

Jewish Assistance Fund Impact Stories
A glimpse of the people and stories behind the numbers
What we are hearing and how we help



Dear Jewish Assistance Fund
As I sat in the waiting
room I prayed for help
After I spoke to you
the compassion you showed
was wonderful. You listened
and reached out to me.
I walked out feeling so
blessed. You saved me in
so many ways. I am
so grateful and thankful.
Good deeds are part
of life and sharing
with less fortunate
makes lives worthwhile.
I wish all of you
a Sweet New Year
Full of Joy Happiness
and Blessings. May you and
your families celebrate
sweetness.
Cordially
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Dear Jewish Assistance Fund,
Thank you so much for your
kindness and generosity.
You are a comforting
presence in what can
feel like an
overwhelming world.

What we are hearing as people contact us by phone and through our website

- I am up against the wall financially and I hope you can find it in your heart to give me some assistance.
- In urgent need of help. I'm a mom of 2 and my spouse left and stopped paying all bills. I filed for support and SNAP and STILL haven't received anything. My son's bar mitzvah is coming. I need to pay utilities and have received utility disconnect notices. I need help.
- We have just begun to feel the pinch, food and gas costs are ridiculous, and we are behind on our bills.
- I was laid off unexpectedly and am seeking assistance with expenses.
- I am living less than paycheck to paycheck. I am behind on 2 car insurance payments. And I'm struggling to put gas in my car and have problems buying food for myself. I am just able to cover my rent. And now I need 4 new tires for my car to pass inspection. I need my car for work.
- I have never needed financial help before – I've been someone who helped others.

JAF's Impact on Economic Insecurity

- A warm embrace from a caring community as people are juggling pressing expenses
- Support during times of navigating through a financial crisis
- Grants in the form of a check up to \$3500 with no repayment
- Opportunity to re-apply when financial need continues
- Ability to pay bills with dignity . . .
 - Rent, mortgage, utilities, food, auto repair, medical, dental, etc.
- Connection and referral to additional supportive and financial resources, including food and financial coaching
- Relief during high stress and challenging times that has a ripple effect throughout households and families