

2025 Impact Report

Meeting this Moment



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Mission

As the public affairs voice of the Jewish community, JCRC fights antisemitism and prejudice, advocates for Israel, provides Holocaust education, promotes tolerance and social justice, and builds bridges across the Jewish and broader communities.

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 Holocaust education and diversity programming;
- Remembers the victims and honors the survivors of the Holocaust;
- Sponsors community and educational forums; and
- Partners with local and national non-profit, interfaith, and Jewish coalitions.

JCRC is a beneficiary agency of the Minneapolis and St. Paul Jewish Federations.

JCRC serves as the representative of the Jewish community in the Joint Religious Legislative Coalition (JRLC) – the largest and most inclusive interfaith public interest group in Minnesota.



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Support our work



Our team has just returned from JCRC's first Israel Study Tour since 2019.

For 11 days, my colleagues absorbed the stories of Western Negev communities devastated on October 7—like Kibbutz Holit, where Hamas terrorists murdered 15 members, and whose rebuilding our local Jewish community proudly supports. In the Golan Heights, they stood where a Hezbollah rocket killed 12 Druze children on a soccer field. They also heard testimony from a young couple who survived the Nova massacre and whose resolve to keep dancing inspired us all.

Everywhere they traveled, grief, resilience, courage, and life were palpable.

The return of the last living hostages brought relief, yet as of this writing, the bodies of three slain hostages remain in Gaza. Our joy and sorrow, our relief and our resolve, remain inseparable.

After two years of war, Israel is entering a fragile period of healing—united in some ways, painfully polarized in others. Across these divisions, Israelis are working to repair their society.

At home, our community faces its own tests as the global antisemitism unleashed on October 7 continues to assault our story. This ancient, libelous pattern—once confined to the fringes—has entered the American mainstream. As throughout history, antisemitism threatens both Jews and the liberal democratic values whose roots are found in Jewish civilization.

Meeting this moment requires clarity about who we are and whom we represent. Jews belong to *Am Yisrael*—a joinable tribe with a shared history, homeland, and culture. JCRC represents this collective story and responsibility.

As ambassadors for the Jewish people, relationship-building is central to our mission. We recently marked the 60th anniversary of *Nostra Aetate* with our Catholic partners and announced contributions from the Minnesota Private Business Council for Jewish and Catholic community security. This is the essence of interfaith partnership.

I am proud of our impact and of rising to the moment in hiring Rabbi Jill Avrin as our inaugural Director of Campus Affairs, who has quickly become a trusted resource amid an extraordinarily difficult campus climate.

Our sages teach: "You are not obligated to complete the work, but neither are you free to desist from it." Together, we are meeting this moment on behalf of *Am Yisrael*.

Steve Hunegs
Executive Director

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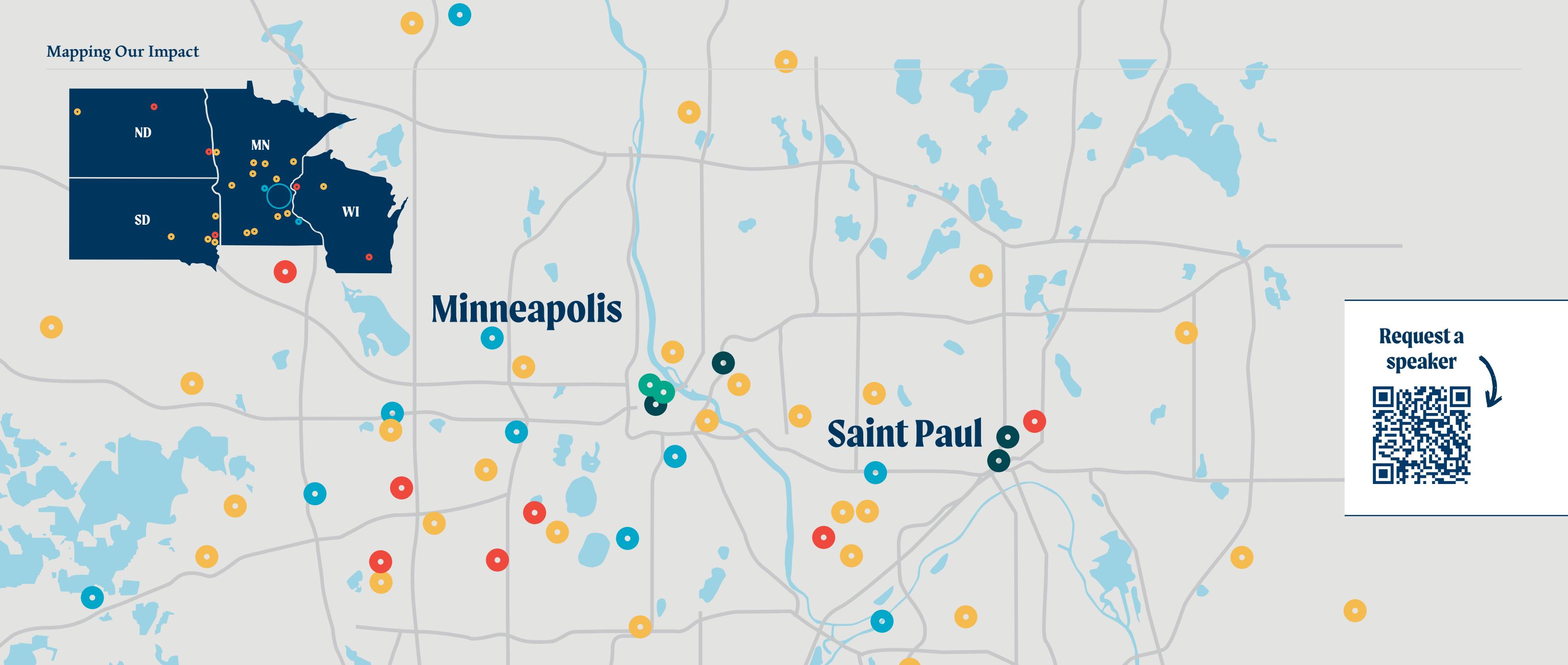


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Mapping Our Impact



Educating on Judaism, Israel, Antisemitism, and the Holocaust

As the consensus public affairs voice of the Jewish community, JCRC reaches thousands of students and community members each year. Through trusted, relationship-centered education, we teach with accuracy, integrity, and care.

In an era when anti-Jewish libels spread quickly and take root easily, JCRC serves as an anchor of truth. We ensure that people across our region encounter the story of *Am Yisrael* — our history, values, ideas, and lived experiences — with depth, nuance, and humanity.

> 400 Total Presentations **> 18,000** Total Audience

- = Schools
- = Businesses
- = Civic or Community Organizations
- = Religious Institutions
- = Government

JCRC Impact Beyond the North



Colorado Springs, Denver, & Montrose, CO



Athens, GA



Northfield, MA



La Vista, NE



Petersburg, KY



Rexburg, ID



Sammamish, WA



Vancouver, BC Canada

Teaching our story

Each year, our Judaism and Israel Education program reaches thousands of students and community members across Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, and beyond—in middle and high schools, churches, and community venues, both in person and online. Our dedicated staff and trained volunteer speakers often become the first Jewish person many participants have ever met, opening a window into Jewish life, identity, and connection to Israel at a time when understanding has never been more essential. Through interactive presentations, participants explore Jewish beliefs, values, and traditions; confront antisemitism and learn how to stand as allies; and gain insight into the complex histories and lived realities of Israel and the broader Middle East. Each session is customized in partnership with educators and organizers, fostering curiosity, empathy, and genuine dialogue. This work lies at the heart of our JCRC mission—building relationships, deepening understanding, and helping communities engage one another with respect and open minds.

Partnering with schools

JCRC supports public and private schools in fostering safe and inclusive environments for their Jewish students, teachers and staff. We provide staff trainings on Jewish identity and antisemitism, meet with school leaders, join listening sessions with parents and school administrators, bring Judaism and Holocaust speakers into the classroom, and advocate for families after incidents occur.

Fighting for Jewish voices in Ethnic Studies

When the Minnesota Department of Education began developing its new Ethnic Studies framework, JCRC brought a chair to the table—and stayed there. Our team has spent months in working groups, reviewing drafts, and building relationships to help advance the accurate and proud inclusion of Jewish stories, voices, and history.

This behind-the-scenes, ongoing work is demanding, but it matters. Because when students learn about Jewish Minnesotans—their history, culture, faith, resilience, and contributions—they gain a fuller picture of our shared community. And that understanding strengthens all of us.

Empowering the next generation of Jewish leaders

In the wake of October 7, many Jewish students told us they felt unprepared for the protests, confusion, and assault on the Jewish story that followed. JCRC responded by launching the Youth Fellowship for Jewish Identity and Leadership, a school year program equipping high school juniors and seniors with the knowledge, skills, and confidence to meet this moment.



How one parent's proactive approach saved a classroom from anti-Israel curriculum

When a local parent sat down for parent-teacher conferences with her 8th grader's global studies teacher, she asked a question she had never asked at conferences before: "Will you be teaching about Israel and the Arab-Israeli Conflict? And if so, could you share the curriculum you plan to use?"

That question set into motion a chain of events that not only protected her child from a biased and harmful lesson but also led to a meaningful intervention that will prevent future students from being exposed to a deeply flawed narrative about Israel, Jews, and the Middle East.

Parents asking questions and bringing JCRC into the conversation has surfaced harmful curriculum in multiple schools. The through thread is clear: when teachers use peer-reviewed established curriculum rich in primary sources, and reach out to JCRC for support, they succeed in delivering high-quality lessons that promote critical thinking and create a safe environment where all students can show up as their full selves.

Learn more



Through seven monthly sessions, 23 fellows explored Jewish history, culture, and values while learning to tell their own stories and advocate for their community. Their capstone projects brought those stories into the public square—creating ripples of pride, understanding, and connection across Minnesota's schools and neighborhoods.



"The Youth Fellowship is a space where you don't have to shrink who you are. You'll meet others who care deeply, who challenge and support you, and who help you grow into the kind of person you didn't even know you could become. It's not always easy, but it's worth it"

- 2024-2025 JCRC Youth Fellow



Our second cohort of fellows has begun with an inspiring 28 fellows representing a wide diversity of backgrounds, schools and Jewish affiliations. In their first session, *Exploring the Roots of Jewish Identity*, participants showed deep curiosity, insight, and enthusiasm, diving into big questions about what shapes Jewish identity while beginning to form a strong, connected cohort of peers who care deeply about finding their voice and knowing their story.

Top thought leaders turn to JCRC for insights

Sami Rahamim, Holly Brod Farber, and Susie Greenberg represented JCRC at the select inaugural gathering of The Tell Institute, founded by acclaimed author Dara Horn to dramatically reframe what people learn about Jews and antisemitism. JCRC is honored to be engaged for our expertise in this important work and pilot it locally.

Nostra Aetate at 60



JCRC was proud to partner with the Catholic community to celebrate and commemorate the 60th anniversary of the *Nostra Aetate*—the seminal Vatican document which fundamentally and theologically reset Catholic-Jewish relations.

Twenty years after the end of World War II and the *Shoah*, the *Nostra Aetate* instructed the entire Catholic world:

1. Jews were not collectively responsible for the death of Jesus;
2. antisemitism is a sin against God; and
3. the Jewish covenantal relationship with God continues alongside the Christian belief in the resurrection of Jesus.



Our Partners

- Archbishop Bernard Hebda and the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis
- The Jay Phillips Center for Interreligious Studies and the Encountering Judaism Initiative (Department of Theology) at the University of St. Thomas
- The Jay Phillips Center for Interfaith Learning at Saint John's University
- Benilde St. Margaret's
- Minnesota Catholic Conference



The profound improvement of the Catholic-Jewish relationship in the past six decades is anchored in the *Nostra Aetate*—as reflected most profoundly in the statements and actions of all Popes since John Paul II.

We welcomed Rabbi Abraham Skorka—renowned scholar, interfaith leader, and close friend of Pope Francis—in a three day culmination of a year-long collaboration with exceptional partners.

Highlights of our scholar-in-residence included an all-school assembly at Benilde St. Margaret's with over 1,100 students where Rabbi Skorka, Steve Hunegs and Holly Brod Farber inspired the students with messages of mutual understanding, a shared Hebrew song, and reflections on *Nostra Aetate*. An intimate lunch and an oversold community dinner deepened connections among Jewish and Catholic leaders. Together, these gatherings showcased JCRC's strength in bridging communities, building trust, and advancing meaningful interfaith partnerships when it matters most.

JCRC and Catholic educators have a robust schedule set for teaching about *Nostra Aetate* in Catholic K-12 schools across Minnesota and the Dakotas this school year.

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2025 JCRC Israel Study Tour



Annual US Holocaust Memorial Museum one day trip

185 Participants from:

8	5	7
Middle and High Schools	Colleges	Police Departments

Every spring, JCRC charters a flight to Washington, DC for our annual visit to the US Holocaust Memorial Museum. Thirty years on, this trip remains a core learning experience for high school and college courses—and a powerful professional development program for law enforcement and military.



Commemorating 80 years of liberation

The cornerstone of our community's Holocaust remembrance is our annual *Yom HaShoah* Commemoration. This year, with a full sanctuary at Beth El Synagogue, we marked the 80th anniversary of liberation.

Children of liberators Joel Glotter (Mark and Toni Glotter) and Arno Teschendorf (Joan Kieren) shared their parents' powerful stories, while Lauren Goldfarb, Erica Karasov, and Phil Rosenfield spoke in memory of their grandfather, Wolf Hampel, a survivor. Together, they embodied the sacred work of remembrance—linking generations through testimony, gratitude, and hope.

“As children of WWII survivors, veterans, and liberators, I recognize that it is now our responsibility to remember and to keep their stories and their sacrifices for us and for the world.”
- Joan Kieren, daughter of liberator Arno Teschendorf

Leo Weiss Courage to Teach Award

In memory of Leo Weiss (z”l), the Stesin family and JCRC annually honor an educator or institution that embodies decency, righteousness and integrity in their devotion to teaching students about the *Shoah*.

This year's recipient was Orono Middle School social studies teacher Jared Shogren. Shogren has spent 22 years helping students think critically about history. His 7th grade American History course includes a 5-week unit on World War II with an emphasis on the Holocaust and the rise of antisemitism.

“It’s an honor to receive the award, but it’s also somewhat sad—because the award shouldn’t exist. It shouldn’t be ‘courageous’ to teach about the Holocaust,” said Shogren.



Holocaust Education Speakers Bureau

JCRC helps Holocaust survivors and their descendants keep family testimony alive—training them to share their loved ones' stories with authenticity and impact. These speakers ensure that personal histories of survival and resilience continue to educate future generations.

Today, in addition to children of survivors, third-generation descendants play a vital role in JCRC's Holocaust Education Speakers Bureau. The group is also an affiliated member of *Living Links* of the USC Shoah Foundation, the first national organization dedicated to supporting grandchildren of Holocaust survivors in preserving and sharing their families' experiences.

Preparing educators to teach the history and lessons of the Holocaust

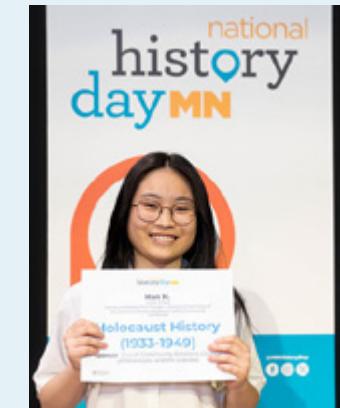
In an era of rising misinformation and antisemitism, teaching the Holocaust demands unwavering commitment to documented truth. This year's JCRC Holocaust Educators Cohort empowered 38 educators to anchor instruction in authentic primary sources to teach this complex history with confidence and clarity. Cohort participants continued to engage with JCRC, taking advantage of additional opportunities such as our Holocaust book club event with the Leo Baeck Institute.

JCRC has been honored to co-chair the Minnesota Department of Education Holocaust and Genocide of Indigenous Peoples and Other Genocides Working Group. JCRC's leadership reflects our commitment to ensuring that Minnesota's public-school educators are well prepared to teach the history and enduring lessons of the Holocaust. While the work has been both complex and demanding, it represents a critical step in implementing Minnesota's new Holocaust education mandate—legislation that the JCRC proudly led in securing in 2023.

Transfer of Memory brings Holocaust education to North Dakota

Transfer of Memory—JCRC's traveling exhibit of photographic portraits and personal stories of Minnesota Holocaust survivors—continues to bring history to life for communities across the region.

This year, the exhibit was featured at Bismarck State College in North Dakota in conjunction with International Holocaust Remembrance Day. During the commemoration, JCRC Executive Director Steve Hunegs addressed students and community members, reflecting on the enduring relevance of survivor testimony and the power of memory to build empathy and understanding.





“The finest Holocaust related professional development that I know of today.”

- Dave Reeser, Rexburg, ID



“I genuinely believe the Power of Place is a trip that all educators who teach about the Holocaust should attend.”

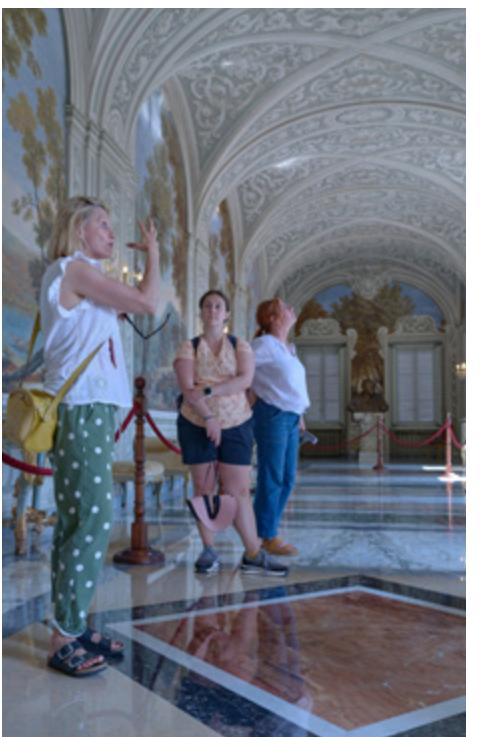
- Meg O'Brien, Northfield, MA

Educators become witnesses

Power of Place European Summer Institute for Holocaust Educators

Austria | Poland | Italy

Over 11 days, our 3rd trip, with 25 educators and facilitators from 12 US states and Vancouver, became more than colleagues. Participants ranged from first-year teachers to veteran educators, from rural and urban schools, and across disciplines. For many, this was their first time overseas. Brought together to deepen our understanding of the Holocaust, we studied in Austria with scholars Paul Salmons and Wolfgang Schmutz, exploring how civil societies descend into genocide and how antisemitic lies embed themselves in law, culture, and public imagination. The experience challenged us to move beyond facts and confront the patterns, questions, and choices that history demands we recognize today. We cried, taught, questioned, and created a brave space together. *Power of Place* may seem to be about sites, but ultimately, it is about the power of people — and what happens when educators become witnesses together.



“We [now] have the power of place, the power of people, and the power of pedagogy. With these, we can help humanity evolve, starting in our classrooms.”

- Brianne Wegter, Sauk Rapids, MN

JCRC is meeting this moment on behalf of our community



JCRC: The consensus voice of our community

JCRC represents *Am Yisrael* in the public square — ensuring that Jewish values, concerns, and perspectives are understood, respected, and taken seriously in Minnesota and the Dakotas.

In a year marked by rising antisemitism and increasing polarization, our advocacy has been essential to protecting our community, upholding fair treatment, and strengthening shared democratic values. We are grateful to the resilient members of our community who show up when it matters most.

From successfully urging Governor Tim Walz to appoint Regents who reflect the normative perspectives of Minnesota's Jewish community, to gathering partners in Washington, DC, for Capitol Hill meetings, JCRC continues to meet this moment as a clear and trusted voice for the Jewish people.



The Joint Religious Legislative Coalition (JRLC)

JCRC serves as the representative of the Jewish community in the JRLC — the largest most inclusive interfaith public interest group in Minnesota. We advocate for our shared values through three pillars: human dignity, economic security, and responsible participation in public life. We do this through specific policy initiatives such as nonprofit security funding. Visit jrlc.org for our 2025 Legislative Agenda.

"Meeting Representatives Angie Craig and Kelly Morrison with JCRC was incredibly meaningful. Both listened thoughtfully with eagerness to understand our experiences with rising antisemitism on college campuses. It was empowering to see our voices taken seriously at the national level."

- Johnna Parks, college student



Rabbi Jill Avrin brings new strength to Jewish campus life

With generous support from **Byron and Shirley Frank** and the Minneapolis Jewish Federation, JCRC launched a major new initiative to strengthen Jewish life on campus by welcoming **Rabbi Jill Avrin** as our inaugural Director of Campus Affairs.

Rabbi Avrin's leadership marks a transformational investment in the well-being, confidence, and belonging of Jewish students across Minnesota and the Dakotas. In just her first months, she has built trusted relationships with students, faculty, staff, Hillel professionals, and senior administrators — becoming a vital resource on some of the most challenging campuses in the region.

Rabbi Avrin brings warmth, clarity, and deep commitment to vibrant Jewish life. Her proactive, relationship-centered approach is already shifting the climate on campus by advancing a more informed and inclusive environment.

Understanding Jewish student experiences after October 7

At JCRC's Annual Meeting, Rabbi Avrin hosted Professor Dr. Jonathan Krasner for a wide-ranging conversation on his groundbreaking study, *Between Home and Homeland: Jewish College Students Confront the Israel–Gaza Conflict and Campus Divides*. His six-category model of Jewish student responses after October 7 has become an essential tool in shaping our campus strategy.

The scholar-in-residence program included:

- a campus leadership breakfast attended by presidents, directors, deans, and regents from leading Minnesota institutions
- a session with **Smith Jewish Academy** families on how day school education shapes student readiness for campus
- an on-campus discussion of Krasner's research with students and other campus stakeholders

Mapping Campus Climate

Rabbi Jill Avrin spent the first 3 months in her position in 85 meetings with campus stakeholders to establish trust and map the scope of her work. She has bold initiatives already in the works including a political activism fellowship for Minnesota college students.



JCRC works closely with law enforcement and supports community partners in meeting their responsibility to protect their people and property. Working together, our community remains strong and secure.

Making an Impact

35,000
patrol miles

7,500
site visits

61
Investigations

JCRC Community Safety & Security Services:

- Physical Security**
Consulting with partner agencies in the Jewish community to make their facilities as safe and secure as possible while remaining warm and welcoming to the community.
- Training**
Hosting organization-specific and community-wide trainings, including:
 - Combatting Active Threats
 - First Aid / Stop the Bleed
 - Behavioral Detection
 - Cyber Safety
- Security Patrol and Infrastructure**
Procuring and deploying security infrastructure that serves the entire community, including bringing patrol vehicles to Jewish community sites as part of our efforts to foster a welcoming and secure environment.
- Threat Analysis and Information Sharing**
Partnering with law enforcement and others to monitor, analyze, and inform our community of potential threats.
- Local Relationships**
Establishing and maintaining close working relationships with dozens of law enforcement agencies and diverse interfaith and community partners.
- National Network**
Working alongside and with support from our national partners at Secure Community Network (SCN), the official safety and security organization for the Jewish community in North America.
- Grants**
Assisting with FEMA's Nonprofit Security Grant Program applications and providing security grants when urgently needed.

"JCRC has a holistic approach to security and safety. We do so in three ways: education, relationships and physical security."

- Gil Mann, JCRC Board Member



JCRC Security: Rapid Response. Advanced Technology. Shared Safety.

During a routine patrol, a JCRC security officer discovered white supremacist stickers on a Jewish site. Surveillance footage revealed the incident's timing but only a blurry image of the suspect's car. A JCRC trailer positioned nearby captured a clear view with a high-tech license plate camera, helping identify the vehicle. Working with law enforcement, Rozin Security, and SCN, JCRC investigators identified a suspect with a history of harassing minority faith communities and shouting antisemitic slogans.

Using JCRC's evidence, police arrested the suspect, who was charged with a gross misdemeanor of bias-motivated property damage. JCRC retrieved additional evidence revealing the suspect's fascination with guns and extremist views, which enabled police to secure an Extreme Risk Protection Order to seize his firearms. On November 3, 2025, the subject pleaded guilty in court to the crime. Through our rapid response, advanced technology, and close collaboration with security professionals and law enforcement, JCRC's security work turned a targeted act of hate into a success story of shared safety.

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.

Jack Fiterman, Committee Chair; Board Member, Secure Community Network

Shai Avny, Chief Operating Officer, Barry Family Campus & Minneapolis Jewish Federation

Michael Barry, President & CEO, Twin City Fan; Past President Minneapolis Jewish Federation

Rabbi Joshua (JB) Borenstein, Executive Director, Torah Academy

Stephanie Chauss, CEO, Minnesota JCC

Jim Cohen, CEO, Minneapolis Jewish Federation

Bradley Hanley, IT Security Professional

David Kaplan, CEO, St. Paul Jewish Federation

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Andrew Lifson, Finance Committee Member, JCRC

Gil Mann, Past Chair, Jewish Community Security Steering Committee

Chief Kelly McCarthy, Mendota Heights Police Department

Kevin Rhein, Retired CIO, Wells Fargo

Anthony Sussman, Past Director of Communications & Community Security Strategy, JCRC and Past President, Temple Israel

Rick Thornton, Senior VP & General Auditor, Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis, Retired Special Agent in Charge FBI, Minneapolis

Sheriff Dawanna Witt, Hennepin County

Staff: Steve Hunegs, Rob Allen, Patrick King, Sami Rahamim, and Ethan Roberts

Report an antisemitic, bias, or discriminatory incident

In partnership with the Secure Community Network (SCN), the official safety and security organization for the Jewish community in North America, JCRC hosts a standardized online form for the public to report threats, incidents, and suspicious activity related to Jewish organizations, facilities, or community members.

There is no incident too small to report. Incidents not requiring security intervention will be handled in full partnership with the reporter by our community affairs staff.

You are the community's eyes and ears!



Scan to report an incident:



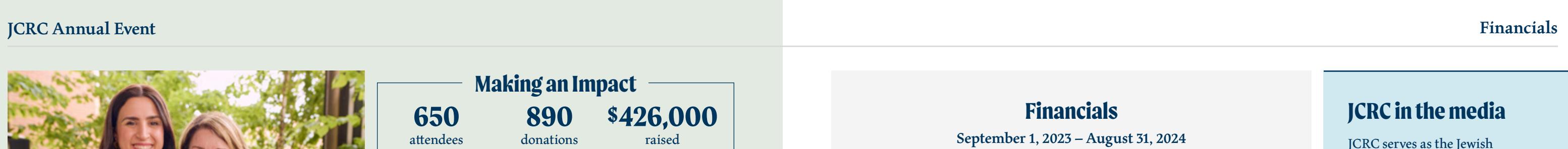
In an emergency, move to a safe area and dial 9-1-1



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Financials	
September 1, 2023 – August 31, 2024	
Revenues	
Federation Allocations	
Minneapolis Jewish Federation	\$365,716
St. Paul Jewish Federation	\$91,300
Total Federation Allocations	<u>\$457,016</u>
Contributions and Grants	
Fundraising events	\$401,826
Less fundraising events expenses	(\$124,751)
Net fundraising events	<u>\$277,075</u>
All other contributions	<u>\$5,244,677</u>
Total Contributions and Grants	<u>\$5,521,752</u>
Program Revenues	
Investment and Other Revenues	\$420,587
Total	<u>\$6,541,838</u>
Expenses	
Program	\$2,609,850
Management and General	\$279,763
Fundraising	\$244,769
Total	<u>\$3,134,382</u>
Change in Net Assets	
	<u>\$3,407,456</u>

JCRC in the media

JCRC serves as the Jewish community's central public affairs voice to the media. Over the past fiscal year, the following media outlets have covered or quoted us.

- Ask Haviv Anything podcast
- Bismarck Tribune
- CBS
- FOX9
- Jewish Insider
- Jewish Telegraph Agency
- KARE 11
- KIMT
- KSTP
- Minnesota Reformer
- MPR
- National Catholic Register
- News & Views with Joel Heitkamp
- Pioneer Press
- Plain Talk
- PR Newswire
- Sahan Journal
- Star Tribune
- TCJewfolk
- The Andrea Parker Show
- The Forward
- The Minnesota Daily
- The Washington Post
- TPT PBS Almanac
- WCCO
- WCCO - Adam and Jordana
- WCCO TV

Donations and Grants

FY 2025

\$100,000+
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