

EHRS

High Holy Day

APPEAL

2025/5786

**EHRS' Honorary Officers, Council and the Clergy
are delighted to enclose information on the selected
charities for this year's High Holy Days Appeal.**



PIRKEI AVOT 5:13:
**A PERSON WHO GIVES CHARITY, AND WANTS OTHERS TO
GIVE, IS PIOUS.**



EHRS High Holy Day Appeal 2025 / 5786

Dear Member,

The giving of charity is part of the High Holy Day experience along with prayer and repentance. Each year, our Tzedakah Group made up of people from the community, meets and chooses charities to support for the High Holy Day Appeal which they believe will speak to all interests in the community, in the wider neighbourhood, and in Israel.

This year there were 26 charities to consider, and are divided into 3 categories:

Tikkun Atzmi, Tikkun Ami & Tikkun Olam

The group recommends the following 9 charities for the coming appeal:

Tikkun Atzmi - the repair & improvement of ourselves & our local community

Jewish Child's Day

Hatzola

Sebby's Corner

Tikkun Ami - the support of Jews both in the UK and abroad

Meketa Girls Project

Israel Religious Action Centre (IRAC)

Anne Frank Trust UK

Tikkun Olam - helping to repair the wider world

Tech2Peace

HIAS-JCORE - JUMP

Leo Baeck—Jewish-Arab Community Garden

If you wish to make a donation, please go to our website

www.ehrs.uk/hhdappeal and complete the online form.

Full details of all the charities can be found inside this brochure.

Please note that if you sign the gift aid declaration we will be able to recover a further 25% for the charities under the Government's current charity laws.

We are most grateful for your kind donation, which enables us to make a contribution as a community to the care and welfare of others. Every amount is welcomed, even the smallest, so please give as generously as you are able.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish you a very Happy New Year and well over the fast. L'Shanah Tova

Rabbi Mark Goldsmith and Jeremy Harrod (EHRS Chair)

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We would prefer donations to be made online at www.ehrs.uk/hhdappeal
(if you are unable to donate online we will accept cheques if absolutely necessary,
so please fill in this form and return to the Synagogue Office with your payment)

NAME/S (in capitals): _____

ADDRESS: _____

_____ POST CODE: _____

I/we enclose a cheque for £_____ (made payable to EHRS)
to be paid to the following charities, or to be split amongst all charities.

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EHRS can claim Gift Aid for my donation: Yes ☐ No ☐
(please tick)

Jewish Child's Day	£
Hatzola	£
Sebby's Corner	£
Meketa Girls Project	£
Israel Religious Action Centre (IRAC)	£
Anne Frank Trust UK	£
Tech2Peace	£
HIAS-JCORE - JUMP	£
Leo Baeck—Jewish-Arab Community Garden	£
or AMOUNT TO BE SPLIT AMONGST ALL CHARITIES	£

‘There are eight steps in charity.
The highest is when you help people to help themselves.’

Maimonides, Mishneh Torah 10:7

Jewish Child's Day

Jewish Child's Day is the leading UK Jewish grant-giving charity for children. We have been helping children in need for 77 years and we believe no child should live in poverty, neglect or suffering. Each year we support over 130 projects directly impacting 25,000 children in the UK and Israel. Our vision today is to empower every Jewish child with support, opportunities and hope they need to thrive and build a better and brighter future. This year, we ask the EHRS congregation to help fund one of the many breakfast clubs we support in London for young children from deprived backgrounds. We have seen an exponential rise in the number of Jewish children unable to start the day with a healthy, hearty breakfast due to families being overwhelmed by the cost-of-living crisis. Feelings of hunger, insecurity, hopelessness and a sense of being left behind are all too familiar. By addressing extreme hunger amongst young children and "fuelling" them with a nutritious and healthy breakfast before the start of school, they are far better equipped to self-regulate, focus and learn which will have a significant impact on their long-term education and mental well-being. Your support this year could make a huge difference to a breakfast club and will enable Jewish Child's Day to buy bread, milk, cereal and fruit for hundreds of Jewish school children. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

www.jcd.uk.com



Transforming the lives of children in need

Hatzola

Hatzola Edgware respond to emergency medical calls in the Edgware, Stanmore and Mill Hill communities, providing an exemplary level of professional care delivered by our volunteer medics and transporting to local hospitals as needed.

This year, we are raising money for our life-saving supplies for our fleet of ambulances and response cars, with a focus on the vital supply of oxygen. It costs us a staggering £3,000 per month to ensure our fleet is fully equipped with this vital life-saving supply.

This is the first time, a fundraising campaign will be focussed solely on providing oxygen supply to our fleet and medics. It is difficult to put a number on how many people will benefit from the oxygen, however, ensuring a sufficient flow the supply of oxygen will benefit any potential patient that our volunteer medics will be treating, no matter age or background. Our desired outcome is that we are able to provide oxygen support to any patient who requires it.

www.hatzola-edgware.org



Sebby's Corner

Sebby's Corner is a registered charity ensuring that no child goes without the basic essentials they need to thrive.

We are seeking support for our New Parent Baby Essentials Experience, which provides vulnerable new and expectant parents with personalised, dignified access to vital baby items, including clothing, buggies, Moses baskets, nappies, and feeding equipment. Families visiting Sebby's Corner also receive a fully stocked hospital bag to support them through labour, birth, and the early days of parenting.

Families are referred to us by trusted professionals, ensuring we reach those most in need — including survivors of domestic violence and human trafficking, refugees, asylum seekers, and families facing extreme poverty.

On average, each family receives essentials worth £473.49, easing financial strain and helping parents focus on bonding with their newborns without worrying about where the next clean nappy will come from. In recent feedback, 100% of families strongly agreed that the support they received helped them feel more prepared, in control, and improved their mental wellbeing.

Funds from the EHRS High Holy Day Appeal would directly provide these essential supplies for vulnerable families in our local community and beyond. Together, we can uphold the Jewish values of dignity, kindness, and tikkun olam — ensuring every baby gets the best possible start in life.

www.sebbyscorner.co.uk



Meketa Girls Project

Meketa is a small charity registered in the UK since 2013, dedicated to supporting the thousands of Jews remaining in Gondar, Ethiopia, one of the poorest Jewish communities in the world. Despite the challenging circumstances, including a civil war in the province of Amhara, Meketa has managed to maintain its operations through a dedicated local team. Meketa's philosophy is to provide education and training for the community to support itself rather than provide handouts, and so we support an after-school club for over 230 children to supplement the state education they receive, including a kindergarten to look after the very young while their mothers work. Meketa also enables vocational training and provides interest-free microloans to develop independence and self-reliance, carries out regular poverty assessments, and promotes child sponsorships to help the most vulnerable. Meketa has run a successful pilot for a Girls Project, empowering teenage girls in the Gondar Jewish community by providing education around puberty, menstruation, sexuality, and empowerment. We aim to help them to develop a set of life skills which will enable them to live and grow as confident, empowered and self-reliant individuals contributing to change in their own families and communities. The project has been seen as very successful, with no drop-outs and positive feedback from the girls. With your help, we will expand this project to a larger cohort of teenage girls.

www.meketa.org.uk



Israel Religious Action Centre (IRAC)

Much focus in Israel now is on threats to Israeli democracy and the post October 7th traumas that continue, including the efforts to support hostage families and to bring them home. IRAC has been at the front of these efforts. Unfortunately, and all too often the immigrant and the convert to Judaism are invisible, especially in the shadow of these issues. Therefore, we submit this project. Although eligible under the Law of Return, they often encounter discriminatory bureaucratic hurdles from the Ministry of the Interior, controlled by Orthodox religious parties that flout the law due to antipathy to liberal Judaism. This abuse of authority deprives them of rights and benefits, including employment and healthcare. We provide legal aid to register their conversions and begin their path to citizenship. We named this project for the biblical heroine Ruth, a Moabite widow who accompanies her Jewish mother-in-law on her return to Israel, declaring your people is my people and your God is my God. After suffering impoverishment due to anti-immigrant stigma, Ruth remarries and becomes great-grandmother to King David.

We thank you for considering support for Project Ruth.

www.irac.org



Anne Frank Trust UK

Learning from Anne Frank and the Holocaust, the Anne Frank Trust UK empowers young people aged 9-to-15 to challenge all forms of prejudice and to give them the skills and empathy to safely and effectively challenge discrimination and hate in their schools and communities.

Due to the increase in antisemitism, Islamophobia and division since 7th October 2023, the xenophobic riots of 2024 and the continued rise of misogyny, homophobia and hate online and in-person, our work with young people is more urgent and important than ever. Last year, we worked with over 125,000 young people across the UK through school visits, online events and our Youth Ambassador Programme.

EHRS' support will help fund six places for young people on the Anne Frank Trust UK's Youth Ambassador Programme in London.

The Programme works with young people who have experienced discrimination, and many come from disadvantaged communities, with 30% of Ambassadors being eligible for free school meals. Ambassadors receive 1-1 mentoring and support on their journey of learning and empowerment. Ambassadors receive a series of skills development workshops on topics such as public speaking, team building, and storytelling and are offered the opportunity to take part in educational trips to Auschwitz and the Anne Frank House in Amsterdam.

We are proud to work with a diverse group of Ambassadors who are all committed to learning how to challenge antisemitism and types of prejudice. We are excited at the prospect of expanding the Programme and working with more young people thanks to your support.

www.annefrank.org.uk



Tech2Peace

Tech2Peace creates transformative spaces where young Palestinians and Israelis collaborate through technology while building genuine human connections. Founded amid deepening regional polarization, the organization offers intensive residential seminars for diverse participants aged 20-30, with equal representation across communities and 50% women participation.

The program's distinctive strength lies in its dual approach: delivering valuable tech and entrepreneurship training while facilitating honest dialogue about identity and conflict. This practical framework addresses economic needs while overcoming anti-normalization pressures that often hinder traditional peace initiatives. By focusing on tangible skills development alongside relationship-building, Tech2Peace creates relevant entry points for cooperation even during periods of heightened tension.

Participants work in mixed teams to develop tech projects, engaging simultaneously with professional development and difficult conversations. This methodology proves particularly effective for youth from marginalized communities and socio-geographic peripheries who gain both marketable skills and cross-cultural understanding.

The organization's Alumni Network extends impact beyond initial seminars, maintaining a remarkable 69% engagement rate. This cross-border community offers continued professional development, crisis-time support, and collaboration opportunities through regular meetups, workshops, and creative events like hackathons. Tech2Peace's expansion plans include alumni-led initiatives, leadership development programs, and deeper community engagement strategies launching in Fall 2025. Through these efforts, the organization aims to catalyze a broader movement where young Palestinians and Israelis model a future based on creativity, equity, and mutual respect—demonstrating that meaningful cooperation remains possible even amid seemingly intractable conflict.

www.tech2peace.com



HIAS-JCORE - JUMP

Imagine arriving in the UK alone, forced to flee your home, separated from your family, friends, and everything familiar.

That's the situation many of the young people that HIAS+JCORE – the leading UK Jewish voice on refuge and asylum – works with find themselves in. For almost 20 years, our JUMP project has been proud to help refugees and asylum seekers rebuild their lives in the UK, empowering them on their journey to integration.

Often, it's not easy. JUMP's beneficiaries are truly incredible: remarkably resilient young people who have faced often appalling situations. They want nothing more than a fair chance in this country. But all too often, hostile policies and a lack of compassion place boundaries where there should be welcome.

So when the young refugees and asylum seekers we support face isolation and loneliness, JUMP steps in, facilitating fortnightly meet-ups with trained befrienders, building long-lasting and trusting friendships. Where the Home Office bans our participants from working, forcing them to live on just £7 a day, JUMP's Hardship Fund is there, ensuring that those we support can live in dignity.

And when challenges arise, we're in our young people's corner, offering tailored casework and helping them overcome obstacles to access the legal, healthcare, education, and housing support they need.

At HIAS+JCORE, we're driven by Jewish values, pushing every day to ensure that displaced people in the UK are welcomed. But we can only do this work with your support. Together, we can build a UK of compassion and inclusion.

www.hiasjcore.org



The UK Jewish Voice on Refugees and Racial Justice

Leo Baeck—Jewish-Arab Community Garden

Founded in 1938, the Leo Baeck Education Centre is one of Israel's leading educational institutions and the country's largest Reform educational centre. Located in a diverse Haifa neighbourhood, it serves Jewish, Muslim, Christian, Druze, and Bahai communities, many from disadvantaged backgrounds. Our campus spans nursery to 12th grade, including programmes for students with ASD and gifted learners, alongside a synagogue, community centre, and sports facilities. Rooted in humanistic values and Progressive Judaism, we promote Tikkun Olam, social justice, and multiculturalism, fostering a shared and equitable Israeli society.

For over 14 years, Leo Baeck has operated a unique Jewish-Arab community garden—the only mixed garden in Haifa. Spanning 2.25 dunams, it serves as a hub for intercultural understanding and environmental stewardship, with 30 plots tended by 80 dedicated Arab and Jewish activists. Every Saturday, garden members gather for shared breakfasts featuring their homegrown produce alongside traditional dishes from various cultures. Throughout the year, they also come together to celebrate personal milestones, holidays, and festivals from different traditions. More than just a garden, it is a living classroom where communities connect and shared values flourish. The Arab-Jewish Community Garden is a unique and impactful initiative, that fosters real connections between diverse communities in Haifa. Our essential expenses include gardening supplies, educational workshops, community events, and maintenance. We invite you to partner with us in nurturing a shared society—one where Arabs and Jews grow together, not just in the garden, but in understanding and friendship.

www.leobaeck.org.il



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