

# JUST TEENS:

## Transforming Tzedakah into Grantmaking

A study by the Jewish Teen Funders Network 2017-2018

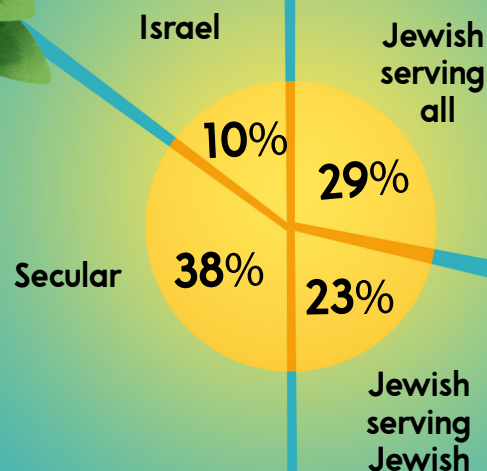
### Top 3 Jewish Values

TIKKUN OLAM  
REPAIR THE WORLD

TZEDAKAH  
RIGHTEOUS GIVING

KEHILLAH  
COMMUNITY

### Percentage of Total Dollars Granted by Teens to Nonprofit Organizations



## 73%

of teen philanthropy programs are engaging teens from their community that are not involved in any other formal Jewish educational programming

285+ grants awarded

Grantmaking pools ranged from \$500 to \$187,000

### Top 3 Grantmaking Issue Areas

POVERTY

EDUCATION

JEWISH IDENTITY

## SUPPORTING THE JEWISH COMMUNITY WAS A PRIORITY FOR JEWISH TEEN PHILANTHROPISTS

61% of dollars were allocated to Jewish and Israel organizations even when no parameters were set

Parameters frame the grantmaking process and can include guidelines on giving to local, global, Jewish, or Israel organizations

Jewish teen foundations granted nearly

# 1 Million Dollars

in 2017-2018

The data in this report is based on responses from approximately 60% of teen foundations in the Jewish Teen Funders Network (JTFN) including 10 JTFN Foundation Board Incubator communities. The Foundation Board Incubator is a project of JTFN, generously funded by Laura Lauder and the Maimonides Fund.



# JEWISH TEEN FUNDERS NETWORK

JTFN's mission is to strengthen Jewish engagement and identity through supporting and elevating the field of Jewish teen philanthropy

We achieve this transformative impact by:

- ★ Setting field standards and tools for program development and evaluation
- ★ Providing resources, training and networking for professionals
- ★ Mainstreaming philanthropy into the Jewish teen experience
- ★ Serving as the lead catalyst for new programs

JTFN's vision is to create generations of engaged, empowered and experienced changemakers and givers

## JEWISH TEENS GIVE WITH INTENTIONALITY

Diverse  
Host  
Organizations

Camps, Community Foundations,  
Federations, Jewish Community Centers,  
Jewish Day Schools, Synagogues  
and Youth Movements

Conservative, Orthodox,  
Reconstructing Judaism,  
Reform and Unaffiliated

Diverse  
Participant  
Backgrounds

"Maimonides' Ladder of Giving is an essential teaching that helped me understand Jewish beliefs on giving. Using this rubric we see that not all giving is equal and how to create the greatest impact."

- Isaac Keiser

JTFN Youth Ambassador Council Cohort III  
Teen Giving Project, Philadelphia PA

