

# gather GRANTS



## CREATE. CONNECT. EXPAND.

Gather Grants are 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

- Offered 4x / year: winter, spring, summer, fall
- \$180 granted per person
- Encourage the creation of Jewish events that are relevant to one's individualized Jewish journey

### COMMUNITY EXPANDER – ORGANIZATIONAL GRANTS

- Offered 2x / year
- Up to \$5000 granted per initiative
- 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.





“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.”

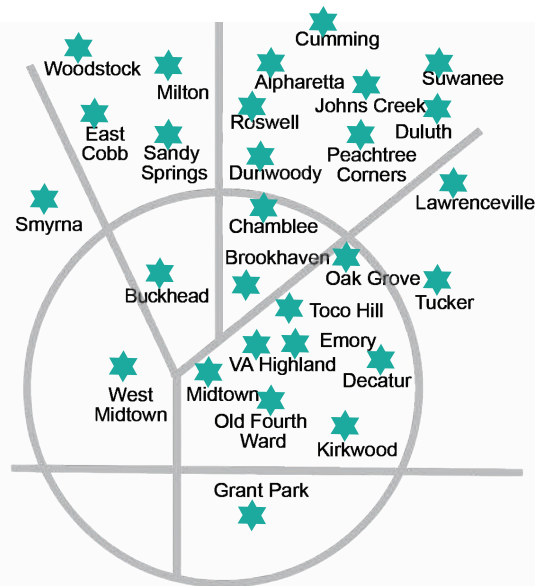


- Debbie Shubin Levinson, trustee of the **Helen Marie Stern Fund**, which provided the seed funding for the **Gather Grants** initiative

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

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## INDIVIDUAL GATHER GRANT PROGRAMS

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

## ORGANIZATIONAL GATHER GRANT PROGRAMS

- Collaborative holiday celebrations
- LGBTQ+ gatherings for 20/30 somethings
- 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

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 eight partnering organizations had their own service project and learning station that is preschool-aged focused so our littlest hands will be able to complete the act of tikkun olam.

