

JWFA

JEWISH WOMEN'S FUND OF ATLANTA

Twelve Years of Impact!

A Year of Facing Change with Strength

2023-2024 was a landmark year for JWFA

Our response to **October 7th** was immediate and profound, sending financial support and emotional support to our Grantee Partners in Israel. We continue to remain in touch with our Grantee Partners in Israel who are working tirelessly on behalf of women and girls in the aftermath of October 7th. Along with the \$10,000 emergency grant we sent to JFNA within 24 hours of the attack, we continue to work along with sister organizations and our national organization, Jewish Women's Funding Network (JWFN), to raise awareness of the documented, gender-based violence perpetrated by Hamas against Israeli women and girls.

Our new local **Women's Leadership Grants**, piloted in partnership with The Zalik Foundation, have been an overwhelming success. We are excited to offer this grant opportunity going forward. The first group of nine Atlanta Jewish women professional grantees' learning and networking benefited themselves, their organizations and the entire Atlanta Jewish community. Mazel Tov to the new 2024-25 grantees!

JWFA Trustees adopted a new **Strategic Plan** that will guide us for the next 5 years. We refined our **Vision Statement** - *a world where all Jewish women and girls realize their full potential* - and our **Mission Statement** - *to invest in solutions that drive social change for Jewish women and girls*. The plan sets our path for future growth in impact, Trusteeship, development, community building and partnerships.

We said "L'hitraot" (see you soon!) to our founding Executive Director, **Rachel Ezrine Wasserman** and are delighted to now count her as a Trustee.

We are deeply grateful to JWFA's truly remarkable Professional Team, **Dina Fuchs Beresin**, **Judy Marx** and new Grants Manager **Melissa Scholten-Gutierrez**. Together, in partnership with our dedicated Executive Committee chaired by Lisa Freedman, they led JWFA to a banner year of outstanding programs, meaningful grantmaking and community engagement.

We ended our year by announcing JWFA's new Executive Director, **Jodi Hirschfield**. Along with her wealth of experience, Jodi's enthusiasm and dedication to the JWFA mission will lead us boldly into the future.

A Year of Record-Breaking Grantmaking

Total 2024 Allocations:

\$333,450

JFNA/JFNA Israel Emergency: \$10,000

Sustaining Grants: \$29,650

Supplemental Sustaining Grants: \$40,000

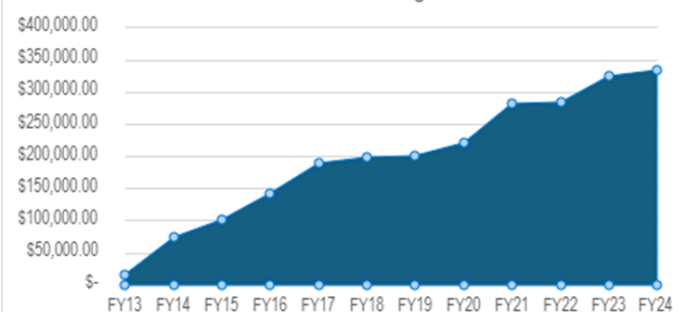
Women's Leadership Grants: \$24,800

Impact Grants: \$229,000

12 Year total

\$2,335,730

12 Years of Grantmaking Growth



Above: JWFA Grantee Atlanta Jewish Academy's Young Women in STEM Career Fair

Left: Women's Leadership Grantee Rabbi Ariel Wolpe shared her experience with Trustees

Jewish Women's Fund of Atlanta invests in solutions that drive social change for Jewish women and girls.

A Year of Impactful Programs



The Fifth Cohort

The fifth cohort of ACT came together as a strong group of diverse women and formed lasting connections. Throughout the sessions, and through InterACT, the "ACTivists" grew as individuals, clarified their personal purpose and enhanced their leadership skills. Now part of the growing **ACT Alumnae** network, this cohort adds to JWFA's local impact.



JWFA IMPACTS!



Honoring **Enid Draluck**
featuring **Jodi Rudoren**, editor of The Forward

JWFA Generates Our Own Power!

A little thing like a power outage at The Temple didn't stop our extraordinary evening. Thanks to Event Co-Chairs, Debbie Sonenshine and Gabby Spatt, and Honorary Co-Chairs, Angie Allen and Danita Knight, for their leadership in ensuring an engaging and meaningful program that honored the most-deserving Enid Draluck. The featured conversation between Jodi Rudoren and Lois Frank was inspiring, authentic, thought-provoking, highly relevant to current events, and left us all wanting more! Thanks to our generous sponsors, our premiere JWFA Impacts! event met our fundraising goal, ensuring critical support for JWFA's impactful work.

JWFA Impact Forums

A time to learn from experts in the field, connect meaningfully with one another and be inspired by our Grantee Partners

Fall Forum: Women in the Arts

The panel of Jewish leaders in the arts discussed the history of art and Judaism, gender equity in the arts and the intersection of arts and activism.



Winter Forum: Philanthropy in Turbulent Times

Dena Kimball Blank and Elise Eplan's conversation about strategic grantmaking provided valuable lessons and insights, inspiring JWFA Trustees as philanthropists.

from Left: Fay Twersky and Dena Blank Kimball of the Arthur M Blank Family Foundation, and Elise Eplan of BePhilanthropy.



Spring Forum and Annual Showcase

ACT alumna Hannah Zale's (right) moving performance was a highlight of this year's Showcase. We also heard from Grantee Partners, ACT alumnae and JWFA Chair Lisa Freedman on the thriving "State of the Fund."



A Year of Growth and Gratitude

We ended 2023-2024 with more than **136 Trustees**, (an increase of 12%), nearly 100 ACT alumnae, and 75+ Associate-level donors. JWFA's ecosystem is growing, along with our meaningful impact.

Our growth in size and impact is due to the generosity of our Trustees, donors and the **Molly Blank Fund** and our Women's Leadership Grants partner, **The Zalik Foundation**.

By investing in JWFA, you champion that women and girls matter. Equal opportunity matters. Tikkun Olam matters. When you support Jewish Women's Fund of Atlanta, you are making the world a better place for all of our daughters, granddaughters, and us.



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