

# Annual Report 2024

Fundación Tzedaká  
Uruguay



# Together, we build a path of hope

**Fundación Tzedaká exemplifies what we can achieve when joining hands and hearts to work for others.**

Our daily work results from solidarity, teamwork, and a network of collaborators who, together with community institutions, allow us to provide a humane and professional response to Jewish poverty in our country.

**We express our deepest gratitude to all donors,** both in Uruguay and abroad, whose commitment sustains this aid institution within the Uruguayan Jewish community, transforming the present and future of hundreds of families in extreme hardship. Without your support, our mission would not be possible.

**We value and highlight the work of our volunteers,** whose dedication and care, engage in every challenge and need we face daily. They are the essence and foundation upon which the Foundation stands.

**We also recognize all the community institutions** we work with in close coordination, strengthening the bonds of cooperation to continue building a solid, united, and active ishuv.

We are proud to present the 2024 Management Report, reaffirming our commitment to transparency and accountability in the use of funds. In this report, we detail the actions taken to improve the quality of life of the families we serve and the achievements made possible by the joint efforts of donors, volunteers, professionals, community institutions, and collaborators.

**To every one of you, our deepest gratitude for keeping alive the spirit of solidarity that unites us as a people.**

# United by a mission

A background photograph showing a group of elderly people, primarily women, seated at a table. They appear to be in a social setting, possibly a community center or a dining hall, with plates of food and glasses visible on the table. The lighting is warm and the atmosphere seems to be one of a shared meal.

## Who do we help?

Families from the Jewish Community across Uruguay who are in situations of vulnerability and poverty.

## What do we do?

We provide a comprehensive response, covering basic needs such as food, health, and housing, along with guidance and programs for social promotion and community integration, based on the assessment of an interdisciplinary team of professionals.

## How do we achieve it?

Donations from individuals and businesses, locally and internationally, enable us to carry out our daily work. Volunteers and professional teams collaborate to develop diverse assistance strategies tailored to each situation.

# Transparency and responsible management

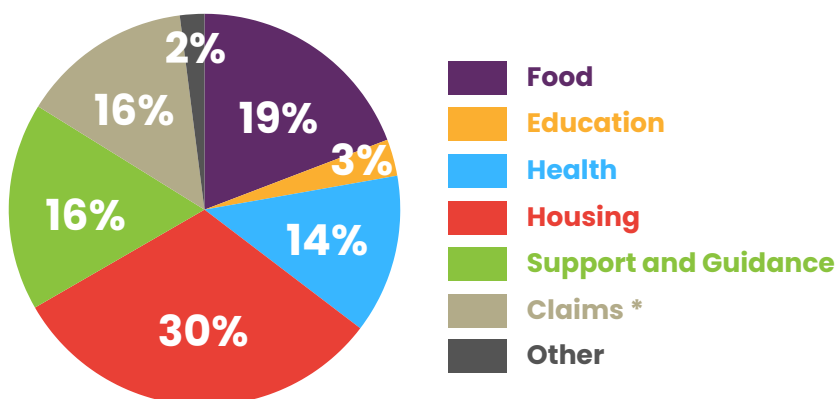
We are grateful to **KPMG** for conducting annual audits pro bono, ensuring that the funds raised are allocated promptly and appropriately to those in need while guaranteeing transparent, responsible, and efficient management.

## How do we allocate donations?



82% of the donations obtained by the organization are directly allocated to beneficiaries, through financial aid that covers basic needs and social programs that ensure dignified living conditions and better opportunities for families with children, adolescents, and young people. 9% is invested in operational management, and the remaining 9% in resource development, essential for sustaining the organization.

## How do we distribute social assistance funds?



\* Claims Conference is an organization that works on the restitution of rights for Holocaust survivors. In Uruguay, the Foundation manages and administers the funds for Shoah survivors.

# Together, we transform families' present

From assistance to impact

**531**

people assisted  
this year

**7756**

benefits delivered  
annually

**10415**

hours of guidance  
and support

**52**

people joined the  
system this year

**43**

people successfully  
exited the system



# Comprehensive support at every stage of life

We work on programs that include all ages to ensure dignified living conditions.



Food



Health



Housing



Support and  
Guidance



Community  
Integration



From 2024, the Technical Department of Care and Guidance was reorganized into two sub-centers: one dedicated to addressing the specific needs of families and another tailored to the particular needs of households consisting of individuals over 60 years old.

This structure allows us to address cases with greater specificity, unifying intervention criteria, optimizing tasks, and strengthening institutional networks to provide comprehensive assistance in both, support and social development.

Under this vision, **we develop specific programs for each stage of life, considering the particular needs of each age group and improving our approach to every situation.**



**22%** of those assisted are children and adolescents (0-18 years old)

### Comprehensive support program for children and adolescents

- School meal subsidies
- Distribution of school supplies, backpacks, and study materials
- Tutoring support
- Psychological, educational, or motor therapy
- Jofesh: Summer and winter vacation camp



**11%** of those assisted are young adults (19-29 years old)

### Youth opportunities

- Monthly stipends for university and/or vocational students
- Support for job placement
- Payment of specific training courses



**30%** of those assisted are adults (30-60 years old)

### Social promotion program for adults

- Employment integration support
- Payment of specific training courses
- Tarbut: cultural accessibility support



**37%** of those assisted are seniors (61+ years old)

### Comprehensive support for the elderly

- Home gerontological assistance
- Volunteer phone calls
- Socio-recreational workshops and activities
- Tarbut: cultural accessibility support
- Claims Conference: Support for Shoah survivors

# Accompanying every moment of the life cycle





# Rosh hashanah toast with beneficiary families

The traditional toast brings together the families supported by the Foundation, volunteers, and professionals every year to celebrate with blessings, music, traditional foods, and the sound of the shofar, renewing hope and joy for the new year. At the end of the event, each family receives a basket filled with different food items, allowing them to experience the traditions in their homes.

As part of our Community Integration Programs, celebrating the Jewish holidays strengthens the sense of belonging, and that unites us as a people.



We extend our special gratitude for the continued commitment of the **Lempert Family** for their donation of the baskets, to the **Regency Way Hotel** for providing the venue, to **Tamar Rausky** for the photographs, to the **Bereshit chapter of B'nai B'rith** for the challah, and to the **Escuela Integral** for the calendars.

Our recognition also goes to those who participated with dedication and enthusiasm: **Rabbi Mendy Shemtov, sixth-year student volunteers from Instituto Yavne, young members of the Olami Uruguay Program, and boggrims of Betar.**

# JOFESH: Vacation Camp for children

As part of the Foundation's programs for childhood and adolescence, JOFESH serves as a fundamental space for the care, protection, and support of beneficiary families.

During the winter and summer holidays, children and adolescents in vulnerable situations get the opportunity to receive scholarships from the Foundation to participate in the camp at Club Hebraica. This provides them with a healthy environment for recreation and social integration.



**From the perspective of raising children in dignified conditions, the JOFESH Program is essential for fostering future opportunities and positive experiences under equal conditions with other children.**

We thank Club Hebraica for their collaboration and willingness to organize the vacation camp.

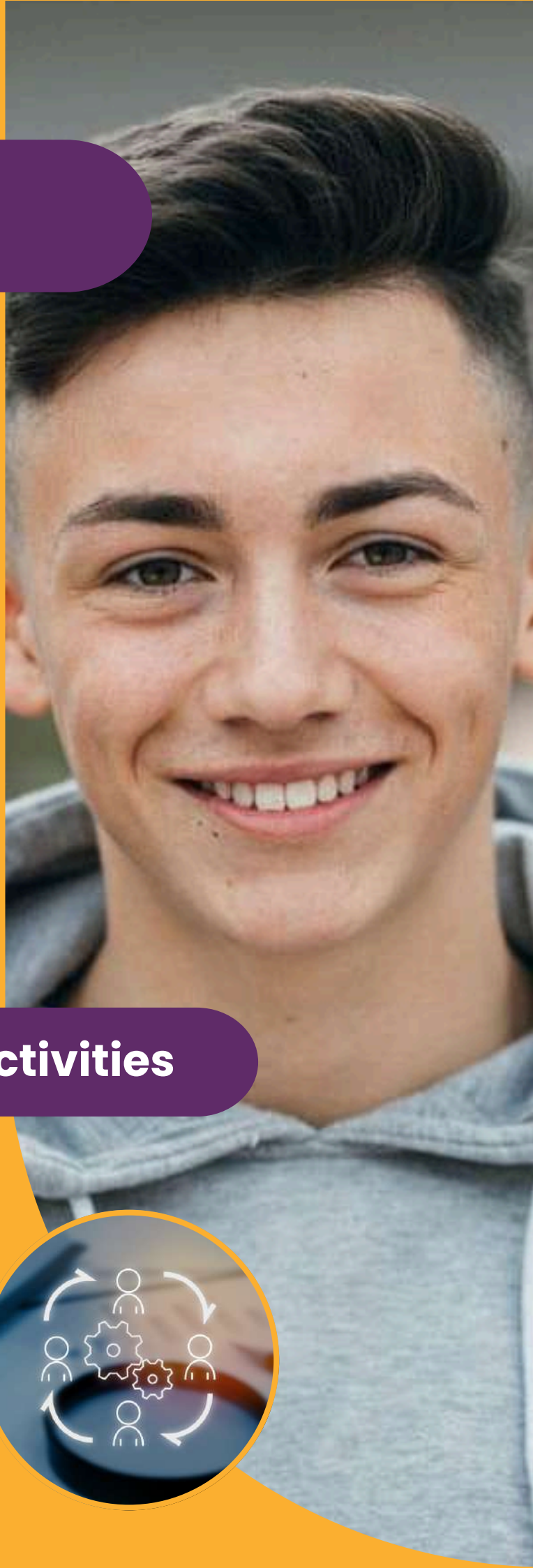
# Life project for young beneficiaries

In 2024, we strengthened initiatives targeting young people (ages 18 to 29). As part of this effort, we launched a comprehensive support and guidance program for young beneficiaries, aiming to co-develop their life projects. This initiative helps them identify and establish personal, academic, and professional goals and design concrete strategies to achieve them.

The program fosters the development of autonomy among young people who, due to the complexity of their socio-economic environments, require the support and backing provided by the Foundation to continue their education.

## Employment Area Activities

The Employment Support Program enhances employability and promotes entrepreneurship by fostering training and autonomy.



# Delivery of traditional baskets to Holocaust survivors

## Through the Claims Conference Program

Since 2004, the Claims Conference (an organization dedicated to restoring the rights of Holocaust survivors) has entrusted Fundación Tzedaká with managing funds in Uruguay. In addition to distributing these funds, we deliver food baskets with traditional items for the Jewish holidays (Pesach, Rosh Hashanah, and Hanukkah), keeping traditions alive.

**It is a great honor for the Foundation to bring joy, warmth, and traditions to the survivors' homes.**



# Planting the values that unite us as a people



# Educational Program: childhood, adolescence, and youth

We actively seek to instill values of solidarity and helping others from an early age, promoting the Foundation's mission and work within the community. Additionally, we create spaces for voluntary participation in concrete tasks that contribute to various social programs of the institution.

We consider these educational activities on Tzedakah essential, as they strengthen the sense of community and encourage everyone's involvement in the institutional life of our Ishuv.



Throughout the year, various activities were carried out in schools, youth movements, and groups, including challah baking, informational talks about the Foundation's mission, a toy collection campaign for Children's Day, volunteer participation in the Rosh Hashanah toast for beneficiary families, and Foundation ambassadors spreading awareness about our social work in the community, among others.

**We would like to extend our gratitude to Escuela Integral, Instituto Yavne, Nativ, Jazit, Macabi, Betar, Bnei Akiva, Dror, Hanoar, Ofakim, Olami, BBYO, and Hillel.**

# We are all Fundación Tzedaká

## From a **volunteer's** perspective

*"I was asked if being the president of the Foundation takes up a lot of time. My instinctive response was no. However, in reality, I do dedicate hours to this role, but that time doesn't feel like a burden. Every moment spent helping those in need fills the soul and motivates us to keep working for positive change in their lives. The Foundation is a space where commitment and passion come together to make a significant difference."*

**Diego Socolovsky**

President, Fundación Tzedaká

## From the perspective of **beneficiaries**

*"The Foundation has been helping me for 21 years. This support is very important to me because my retirement pension is not enough to live on. They help me with medication and many other necessities. I wouldn't be alive without this help. Thanks to the Foundation, I am part of a workshop called Ha Makom Sheli, where we meet every Thursday for activities. It is a group where we have fun, receive care and affection, and celebrate our holidays. I have no words to express my gratitude to the Foundation because no matter what I say, it will never be enough. I don't know what I would do without this help."*

**Esther, 81 years old**

Foundation Beneficiary

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## From a **volunteer's** perspective

*"I enjoy volunteering for this Foundation and helping people in need. In life, you never know when you might need help, so it's good to assist others while we can. Also, with a little contribution from each of us, we can achieve something greater."*

**Eliana Hernández**

Betar Bogueret, Volunteer at the Rosh Hashanah Toast for Beneficiary Families

## From a **professional's** perspective

*"It is incredibly rewarding for me to see the impact on each beneficiary as a result of the hard work done by the professional team at Fundación Tzedaká. Beyond financial support, emotional support is essential. Every day is a new opportunity to create meaningful change and overcome challenges. I also want to highlight the human quality of the entire team, where a sense of camaraderie, dynamism, and a positive attitude shape every workday."*

**Denisse Cohen**

Administrative Assistant, Social Work Department



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From a **volunteer's** perspective

*"To me, becoming a volunteer means doing something for others,  
helping families.*

*I love participating in activities with children,  
and engaging in dynamic events where I interact with people,  
such as the Rosh Hashanah toast or the vacation camp.  
Witnessing how their faces light up with a smile is truly gratifying."*

**Yanina Bursztyn**

Member of the Women's Solidarity Committee



# Proud to fulfill our mission of community support



# 20th Anniversary Event

## Continuing to build a path of hope for hundreds of families

As part of the celebration of Fundación Tzedaká's 20th anniversary, we held an event to bring together volunteers, community institutions, and those who have been and continue to be essential in sustaining our daily efforts to address Jewish poverty in Uruguay.

It was a very special gathering to reflect on the institution's history, acknowledge key figures in the Foundation's development, and share the testimonies of those who have been supported—highlighting their life experiences and the Foundation's role in helping them move forward.



# Tzedaton 2024

**For everything that is needed,  
being together is essential**

Together, we once again ran a solidarity marathon to reach a challenging goal. Every donation is crucial to covering the Foundation's annual budget and continuing our mission: ensuring dignified living conditions for Jewish families facing poverty and vulnerability.

THANK YOU! To everyone who joined the Tzedatón campaign to protect hundreds of vulnerable families through specific programs tailored to each person's stage in the life cycle.

# Tzedatón



**¡Tu generosidad  
transforma vidas!**

Gracias a ti, alcanzamos la meta de

**US\$ 1.610.465**  
¡Y el aporte de más de 1800 donantes!

logrando brindar dignidad  
y esperanza a **503 personas.**

CAMPAÑA  
**Tzedatón**

Fundación Tzedaká  
Uruguay



# Presidential transition at the Foundation

## Pride, Commitment, and Continuity in This Project

In 2024, **Diego Socolovsky** assumed the role of President of Fundación Tzedaká.

Our deep appreciation and gratitude go to the outgoing president, **Mauricio Bergstein**, for his dedication and the impact of his work and commitment. Mauricio remains an integral part of the Foundation's Board.



# Recognizing Major Donors and Business Collaborators



**Klaff Family**  
**Aline & Sergio Fogel**  
**Myriam & Guillermo Bzurovski Z'L**  
**Board members of Fundación Tzedaká**



**Rafa, Dafi & Jaco**  
**Szabolcs & Goldwasser families**  
**"Hashem will guard your coming and your**  
**going from now and forever." Psalm 121**  
**In memory of Fany & Enrique Extrakt Z'L**  
**Estudio Rener**  
**INDUTOP**  
**Patricia & Gabriel Schimmel**



**Noemí & Isidoro Rozenblum**  
**Kuky & Sergio Grosskopf**  
**Ricardo & Leslie Salmón**  
**In memory of Graciela Taranto Z'L**  
**In memory of Tova bat Dvora Z'L**  
**& Leib ben Yaacov Z'L**  
**Stainfeld family**  
**Flora Cohen in memory of Isaac Halegua Z'L**  
**Kadosh family**  
**Mimi, Guillermo Szabo & family**  
**Bernardo Halegua,**  
**and his daughters Karen and Verónica.**  
**In memory of their beloved mother**  
**Nora Nachumow Z'L**  
**Anonymous**  
**Mirta & Leonardo Rozenblum**  
**Graciela & Isaac Jakter**  
**Ruthy Mandel & family**  
**Polakof family**  
**Marcos Taranto & family**



**Leszcz family, in memory of Leon Leszcz Z'L**  
**In memory of Fernando Zeinal Aljadeff Z'L**  
**Liberman family**  
**Filial Montevideo**  
**In memory of Baba Sara Z'L, Baba Magda Z'L,**  
**Baba Perla Z'L y Abu Saúl Z'L**  
**Los Rzeznikewiz**  
**In memory of Jacobo & Dora Rozenbaum Z'L**  
**Mejlovitz family - Macromercado**  
**Luli & Fede**  
**Arlin family**  
**"With love and eternal gratitude, in memory**  
**of our beloved grandparents, whose**  
**teachings and love illuminate our lives"**  
**In memory of Dvora Bat Menasche Z"L**  
**IDB Bank of New York**  
**Anonymous**  
**Weiss Mora Weiss**  
**Mintz Goldberg family, in memory of our**  
**beloved Karen Goldberg Z"L**

# We appreciate and value

companies that trust and collaborate  
through the MEF's "Special Donations" Project



# We appreciate and value

## The support of institutions and professionals



**Esc. Rossana Ivanier**

## The support of



## Mutual collaboration programs



*"You shall open your hand to your brother, to your poor, and to your needy in your land."  
Deuteronomy 15:11*

**MANOT AJIM** (Porciones de Hermandad)  
Delivers meal packages to homes on weekends



# Our Team

## Board

**Diego Socolovsky**, *President*  
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## Professional team

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*Accounting and Administrative/Compliance Officer*  
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**Mónica Markenson** *Operations Assistant*  
**Ethel Katzkowich** *Social Operator*  
**Andrea Deutsch** *Social Operator*  
**Valeria Gularte** *Social Operator*  
**Axel Feinberg** *Social Operator*  
**Sabrina Jassid** *Social Operator*  
**Denisse Cohen** *Administrative Assistant*  
*for the Social Work Department*  
**Lucía Clavijo** *Pharmaceutical Chemist Labriut*  
**Michael Wigozky** *Claims Conference Advisor*  
**Andrea Crócamo** *Maintenance*

# Your help transforms lives

## Ways to Donate:

On our website [www.tzedakauruguay.org](http://www.tzedakauruguay.org), we offer a platform for making online donations quickly and securely using OCA, Visa, MasterCard, and Amex credit cards.

### Via bank transfer in Uruguay:

Current Account at Scotiabank N° 2501688200  
(both in pesos and dollars)

Account holder: FUNDACION TZEDAKA URUGUAY  
Branch 001 (only needed for deposits).

Once the deposit or transfer is made, please notify us at 096236750.

### Through a U.S. account that provides tax benefits for U.S. residents:

Contact us at [donaciones@tzedakauruguay.org](mailto:donaciones@tzedakauruguay.org)

### Solidarity Gift

For your next celebration, you can ask your guests to donate to the Foundation instead of giving gifts. You can also honor the memory of a loved one or celebrate a special occasion, such as a Brit Milah or a Bar/Bat Mitzvah, by donating in their name. A donation certificate will be sent to the honoree.

### As a Volunteer

If you are interested in learning about volunteer opportunities, contact us!

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