



Our Jewish Communal Response to the Ukraine Crisis

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From the moment that Russia invaded Ukraine in February, the Jewish community has been on the ground in the region, responding to what some are considering the most significant humanitarian crisis since World War II.

With generous support from donors like you, CJP raised \$4 million in emergency relief through the Ukraine Emergency Fund. Thank you for always rising to the moment to help in a time of crisis, whether in Boston, Israel, or around the world.

Below, please find a brief update on how your gift supported CJP's response in Ukraine, as well as a recap of the Jewish community's overall response to the Ukraine humanitarian crisis and some photos from our partners in Ukraine and Poland.

CJP Ukraine Emergency Fund

On February 24 – the day that Ukraine was invaded – CJP established the Ukraine Emergency Fund (UEF) to swiftly raise emergency relief funds to help those in need.

Your generous gift was part of the **\$4 million in emergency relief raised for the UEF from more than 3,700 donors**. Of that, **\$1.575 million has gone directly to the Jewish Community of Dnipro** – CJP's sister city in Ukraine – to address food insecurity for 10,000 people, shelter for more than 1,000 refugees, medical needs for 30,000 people (both locals and those displaced from other regions), financial support for thousands, and evacuations for up to 500 people a day. These funds have also specifically helped provide aid to children, the elderly, and those with special needs.

In addition, CJP has made several grants from the UEF to its global partners on the ground in the region. The two largest investments (which are described below in more detail) went to the [American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee \(JDC\)](#): **\$1.2 million** and [The Jewish Agency for Israel \(JAFI\)](#): **\$250,000**.

Beyond the JDC and JAFI, your gift to the UEF has supported a number of other organizations working in Ukraine, including [World ORT](#), [United Hatzalah](#), [Project Keshet](#), [Hillel International](#), and more. See a full list of Ukraine Emergency Fund grantees in the Appendix.

Additional Response from Greater Boston

In March, CJP partnered with [The Shapiro Foundation](#), a Boston-based family foundation focused on serving refugees worldwide, to create the Ukraine Refugee Relief Effort. This effort, which is separate from CJP's Ukraine Emergency Fund, focused on longer-term acclimation and resettlement efforts. To date, the effort has raised \$5.5 million, of which nearly \$4.6 million has already been distributed in grants to partners working toward three primary objectives:

- 1) Serving the most urgent needs of the vulnerable and displaced, inside Ukraine and in bordering countries

- 2) Investing in integration programs, specifically in Poland, that support communities that have received substantial numbers of Ukrainian families and have the potential to become medium-to-longer-term solutions
- 3) Creating new sponsorship opportunities in the United States, Canada, and the United Kingdom to help more Ukrainians seek long-term safety and self-sufficiency

Leaning on the success of the community sponsorship model implemented last year to resettle Afghan immigrants and refugees throughout Jewish communities across North America, CJP and The Shapiro Foundation partnered with JFNA as lead funders on a new [Ukrainian Resettlement Grant Initiative](#).

Global Jewish Response

Thanks to the more than \$73 million raised by the Jewish Federations of North America (JFNA) and federations from across the country – including CJP – our partners in Ukraine have been able to evacuate thousands of people from harm's way and help some make *Aliyah* to Israel. They've also been able to provide food, medicine, trauma support, and other aid to those in need in Ukraine and beyond; and support the integration of refugees in Europe with housing subsidies and employment assistance.

Jennifer Weinstock, CJP's Senior Vice President of Philanthropy, traveled to Poland in July on a JFNA mission with leaders from a dozen North American Jewish communities to learn more about the ongoing refugee crisis and how the Jewish community has made a difference. She shared her thoughts in [a blog post on JewishBoston.com](#), which included this reflection:

"Many of the people we met shared that they saw funding from the Jewish community as first on the ground. We didn't hesitate and we didn't wait: We sent unrestricted funds and got them quickly to the people who knew how to make the biggest difference. This is a nonsectarian crisis; a very small percentage of the refugees are Jewish, and yet you can feel the impact of the Jewish community broadly."

Below, please find some key components of the global Jewish response, which were supported with CJP funding.

JDC

Since the beginning of the conflict, the JDC – thanks to CJP's support – has been able to:

- Evacuate more than 12,906 Jews from Ukraine
- Provide more than 39,257 refugees with food, medicine, and trauma support
- Deliver more than 617 tons of humanitarian assistance

In addition, the JDC continues to be on the ground in Ukraine, addressing the needs of the country's "new poor," those who have been affected by skyrocketing inflation and reduced employment opportunities, operating emergency hotlines in partnership with Jewish communities in neighboring countries, and leveraging [JOINTECH](#) – a program initially created during the pandemic to combat loneliness to build and engage community during the crisis.

To support those who have fled Ukraine, the JDC has been staffing key border crossings to inform and assist refugees arriving in countries including Poland, Moldova, Hungary, and Romania; supporting the needs of refugees and European Jewish communities as they absorb refugees in the short and long term, including food, medicine, housing, employment, and connection to local Jewish institutions and life; and working with Jewish communities across the region to deliver nonsectarian aid to people affected by the crisis.

JAFI

With CJP's support, JAFI has also been on the frontlines in Ukraine, working to coordinate mass relief efforts and enable Ukrainian Jews to make *Aliyah* to Israel.

Since Russia first invaded Ukraine, an estimated 10 million people have been displaced. Already, JAFI has:

- Helped welcome more than 34,000 people to Israel. To make the transition to Israel easier, the agency launched an emergency hotline with The International Fellowship of Christians and Jews that has received 128,799 calls and given Ukrainian Jews guidance and information regarding the Aliyah process.
- Organized 455 buses, which rescued more than 13,000 people from dangerous zones, taking them to the Romanian, Polish, Hungarian, and Moldovan borders, and ensured that those staying in refugee hotels throughout Eastern Europe had access to medical care, meals, clothing, and toiletries.
- Served more than 3,100 Ukrainian children and teens in JAFI summer camps in Israel and across Europe this past summer.

With Gratitude

The war is not over. As we continue to send emergency aid to support relief efforts in Ukraine, CJP remains grateful for your generosity. With your help, CJP and its partners on the ground have been able to provide critical urgent relief to those fleeing violence throughout the region.

This time of crisis has once again shown us that CJP's mission has never been more important, and the support from key donors like you is invaluable. Thank you for your partnership as we work together to repair and strengthen our world.

On the Ground in Ukraine



Thousands of families were provided with food, as the Jewish community prepared and distributed food packages and medicine.



The Dnipro community continues to deliver targeted humanitarian aid to all Jewish families who are homebound or living remotely so that no one is left without help; 87 families were helped this week. Food and supplies are also being delivered to support hospitals in the city, including flour, pasta, water, toothpaste, and laundry detergent.



Dnipro's Jewish Medical Clinic is providing 50-80 different medical procedures each day to internally displaced people for free.



The Dnipro community is working hard to provide full Jewish and secular education. One hundred-fifty kids are back in school, with more teachers and families returning.

Refugees Arrive in Poland



From left: Kimberly Creem, Campe Goodman, Karina from the JDC, and Jennifer Weinstock with art painted by children at the JDC “hotel” in Poland for Ukrainian refugees



A moment of joy during a ceramics class at the JDC “hotel” in Poland for Ukrainian refugees



Kseniya Reznichenko of JAFI with clothes for Ukrainian refugees in the JDC “hotel” in Poland

Appendix—CJP Ukraine Emergency Fund Grantees as of July 1, 2021

Grantees	Total	Description
Jewish Community of Dnipro	\$1,575,895	Direct relief support for the Jewish community of Dnipro to address food security for 10,000 people, shelter for more than 1,000 refugees, medical needs for 30,000 people, financial support, and evacuations for 200-500 people a day. Includes emergency support for Beit Baruch Assisted Living Center for the Elderly, Jewish Medical Clinic, Education Resource Center for Children with Special Needs, and more.
American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee	\$1,203,500	JDC has launched a centralized hotline for its network of Hesed social service centers. Volunteers are in touch with homebound or bedridden elderly in Ukraine in order to check-in on them, determine if their designated JDC Home Care worker is currently able to reach them and attend to their needs, and to see if there is anything further that they require. In cities where the situation is harsher, some designated Home Care workers have slept at clients' homes. JDC has also prepared accommodation in Western Ukraine, Moldova and additional Eastern European countries for Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) in Ukraine. Similarly, JDC has arranged for IDPs to stay overnight at various Heseds, as they try to reach the borders.
Jewish Agency for Israel	\$250,000	Israel's government estimates that at least 10,000 Ukrainians will immigrate to Israel. The Jewish Agency for Israel is immediately increasing its presence in the field to take in and care for Olim until they can fly to Israel. The Agency has opened six Aliyah processing stations at Ukrainian border crossings with four countries: Poland, Moldova, Romania and Hungary. These stations, operated in conjunction with Nativ and Israel's Ministry of Foreign Affairs, aim to quickly assist the expected waves of immigration.
Haifa Partners	\$100,000	Support to Haifa for 4,000 new olim (immigrants) and refugees from Ukraine and Russia have arrived in Haifa since the beginning of the war for social services, Hebrew language classes, mental health services, childcare, and engagement opportunities in Jewish life.
World ORT	\$50,000	World ORT has representatives at an evacuation site on the Polish border with Ukraine, which accommodates thousands of people mainly children, women and the elderly. ORT is working with partners in the region to provide essential items to Ukrainians waiting on the border as well as ORT schools and communities in Kyiv, Odessa, Zaporozhe, Chernivtsi, and Belya Tzerkov.

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United Hatzalah	\$30,000	United Hatzalah's medical assistance and humanitarian aid mission is providing emergency medical treatment and humanitarian relief to thousands of Ukrainian refugees entering Moldova. Included in the mission is equipment brought in from Sheba Medical Center in Israel, which will enable expert physicians from Israel to conduct telemedicine procedures in Moldova in coordination with Hatzalah personnel.
Project Keshet	\$25,000	Project Keshet, the international Jewish women's organization, is meeting the needs of women and girls in Ukraine as they face the current crisis and the fallout, including those who need to relocate. Current needs include transportation and accommodations for those who are fleeing cities under attack.
Hillel International	\$20,000	Hillel International launched an emergency fund to support Jewish students and professionals impacted by the crisis. The funds raised will support: Critical supplies for Hillels in Germany and Poland to provide food, water, and medicine for Jewish refugees between the ages of 18-36, as well as mental health support and counseling; Emergency assistance to support Hillel professionals and their families who have been displaced or left without homes; converting Hillel spaces in these communities into temporary housing, including bathrooms, showers, blankets, pillows, and mattresses for Jewish students and young adults; Continued operations and security upgrades for Hillels across Europe so that they can continue to support students and meet urgent refugee needs
Moishe House	\$20,000	Ukraine is home to four Moishe Houses (Dnipro, Kharkiv, Kyiv, and Odesa), seven Moishe House without Walls (MHWOW) hosts, and two full-time MH staff members. Jewish leaders throughout the Moishe House network are still on the ground in Ukraine. The Moishe House Ukraine Fund provides immediate and essential funding for affected current and alumni Moishe House community builders, community members and staff. Support will help provide the Moishe House communities with funds for food, rent assistance, additional community gatherings, and other critical needs.
Action for Post-Soviet Jewry	\$32,000	In partnership with Boston-based Action for Post Soviet Jewry (APSJ), a key organization in the post-Soviet Jewry movement, we support elderly Jews in Dnipro and 21 small towns in the vicinity with food parcels, clothing, and medicine. Through this partnership, we support shipments of goods and equipment to Ukraine.

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Jewish Family & Children's Services	\$19,000	With professional guidance from Boston's Jewish Family & Children's Service (JF&CS), the Dnipro Kehillah Project introduced the Visiting Moms program to Dnipro in 2017 to serve young mothers in a community fraught with poverty, alcoholism, and economic disparity. Emergency support includes evacuations of mothers and their children and assistance with transportation, food, and medicine.
Magen David Adom	\$10,000	Support for Magen David Adom EMTs and paramedics have been sent to the border in Poland and inside Ukraine to help with an array of services and medical needs as part of MDA's humanitarian mission. They flew in five armored ambulances that are being used in Ukraine and are only Israeli EMS organization working inside Ukraine. MDA Ukrainian-speaking paramedics Katya Korshenbaum and Eldad Bernstein are part of Israel's delegation to help staff the field hospital operating in Mostyska, Ukraine, nine miles from the Polish border.
Center Makor	\$5,000	Support to cover the cost of shipping humanitarian aid to Ukraine. Aid includes items that are not easily found, such as medicine, diapers, hygiene products, and nonperishable food.