from experts in the history.

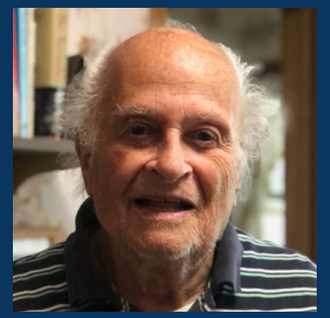
Kindertransport – Rescuing Children on the Brink of War was created and organized by Yeshiva University Museum and the Leo Baeck Institute, New York|Berlin, The exhibition was made possible by the generous support of the Azrieli Foundation, the David Berg Foundation, the Koret Foundation, the Gruss Hirsch Family Foundation, and by Anonymous. Additional support was provided by the Wolfensohn Family Foundation, Robert M. Kaufman, Temple Sholom of Scotch Plains (NJ), and by patrons and friends of Yeshiva University Museum and the Leo Baeck Institute – New York|Berlin.

We thank the following supporters for their generosity in supporting Holocaust education at the JCRC: the Beverly Foundation, the Oren and Sharron Steinfeldt Foundation, Allianz of America, Tankenoff Families Foundation, the Kelen Family Foundation, and the Fredrikson & Byron Foundation.

THE STORY IS HERE

A locally curated addition to the traveling exhibition, *The Story is Here* detailed the stories of Siegfried Lindenbaum, Kurt Moses, and Benno Black. Pictured above are Beth Gendler, Benno Black, and Sandy Baron. Benno Black, *z"l*, passed away in October 2021. Beth and Sandy's fathers. Siegfried Lindenbaum, *z"l*, and Kurt Moses, *z"l*, were also saved by Kindertransports.

IN MEMORIAM



Benno Black, *z"l*
August. 7, 1925 - October 13, 2021

We are blessed to have had the chance to come to know Benno and to share his story with our community through *Kindertransport- Rescuing Children on the Brink of War* and *The Story is Here* exhibitions.

Testimony as Teacher

The JCRC continues to emphasize Holocaust survivor and family testimony to teach and create paths of empathy. These stories effectively educate about the Holocaust and antisemitism.

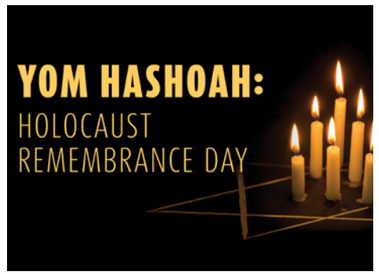
***Transfer of Memory**, the JCRC's touring photography exhibit of portraits and accompanying stories of Holocaust survivors who remade their lives in Minnesota, also brings survivor testimony to communities across Minnesota, North Dakota, and South Dakota. The exhibition was displayed at St. Olaf College's Flatten Museum from Sept. 30- Oct. 31, 2021.*

We are saddened by the passing this year of Joe Grosnacht, Gerda Haas, Mark Mandel, Jerry Valfer, and Sabina Zimering, Holocaust survivors featured in the exhibit.

Remembrance

The JCRC commemorates the victims of the Holocaust, honoring their legacy and their memory.

The annual *Yom HaShoah* commemoration, honoring the memory of the six million Jews and other victims murdered in the Holocaust, was again a virtual program this year due to COVID-19. The virtual program linked up pre-recorded live testimonies from local survivors, the traditional Reading of the Names, as well as the commemorative service in collaboration with the clergy at Temple of Aaron Synagogue, and reached over 850 households. The Leo Weiss Courage to Teach Award was given to Peg Hodapp from DeLaSalle High school in Minneapolis.



Zikaron B'salon

In collaboration with the Minneapolis and St. Paul Federations, Zikaron B'Salon provides opportunities for small intimate conversations with descendants of Holocaust survivors to share their stories. Over 150 community members participated in 2021.

International Holocaust Remembrance Day January 27, 2021

The Consulate General of Greece in Chicago and the Midwest and the AJC Chicago organized an event honoring the Greek Jewry and their fate during WWII. Laura Zelle presented her film "In the Shadow of the Acropolis." Over 350 people attended.

Education

Holocaust education seeks to take the specific and universal lessons of the Holocaust and make them applicable to people throughout the upper Midwest. Our programs raise awareness of the dangers of prejudice, hatred, and violence, and provide relevant resources and opportunities to reinforce this knowledge.

Intergenerational Trauma Event

In December 2020, Dr. Irit Feldson presented on Intergenerational Trauma. Organized by JFS and funded by JFNA and the JCRC. Over 600 people participated.

Education

Culture Coalition

A partnership between Jewish and Indigenous students through Takoda Prep of AIOIC, Bet Shalom Congregation and the JCRC to foster cross-cultural learning and educational experiences centered on finding commonality and respect for each other's histories.

Minnesota National History Day

JCRC continuess to sponsor Minnesota National History Day, the inter-disciplinary research project for students in grades 6-12. Last year's winners of the topical prizes in Holocaust History were students from Barton Open School, Minneapolis and Mankato West High School, Mankato.

U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum

The annual JCRC day trip to visit the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum (USHMM) in Washington, D.C. had to be canceled in 2021 due to COVID-19. This signature program of the JCRC has brought over 3,000 community members, high school and university students, law enforcement personnel and National Guard members to visit the museum each spring to deepen their Holocaust education. We plan to resume our annual trips to USHMM in April 2022.

To mandate or not to mandate Holocaust education in Minnesota?

The JCRC continues to monitor the conversation about mandating Holocaust Education. Minnesota is one of six states that does not have a mandate for Holocaust or genocide education, and in our view, does not need one. Minnesota has a unique situation because the social studies standards are still content heavy where other states have shifted to a "Common Core" standard approach. This "common core" approach is skill-focused, meaning specific content is often not included in what topics should be taught. Minnesota stands apart because our state standards are very content focused and specifically outline language about the Holocaust and other genocides in which teachers should cover. The third draft of the social studies standards has an additional three "benchmarks" related to the Holocaust, genocide and mass violence, bringing the total to five (read more on this topic on page 8).

Training and Equipping Holocaust Educators with Primary Resource Packets

The Holocaust Primary Resource packets, created in partnership with Kristin Thompson from Humanus Network, provides teachers with training and current resources.

An educator cohort running February 1 – March 22, 2022 will provide CEU credits and access to the packets, which are free of charge thanks to the generosity of the Minnesota Vikings.

Exhibits in the Minnesota and the Dakotas

The JCRC was proud to support the *No Child's Play* exhibit of the American Society for Yad Vashem, which was on display in Sioux Falls, SD in November 2021. The exhibit was also sponsored by the Jewish Interfaith Council, Inc.

The JCRC will also partner with public libraries in Bismarck, ND (March 25-May 6, 2022); St. Peter, MN (May 20 – July 1, 2022); and Watertown, SD (July 18 – August 29, 2022) to collaborate in programming around the traveling exhibit of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, *Americans and the Holocaust*.

Mapping Our Impact

SPEAKERS BUREAU

Teaching about Israel, Judaism, Antisemitism and the Holocaust

What began as a challenge in 2020 has turned into the most fruitful opportunity. Zoom teaching continues and connects us with students far and wide across Minnesota, the Dakotas, and beyond. Our comprehensive teacher database enables us to market our programs to over 5,000 middle school and high school teachers across the region, offering a menu of presentations on Judaism, Israel, and the Holocaust. In FY 2020-21, our volunteers and staff gave over 400 presentations, reaching over 10,000 participants. We aim to leave each student with a lasting feeling of connection, warmth, and relatability. Many of our students are Muslim, Christian, or non-religious who have never met a Jewish person. Our teaching energizes people on both sides of the screen.

"For many of my students, this was one of the first times they have heard someone who practices a different religion share about their faith. I'm excited to continue to build on this conversation with my students."– Teacher in North Dakota

From Mandan, ND, to Sioux Falls, SD, to Morris, MN (and many places in between), our presentations are getting fantastic reviews.

Technology enables us to virtually engage with students after Speakers Bureau presentations to answer questions on Judaism, Israel, and the Holocaust. We are fortunate to have so many talented volunteers educating our community members on these topics.

Judaism on One Foot Speaker Volunteer of the Year: Sheila Brod

"The JCRC is grateful to our many community members who step forward with their time and talent to help us accomplish our work. During the pandemic, Sheila Brod has been a super star, researching student questions about Judaism, often using a picture or personal story in her answers. She carries on the great tradition of 'l'dor va dor' - teaching from generation to generation."

– Steve Hunegs

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Federation Allocations	
Minneapolis Jewish Federation	$224,038
St. Paul Jewish Federation	$91,300
Total Federation Allocations	**$315,338**
Contributions and Grants	
Fundraising events	-
Less fundraising events expenses	-
Net fundraising events	-
Paycheck Protection Program Income	$172,400
All other contributions	$1,195,990
Total Contributions and Grants	**$1,368,390**
Program Revenues	**$10,595**
Investment and Other Revenues	**$19,460**
Total	**$1,713,783**

Expenses

Program	**$ 1,136,554**
Management and General	**$ 204,006**
Fundraising	**$ 210,765**
Total	**$1,551,325**
Change in Net Assets	**$162,458**

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