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MAKING HISTORY

ANNUAL REPORT 2011



**THE POLITICAL HOME FOR PRO-ISRAEL,
PRO-PEACE AMERICANS**

J Street gives political voice to mainstream American Jews and other supporters of Israel who believe that a two-state solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict is essential to Israel's survival as the national home of the Jewish people and as a vibrant democracy.

J Street's mission is two-fold: first, to advocate for urgent American diplomatic leadership to achieve a two-state solution and broader regional, comprehensive peace, and, second, to ensure a broad debate on Israel and the Middle East in national politics and the American Jewish community.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

NOVEMBER 2011



**"For J Street,
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Dear friend,

2011 was historic. In rebellions across the Arab world, people began throwing off decades of repression and autocracy. In Tel Aviv, tent protests sparked a national movement for social justice, with echoes on our own streets this fall.

For J Street, it was a year of historic growth and impact as well.

Through our flagship Two-State Summer campaign, tens of thousands of J Street members sent strong statements to their representatives in Washington. We brought Israeli military and political leaders to the US to make the case for two states in nationwide events. And we held hundreds of house parties, leading to our August Day of Action with over 1,000 activists participating.

Our 2011 national conference attracted 2,000 people—including over 500 students—one of the largest gatherings of Jewish Americans of the year.

In the Israeli Knesset, our work sparked a hearing on what it means to be pro-Israel. In the US Congress, our work sparked debate about the role of US aid to the Palestinian Authority in promoting Israel's security and future. Even Stephen Colbert took notice!

More than 29 college campuses now have J Street U chapters, and more than 40 J Street Locals are organizing in communities around the country.

With the help of over 180,000 supporters, we raised \$7 million and deployed 50 staff across the nation.

In 2012, we intend to continue making history. Israel faces a choice of historic proportions: stay on the present unsustainable path without a two-state solution, watching its democratic character and Jewish values erode, or change course by making the tough decisions necessary to achieve two states now.

And we intend to make clear that the 2012 election puts this choice squarely before the American people and the Jewish community.

One set of politicians will push hard-line rhetoric and policy on Israel as they search for political support however, we will push strongly to show that political support will flow to those who stake out moderate, rational stands that promote two states and security through peace.

Historic times and challenges call for historic decisions. I look forward to working with you as we make history in 2012.

Sincerely,

Jeremy Ben-Ami
PRESIDENT

IN THE NEWS



SEPTEMBER 19, 2011 ▶

Following the special election in New York's ninth district, JStreetPAC Co-Chair Alexandra Stanton goes head-to-head with Assemblyman Dov Hikind on the topic of the Jewish vote.



HOUSTON CHRONICLE

SEPTEMBER 20, 2011 ▶

JEWISH LEADERS, ISRAELI POLITICIANS TEAM UP WITH RICK PERRY TO SLAM OBAMA MIDDLE EAST POLICIES

"The relentless right-wing pandering on display today at Governor Rick Perry's press conference is at the heart of what is warping US policy and politics when it comes to Israel. From sharing the podium with an extreme right-wing Knesset member who calls for the outright annexation of the West Bank, to urging an end to Palestinian aid and paying lip-service to the two-state solution while undercutting moves to achieve it, Perry is cynically attempting to turn Israel into a partisan football for his own very narrow gain."

— Jeremy Ben-Ami



AUGUST 23, 2011 ▶

J Street Eastern Maine's Day of Action leads the local evening news.



◀ MAY 16, 2011

OBAMA PRESSED TO GET MIDEAST PEACE TALKS MOVING

"[Obama] doesn't need to dot every 'i' or cross every 'T,' but he's got to lay out the key questions before the parties and ask them yes-or-no questions to gauge their seriousness in order to assess who's ready to move forward and who isn't."

— Jeremy Ben-Ami

The Washington Post ◀ MARCH 30, 2011

HAROLD MEYERSON: IN THE ISRAELI KNESSET, SOME UNDEMOCRATIC ACTIVITIES

"The real quarrel the Israeli right, and the American Jewish right, have with J Street is that it has provided an alternative for American Jews who support Israel but don't support the determination of Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu and other intransigents to do nothing to resolve the Israeli-Palestinian standoff or end the 44-year occupation of the West Bank."

FORWARD ◀ OCTOBER 4, 2011

OPPOSING STATEHOOD BID, SUPPORTING A NEW PATH TO PEACE

"Or we can go a different route. We can adopt an attitude of constructive self-criticism and compassionate action. We can re-examine the basic tenets of an attitude toward the conflict that has brought us no closer to a solution. We can put ourselves in the shoes of the other and exchange a one-sided approach for a much fuller view. We can welcome new voices into the fold. We can embrace our role as advocates for a peaceful, safe and secure Israeli future."

— J Street U Board Member Logan Bayroff



SEPTEMBER 22, 2011 ▶

During a humorous interview with Stephen Colbert, Jeremy Ben-Ami makes a serious case for the two-state solution.



REUTERS ◀ SEPTEMBER 16, 2011

ISRAEL CALLS FOR CONTINUING AID FOR PALESTINIANS

"Whatever does or does not happen at the UN, the Israeli government is putting forth just two days before the Palestinians are expected to approach the United Nations, a very compelling and clear case that continued international assistance is not only in the interest of the Palestinian Authority, but in the interests of the Israelis and their security."

— Dylan Williams, J Street Director of Government Affairs

The New York Times

▲ AUGUST 3, 2011

NICHOLAS D. KRISTOF: SEEKING BALANCE ON THE MIDEAST

"With the Arab Spring, the United States has a chance for a new beginning in the region. But that will require Washington to adopt a more balanced policy. Maybe, just maybe, J Street will help create the political space to enable that to happen."

NATIONAL CONFERENCE



◀ FEBRUARY 26 – MARCH 1, 2011

“This meeting should serve as a reminder that Jewish life is an ongoing moral call for us as a people. And to others, a call for peace.”

— Shimon Peres in his letter of greeting to conference participants



J STREET CONVENED the third largest gathering of American Jews in 2011 and the largest convention of the American pro-Israel, pro-peace movement in history.

- 2,000+ SUPPORTERS
- 500 STUDENTS FROM 128 CAMPUSES
- 30 PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATIONS

MEMBERS OF THE KNESSET on stage for “Knesset Roundtable: Israeli Politics and Policy in 2011.” From the left: Moderator Barbara Slavin and MKs Nachman Shai, Daniel Ben Simon, Orit Zuaretz, Shlomo Molla and Yoel Hasson.

Other plenary sessions during the conference included “History before Our Eyes: Broader Implications of Democracy Movements in the Arab World,” and “The American Role in the Middle East” featuring Special Assistant to the President Dennis Ross.



GALA DINNER

ON THE FINAL NIGHT OF THE CONFERENCE, J Street hosted its national Gala Dinner, raising \$400,000 to support our programs. J Street honored board member Kathleen Peratis with the *Tzedek v'Shalom* award for her dedication to Israel's peace and security. The award was presented by Peratis' former mentor at the ACLU, Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg.

“My love of justice brought me to Judaism. My love of both justice and Judaism brought me to J Street.”

— Kathleen Peratis



LEFT: J Street Education Fund Board Chair Deborah Sagner poses with Justice Ginsburg and *Tzedek v'Shalom* award recipient, Kathleen Peratis.

ABOVE: Former Knesset member and New Israel Fund President Naomi Chazan delivers the keynote address.



CLOCKWISE FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: Finance Committee Members Alan and Irene Wurtzel • Representative Chris Murphy (CT-5) • JStreetPAC Co-Chair Alexandra Stanton with Ohio Senator Sherrod Brown • Avodah founder Rabbi David Rosenn and Professor Shana Tabak • Former International Council of Jewish Women Chair Jill Jacobs CBE (left) and Foreign Policy Assistant to Representative Chris Murphy (CT-5) Jessica Elledge • J Street Board Chair Davidi Gilo with Senator Maria Cantwell (WA) • Representative Charles Gonzalez (TX-20) • Representatives Jim Moran (VA-8) and Jan Schakowsky (IL-9) • President Jeremy Ben-Ami with Representative Xavier Becerra (CA-31) • President's Council Member Howard Dickstein with PLO Representative to the US Maen Areikat. (Photos by Tony Powell, Washington Life)

ON THE GROUND

J STREET U



JSTREET U is the campus home for pro-Israel, pro-peace students. Now in its fifth semester, J Street U is active at over 60 colleges and universities, providing students with an alternative voice in the often polarizing campus conversation on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. Through J Street U, thousands of students are bringing together their support for Israel with their commitment to human rights and social justice as they advocate for a two-state solution.



“J Street U enables me to be pro-Israel without being anti-Palestinian. It allows me to express my love for Israel without forsaking the dedication to human rights and social justice that are central to the Jewish identity. It is a reminder that Zionism is only meaningful if it embraces the values that we as Jews hold dear.”

— Zachary Abels, Occidental College

J STREET U CHAPTERS

J Street U is currently organizing on over 60 campuses. Official J Street U chapters have been established on the following 29 campuses:

Bard College	Occidental College
Bates College	Princeton University
Brandeis University	Reed College
Carleton College	Temple University
Dartmouth College	Tufts University
DePaul University	University of California, Los Angeles
Georgetown University	University of Maryland
George Washington University	University of Michigan
Harvard University	University of North Carolina
Haverford College	University of Pennsylvania
Johns Hopkins University	University of Southern California
Lewis and Clark College	Washington University
Macalester College	Wellesley College
Middlebury College	Yale University
New York University	

J STREET LOCAL

J STREET LOCAL—our field and grassroots arm—broadens the public conversation on Israel in communities across the country and works to build support for pro-Israel, pro-peace US policy from the ground up.



“As Chair of J Street Central Jersey, I’ve been energized by the growth and vitality of our Local. Connecting with so many new supporters during our Two-State Summer campaign was a powerful affirmation that we are providing a voice and a platform for our constituents where previously there had been none.”

— Debbie Schlossberg



J Street Philadelphia activists joined thousands of supporters throughout the country in J Street’s first national Day of Action. Read more on the following page.

OUR LOCALS

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Ann Arbor, MI
Atlanta, GA
Austin, TX
Baltimore, MD
Boston, MA
Central New Jersey
Chicago, IL
Cleveland, OH

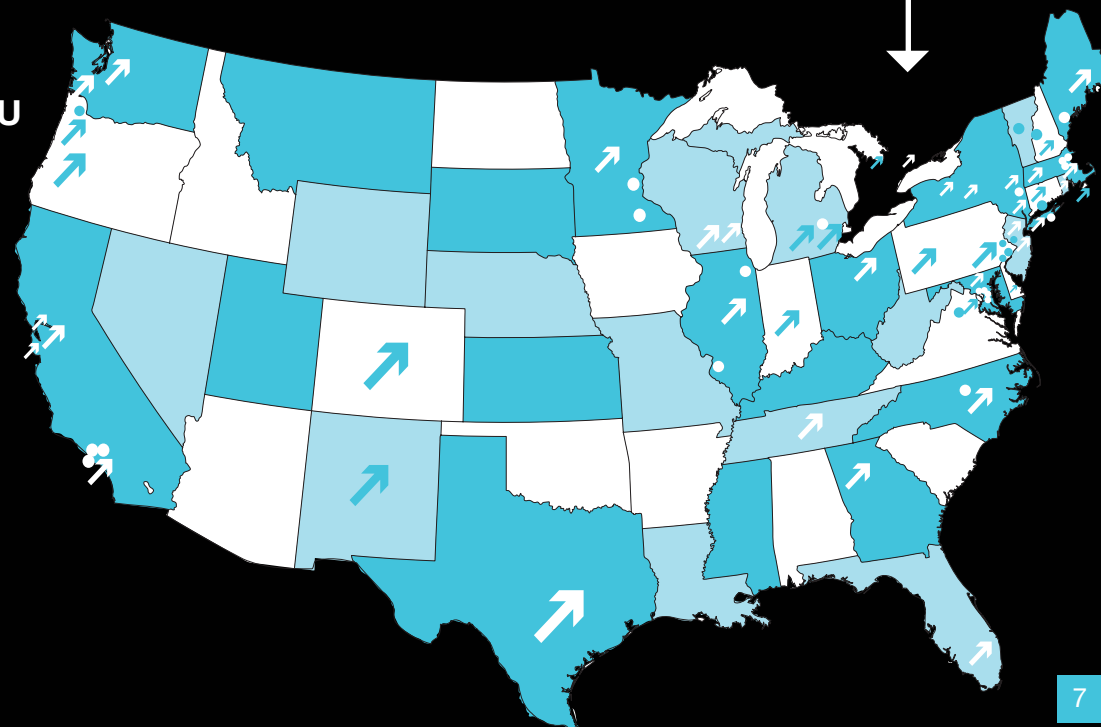
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San Francisco Bay Area, CA
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Seattle, WA
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Western Mass

J STREET GRASSROOTS GROUPS

- Official J Street U Chapters
- J Street Locals



When some members of Congress called for cutting funds to the Palestinian Authority in response to the Palestinian UN bid—against the advice of numerous American and Israeli security experts and economists—J Street Local and J Street U inundated Congress with tens of thousands of postcards, phone calls and emails explaining why continued aid is pro-Israel and pro-peace.

TWO-STATE SUMMER

THIS SUMMER, J Street conducted a major national campaign in support of the vision for a two-state solution outlined by President Obama in his May 19 foreign policy speech on the transformations underway in the Middle East.

Placing the achievement of a two-state solution at the center of America's commitment to Israel's security and survival as a democratic, Jewish homeland, the President endorsed the Borders and Security First strategy promoted by J Street and stated that borders would be based on 1967 lines with mutually agreed upon land swaps.

When the usual suspects began attacking the President's strongly pro-Israel speech with smears and misinformation based on his use of the phrase "1967 borders with land swaps"—the recognized basis for negotiations under three previous US administrations and Israeli Prime Ministers Barak and Olmert—J Street leapt to action.



GRASSROOTS ADVOCACY



THROUGHOUT THE SUMMER, J Street Local organized pro-Israel, pro-peace activists in targeted Congressional districts behind President Obama's call for urgent movement to achieve a two-state solution with borders based on 1967 lines with land-swaps. After 240 house parties, 750 one-on-one meetings and 31 phone banks, activists delivered over 40,000 signatures supporting Obama's vision to over 103 Congressional offices during a national Day of Action.



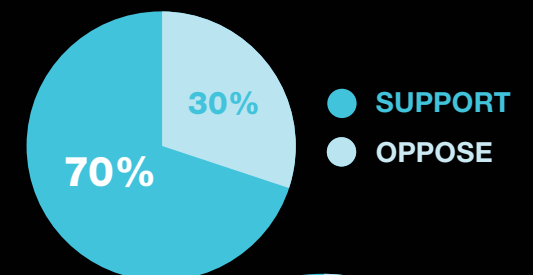
LEFT: Tennessee Senator Bob Corker and J Street National Co-Chair Ruth Smith (left) discuss proposals for permanent borders based on 1967 borders with land swaps.

RIGHT: J Street Austin activists gather outside Representative Lloyd Doggett's (TX-25) office during the national Day of Action.

POLLING OF THE AMERICAN JEWISH COMMUNITY

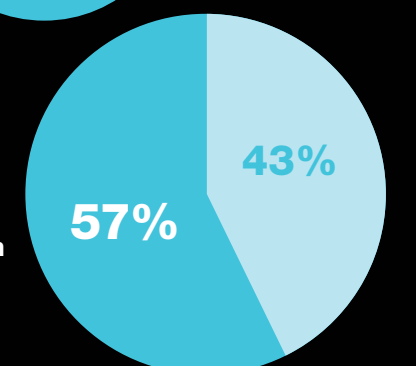
IN JULY, J Street commissioned its fifth national poll of American Jewish opinion on the US role in the Middle East. J Street polls have been critical in debunking the notion that the Israeli-Palestinian conflict is a political minefield. Again and again, our polls demonstrate overwhelming support for bold American leadership to resolve the conflict.

70% of American Jews support the US taking an active role in resolving the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, including putting forth a peace plan with borders and security arrangements.



57% of American Jews would support a final status peace agreement including the following provisions:

- A demilitarized Palestinian state in the West Bank and Gaza
- Internationally recognized borders based on the borders that existed in 1967, with mutually agreed land swaps that allow for most Jewish settlers in the West Bank to be inside Israel while the Palestinians get comparable land areas in return
- Palestinian neighborhoods in Jerusalem become part of the new Palestinian state while Israel retains control of Jewish neighborhoods and the Western Wall in Jerusalem
- International forces to monitor the new Palestinian state and border crossings
- Financial compensation for Palestinian refugees while allowing some refugees to return to Israel if they meet specific family reunification criteria and the Israeli government approves



IN JULY, J Street invited seven Israeli military and political leaders to the United States to convey the urgency of the moment and explain that borders established based on 1967 lines with mutually agreed upon land swaps would not only be defensible, but essential for Israel's security. During their five-day visit, the speakers addressed over 1,000 people at 50 meetings and events in seven cities, including 20 meetings with Congressional offices.

MISSIONS TO THE MIDDLE EAST

EACH YEAR J Street offers educational trips to the Middle East for Members of Congress, lay leaders, and, as of this year, university students. Trips are designed to give participants a full understanding of both the complexities of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and an appreciation of the urgent need to achieve a two-state solution.

AREAS VISITED BY J STREET MISSIONS ►



CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION

J STREET'S SECOND CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION, co-chaired by Representatives Steve Cohen (TN-09) and John Yarmuth (KY-03), visited Israel, the Palestinian territory and Egypt during a ten-day trip. The five members of Congress who participated met with high-level Israeli and Palestinian leaders as well as Egyptian and Arab League officials.



LEFT: The delegation visits an Iron Dome mobile missile defense installation. J Street's Government Affairs team lobbied Congress to fund this and other installations, which shield southern Israel from Gaza rockets. From the left: Representatives Betty McCollum (MN-04), John Yarmuth (KY-03), Steve Cohen (TN-09), former Defense Minister Amir Peretz and Representatives Lynn Woolsey (CA-06) and Sam Farr (CA-17).

RIGHT: Members meet with PA Prime Minister Salam Fayyad.

NATIONAL LEADERSHIP MISSION

TWENTY-FIVE NATIONAL LAY LEADERS journeyed to Israel and the Palestinian territory this April to serve as ambassadors for our movement and gain first-hand knowledge of the realities on the ground.



LEFT: Israeli Opposition Leader Tzipi Livni, flanked by J Street Director of Israel and International Programs Steven Krubiner and Jeremy Ben-Ami, addresses J Street leaders. **RIGHT:** J Street national leaders walk along the separation barrier during a tour of Bethlehem.

STUDENT TRIP

FOURTEEN STUDENTS participated in J Street U's inaugural student trip to Israel and the Palestinian territory. The trip celebrated the incredible history and achievements of the Jewish homeland while confronting the uneasy realities of the ongoing conflict. Through meetings with Israeli and Palestinian activists, politicians, and fellow students and visits to East Jerusalem, Sderot, Hebron, and settlements, students were given a unique understanding of what is at stake in our work to achieve a two-state solution.



TOP: Students speak with a Palestinian resident of Bir-el-Eid in a temporary shelter. Hours prior, the Civil Administration had demolished his home and several other dwellings within the village.

BOTTOM: During a visit to the Knesset, MKs Orit Zuaretz, Shlomo Molla and Nitzan Horowitz meet with students.



JStreetPAC

JStreetPAC is the largest pro-Israel political action committee in the United States and the first PAC formed to endorse and raise money for federal candidates who champion pro-Israel, pro-peace policies. In 2010, JStreetPAC distributed a record-shattering \$1.5 million, representing a third of all pro-Israel PAC giving that year.

Though 2011 is a nonelection year, JStreetPAC was in full campaign mode in anticipation of 2012. The 2012 election will be the most expensive in history, and many campaigns are already using Israel as a wedge issue to swing votes and campaign dollars. JStreetPAC will once again demonstrate that disingenuous pandering on Israel does not pay. Pro-Israel, pro-peace Americans will have the back of candidates who promote truly pro-Israel policies—those which advance the prospects for a two-state solution.

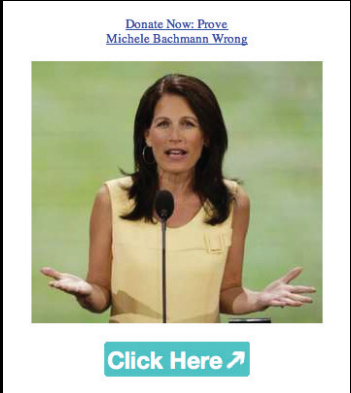
2010 ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- 61 CANDIDATES ENDORSED
- \$1.5 MILLION DISTRIBUTED
- 45 ELECTORAL VICTORIES



J Street PAC kicked off the election cycle with three PAC benefits for pro-Israel, pro-peace candidates around the country. In Washington, DC, a reception for Senator Sherrod Brown (OH) and Representative Lois Capps (CA-23) raised \$50,000. An event for Representative Rush Holt (NJ-12) in Princeton, NJ raised \$40,000.

JStreetPAC CALLS OUT BACHMANN



WHEN MICHELE BACHMANN—a candidate who has said Israel should not give up any of the West Bank—tried to score some political points by criticizing President Obama’s efforts to restart negotiations, she had the audacity to say that Obama’s policies were only supported by a “tiny minority” of Americans. J Street quickly proved Bachmann wrong by raising nearly \$16,000 through an online appeal for Representatives Lois Capps (CA-23), Jim Cooper (TN-5), and Betty McCollum (MN-4), candidates who proved their pro-Israel, pro-peace credentials by standing up for the President’s vision for peace.



Senator Sherrod Brown (OH)



Representative Lois Capps (CA-23)



Representative Rush Holt (NJ-12)

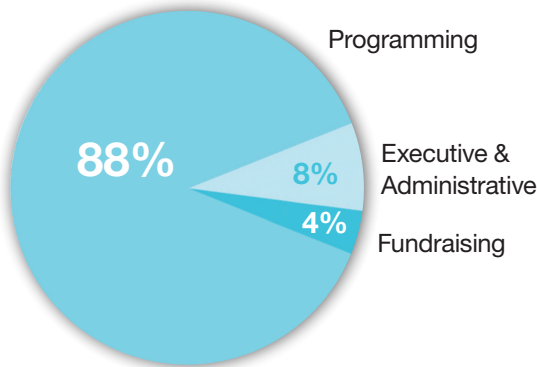
FINANCIALS

2010 J Street Education Fund (JSEF) and J Street Statement of Financial Position*

**Numbers for the 501(c)(4) J Street are unaudited.*

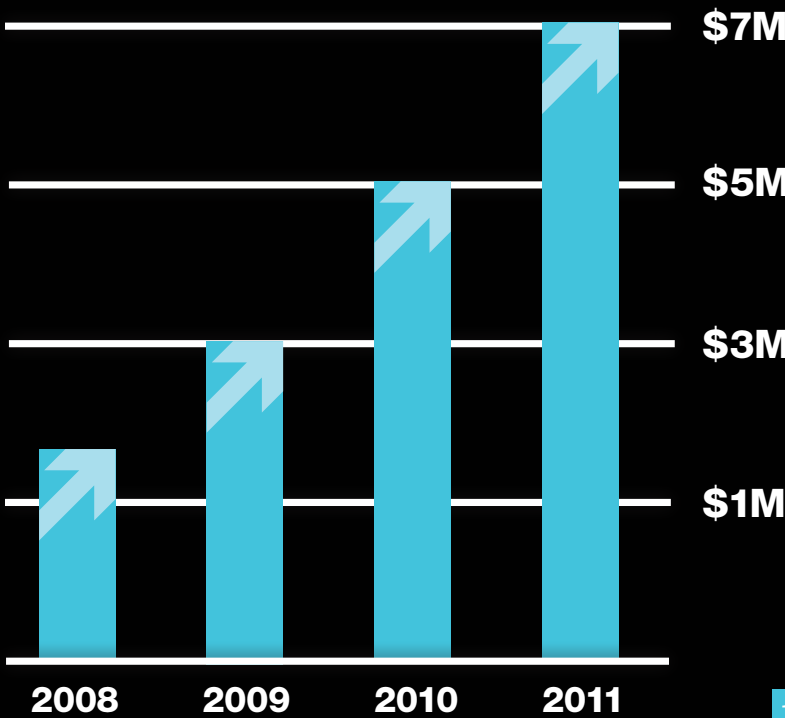
ASSETS	J STREET 501(C)(4)	JSEF 501(C)(3)
Cash	\$619,861	\$1,419,687
Accounts Receivable	\$2,095	
Due from JSEF	\$197,454	
Due from J Street		\$3,613
Prepaid 2011 Conference Expenses		\$78,501
Security Deposits Paid	\$15,200	
TOTAL ASSETS	\$834,610	\$1,501,801
LIABILITIES		
Accounts Payable	\$20,087	\$51,260
Accrued Salaries & Related Benefits		\$26,243
Due to J Street		\$197,454
Due to JSEF	\$3,613	
Due to JStreetPAC	\$4,539	
Deferred 2011 Conference Income		\$154,910
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$28,239	\$429,867
TOTAL NET ASSETS	\$806,371	\$1,071,934
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	\$834,610	\$1,501,801

2010 J Street & JSEF Combined Expense Allocation



Complete J Street Education Fund 990s are available on our website at <http://jstreet.org/about/j-street-annual-reports/>

J Street & JSEF Combined Annual Budget



REFLECTING ON IMPACT



"There is no question that J Street's existence has changed the Israel conversation in America over the past two years. Thousands of Jews who felt alienated and isolated from the Israel conversation are now proudly identifying as progressive Zionists—loving Israel, believing in the possibility of peace and working toward its realization. J Street has given American Jews permission to engage in Israel activism in a way that feels both honorable and consistent with their values."

—RABBI SHARON BROUS, IKAR SENIOR/FOUNDING RABBI

"Whether one agrees or disagrees with J Street's stances or very mission, several salutary effects on American Jews and their relationship with Israel are undeniable. In an age when informal ties among non-Orthodox Jews are in decline, J Street mobilizes Jews, brings them together, and fosters Jewish-based interaction, strengthening their social bonds and relationships. In an age when fewer Jews seem to be thinking about and talking about Israel—especially among those under 35—J Street fosters and provokes Israel-related conversation. J Street ought to be applauded by all those who welcome Israel-oriented relationships among Jews in general and younger Jews in particular."

—PROFESSOR STEVEN M. COHEN, SOCIOLOGIST, HEBREW UNION COLLEGE-JEWISH INSTITUTE OF RELIGION



"I was honored to be a member of J StreetPAC's first class of endorsees back in 2008. My pride in my association with J Street has only grown since, as I have watched it become a respected and leading voice for pro-Israel, pro-peace advocacy on Capitol Hill. In just three short years, J Street has made great strides in opening up much needed political space for honest discussion of American foreign policy and for debate over what policies are, in fact, in the best interest of both the United States and Israel."

—REPRESENTATIVE STEVE COHEN (TN-9)



"As an unflinching supporter of Israel, I believe that a two-state solution is an existential necessity for its survival as a democratic, Jewish homeland. Over the past three years, J Street has helped increase political awareness both that being pro-Israel means supporting a two-state solution and that there is significant support for this viewpoint within the American Jewish and larger pro-Israel community. Recent dear colleague letters and Congressional resolutions demonstrate the nuance, rationality, and sense of urgency that J Street has brought to this issue."

—REPRESENTATIVE LOIS CAPPS (CA-23)

"There is no military solution to this conflict. The only way for Israel to achieve real security is by reaching a two-state solution with our neighbors and we cannot do it alone. Thankfully, there is now an American Jewish voice, J Street, which recognizes that Israel needs now, more than ever, support from the United States to help end the conflict and ensure Israel's survival and security."

—BRIGADIER GENERAL ISRAELA ORON, THE HIGHEST RANKING WOMAN IN THE HISTORY OF THE IDF



"In just three short years J Street has distinguished itself as a principled and savvy political voice for pro-Israel, pro-peace Americans. We come together knowing that we are not the first group of American Jews to gather in defense of the principles in Israel's declaration of independence. But make no mistake we are the last. There will be no next J Street. If we fail, our children will meet, not to defend democracy in the Jewish state, but to mourn democracy in the Jewish state."

—PETER BEINART, SENIOR POLITICAL WRITER, DAILY BEAST



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—Representative Steven Cohen

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