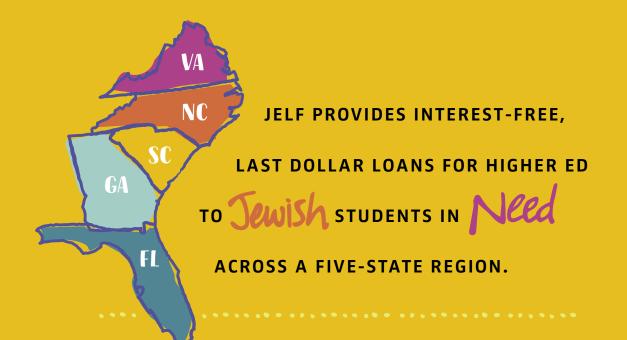


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Interest-free Loans for Higher Education





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WHEN YOU GIVE BACK, gelf STUDENTS MOVE FORWARD.

For Jews, education isn't what we know. It's who we are."

RABBI JONATHAN SACKS

This past year redefined the world. How we work. How we congregate. How students learn.

Even with virtual learning, the staggering cost of university tuition has only increased. In addition to books, fees, food, room and board and healthcare, many colleges now have COVID testing fees and other related costs (e.g. extra cleaning fees) that students are required to pay.

It is no surprise that in 2020 JELF's applications rose by 33%. When we surveyed our students (page 4), JELF found that many families had experienced significant income loss or suffered illness during the pandemic. Unfortunately, this was coupled with the fact that fewer students could earn money themselves due to health restrictions, closures and job loss, whether on or off campus. This has become our new virtual reality.

Through it all, JELF's interest-free loans are a financial lifeline for Jewish students struggling to pay for their degree.

S mission is our students' success.



Over the past year, we have watched our students struggle with many unknowns related to their education.

Where would they be learning from? Would they still have jobs? Would their parents still be employed? How would the family pay for their expenses... including college?

The fear and the stress of 2020 was unbearable for many - and during this time, JELF stepped up and helped more students than ever before with badly needed relief. With a student need that exceeded \$2.3M, JELF was able to loan \$1.5M to 394 students.

Also in 2020, The Change Reaction, a philanthropic foundation, made a generous donation to JELF that changed the lives of 11 deserving JELF borrowers who were most in need of help. This wonderful gift came at such a perfect time for our borrowers - and JELF is so appreciative.

I would also be remiss if I did not mention JELF's professional team. Led by Jenna Shulman, our staff excelled in 2020, establishing a blueprint for the future. The results of their hard work and effort are found throughout this report. What will we accomplish this year? Stay tuned.

ANE ARONOFF BOARD CHAIR





While 2020 was not the 'perfect vision' we'd hoped for, the JELF team somehow managed to achieve more than we ever dreamed was possible!

Through countless Zoom meetings and all of the creativity that 2020 forced upon us, we were able to turn obstacles into opportunities.

In 2021, our goal is simple: to share JELF's life-changing program with more students and supporters.

With your help, we can keep the JELF momentum growing - and make a bigger impact together.

JENNA LEOPOLD SHULMAN CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

> TEARS OF JOY, EXCITEMENT AND APPRECIATION CAPTURED IN THE





TOGETHER FOR 131 YEARS

Though our mission and name have evolved, one thing has remained consistent: we have always believed in providing aid to deserving Jewish youth. Through its long history, JELF is proud to have so many active volunteers and professionals who continue to pave the way to an exciting future. In 1961, JELF's focus shifted from its roots

as an orphanage and Jewish welfare agency to an organization dedicated to helping college students with the challenge of funding their education. No one knew that in 60 years, the cost of university tuition would skyrocket more than 3,000%. Thankfully, JELF continues to find new ways to address this need each year.

In the spirit of *l'dn V'dn*, JELF continues the work that was begun by our predecessors, including Simon Wolf, Al Garber, Marvin Botnick and countless others along the way . . .

PAST PRESIDENTS

HEBREW ORPHANS' HOME / ASYLUM 1889 - 1948

- 1889 Simon Wolf*
- 1914 Joseph Hirsch*
- 1915 Victor Kriegshaber*
- 1935 Armand May

JEWISH CHILDREN'S SERVICE 1948 - 1989

- 1957 Albert Mayer*
- 1959 Joseph Haas
- 1962 Irving Goldstein, D.D.S.*
- 1965 Al Garber* 1967 Max Cuba*
- 1970 Herbert Ringel*
- 1973 Abe Goldstein*
- 1975 William Rottersman, M.D.*
- 1979 Joseph Patterson, M.D.*
- 1981 Nanette Wenger, M.D.
- 1984 Marvin Botnick*
- 1987 Arthur Falek, Ph.D.*

JEWISH EDUCATIONAL LOAN FUND 1989 - PRESENT

1989 Bervl Weiner*

- 1991 Stephen Garber, Ph.D.
- 1993 Paul Hirsch, Ph.D.
- 1995 Nancy Abrams
- 1997 Bea Hirsch Feiman
- 1999 Judy D. Wolman, Ph.D.
- 2001 Albert (Hank) Greenstone
- 2003 Marianne Daniels Garber, Ph.D
- 2005 Ned Montag
- 2007 Rob Smulian
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- 2014 Rob Rickles
- 2016 Marianne Daniels Garber, Ph.D.
- 2018 Stan Lowenstein 2020 Jane Aronoff

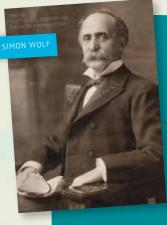
*OF BLESSED MEMORY

Both my mother and uncle were orphans in the Hebrew Orphans' Home. That is our original connection to JELF. As a past member of JELF's Board of Directors, I really believe in this mission and I want to help as many Jewish students as we can.

MARC GOLDSTEIN JELF BOARD MEMBER 2015 - 2020

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Our Founder SIMON WOLF

1836-1923

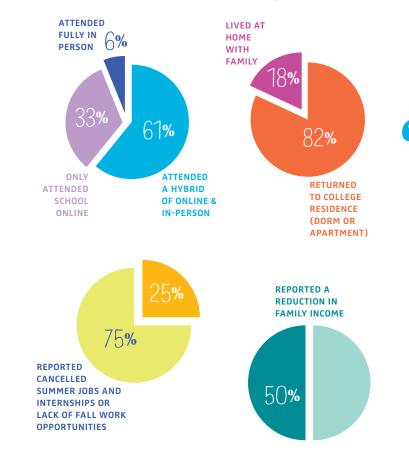
Emigrating to the U.S. from Bulgaria in 1848, Simon Wolf set out to earn both law and

business degrees. Through his work with Egypt's consul general for the U.S., forging and educational movements, including the founding of the Hebrew Orphans' Home, JELF's predecessor organization.

COVIDAND

After a large spike in student applications during JELF's March - April 2020 application period, JELF surveyed applicants in July and October to understand how their situations changed due to the pandemic. Compiling data from over <u>400 Jewish college students</u> across our five-state region, this survey was **a window into the pressing economic impacts** of the pandemic on an already financially stretched segment of the Jewish community.

JELF'S STUDENT State



JELF RECIPIENTS IN CRISIS



My social life, college community and mental health have all changed since the pandemic, and I think this is true for most college students. Not struggling to pay for it all helps ease one major piece of this enormous burden."

> ELIZABETH, CHARLOTTE, NC UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA



G My mother's income decreased due to the pandemic after her department was reduced from 28 to just 3 people. My father is recovering from the long-term effects of COVID and has not been able to work for the past several months. I am now using all the money I earn from my internship to ensure they can put food on the table. It has not been easy, especially as this is my last year of college."

> JEREMY, ATLANTA, GA UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA



My mother was furloughed, and her expected return date continues to be delayed. We are doing our best to make ends meet but, honestly, paying the bills has been tough. Unfortunately she is no longer able to help me at all with my expenses and now, because of COVID, there are also additional health and cleaning fees." DESTINY, TAMPA, FL UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL



I had a great opportunity to work in a medical facility but, because I am immunocompromised, I had to turn down this paid internship and was not able to earn any money or experience this summer."

ELIANA, BOCA RATON, FL UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA MEDICAL SCHOOL



When the pandemic began, I made the decision to go to school online. Due to my family's health issues, I cannot risk putting them in jeopardy. My mother is struggling to find work and we are currently getting by through limited personal savings."



Together, JELF helps Jewish students graduate with less debt and more hope.



Numb	Number of JELF Recipients SINCE 2014 95% INCREAS							
TOTALS	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	
TOTALS	202	219	220	273	280	296	394	

JELF Dollars Loaned SINCE 2014

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	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	
TOTALS	\$750,118	\$800,000	\$814,070	\$1,000,046	\$1,011,266	\$1,278,194	\$1,556,497	

Loan Data Comparisons 2018 - 2020

	# OF STUDENTS			STI	JDENT NEE	D	JELF FUNDED		
	2018	2019	2020	2018	2019	2020	2018	2019	2020
UNDERGRAD	220	230	281	\$992,536	\$1,093,046	\$1,653,773	\$798,818	\$973,972	\$1,107,127
GRADUATE	59	66	113	\$270,730	\$330,202	\$699,133	\$212,448	\$304,222	\$449,370
TOTALS	279	296	394	\$1,263,266	\$1,423,248	\$2,352,906	\$1,011,266	\$1,278,194	\$1,556,497

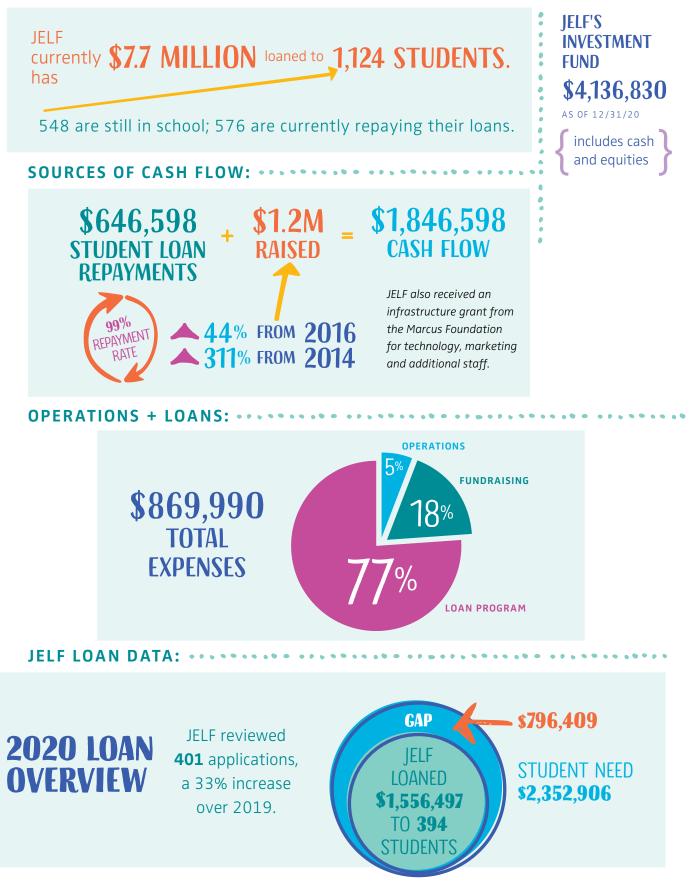
107% INCREASE

JELF Loans Awarded by Community

		2018		20	19	2020			
	COMMUNITY	# STUDENTS	\$ LOANED	# STUDENTS	\$ LOANED	# STUDENTS	NEED	\$ LOANED	
	BOCA-S. PALM BEACH	21	\$75,622	25	\$108,624	36	\$198,241	\$142,466	
	BROWARD	24	\$81,666	28	\$137,334	45	\$298,035	\$194,854	
	GAINESVILLE					1	\$7,496	\$4,500	
	GULF COAST	8	\$31,750	5	\$20,818	6	\$34,848	\$24,158	
	JACKSONVILLE	9	\$25,786	11	\$45,244	11	\$64,857	\$44,072	
RIDA	MIAMI	21	\$90,740	23	\$115,742	34	\$212,728	\$149,394	
FLORIDA	NAPLES					1	\$5,584	\$4,000	
	N. PALM BEACH	9	\$39,350	12	\$54,752	16	\$100,099	\$68,286	
	ORLANDO			4	\$14,500	11	\$52,188	\$32,234	
	SARASOTA-MANATEE	5	\$20,134	2	\$9,686	4	\$25,216	\$21,234	
	ТАМРА	6	\$20,518	6	\$18,436	13	\$85,232	\$50,446	
	VOLUSIA-FLAGLER	1	\$3,976	4	\$15,116	3	\$17,749	\$10,500	
_	ATLANTA	72	\$255,254	85	\$353,560	103	\$616,062	\$410,045	
GEORGIA	AUGUSTA	3	\$12,500	4	\$17,236	4	\$23,004	\$19,818	
0	SAVANNAH	3	\$11,500	2	\$5,248	2	\$10,892	\$7,196	
	ASHEVILLE	2	\$9,500	4	\$17,464	3	\$16,454	\$10,200	
CAROLINA	CHARLOTTE	17	\$58,006	16	\$66,050	19	\$113,092	\$68,450	
H CARO	DURHAM-CHAPEL HILL	7	\$24,988	3	\$14,640	5	\$27,074	\$19,250	
NORT	GREENSBORO	14	\$48,376	10	\$44,408	15	\$78,951	\$45,944	
	RALEIGH	24	\$77,728	22	\$96,320	26	\$147,540	\$81,138	
SOUTH AROLINA	CHARLESTON	8	\$30,000	9	\$38,426	9	\$57,180	\$34,500	
SOUTH CAROLINA	COLUMBIA	1	\$3,000	2	\$5,646	1	\$5,716	\$4,000	
٨	RICHMOND	10	\$34,452	7	\$27,162	5	\$26,947	\$20,000	
VIRGINIA	ROANOKE					5	\$31,780	\$26,666	
	TIDEWATER	7	\$25,220	4	\$19,120	6	\$37,098	\$24,946	
	OTHER COMMUNITIES	7	\$31,200	8	\$32,950	10	\$58,843	\$38,200	
ота	LS	279	\$1,011,266	296	\$1,278,194	394	\$2,352,906	\$1,556,497	

JELF FUNDED 66% OF THE NEED

2020 JELF BY THE NUMBERS







LOCAL JELF ADMINISTRATORS

JELF partners with **27** Jewish agencies to administer our loan program at the local level. Each applicant participates in a personal interview, allowing JELF to learn more about the family's situation.

Ruth & Norman Rales ewish Family Services High-Hype-Hamany	Ruth & Norman Rales Jewish Family Services, Inc. SOUTH PALM BEACH, FL	Shari Waknin Cohen	Augusta Jewish Federation	Augusta Jewish Federation AUGUSTA, GA	Daniel Chejfec Cathy Fishman
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Jewish Federation	Jewish Federation of Greater Naples NAPLES, FL	Renee Bialek	$\bigcup FS \begin{smallmatrix} Raisigh-Cary \\ Jewish Family Services \\ \end{smallmatrix}$	Raleigh - Cary Jewish Family Services RALEIGH, NC	Lauren Primato
JFS	Alpert Jewish Family & Children's Service of Palm Beach County	Olivia Tartakow		Chabad of Wilmington WILMINGTON, NC	Rabbi Moshe Lieblich
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The Jewish Federation	The Jewish Federation of Sarasota-Manatee SARASOTA, FL	Jessi Sheslow	Roanoke	RICHMOND, VA Roanoke Jewish	
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We are here to help.	Tampa Jewish Family Services TAMPA, FL	Bev Tannenbaum	Tât .HPH	Jewish Family Service of Tidewater TIDEWATER, VA	Michelle Walter
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2020 LOAN REVIEW VOLUNTEERS

With the increase in loan applications and loan review taking place entirely through Zoom, our loan reviewers had a very challenging job.



and awarded

We were incredibly proud to loan a record amount this year, but this figure was still \$796,409 short of these applicants' total calculated need.

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reviewed

to our reviewers:) frank you!

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LOAN REVIEW

CALLINANS APFELBAUM

HOMETOWN

Clearwater, FL

RESIDENCE

NICO: Port St. Lucie, FL CYNTHIA: Granada, Spair

UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA

NICO: Bachelor of Arts, 2006 and Juris Doctorate, 2009

CYNTHIA: Bachelor of Science, 2009



NICO, HIS WIFE DANA, AND THEIR TWO CHILDREN With more than ten years of experience, Nico is currently the managing attorney at his own firm, with offices in both Port St. Lucie and Stuart, FL. Nico and his wife Dana are the proud parents of two young children.

Cynthia, currently residing in Granada, Spain, is completing her Master's in Public Health as part of the Europubhealth program (Erasmus Mundus Global MPH). She is working towards a double MPH degree with a concentration in health promotion and community health. Cynthia has ambitions to continue her work while searching and connecting with Jewish communities around the globe.

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Cynthia

With the help of the Gulf Coast Jewish Federation, our family moved to Clearwater, Florida in 2002 from Córdoba, Argentina during a time of economic crisis in the country. The Jewish community in Clearwater played a key role in helping our family adjust to a new country.

When applying to college as recent immigrants, our family was in a difficult financial position with our parents both having uprooted their lives to begin a new life in the U.S. (later, our parents also obtained their own college degrees!).

Because our citizenship status did not allow us to work or to be eligible for financial aid, we relied on JELF to help us make it through UF, where we received a top-notch, in-state education. On campus, we were both active volunteers, working with Hillel, KOACH and the Chabad Student Group, among others.

Today, we can firmly say that JELF played an instrumental part in helping us afford our degrees and providing the framework for how we should lead our lives – devoted to improving our community." Making my first donation back to JELF in 2020 helped me realize the power I have to bring it full circle and touch the lives of Jewish students who come after me. NICO APFELBAUM

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There are a couple of givens in life: the cost of education is not going down and the need for higher education is going up."

STEVE KOONIN

CEO, Atlanta Hawks and longtime JELF supporter

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Before COVID, Joshua Elbaz decided he wanted to become a lawyer. It was important to him to help people, like his two brothers, who unfortunately passed away prior to COVID. His challenge in attending school was to find the money. He applied for federal loans, worked several jobs and turned to JELF for those final dollars.

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When the pandemic began, Joshua had just begun his first year of law school and was living in his father's house, where his grandmother also lived. After suffering a fall, she was taken to the hospital where she contracted COVID and unknowingly passed it to Joshua and his father, Robert. Joshua's grandmother recovered, but sadly the virus took the life Joshua's father at the age of 65. When paramedics came to the house for his father, they realized Joshua was also extremely ill. Joshua spent the next two weeks on oxygen. After recovering, he returned home to face the loss of his father and to prepare for his first year of law school.

Thankfully, JELF was there to help Joshua in ways both big and small. With funding to help cover the remaining expenses of school, JELF hopes to be there for Joshua as he works towards his dream of becoming a lawyer. Sadly, too many students have suffered this year due to the coronavirus and its effects. Our hearts go out to Joshua and we wish him much success.

To hear more about Josh's story, visit **jelf.org/josh**.

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