

## **Inaugural List of Top-Rated Jewish Nonprofits**

Menlo Park, Calif. — November 18, 2009 — GreatNonprofits, Jewish Funders Network, JTA, Natan, Slingshot Fund, Jewish Jumpstart, Upstart Bay Area, JGooders.com, and Guidestar announced today the top-rated Jewish nonprofits ([www.greatnonprofits.org/jewish](http://www.greatnonprofits.org/jewish)). Jewish nonprofits focused on young adult and teen engagement got the highest ratings in this inaugural list. The ratings were submitted by people in the Jewish community who have volunteered, donated, or been served by the nonprofits. There are over 180 nonprofits on the list available at [www.greatnonprofits.org/reviews/issues/jewish](http://www.greatnonprofits.org/reviews/issues/jewish).

The nonprofits with the most reviews for their categories receive additional promotion.

“Winning the GreatNonprofits Jewish Choice Awards validates our mission and does the Russian American Jewish community proud,” said Mordechai Tokarsky, division director of Gateways’ Russian American Jewish Experience (RAJE), in New York. RAJE was the top-rated nonprofit in the Midwest with a budget of over \$1M. “We hope winning this contest will help us garner the support we need to bring the RAJE model of communal renewal to other US cities. This will enable nearly 1 million Russian American Jews to build strong communities, fortify their Jewish identity and enhance their sense of Jewish peoplehood.”

This is the first ever list providing reviews of Jewish nonprofits by those who have actually experienced their work. The contest, held during October and November in honor of the Jewish High Holidays, asked people to submit reviews and ratings about Jewish nonprofits. The results show the dynamic and cohesive nature of the Jewish community, as well as the emphasis being placed on engaging the next generation. These unique results will be helpful to donors and supporters looking to get involved.

“There are so many great Jewish nonprofits that don’t have an advertising budget and are not household names,” says Perla Ni, CEO and founder of GreatNonprofits. “Through this first-ever list of top-rated Jewish nonprofits, you can see how some of these nonprofits are changing lives. Donors and volunteers who are interested in getting involved now see which nonprofits are really making a difference.”

**The entire list of nonprofits is at [www.greatnonprofits.org/reviews/issues/jewish](http://www.greatnonprofits.org/reviews/issues/jewish). The nonprofits with the most positive reviews are:**

### Best of Northeast

*Small (budget under \$250,000)*

#### **J'Burgh**

Pittsburgh, PA

<http://greatnonprofits.org/reviews/jburgh>

*Medium (budget \$250,000 to \$1,000,000)*

**keren simchas chossen ve kallah**

Brooklyn, NY

<http://greatnonprofits.org/reviews/keren-simchas-chossen-ve-kallah1>

*Large (budget over \$1,000,000)*

**RAJE**

Brooklyn, NY

<http://www.greatnonprofits.org/reviews/raje>

Best of South

*Small (budget under \$250,000)*

**Mosaic Outdoor Clubs of America**

West Palm Beach, FL

<http://greatnonprofits.org/reviews/mosaic-outdoor-clubs-of-america-inc>

*Medium (budget \$250,000 to \$1,000,000)*

**J Street Education Fund**

Washington, DC

<http://greatnonprofits.org/reviews/j-street-education-fund-inc>

*Large (budget over \$1,000,000)*

**BBYO**

Washington, DC

<http://greatnonprofits.org/reviews/bbyo>

Best of Midwest

*Small (budget under \$250,000)*

**Mitziut**

Chicago, IL

<http://greatnonprofits.org/reviews/mitziut>

*Medium (budget \$250,000 to \$1,000,000)*

**Jewish Student Union**

Chicago, IL

<http://greatnonprofits.org/reviews/jewish-student-union1>

*Large (budget over \$1,000,000)*

**Jewish Community Federation of Cleveland**

Cleveland, OH

<http://greatnonprofits.org/reviews/jewish-community-federation-of-cleveland>

Best of Mountain

*Small (budget under \$250,000)*

**DAT Minyan**

Denver, CO

<http://greatnonprofits.org/reviews/dat-minyan>

*Medium (budget \$250,000 to \$1,000,000)*

**Judaism Your Way**

Denver, CO

<http://greatnonprofits.org/reviews/judaism-your-way>

Best of Northwest

*Small (budget under \$250,000)*

**Bet Alef Meditative Synagogue**

Seattle, WA

<http://greatnonprofits.org/reviews/bet-alef-meditative-synagogue>

*Medium (budget \$250,000 to \$1,000,000)*

**JConnect Seattle**

Seattle, WA

<http://greatnonprofits.org/reviews/jconnect-seattle>

*Large (budget over \$1,000,000)*

**Seattle Jewish Community School**

Seattle, WA

<http://greatnonprofits.org/reviews/seattle-jewish-community-school>

Best of West

*Small (budget under \$250,000)*

**American Committee for Melabev**

N. Hollywood, CA

<http://greatnonprofits.org/reviews/american-committee-for-melabev-inc>

*Medium (budget \$250,000 to \$1,000,000)*

**Jewish Milestones**

Berkeley, CA

<http://greatnonprofits.org/reviews/jewish-milestones1>

*Large (budget over \$1,000,000)*

**IKAR**

Los Angeles, CA

<http://greatnonprofits.org/reviews/ikar>

Best of International

*Small (budget under \$250,000)*

**Jewish Volunteering Network**

London, UK

<http://greatnonprofits.org/reviews/jewish-volunteering-network>

*Medium (budget \$250,000 to \$1,000,000)*

**New Israel Fund of Canada**

Toronto, ON Canada

<http://greatnonprofits.org/reviews/new-israel-fund-of-canada>

*Large (budget over \$1,000,000)*

**Puah Institute**

Jerusalem, Israel

<http://greatnonprofits.org/reviews/puah-institute>

**About the 2009 Jewish Choice Awards**

The awards were hosted by GreatNonprofits, the leading provider of user-generated ratings and reviews of nonprofits, Jewish Funders Network, JTA, Natan, Slingshot Fund, Jewish Jumpstart, Upstart Bay Area, JGooders.com, and Guidestar. Over the course of the Jewish Choice Awards, more than 103,000 people visited the GreatNonprofits Web site, and almost 4000 reviews were posted about more than 180 nonprofits serving youth.

Reviews appear on GreatNonprofits.org as well as GuideStar.org, the premiere source for donor research on nonprofits. Nonprofits with the most positive reviews in their region and budget category were determined the winners of the 2009 Jewish Choice Awards. Additionally,

nonprofits with 10 or more positive reviews will be included on the GreatNonprofits Top-Rated Jewish Charities list. Those who submitted reviews were eligible to win prizes such as free Noah's Bagels, free copies of "Business Mensch" by Noah Alper, a free stay at Kimpton Hotels, and more. Reviews submissions took place from October 1<sup>st</sup> to November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2009.

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