

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Last summer, thousands of middle-class Israelis demanded social justice. They protested Israel's soaring cost of living and staggering inequalities. **They demanded a better Israel.**

The government appointed the blue-ribbon Trajtenberg Commission, which recommended improving access to social and educational services and increasing employment and higher education for those who have not been a part of Israel's success.

The Commission also highlighted JDC's unique expertise in building a more equitable Israel. Federation Core dollars have made this possible—and this year, more than ever, are essential to creating groundbreaking solutions for Israel's neediest people.

Together we create opportunities:

1. EVERY ISRAELI DESERVES EQUAL JOB OPPORTUNITY.

For Israel to truly thrive, we need to get Israelis working again.

In 2012 JDC will focus on ensuring the career advancement of chronically unemployed Israelis and helping more people gain the skills they need to be financially independent.

2. EVERY ISRAELI CHILD DESERVES A CHANCE TO GROW UP SECURE AND STRONG.

Every child we help today becomes an adult who is part of Israel's success tomorrow.

In 2012 JDC will pursue new directions to help children and youth, including an increased focus on families and on adjusting social services for young Israelis facing especially challenging obstacles to breaking the cycle of poverty and cultural isolation.

3. EVERY ELDERLY OR DISABLED ISRAELI DESERVES TO LIVE INDEPENDENTLY.

Honoring the dignity of the society's most vulnerable citizens is an imperative for the State of Israel.

In 2012 JDC will focus on providing critical help for Holocaust survivors and adapting 21st-century technology to improve the quality of life of Israel's elderly. Work with the disabled will include empowering parents with disabilities and creating more independent-living supportive services.

Your Federation Core funding enables JDC to maximize its impact on Israelis and Israeli society by leveraging funds from the national and local governments, Israeli philanthropists, NGOs, and other donors.

JDC must secure at least \$8.3 million from unrestricted funds and Select Core Priority commitments to develop innovative solutions that will create a stronger, better future for Israel.