



**JEWISH COMMUNITY
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IMPACT STATEMENT

"The world is a narrow bridge. The main thing is to not be afraid."

As Jews we hold multiple truths at once. We are both vulnerable and fearless. The JCRC fills the essential function of addressing our vulnerabilities through fearless action. As the voice of the Jewish Community our work takes many forms: loud and quiet, public and private, compromising and assertive. We are universal in our relationships and particular in our love of Jews, Judaism and Israel in alignment with American values and the communities of the upper Midwest. Our supporters walk this line in their own lives and understand the absolute necessity of a strong, unified Jewish voice.

Countless lives are changed by our work:

- Thousands of people in our community benefit from the funding secured by our lobbying efforts for Jewish Social Services.
- Community security runs 24/7/365, protecting every Jew in Minnesota and the Dakotas, thanks to the unparalleled security coordination that JCRC maintains with law enforcement on a local, state and national level. When law enforcement wants to communicate with the Jewish Community they work through us. In addition to preventative measures, we respond to concerns of religious discrimination expressed to us by our Jewish community
- Through the JCRC Speakers Bureau we bring our community to thousands of our fellow citizens, who leave with a greater understanding and feeling of connection to Judaism and Israel.
- We make the lessons of the Holocaust relevant for this moment in time.
- We are the voice and programming heart of the Jewish community in relationships with colleges and universities, with our legislators and government officials and other community leaders. It is because of these relationships, built over time, that we played a critical role in defeating BDS at the University of Minnesota this year.
- When the media wants to know what the Jewish community thinks, they turn to us. When other religious, ethnic and cultural groups want to build a bridge to the Jewish community, they reach out to us and vice versa.



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Our legacy donors are people who understand that what we have here: a thriving Jewish community, strong institutions, and highly successful people in every sphere of life. This is what we have built over many decades. Anyone who grew up here in the 1940's will recall that it wasn't always like this in the time of both hateful preachers and social exclusion.

Our legacy donors want to secure a safe, thriving, confident Jewish community for generations to come.

Our donors understand the critical role JCRC plays in the picture of Jewish life here. Understanding that life is a narrow bridge, we walk unafraid.

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