

CHABAD LUBAVITCH OF ARGENTINA
GENERAL RESUME OF ACTIVITIES AND BUDGET
FOR 2004

INTRODUCTION

Jews in Argentina

Once a vibrant community of 500,000 Jews, today, the Jewish Community in Argentina counts on 200, 000 people, concentrated mainly in Buenos Aires, but also scattered in the provinces.

The socio-economic crisis in Argentina that exploded on December 2001 has hit a most serious blow to the economic well being of its traditionally middle-class Jewish Community. Thousands of families have suddenly lost both their income and their wealth, and many of them can not afford their basic needs. Some 50,000 Jews (out of a 200,000-strong community) are living in poverty in Argentina, with 20,000 of them under some sort of welfare scheme. Jewish welfare institutions are overloaded with families who do not know how to cope with their new poverty.

In this dire scenario, general Jewish life is totally weakened with the vast majority of the community in danger to be lost to the Jewish people. There is no question that the mandate of the Holocaust victims is to ensure the continuity of the Jewish people. These children, these families, which will be helped and saved for the Jewish people, will take the place for those uprooted in the WWII. It's interesting to mark that the general Director of Chabad Argentina is himself a grandson of Auschwitz victims, the same as Rabbis and teachers keeping key positions in Chabad Argentina.

It's also important to mark, that Holocaust survivors participate in our synagogues and activities and are helped in our different social programs, being this for them a source of life and happiness after witnessing the horror and suffering in the Holocaust.

Children, already grandchildren of Holocaust survivors learn in our school system and participate in our programs.

It's interesting to note the comment of a Jewish polish holocaust survivor looking at our giant Menorah with thousand of Jews celebrating in a central park of Buenos Aires: "you cannot understand what this means to us after Auschwitz!"

Founded over 40 years ago, Chabad Argentina has evolved into one of the foremost organizations of Argentinean Jewry, operating 24 centers and hundreds of different

programs, distributed throughout metropolitan Buenos Aires and in such remote locations as Tucuman, Rosario, and Cordoba. True to the Chabad mission of ensuring Jewish continuity, its dynamic programs put a living community within the reach of every Jew.

Despite the general decline of Jewish institutional life in Argentina, Chabad's programs here have grown considerably in the last decade to become a backbone of Jewish life for the general community regardless of background or affiliation.

Chabad Argentina's mission has expanded well beyond its educational origins. The Social Assistance Foundation, created in 1989 following Chabad's two-centuries-old tradition of social service, dedicated over U\$700,000 in 2001. In 2002 we spent more than US\$ 3,000,000 in humanitarian projects such as food distribution, the Ieladeinu program for children at risk, emergency subsidies, and medical assistance, etc. Most Chabad Houses today also serve as centers to help the needy. The Morashá Chabad Program become an answer for more than 1,000 children outside of the Jewish educational system.

The vast majority of those receiving humanitarian aid and social assistance are not Orthodox. Chabad serves all Jews, regardless of their level of observance.

For 2000 and 2001 Chabad Argentina operated on a U\$4,000,000 yearly budget, to cover for its religious, educational, community, humanitarian, and social programs. 2002, due to the humanitarian and crisis programs our budget rose to US\$ 5,000,000 (despite of devaluation). On 2003 the urgent needs of the Jewish Community kept raising and we spent almost US\$ 6,000,000. It is our mission and our duty to keep this vital community alive and give answers to the thousands of Jews that look to us for support.

Jews know they can count on Chabad no matter where they are. That is why so many of our brethren in Argentina come to Chabad for help. In these days of crisis, the figure of the comforting Rabbi, who reassures with warmth and empathy, became an essential ingredient for Jews not to lose their hope and their faith in a better future.



GENERAL SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES

A. JEWISH EDUCATION

1. Formal education
2. Non-formal education

B. BATEI CHABAD – SYNAGOGES AND COMMUNITY CENTERS

1. Buenos Aires
2. Buenos Aires suburbs
3. Provinces

C. JEWISH IDENTITY, RELIGIOUS AND CULTURAL CONTINUITY

1. Outreach, all over Argentina

D. HUMANITARIAN PROGRAMS

1. Social Assistance Programs—Buenos Aires and Provinces
2. Ieladeinu program – for children in risk—Buenos Aires



CHABAD ARGENTINA 2004 BUDGET

A. EDUCATION

A. Formal Education

1. Kindergartens

Buenos Aires

1. Oholei Jinuj	Boulogne Sur Mer 626	Once
2. Simchat Ieladin	Helguera 2329	Villa del Parque
3. Gan Jaia	Billinghrst 664	Almagro
4. Gan Meorot	Maure 2165	Belgrano

Provinces

5. Gan Jabad	Mendoza 1572	Rosario
6. Gan Menajem	Lamadrid 752	Tucuman
7. Gan Meorot	Sucre 1378	Cordoba

368 children, ages 2 – 5.

US\$ 405,000 annual

2. Elementary Schools

1. Oholei Jinuj¹ (boys)
2. Oholei Jinuj (girls)

385 children, ages 6 – 12

US\$ 564,000 annual

3. Simchat Ieladim (opening on 2005)
4. Meorot Bs. As. (opening on 2006)

¹ Note: The high level of Jewish education the children receive requires of special Rabbis, knowledgeable also in Talmud. The children learn 6 days a week, eleven months yearly, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

3. High Schools

1. BNOT ISRAEL (girls)

Studies from 8 a.m. till 5 p.m. include also general studies and also teachings skills, since the big demand for Jewish Jewish teachers. Our students keep learning in Israel and the US reaching the highest level of performance.

130 students	US\$ 240,000 annual
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2. METIVTA (boys)

Intensive Torah, Talmud and Judaic learning from 7.30 a.m. till 8 p.m. seven days a week. Those are the basis for the future Rabbinic and Jewish leaders of tomorrow.

We also run a dinning room and dormitory.

80 students age 13-15	US\$ 264,000 annual
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3. YESHIVA G'DOLAH (boys)

Intensive Torah, Talmud, Jewish Law and Philosophy, 7:30 a.m. till 9:30 p.m., seven days a week. After these, the students are prepared to go into precise Rabbinic learning for ordination.

We also run a dinning room and dormitory.

ages 16-22	US\$ 360,000 annual
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4. COLEL

After rabbinic ordination there is a one or two year improvement and training program for married Rabbis who after this program will serve in one of the Chabad programs in Argentina or Latin America.

10 Rabbis	US\$ 144,000 yearly
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5. MORASHÁ

Due to the terrible crisis that affected Argentina, as mentioned in the Introduction, children's education is among the hardest hit. In a process started a few years ago over 50% of the Jewish schools and educational institutions had to close their doors due to severe economic problems,

leaving thousands of children with no choice but to attend public schools. Many others whose families slipped to the ranks of poverty during the 90's and progressively lost contact with the Community never had access to the Jewish educational network at all. The danger of these children losing their identity and falling victim to assimilation increased as the quality of their education in general, and of their Jewish education in particular, severely dropped.

People that fell from high – middle class to low - middle class, even though they make enough an income to cover their basic expenses can't afford the cost of Jewish education but also don't want to beg for it and destroy the dignity they still have.

Striving to provide an answer to this problem, Chabad launched the innovative Morashá Program in July 2002. The goal of Morashá ("Legacy") is to provide a Jewish after-school environment, free, fun, educative and accessible to anyone outside the Jewish educational network, where hundreds of children aged 6 to 18 can discover their Jewish identity and acquire different skills through formal classes, workshops, social gatherings, and a host of extra-curricular activities.

530 children learned at Morashá Chabad on 2002, 683 on 2003 and 800 are expected for 2004.

Morashá only accepts children who didn't attend any Jewish school.

Morashá Activities

1. **Jewish Education:** A team of 40 qualified teachers is dedicated to building a Jewish identity for the children through fun, non-formal lessons in the following subjects:
 - Hebrew Language and Grammar
 - Jewish History
 - Preparation for Bar- and Bat-Mitzvah
 - Jewish Lifestyle and Traditions

A minimum of 2 hours/ two times a week (a total of 4 hours) of Jewish learning is required in order to participate in Morashá.

2. **Other Non-Formal Education:** Many of the children that come to Morasha lack not only a proper Jewish education but also the opportunity to develop some

talents and skills not usually promoted in public education. A team of 40 qualified specialists is dedicated to that task, teaching lessons in such diverse subjects as:

- English (outsourced to Berlitz® Kids)
- Music and Arts workshops
- Soccer and other sports

Morasha's Operations

The Morashá Chabad program operates through seven centers strategically located close to the major Jewish neighborhoods throughout Greater Buenos Aires. Three of the centers are located in big Jewish neighborhoods where there is no Jewish school at all. They are doing the utmost to reach each and every family by providing

- Free door-to-door transportation to the centers and extra-curricular activities
- Free daily hot and healthy meals
- Direct assistance for education purposes in the form of subsidies to the families of children under extreme economic distress (250 children receive subsidies).

Each center's activities are supervised by an in-house coordinator who carefully designs and implements each child's plans. Moreover, a psycho-pedagogical committee continuously monitors the program to enhance each child's experience. A doctor regularly checks the children, since their parents lost medical insurance.

Centres by neighborhood

1. Morashá Villa Devoto
2. Morashá Caballito
3. Morashá Villa Crespo
4. Morashá Belgrano
5. Morashá Barrio Norte
6. Morashá Morón
7. Morashá S. Isidro

Budget for 800 children	960,000 U\$\$ yearly
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6. MAAYANOT

Jewish university students (ages 18–25), with no Jewish background to learn systematically the basics of Jewish religion, history, Hebrew and philosophy. The students participate in different social and promotion programs that introduce them into the Jewish community life in general. This program is going now, very successfully into its third year.

300 students

US\$ 540,000 annual

7. MAJON "OR JAIA"

An institute for adult women (ages 18-30) who want to learn Judaism systematically and in depth, who didn't have the opportunity to learn in Jewish schools in their childhood.

70 students

US\$ 48,000 annual

8. MAJON "OR JAIA" SUMMER PROGRAM

For university students (girls) that wish to learn Judaism in depth in a recreational place.

100 youngsters ages 18-30

15 days (overnight)

US\$ 30,000 annual

9. TORÁ PARA TODOS (TORAH FOR EVERYBODY)

A special program for youngsters to learn Torah in depth with daily classes on Talmud, Bible with commentaries, Jewish Law and Chassidic Philosophy. The courses are held every day, all year around, with the possibility to attend in the mornings or late afternoons.

Also weekly group classes are being held in businesses and offices.

120 students

134,000 US\$ yearly

10. YESHIVACATION

For high school and university students (boys) that wish to learn Judaism in depth in a recreational place. Talmud, Bible with commentaries, Jewish Law and Chassidic Philosophy

100 youngsters ages 15-20

15 days (overnight)

20,000 US\$ yearly

11. SCHOLARSHIPS

For Argentinean students to continue advance study of Judaism in Israel and the US.

a. 30 scholarships for 1 year	150,000 U\$S yearly
b. learning complete programs, 40 students, months yearly	20,000 U\$S yearly

B. Non-Formal Education

1. MORASHÁ RECREATIONAL

For children ages 6-18, 3 times a week (including weekends) non-formal recreational activities, 10 months a year, to keep the children in a social Jewish frame. This program is open for Morashá students as well as for non-students. We give them transportation and a free meal. These are children mainly from the social relief programs.

600 children 200,000 U\$S yearly

2. MORASHÁ WINTER OVERNIGHT CAMP

300 children ages 12-18 (7 days) 35,000 U\$S yearly

3. MORASHÁ SUMMER DAY CAMP

Includes door to door transportation, a complete meal and two snacks.

1,600 children ages 6-18 (6 weeks) 280,000 U\$S yearly

4. MORASHÁ SUMMER OVERNIGHT CAMP

All children participating in Morashá are not religious

350 children ages 12-18 (12 days) 80,000 U\$S yearly

5. TZIVOT HASHEM

Non formal activities for religious children, children prayer groups, outings, etc.

300 children ages 6-12 60,000 US\$ yearly

6. OHOLEI JINUJ OVERNIGHT SUMMER CAMP

Two terms, 15 days each

300 children ages 6-12 53,200 US\$ yearly

7. METIVTA OVERNIGHT SUMMER PROGRAM

In the Chabad Sports Center, boys learn half a day their regular Jewish Lessons and Half a day have recreational and sport activities.

70 boys ages 13-15 (1 month) 27,000 US\$ yearly

8. UNIVERSITY STUDENTS ACTIVITIES

1. Youth and University Chabad Student Center

Keeps contact with 2,000 students yearly. Their mailing list is 10,000 students.

Activities: social encounters, debates, Shabatonim, large weekend encounters (for 500 students), recreational activities, social welfare work, library, courses, yearly gala event for 1,500 youngsters, counseling, support for marriage, etc.

380,000 US\$ yearly

2. Birthright

Finance 80 youngsters on the local participation (the other partners are the Sojnut and US conours) in this program for visiting Israel and the historical and religious places of our Nation to install in the youngsters their Jewish identity.

850 US\$ x 80=68,000 US\$ yearly

3. University student groups activating in 10 Chabad Centers

240,000 US\$ yearly

- 4. University student group activating in Tucuman City
30,000 US\$ yearly
- 5. University student group activating in Rosario City
30,000 US\$ yearly
- 6. University student group activating in Bahía Blanca City
18,000 US\$ yearly
- 7. University student group activating in Cordoba City
24,000 US\$ yearly
- 8. University student group activating in La Plata City
18,000 US\$ yearly

EDUCATIONAL BUDGET 2004

FORMAL EDUCATION	3,979,000 \$US
NON-FORMAL EDUCATION	1,543,200 \$US
TOTAL	5,522,200 \$US



B. BATEI CHABAD – SYNAGOGES AND COMMUNITY CENTERS

Rabbinic services and mikveh

CHABAD CENTER	RABBI	ADDRESS	
<u>Buenos Aires And Suburbs</u>			
1. Beit Jabad Almagro	Asher Schvetz	Billinghurst 664	
2. Beit Jabad Belgrano	Shlomo Kiesel	O'higgins 2358	
3. Beit Jabad Caballito	Gabriel Setton	Arturo Jauretche 41	
4. Beit Jabad Barrio Norte	Tzvi Lipinski	Agüero 1164	
5. Beit Jabad En La City	Marcos Jalusi	Esmeralda 1066 8ºA	
6. Beit Jabad Flores	David Plotka	Helguera 634	
7. Beit Jabad Olleros	Yanki Birman	Olleros 2026	
8. Beit Jabad Palermo	Shlomo Levy	Pje. El Lazo 3133	
9. Beit Jabad Recoleta	Hershl Hendel	Guido 1871	
10. Beit Jabad V. Del Parque	David Stoler	Helguera 2329/ 33	
11. Beit Jabad Villa Crespo	Mordejai Birman	Serrano 69	
12. Beit Jabad Villa Urquiza	Matitiau Winer	Avalos 2174	
13. Beit Jabad Zona Norte	Abraham Benchimol	Arist. Del Valle 1258	Martinez
14. Beit Jabad Zona Oeste	Yosi Ludman	Sarmiento 933	Moron
15. Templo Dr. Iarcho Jabad	Rafael Lapidus	Lavalle 3934	Capital
16. Beit Jabad Once - Litvishe	Aaron Stavsky	Uriburu 348	Capital
17. Bet Menajem	J. Feiguelstock	Boulogne S. Mer 664	Capital
<u>Provinces</u>			CAPITAL
18. Beit Jabad Tucuman	Daniel Levy	Lamadrid 752	S.M.De Tucuman
19. Beit Jabad Bahia Blanca	Moshe Freedman	Chiclana 763	Bahia Blanca
20. Beit Jabad Rosario	Shlomo Tawil	Mendoza 1572	Rosario
21. Beit Jabad Cordoba	Iosi Turk	Sucre 1378/ 80	Cordoba

22. Beit Jabad Tucuman	Daniel Maleh	Lamadrid 752	S.M.De Tucuman
23. Beit Jabad La Plata	Tuvia Serber	Calle 56 N° 754 6°B	Capital
24. Beit Jabad Concordia	Opening 2004		La Plata

BATEI CHABAD TOTAL 2004	1,728, 000 U\$S
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C. OUTREACH PROGRAMS

Jewish Identity, Religious And Cultural Continuity

Organized by the Chabad headquarters for all the country.

1. Outreach activities

Shabatonim, lectures, social events for the family, outings, weekly visits to 500 offices, etc.

120,000 U\$S yearly

2. Big events:

- Chanuka Campaign – Central lightings in 20 different parks, 15,000 menorahs distribution in schools, old age home and hospitals, Menorah caravans, etc. Central celebration with City Mayor.
- Purim Campaign – Central celebration for 3,000 people, 20,000 Purim kits distributed, Megilahs, Megilah readings and Purim programs in schools, old age folk's home and hospitals.
- Pesach Campaign – Seder meals for 7,000 people. Matzot for 4,000 families, model matzah bakery, model seders, etc.
- Rosh Hashanah Campaign – Festive meal for 3,500 people. Shofar blowing in hospitals and jails. Special lectures in preparation for Rosh Hashanah.
- Shavuot Campaign – Yom Tov meal for 3,000, Shavuot learning night in all neighborhoods, Sofer project and Sefer Torah project for 3,500 children. Children programs.
- Sukkot and Simchat Torah campaigns – Sukkot meals for 3,500. 10 Mobile-Sukkot in all cities where there is Chabad activity. Lulav and Etrog for the people. Central open musical festival in parks for 3,000.
- Lag Bahomer – Outstanding activity for the family.

300,000 U\$S yearly

3. T.V. Program "Un Pueblo"

- About cultural, religious and historical subjects.
- Weekly national broadcast on Channel 7 on a half hour basis
- In-house production.

96,000 U\$S yearly

4. Radio Program

Broadcast on Radio Jai twice a week for 1 hour and ½.

24,000 U\$S yearly

5. Outreach Publications

- Periodical 2,000 booklets weekly
- Chabad Magazine 2,000 4 times a year
- Batei Chabad Magazines 2,000 4 times a year

132,000 U\$S yearly

4. Brochures: on Shabbat, holidays, commandments, etc.

40,000 yearly on each subject 100,000 U\$S yearly

6. Religious Articles

- 2,000 Mezuzot 54,000 U\$S yearly
- 250 Tefilin 75,000 U\$S yearly
- 2,000 Prayer books (with Spanish translation) 20,000 U\$S yearly
- 300 Study books 45,000 U\$S yearly

T O T A L 194,000 U\$S yearly

7. Publishing House – Kehot – In Spanish

- Running expenses 120,000 U\$S yearly
- 3 new books 70,000 U\$S yearly

T O T A L 190,000 U\$S yearly

8. Central Jewish Public Academic Library

- Running expenses 72,000 U\$S yearly
- Actualization 20,000 U\$S yearly

T O T A L 92,000 U\$S yearly

9. Chabad Spanish Site Www.Jabad.Org.Ar

All information regarding Jewish life and the Jewish Yearly calendar. The site is updated weekly with more than 6,000 monthly visitors.

24,000 U\$S yearly

10. Communities In The Provinces

- Periodical service to 100 cities and towns 36,000 U\$S yearly
 - Periodical visits to 30 cities 30,000 U\$S yearly
- TOTAL 66,000 U\$S yearly

TOTAL OUTREACH ACTIVITIES	1,314,000 U\$S yearly
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D. SOCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

1. WELFARE

Our Mission:

- To relieve Jewish poverty through a wide range of comprehensive, personalized programs that strive to assist the poor with their immediate needs and to promote their sustained mobility out of poverty. We aim to respond to any justified request for assistance without setting precondition.

Our Reach:

- Chabad's Social Assistance Foundation has been dealing with Jewish poverty issues in Argentina Uninterruptedly since 1989. The network of Centers for Social Help has grown to 10 centers strategically distributed throughout Buenos Aires and 3 centers in the provinces. CASS Gallo, the largest such center, is operated jointly with Fundación Tzedaká since 2002. On October 2003 we dedicated a 7 story building as HQ for the Chabad Social Assistance Programs.

Direct Assistance Services (2,500 families as of December 2003):

- Food stems and boxes, consisting not only of non-perishable food but also of meat, fresh vegetables, and personal care items.
- Medicines and Medical Aid, including subsidies for psychological and psychiatric treatments and financial support for complex surgery procedures.
- Housing Subsidies including rent, utilities and maintenance.
- Emergency Subsidies, mainly for the elderly.
- We run 5 soup kitchen, 4 in B.A. and 1 in Rosario for 90 people daily, 5 days a week.

Social Promotion Services:

- Routine visits to needy families by our professional social workers to provide emotional support and protection.
- Counseling sessions, job placement services and Community integration activities.

- Special help to middle-class families undergoing sudden economic hardships to prevent them from slipping to the ranks of poverty.

In 2003 there were given out more than 100,000 subsidies!

2004 BUDGET

HOUSING	300,000	US\$ yearly
HEALTH	250,000	“
GENERAL SUBSIDIES	200,000	“
FOOD	1,800,000	“
SOCIAL ORIENTATION	160,000	“
EMPLOYMENT DEP.& TRAINING	36,000	“
LEGAL ADVISE	24,000	“
CLOTHING	28,000	“
4 SOUPKITCHENS	384,000	“
ADMINISTRATION	120,000	“
PROFFESIONALS	150,000	“
T O T A L	3,452,000	“

2. IELADEINU

The only program for children in risk in the Jewish Community of Argentina.

The Mission

- To address the suffering of children and youngsters under psychological and/or physical vulnerability due to all forms of abuse (physical, psychological, and sexual), mistreatment, negligence, social isolation, marginality, and other forms of abandonment.
- To implement all the required mechanism to protect the children from risky situation, offering them the possibility of a better life, protecting

them, addressing their basic needs, and rehabilitating them and their families.

The Need for Ieladeinu:

- 230 Jewish children that suffer abandonment, neglect, malnutrition, violence and abuse, are taken care of at Ieladeinu. More than 300 children with similar needs have been detected through State social workers and other Jewish institutions.

Our Program:

- Our challenge involves assisting the victims, rehabilitating the parents in their functions, and rebuilding the family unit. It also entails avoiding future situations of risk, promoting the victims' social re-insertion and the development of their Jewish essence within the Community.
- Our strategy focuses on supplementing the deficient of missing parental functions, while at the same time working on the parent-child relationship hoping to achieve family autonomy. Our work requires affection, patience and support.
- Ieladeinu has established four sub-programs:
 1. Small Homes: Providing a safe place to live, with emotional support and care for children under extreme risk whose physical and psychological integrity is seriously threatened. 40 children
 2. Day Care Centers: Offering a day shelter for children at risk. 60 children
 3. Family Assistance: Focusing on the re-establishment of family links by supplementing deficient parent functions. 90 children
 4. Teenagers Program: To reinsert into society teenagers in the process of becoming a "street children", etc. We have a center, a dormitory and a small business program. 40 youngsters

IELADEINU 2004 BUDGET

Personnel

General Direction & Management

Professionals (Senior)

Professionals (Junior)	
Non-Professionals	
Administrative & External Professional Services	277,000 U\$S yearly
<i>Infrastructure</i>	
Rent	
Utilities & Maintenance	
General Expenses	46,000 U\$S yearly
<i>Services</i>	
Food and Basic Needs	
Medicines and Medical Care	
Education	
Internships	
Transportation / Other	
Recreation / Other	
Family Services & Subsidies	250,000 U\$S yearly
TOTAL	573,600 U\$S yearly

TOTAL SOCIAL ASSISTANCE	4,025,600 U\$S yearly
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E. GENERAL EXPENSES CHABAD HQ

1. Maintenance

Administration

Legal And Professional Services

General Expenses Of Chabad Headquarters

240,000 U\$S Yearly

2. Security

96,000 U\$S Yearly

3. Advertising & Marketing

120,000 U\$S Yearly

TOTAL	456,000 U\$S yearly
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F. TOTALS

A. EDUCATION	5,522,200 U\$S YEARLY
B. BATEI CHABAD	1,728,000 U\$S YEARLY
C. OUTREACH PROGRAMS	1,314,000 U\$S YEARLY
D. SOCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGS.	4,025,600 U\$S YEARLY
E. GENERAL EXPENSES	
CHABAD HQ. ARGENTINA	456,000 U\$S YEARLY

TOTAL	13,045,800 U\$S Yearly
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CHABAD OF ATHENS

Athens, Greece

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1) Overview

The Jewish community of Greece is a very ancient one, dating back to the third century B.C.E. It expanded at the end of the 15th century, with the arrival of many exiled Spanish Jews. At the eve of the Second World War, about 78,000 Jews were living in Greece, the majority of them (50,000) in the city of Salonika.

During the war, most of them were sent to the extermination camps, and 87% of the Jewish population was killed, the highest percentage in Europe. Their property and businesses were seized, art treasures and libraries were confiscated, synagogues and cemeteries destroyed.

Of the 28 Jewish communities that existed in Greece before the war, only nine were reestablished in 1945. Today, about 5,500 Jews live in nine communities, 3,000 of them in Athens. The community has one active synagogue (Beth Shalom), an elementary school and kindergarten, a Museum and cultural center. Chabad of Athens was established three years ago, providing a wide variety of educational, religious and social services, designed for all levels and ages. It also provides help and assistance to the smaller Jewish communities scattered around the country.

2) Institutions

A. *Social and Humanitarian*

Senior welfare and food packages distribution:

Director: Rabbi Mendel Hendel

Number of staff: 5

Number of people served: 150

Operating costs: 30,000 •