

# gather GRANTS



Jewish Federation  
of Greater Atlanta



## CREATE. CONNECT. EXPAND.

Gather Grants is an innovative, neighborhood-based program that empowers individuals and organizations to CREATE meaningful Jewish experiences, and, in turn, EXPAND their connection to the broader Jewish ecosystem. Gather Grants give Jews of all ages an opportunity to CONNECT and inspire participation in Atlanta's Jewish community.

### COMMUNITY CONNECTOR – INDIVIDUAL GRANTS

- 4 grant cycles per year: winter, spring, summer, fall
- Each individual grant is \$180
- We encourage the creation of Jewish events that are relevant to one's individualized Jewish journey

### COMMUNITY EXPANDER – ORGANIZATIONAL GRANTS

- 2 grant cycles per year
- Each organizational grant is up to \$5000
- Cross organizational collaboration is encouraged

## IMPACT as of May 2024

**1110**

Individual Gather Grants awarded

**21,920**

adults and children strengthened Jewish connections

**99%**

of Gather Grants hosts reported they would recommend the program to others

**50%**

of Gather Grant hosts live in an area with limited Jewish resources

**24%**

of Gather Grant hosts have lived in Atlanta for three years or less

**48%**

of Gather Grant hosts would like to become more involved in the Atlanta Jewish community



**In 2025**, we plan to complete a new strategic plan aimed at growing individual and organizational grants for Jewish gatherings in all corners of metro Atlanta and deepen the opportunities for host education and ongoing Jewish learning.



“Gather Grants are about making it easier to create Jewish connections no matter who you are or where you live. My dear friend, Helen would be incredibly pleased her resources are being used to ensure Jewish Atlanta is thriving and accessible to all.”

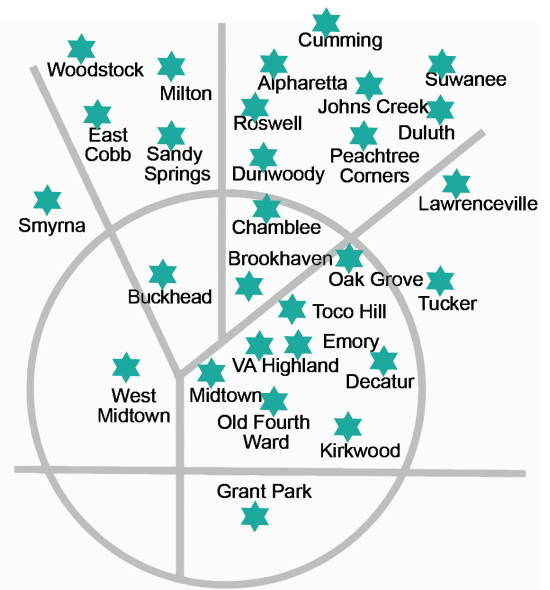


- Debbie Shubin Levinson, trustee of the Helen Marie Stern Fund, which provided the seed funding for the Gather Grants initiative

## Gather Grants bring Jewish opportunities to areas with limited Jewish resources

**50%**

of Gather Grant hosts live in an area with limited Jewish resources



## INDIVIDUAL GATHER GRANT PROGRAMS

- Themed Shabbat and holiday meals
- Book, game, and craft gatherings
- Reunions for camp cabins/bunks, Israel trips, classrooms, and school friends
- Social service projects
- Meaningful Jewish gatherings

## ORGANIZATIONAL GATHER GRANT PROGRAMS

- Collaborative holiday celebrations
- LGBTQ+ gatherings for young adults
- Active partnerships within JewishATL
- Jewish culinary and cultural explorations
- Unity conversations between college students of different faiths

## INDIVIDUAL GRANT HIGHLIGHT



Josh and Jillian Friedensohn are a young couple with four kids who live in Peachtree Corners. They used Gather Grants to host a Shabbat program to meet more Jewish neighbors. They started small but their events have grown over the years. The Friedensohns now host epic Jewish events that attract 70 to 100 people. “We grill, bake, have a bounce house, and meet new people,” neighbors say. “Josh and Jillian brought our Peachtree Corners Jewish community together!”

## ORGANIZATIONAL GRANT HIGHLIGHT

### Little Hands Can Do Big Things

In 2024, the MLK Day of Service was a collaboration of many community partners and provided mitzvah project opportunities for Jewish youth to benefit the local community. This event brought our community’s youngest social activists together for an opportunity to answer Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.’s challenge that we “do something for others.” The morning included song and movement, social action, service project stations and the chance to get a little messy too. Each of the eight partnering organizations had their own service project and learning station that was designated for preschool-aged children so that our littlest hands were able to participate in tikkun olam as well.

