

UJA GLOSSARY

In your role as a lay leader, you will be exposed to the “alphabet soup” of the Jewish community. While not an exhaustive list, these acronyms are frequently used at UJA-Federation:

ASC – Allocations Steering Committee

Core Partner – One of more than 60 nonprofit partners that receive unrestricted operating support

CPER – Community Planning & External Relations (a. k. a “Planning”)

Designated Grants – Made available through requests for applications or by invitation to organizations for specific programs, capacity building, or initiatives

EC – Executive Committee

FRD – Financial Resource Development

FRD Affinity Divisions – Composed of industry and interest-specific groups that come together for fundraising events, briefings, missions, and other opportunities to support UJA's work.

FRD Giving Circle – A group of individuals who pool together their philanthropic giving to focus on a specific cause or project. UJA offers several giving circles for donors of a certain level to our annual campaign

FSU – Former Soviet Union

General/Core Operating Support – Provides organizations with critical, unrestricted dollars for infrastructure and resiliency

JAFI – The Jewish Agency for Israel

JDC – Joint Distribution Committee aka The Joint

JFNA – Jewish Federations of North America (umbrella organization for federations across the U.S. and Canada)

M&C – Marketing & Communications

Network Partner (a.k.a. “The Network”) – UJA funds a network of hundreds of nonprofits, including social service agencies, JCCs, camps, Hillels, synagogues, day schools, and grassroots organizations

PAC – President's Advisory Council (composed of former EC members)

Planning Departments – Caring, Jewish Life, Network, Community Organizing & External Relations — these divisions help execute UJA's mission and respond to evolving community needs.

RSJ – Russian Speaking Jew

