



2021-22 REPORT- 2022-23 PLAN

# ANNUAL REPORT



FOR EVERY  
JEWISH TEEN



## Our Vision

Create a community of empowered local Jewish teens. We seek a future where Kansas City Jewish teens have a deeper affinity, connection and understanding of their faith, heritage, and identity, regardless of their affiliation.



## Our Promise

Dedicate ourselves everyday to the needs of the Jewish Teens of Kansas city, helping them become the best version of themselves; in a warm and non-judgemental way.



## Our Mission

To educate, inspire, and build leadership skills by creating innovative, fun, and impactful programming, focused on giving back to the larger community.

## Our Values

Leadership-Collaboration-Community  
Dedication-Passion-Relationship-Fun

"Youth will be an unstoppable force that will transform the entire world and bring it in alignment with integrity and justice."

-The  
Rebbi



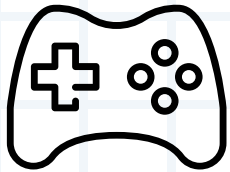


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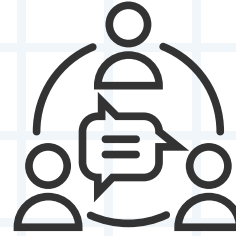
# KCteen Teen Center

Coming October 2022



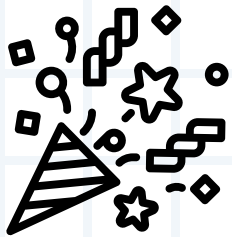
## Teen lounge

A place to hangout, play video games, or just relax.



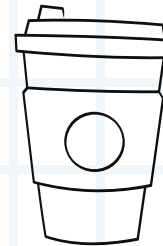
## Discussion room

To explore our faith and host Our college accredited CteenU courses.



## KCTeen event space

A place to host all our Jewish Identity Events as well as our many volunteer opportunities.



## Cafe

Meet a friend for a cup of coffee, grab a snack, or do your homework.

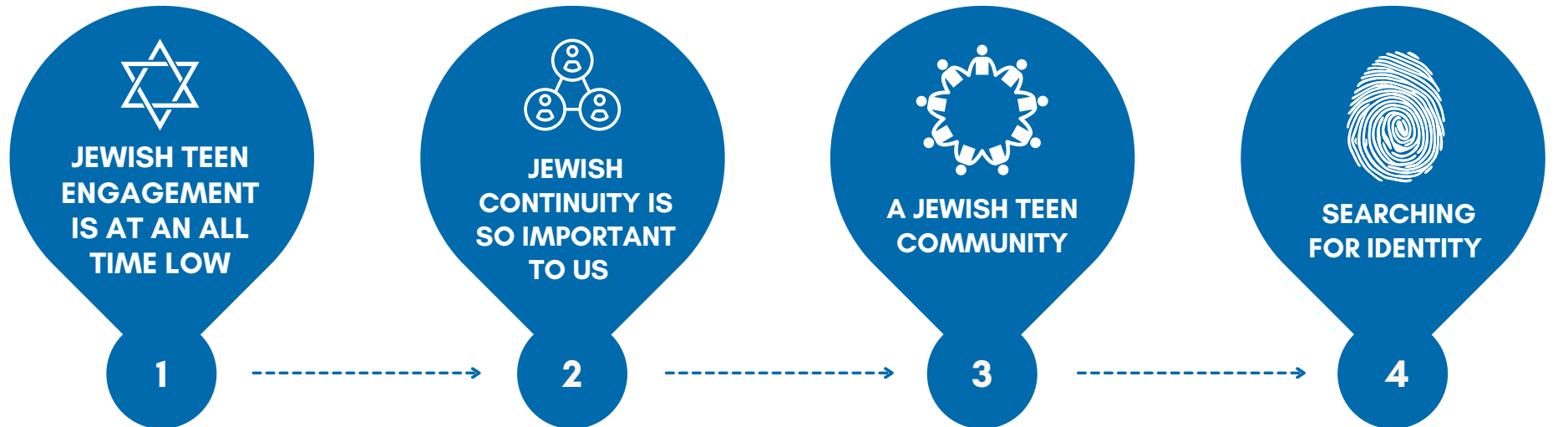
A Place to Connect.





FRIENDSHIP

# Jewish Teen Engagement



There are over 1500 Jewish teens in Kansas city. Close to 70% of them are not involved in ANY youth group.  
-2021 Community Study

72% of Non-Traditional weddings between 2010 and 2019 were intermarriages. Only 28% of intermarried couples are bringing up their kids Jewish.  
- 2022 Pew research on Jewish Americans

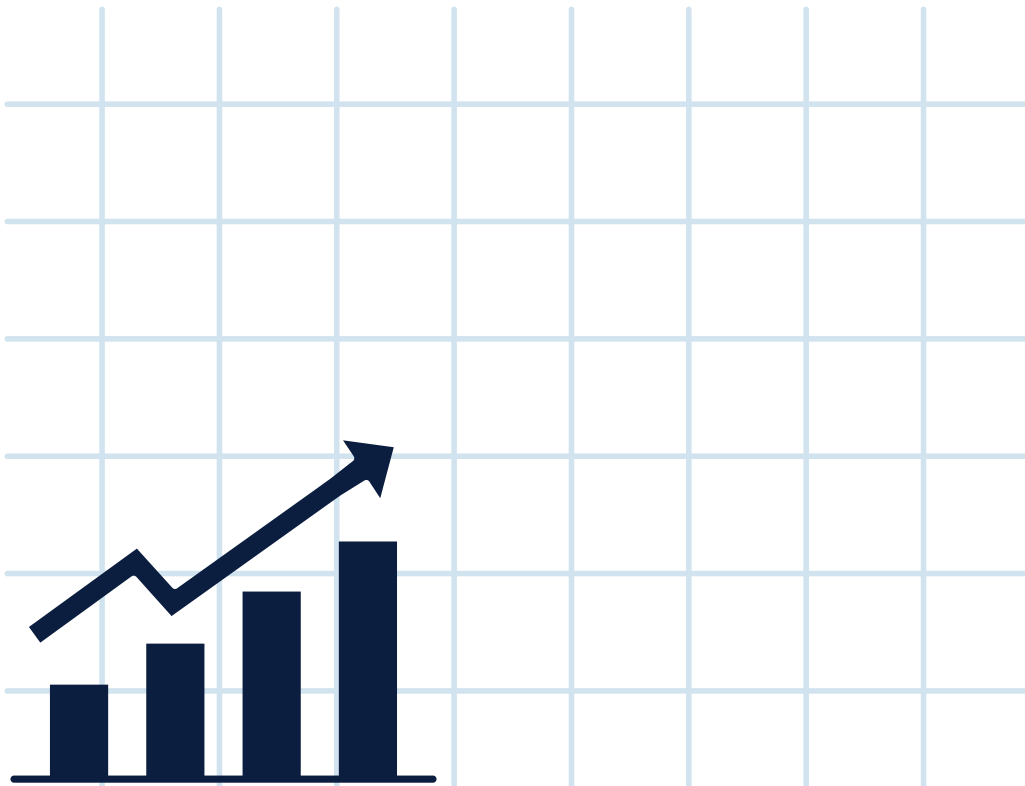
"Our data suggest that teens engaged in Jewish programs as teens, no matter their backgrounds, have a different relationship to being Jewish than teens who were never engaged or engaged only before high school. They rated themselves higher on all the outcomes we measured."

The teens Have a strong sense of self and a pride in being Jewish.They establish strong friendships and significant relationships with mentors. They are inspired and empowered to make a positive difference in their communities.  
-JewishEducation Project 2020





**"A Local Jewish Teen Community affiliated with the fastest growing teen network."**



**The past 6 months in a glance.**

  
**60**  
Challas delivered

  
**155**  
Volunteer hours logged

  
**2**  
Pairs of Tefilin purchased

  
**55**  
Purim gift baskets

  
**100**  
Event attendees

  
**5**  
Kosher Food Clubs

  
**6**  
High schools served

  
**45**  
Menorahs given out

  
**6**  
Jewish Identity Events

  
**2**  
Shabbat Meals



Heritage



# Our Programs



## Jewish Identity Events

At our Jewish identity events, we celebrate our heritage while giving back to our community. Each of our events are super cool and exciting but at the same time have an element of helping others less fortunate than ourselves.



Goal: Reach 100 teens by the end of 22-23 school year.



“At Kcteen we reveal the leader within everyone, fueling the future of our Jewish community”







DATE 04-30-2022

PAY TO THE ORDER OF Mishpacha Orphanage \$ 1900.00

One Thousand Nine Hundred DOLLARS

FOR W. Relief Fund *R. Green*

“It was very special to affect the lives of the orphans. The Axe-Throwing was much more enjoyable knowing that we were making a difference!”

-Emma Rosenthal



## WEEKLY EVENTS



### Kosher Food Club

Some eating, some jewish conversation, mainly just hanging out. KFC is a time when we get together as jews with no ulterior motive. For some that's the most they are comfortable with.



“Just Jews eating Food, the power of being together with your people”



### Girls Night Out

“The Jewish woman is the foundation of the home”. Girls nights out are exactly as they sound, but obviously with your Jewish besties”



Goal: Reach 60 teens by the end of 22-23 school year.





“We all have the ability to change **OUR** world,  
we all have the ability to change **THE** world”

Giving



New this year



## CteenU

CteenU functions as KCteen's College accredited Jewish academy, providing students with a plethora of Jewish learning opportunities in a manner that is attractive, manageable and stress free. Courses are carefully designed to make Jewish values relevant to the modern day teen, and come with upto 2 college credits a semester.



Goal:30 teens enrolled by the end of 22-23 school year.



## FriendshipCircle

Every human has something incredible to offer. Friendship Circle creates meaningful relationships and friendships between teen volunteers and children with special needs. These relationships build character, increase confidence, and change the perspective for them both.



Goal:20 teen volunteers participating by the end of 22-23 school year.

CteenU was created so Jewish teens could explore their heritage easily and deeply, and create the desire to pursue further Jewish experiences.

New this year

## Jewish Birthday initiative

The birthday club is a Jewish teen referral program that seeks to remind teens that "You matter". The Teens receive a Birthday gift as well as a comic book illustrating this message. These short meetings also serve as a catalus to further Jewish experiences.

"Celebrating the day  
that G-D  
said the  
world can't go on  
without you"



**Goal: Celebrate 150 birthdays by the end of 22-23 school year.**

## Teen Shabbat meals

Shabbat is beautiful when shared together. KCteen is the shabbat scene fo any Jewish teen. An uplifting Shabbat atmosphere where any teen would feel comfortable. Who doesn't like good food and friends?



**Goal: Reach 50 teens by the end of 22-23 school year.**



# Cteen International Shabbaton

The international Cteen shabbaton provides an opportunity for teens to meet other Jewish teens from around the world, feel what it's like to be part of a Jewish community, and strengthen their commitment to Jewish life. The Shabbaton draws thousands of teens from around the world for a weekend of fun, sightseeing and most importantly Jewish inspiration.

"The highlight of the shabbaton for me had to be the "times square takeover"\* being openly Jewish in such a public place really strengthens your Jewish identity!"  
-Shabbaton Attendee



\*Cteen international rents out times square and the surrounding screens for a Havdala ceremony and Jewish concert.







Israel

# Cteen Summer Trips



## A journey through poland and Israel

Explore the heart-stirring sites of Jewish trial and triumph on a quest to discover the indomitable spirit and strength of our people.



## A journey from denver to los angeles

Venture the sights and experience the thrills of 5 states in the American west!



## An adventure through our homeland

Travel through time; experience the rich history of our Holy Land and find its meaning in your daily life.

" Jewish summer experiences have a strong impact on Jewish identity and Jews marrying within the faith. Participants of the Cteen summer trips are dramatically more passionate about their connection to Israel and their heritage as a whole"



## Who we've connected with:



We made blankets, which SCRAPSKC distributed to the homeless for us.



We made and distributed Hannukah cookies to the medical staff at Children's Mercy as well as 7 other KC hospitals



We baked and distributed Challah, for elderly people isolated due to Covid-19 at Village Shalom



We Fundraised \$1,800 dollars for the Mishpacha Orphanage of Ukraine by our Axe throwing event.

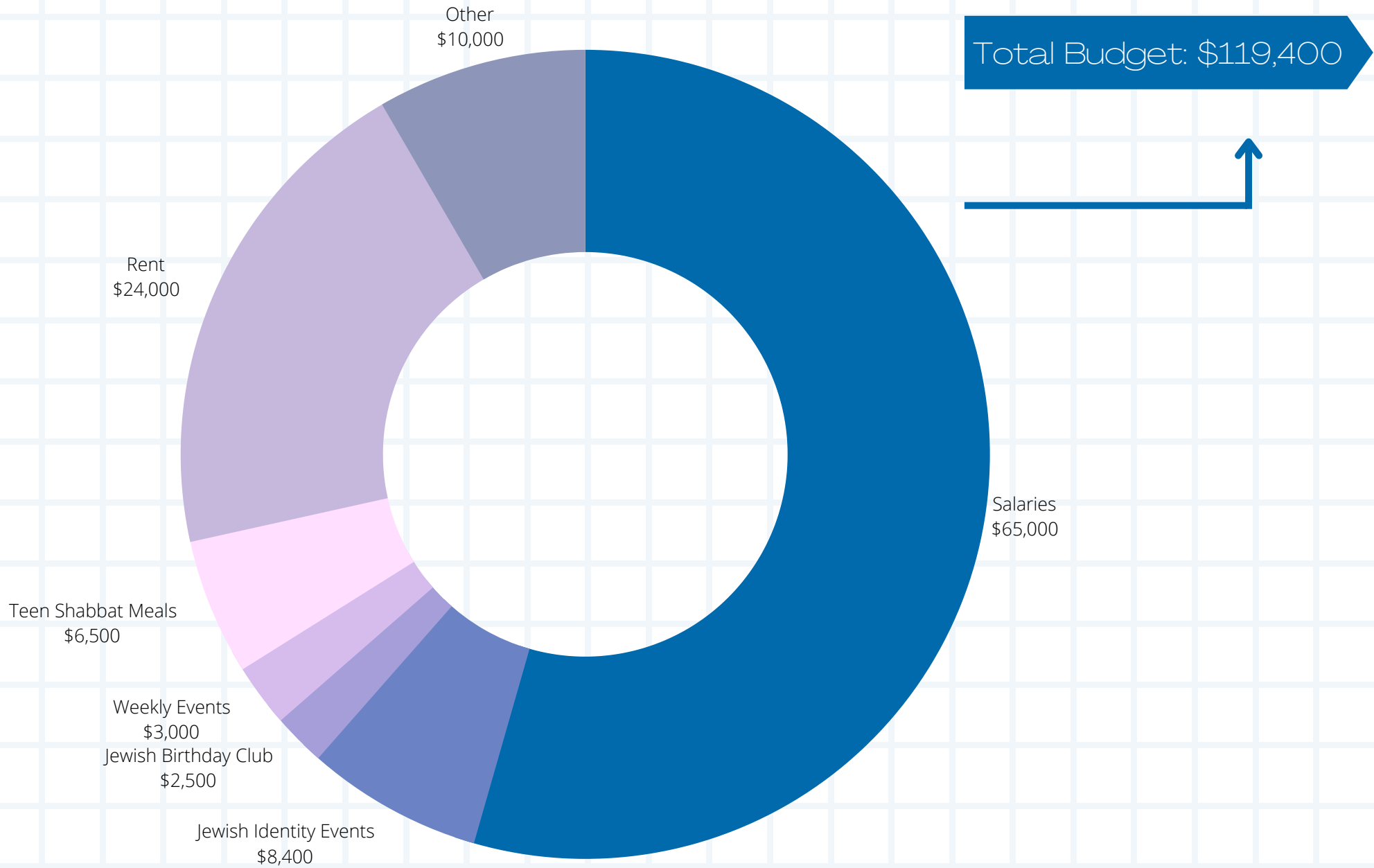


We hosted Chabad at KU to introduce our teens to Judaism on campus.



We made Shana Tova cards for their holiday food packages for the poor.

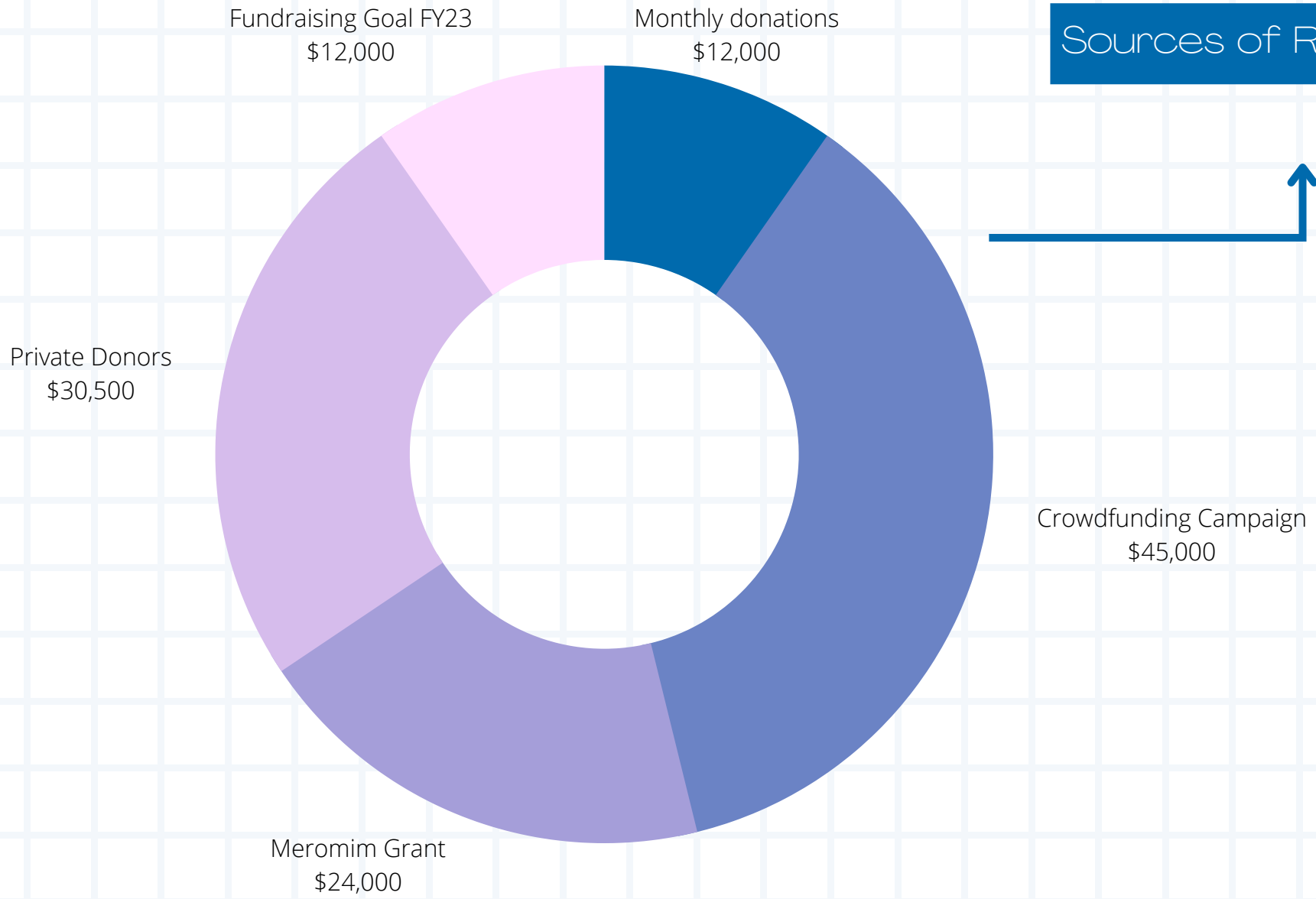
# Budget





# Revenue

## Sources of Revenue



## ‘Youth will be an unstoppable force’

### Rabbi Avremi Baron and wife, Mushky, establish Cteen of Kansas City

**By Jerry LaMartina**  
Contributing Writer

Kansas City-area Jewish teenagers will soon have a new way to blend fun, friendship, community outreach and spiritual study.

The Kansas City chapter of the Chabad Teen Network (Cteen) will join more than 600 of the international organization's chapters in 37 countries on six continents. Rabbi Avremi Baron and his wife, Mushky Baron, are establishing and directing Cteen of Kansas City. It will operate under the auspices of Chabad of Kansas and Missouri, Rabbi Baron said.

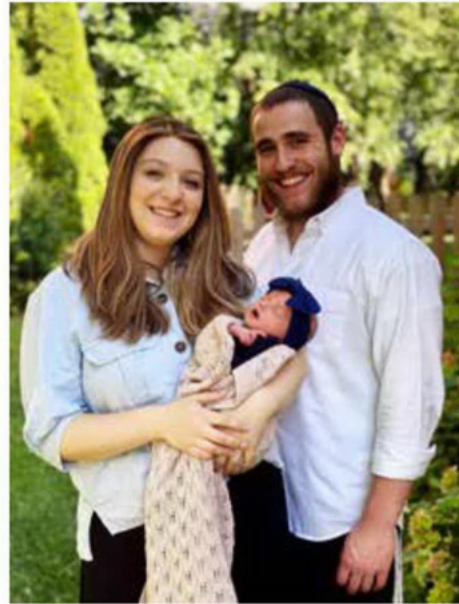
Teenagers who are affiliated or unaffiliated with a synagogue can participate in Cteen. Rabbi Baron is Cteen of Kansas City's rabbi, though

he is not a rabbi of a congregation.

He and Mushky plan to start the chapter's programming, which is free for participants, in early October. They recently moved to Leawood from Brooklyn, New York, and since then had their first child, a daughter named Mira.

Rabbi Baron saw a unique opportunity to establish Cteen in the Kansas City area because according to him, the area has more than 20,000 Jews, about 3,000 of whom are teens. So far, more than 100 local teens have expressed interest in joining Cteen.

The programming will center on creating opportunities for teens to volunteer in the Jewish and broader communities in various ways, such as by visiting seniors and sick or special needs children, serving in soup kitch-



**Mushky and Rabbi Avremi Baron with their daughter, Mira.**

ens and making care packages for the Israeli Defense Forces. Programming will be coordinated through social media and by phone and email.

Rabbi Baron grew up in a synagogue with a child with Down syn-

drome. This led him to develop a “special place in my heart for special needs and sick children,” he said. He thinks teens interact especially well with these children and the children respond well to teens.

Cteen is focused on having fun, “but there should be purpose to our meeting other than having fun — giving back and being kind to others,” he said. His and Mushky's “sole purpose when we wake up in the morning is to engage the teen demographic of Kansas City.”

Rabbi Baron is 24. He was born in Columbia, Maryland, the seventh of 11 children. His father, Hillel Baron, is also a Chabad rabbi, in Columbia. All his older siblings are Chabad rabbis in various cities in the United States and Canada.

Rabbi Baron became involved in Jewish leadership starting at a young age. He helped his parents at Columbia's Chabad Center, and that empowerment to lead in the synagogue and the community “uplifted me and changed me.”



# KCteen in the news

## KCteen's Hanukkah program honors local healthcare workers

"Light Up Their Nights" was a campaign started by KCteen in the weeks before Hanukkah. KCteen is a community of empowered Jewish teenagers who find fun, meaningful ways to give back to their community.

The KCteen launch event was a get-together where attendees decorated 400 Hanukkah cookies to be distributed to local "Modern Day Maccabees" — frontline healthcare workers. The teens socialized, enjoyed a gourmet waffle bar and played air hockey.

When the holiday began, the teens shared the homemade cookies with frontline healthcare workers across greater Kansas City. Over the eight nights of Hanukkah, KCteen teenagers visited eight hospitals and met representatives of the hospital staff outside to share holiday cheer. Each group of healthcare workers received a wrapped package of cookies with Hanukkah decorations to help spread the holiday's spirit. At each hospital, a Jewish doctor spent time with the teens and shared

some of their stories and experiences.

"You save a life, you save the world. Every single person is an entire world to me, that's what keeps me going," said Dr. Andrew Schlachter, an ICU pulmonologist at Saint Luke's Hospital of Kansas City.

"It's hard to describe, but there is a special feeling when you're doing good. It's kind of nice," said Evie Freed, a freshman at Blue Valley North High School.

The medical staff were appreciative of the gesture and the opportunity to celebrate Hanukkah with their colleagues despite the holiday often being poorly represented in the hospitals.

Each night of Hanukkah, the KCteen Instagram and Facebook pages featured a different "healthcare hero" who was recognized for the specific healing they bring to our community.

Chabad on Call, the international branch of Chabad that pertains to hospitals and doctors, picked up the "Modern Day Maccabee" concept and



Medical staff at Saint Luke's Hospital of Kansas City enjoy the KCteen Hanukkah cookies.

recognized healthcare workers in its cities.

"It just shows how much a teen can make a difference — our teens made

hundreds of healthcare workers' Hanukkahs meaningful and sparked a global campaign," said Rabbi Avremi Baron, director of KCteen.



## WHY

### WE DO IT:

#### **Dedication**

to the Jewish people,  
and the betterment of  
humankind  
inspired by the teachings,  
vision and love of the Torah.

## How

### WE DO IT:

our **commitment** to  
serve is not a career  
choice, it is a life  
choice. A 24x7 100%  
commitment.

## WHAT

### WE DO:

#### **connect**

KC Jewish teens to  
each other, to their  
heritage, to Israel and  
to their Jewish future.



For Every Jewish Teen

## Thank you for your partnership with KCteen!

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