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Amount Requested: \$ [REDACTED] Previous Grant Amount (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

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## Proposal Abstract

Please provide a brief description of the program and funding request. Please include a video hyperlink to a video that describes the program, if available.

JDC shares The Associated's Global Responsibility Committee's commitment to strengthening Jewish communities globally. This is why it is a priority for JDC to support the Evelyn Peters Jewish Community Center (EPJCC), the heart of the Jewish community in Mumbai since its launch in 1999. In a city of 18 million residents, the 10th most populated city in the world, 85 percent of India's 4,400 Jews live in Mumbai and its surrounding area. Jews of India are such a tiny minority among a diverse population of millions. Thus, organized Jewish social, religious, cultural and educational programming are vital to keep them connected. JDC is proud to support this small, geographically isolated community care for its members, develop a new generation of leaders, strengthen its Jewish identity, and broaden its connections to the wider Jewish world.

EPJCC provides a central space for nearly 1,200 Jews in the city to come together, regardless of age, religious affinity or ethnic group, and serves as the hub for informal Jewish cultural and educational activities and Jewish life cycle events. EPJCC represents the future of this ancient and committed community, living peacefully in India for the past 2,000 years.

The JCC's activities include regular and special programs such as: festival celebrations; Hebrew lectures and Jewish lectures; Gan Katan - a Sunday School that provides Jewish enrichment for the community's youngsters; a Jewish youth group; weekend camps for all ages; Kol India – a Jewish community magazine; Rosh Hodesh programs; Bollywood workshops; holiday celebrations such as a Tu-Bishvat Seder, Purim parties and Yom Ha'atzmaut events; and young leadership events for young Jewish professionals.

A resurgence is underway as young local Jews are increasingly viewing India as a place to build their future, motivated by family ties, the flourishing community, and the country's recent economic growth. JDC is there, as it has been since 1961, when it first began supporting food programs for Jewish schoolchildren.

JDC invites The Associated's Global Responsibility Committee to support the Mumbai JCC – Evelyn Peters Jewish Community Center (EPJCC) with a gift of ~~400,000~~ in the 2019-20 program year.

For more information on the Jewish community of India and Mumbai, see <http://jccglobal.org/evelyn-peters-jewish-community-centre-mumbai-india/>

## Program Details

Issue/Need	Geographically isolated and a tiny minority among millions in Mumbai, Jews of India desire and value opportunities to celebrate Jewish life, connect with one another, and with the Jewish world outside of India. EPJCC is the main local hub providing programming and education. The country's Jewish community primarily concentrated in Mumbai also provides for Jews who live
Evidence regarding this issue/need	EPJCC Mumbai is the only functional JCC in India and has the resources (dedicated staff/library/space/volunteers) to run meaningful programs and provide services for all age groups.
Size of target population to be served	An estimated 3,200 Jews in Mumbai and Thane. 1,500 visitors in 2018-19, with 500 active participants who renew their membership regularly and attend a wide variety of social, religious and cultural programs. An additional 650 members participate in specific events including Mitzvah Day, Global Day of Jewish Learning, Kabbalah (i.e. Jewish mysticism) classes, holiday
Organizational partners for the program and their role	JDC and EPJCC partner with JRU (Jewish Religious Union) and work in collaboration with local synagogues and the local Sassoon Trust (Kenesseth Eliyahu Synagogue) to plan holiday and social events, and educational programs. Occasionally EPJCC collaborates with Chabad on running children programs.

For new projects, please describe how the model was developed. For ongoing programs, share some of the history and accomplishments of the program.

Since JDC began its operations in India in 1961, its role has continued to evolve. Today, JDC is working with the local Jewish community in all sectors and facilitating local leadership development so that the community will be better positioned to identify and provide for its needs. At the same time, JDC continues to offer critical welfare services, as well as informal Jewish education, youth and young adult leadership development, community gatherings, and capacity-building programming.

## Impact Plan

<b>IMPACT</b> (What are you ultimately trying to achieve?)	<b>OUTCOMES</b> (The change in behavior attained in order to achieve the impact.)	<b>MEASUREMENTS</b> (How do you know you are successful? What are the indications?)
JDC and Evelyn Peters Jewish Community Center (EPJCC) in Mumbai, India aim to strengthen Jewish life in Mumbai by offering community members of all ages access to social, religious, and cultural programs.	#1 Increase access to Jewish educational, social and religious programming to all ages.	#1 1,500 people take part in EPJCC activities, classes and programs.
	#2 Community members increase their engagement/connection with each other, and show leadership in building their own community.	#2 Hundreds join community holiday celebrations; young adults participate in leadership development programs, members also meet outside of EPJCC, more than 700 Jewish households now
	#3 Promote an inclusive, accessible environment open to people with disabilities, elderly, and Jews living in peripheral areas.	#3 The number of participants in EPJCC activities from these population groups increase.

## Implementation Timeline

Length of the Program	This is an ongoing program.
Start Date	EPJCC was established in 1991; JDC has been supporting the Jewish Community in India since 1961.
Date of Anticipated Completion	This is an ongoing program.

Please provide any additional relevant information regarding the anticipated implementation of the program, if funded.

Meirah, 21, has been involved in almost every youth program and Jewish Community Center event in Mumbai. She credits her teenage youth group experience with keeping her connected to Judaism, “in a country where almost no one knows who Jews are.” JDC invited Meirah join the Buncher Community Leadership Program in Israel and take part a special session of on the Jewish Community of India. She says that in addition to giving her an exhilarating first experience with Israel, the program also enhanced Meirah’s commitment to serving her community. She is now secretary of the local Jewish youth movement, which is spearheading a fundraising campaign to aid young people who need help paving for their schooling. Additional leadership training she received through JDC programs allowed her to

## Organizational Background

1. Provide one to two paragraphs describing the organization’s history, including the year the organization was founded, mission, goals and priorities.
2. Indicate connections with other organizations, municipalities and/or NGOs.

**Mission and History:** JDC is the world’s leading Jewish humanitarian assistance organization, impacting millions of lives in more than 70 countries today. JDC leverages a century’s experience confronting poverty and crisis around the world to:

**Help the World’s Neediest Jews:** Tens of thousands of elderly Jews go to bed hungry every night, homebound in dilapidated apartments and Jewish families trapped in a cycle of poverty struggle to make ends meet and secure a future. We bring life-saving relief to the worlds’ most vulnerable Jews living in places where nearly no other social services exist.

**Empower All Israelis:** Israelis on the margins seek the chance to participate fully in the nation they love. We make it possible, increasing independence, opportunities, and support for the most vulnerable people. We partner with the Israeli government to develop innovative solutions to social challenges, tapping into Israel’s famous entrepreneurial spirit to help close the achievement gap. Our investment in Israel’s human capital uniquely strengthens her future.

**Build Jewish Life & Leaders:** At this chaotic and critical moment in time, Jews around the world still choose to connect — or reconnect — to their cultural heritage. JDC makes it possible. We’re fostering inspiring Jewish experiences for children, teens, and families, and investing in exciting young leaders from nearly every continent who are committed to shaping their communities’ futures.

**Respond to Global Emergencies:** An earthquake. A tsunami. A civil war. A public health crisis. The lives of millions annually are irrevocably altered in an instant when natural disasters or other calamities strike. We leverage more than a century of experience helping Jewish communities to provide expert, immediate humanitarian aid for communities in crisis around the world.

For more information, please visit <http://www.jdc.org/our-work/>

## **Baltimore Connections**

Please explain in detail how the program can provide an impactful site visit for groups from Baltimore visiting Israel or how it will connect the Baltimore Jewish community to global Jewry.

The Evelyn Peters Jewish Community Center would be happy to connect to The Associated through outbound opportunities where a community member or JDC expert can visit your community and present their work in Mumbai, and share their ongoing challenges. The community would also welcome a visit from the Baltimore Jewish community to see their work on the ground. Lastly, in Israel, we can invite Jewish community members from India who now live in Israel for a panel on Jewish life in India.