Repair the World and Jewish Service Alliance (JSA)

Evaluation Findings
Program Year 2023-2024



Repair the World

Third Plateau

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Evaluation Overview



Repair the World Colorado volunteer collects produce from local farm.

Volunteering with Repair has deepened my understanding of Jewish culture. Engaging directly in community activities and rituals has given me insights into traditions, values, and daily life. Building relationships with community members has broadened my perspective and connected me with the principles of *tikkun olam* (repairing the world). Overall, this experience has enriched my appreciation for Jewish heritage and customs.

—Sabrina (she/her), Miami Corps Member, 2024

Evaluation Approach

Communities

Repair the World Communities center meaningful Jewish service experiences with deep social impact. Communities programming includes service corps, Jewish service programs, and service ambassadors.

Audience	Surveys Completed
Service Corps	51
Jewish Service Participants	288
Alumni	51
Service Ambassadors	26
Service Partners	45



New York service ambassador leads garden program for their peers.

Jewish Service Alliance

The Jewish Service Alliance (JSA) is a coalition of Jewish organizations that have made a commitment to enhance and expand service opportunities for the Jewish community.

Audience	Surveys Completed
Hillel Alternative Spring Break	39
Hillel Service Engagement Internship	96
JDC Entwine Global Trip Participants	9
JCC Association *Tzedek* Year 1	16
JCC Association *Tzedek* Year 2	15
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Communities and JSA programs lead to participant, social, and organizational impacts outlined in the logic model

Repair the World Logic Model

Participants

- Participants have a meaningful service experience, enriched by Jewish learning
- Through service, participants feel a sense of belonging in Jewish community
- Participants actively engage in broader Jewish life
- Participants have an ongoing commitment to service to pursue a just world

Social Impact

- Service partners are better able to meet pressing needs
- Participants build deeper relationships with neighbors across lines of difference
- Broader communities see service as an integral part of Jewish community and identity

Jewish Organizations

- More Jewish organizations are equipped with expertise and resources to expand Jewish service
- More Jewish organizations prioritize service and social change
- Jewish organizations integrate Jewish service more deeply into their programs and culture

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Participants



Repair the World Colorado volunteers serve at a local farm.

As a relative newcomer to LA, [the most significant change I experienced is] feeling connected to the LA Jewish community. It's significant because service is universal and a strong tool for belonging.

—Stephanie (she/her), Los Angeles Participant, 2023-24

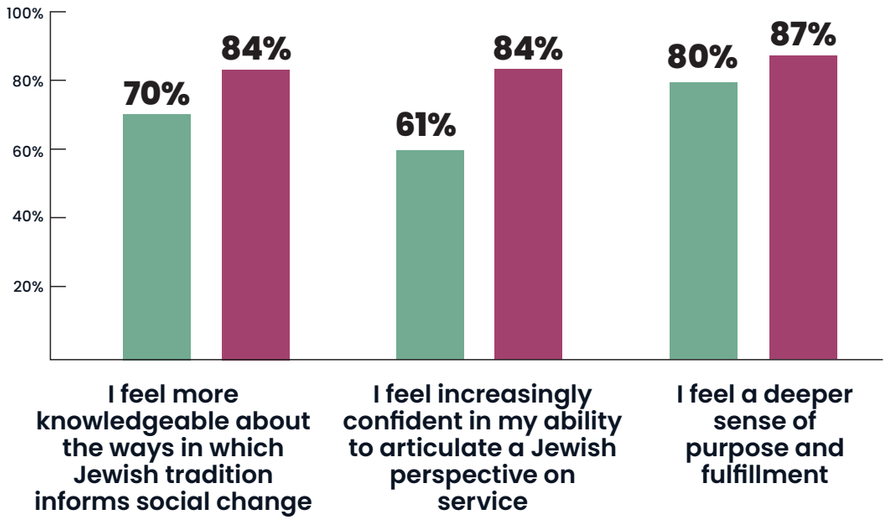
Participants better understand how Jewish values inform service, and Jewish participants more positively connect to their Jewish identity

72%

of respondents[1] agreed that they had a meaningful service experience enriched by Jewish learning

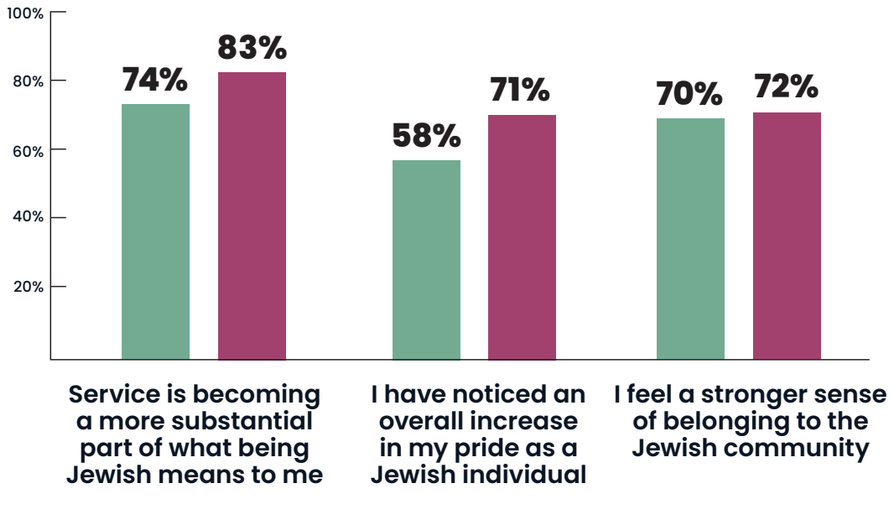
[1]Note: n=619

Participants better understand how Jewish values inform service



Note: Communities n=416, JSA n=203

Jewish participants more positively connect to their Jewish identity



Note: Communities n=283, JSA n=184

Repair cultivates supportive and inclusive Jewish spaces

68%

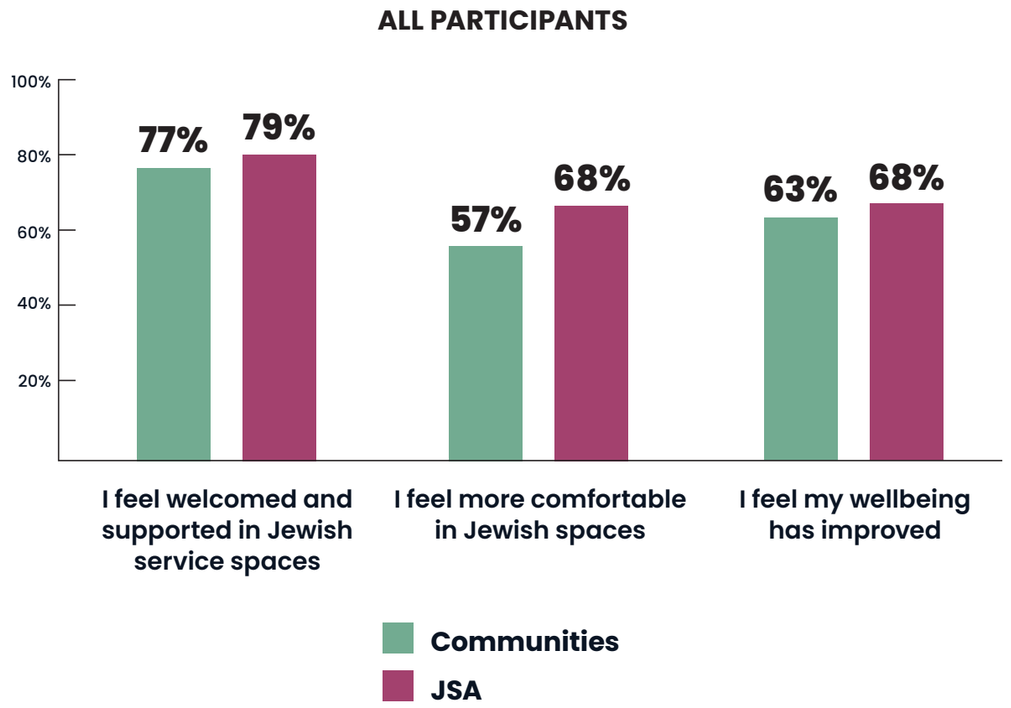
of respondents[1] agreed that they felt a sense of belonging in the Jewish community

[1]Note: n=619



Volunteers in New Jersey pack Rosh Hashanah gift bags for Jewish Family and Children's Services.

Participants feel more connected to Jewish community



Communities n=416, JSA n=203/175/186

Repair inspires participants to seek out Jewish experiences, particularly for Jewish participants

59%

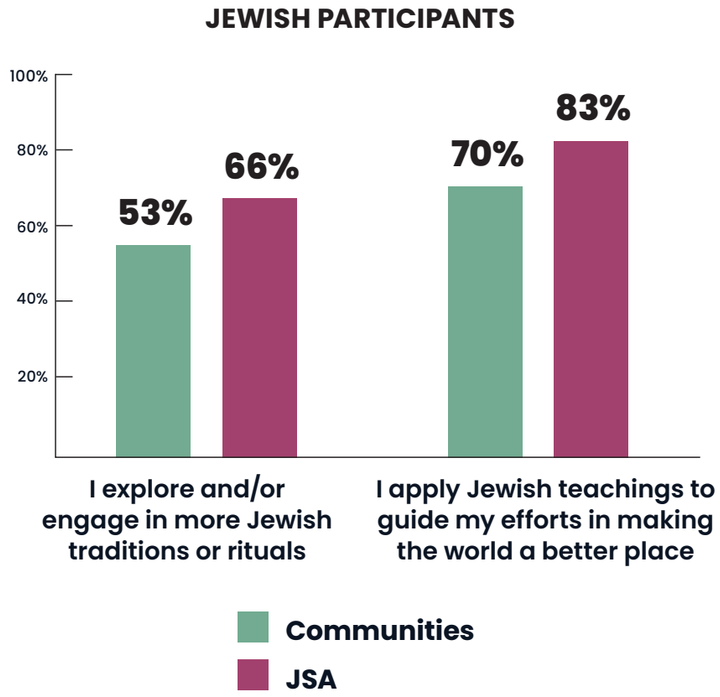
of respondents[1] agreed that they actively engage in broader Jewish life as a result of their participation

[1]Note: n=619



Repair the World Boston volunteers build picnic tables.

Jewish participants seek to integrate aspects of Judaism into their lives



Communities n=150/198, JSA n=60/152

Participants are motivated to continue engaging in service

75%

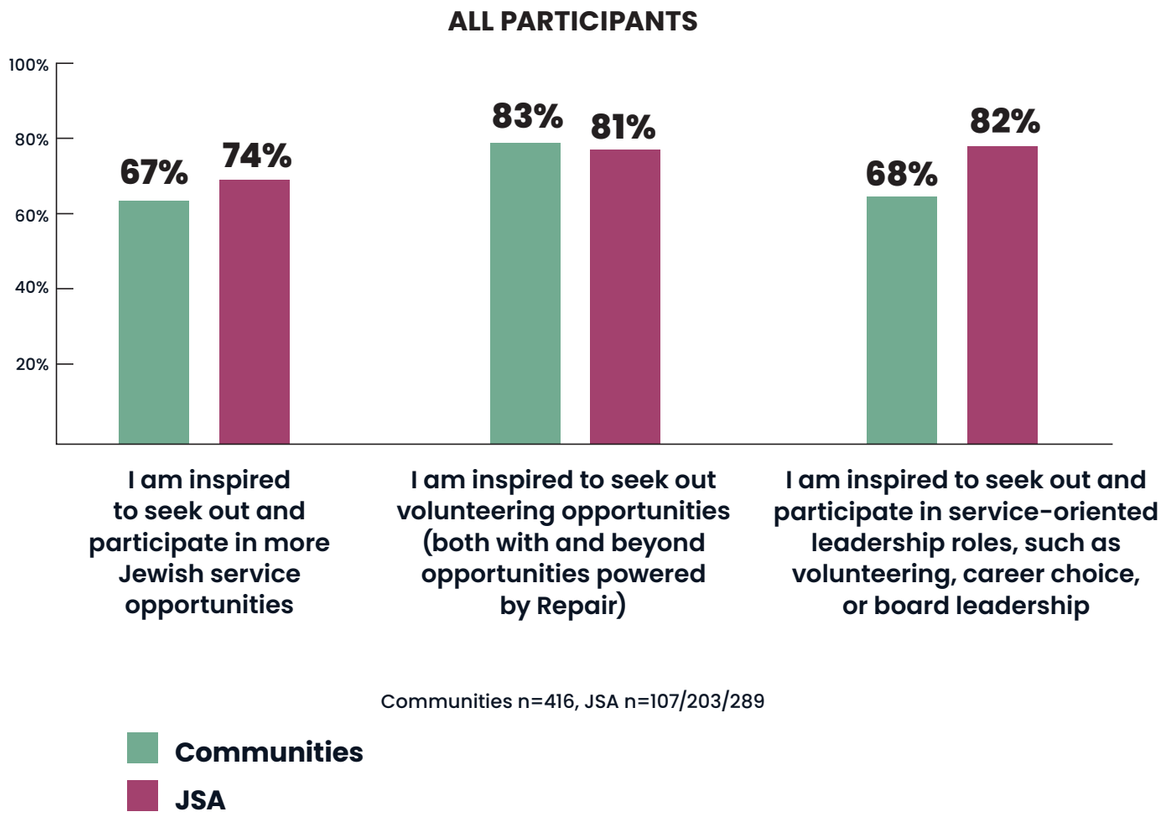
of respondents[1] agreed that they have an ongoing commitment to service to pursue a just world

[1]Note: n=619



JCC volunteer packs meal kits in New York.

Participants feel a sense of purpose and a commitment to service



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Social Impact



AEPi brothers reflect on their service project in Pittsburgh.

[The most impactful aspect of our work with Repair has been] the opportunity to build a partnership that meets the needs of both our organizations. I've appreciated the chance to share about our work and give Repair the World members [the] opportunity to become involved in many different ways – either by providing a learning opportunity, a one-time service opportunity, or a deeper internship experience.

—The Night Ministry, Chicago Service Partner, 2024

Repair's programming leads to a deepening of relationships across lines of difference

78%

of surveyed program participants[1] agreed that they built deeper relationships with neighbors

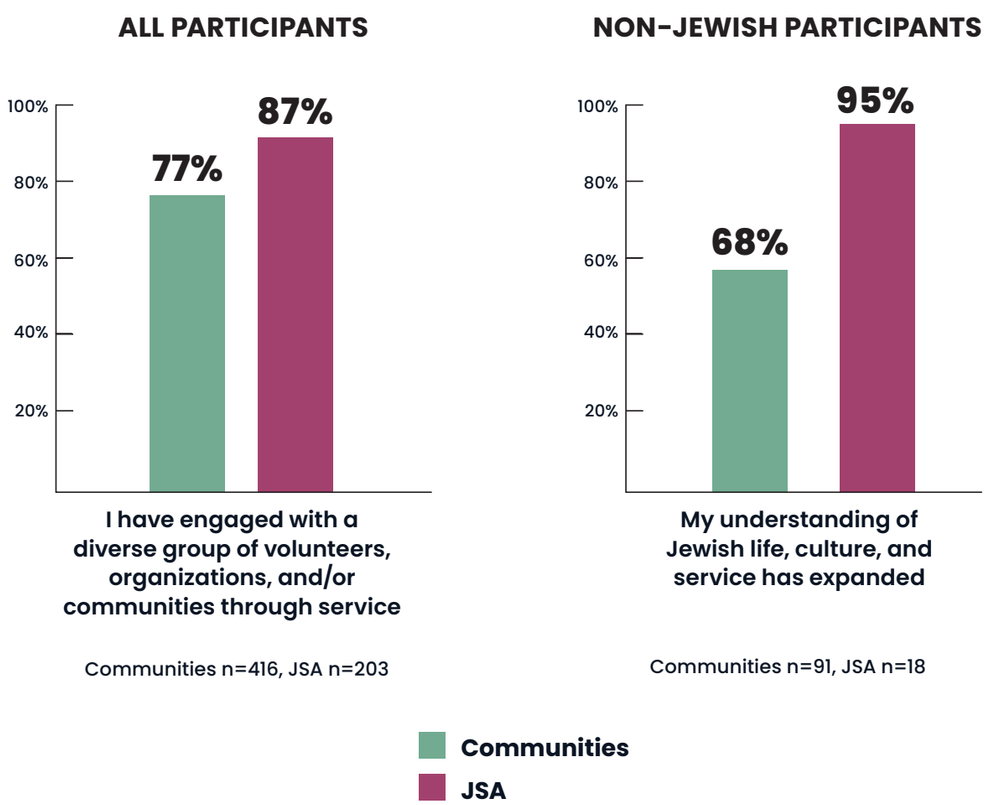
[1]Note: n=619

60%

of service partner respondents[1] agreed that they now have a better understanding of the Jewish community and the role of Jewish service

[1]Note: n=45

Participants serve together and deepen non-Jewish community members' understanding of Jewish values and social change





Repair the World Chicago volunteers prepare meals for transitional housing residents.

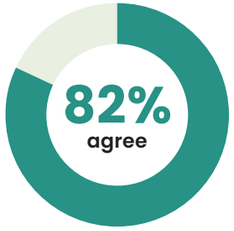
Repair increased the capacity of service partners to achieve their missions



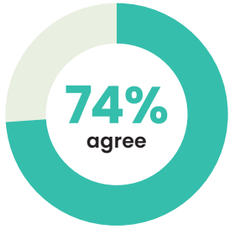
Repair the World Los Angeles volunteers prepare community meals with local partner.

Because of our partnership with Repair...

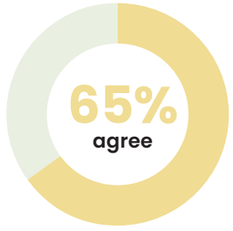
we are better able to meet our organizational needs



our volunteers are making meaningful contributions to our organization's mission and goals



we are engaging more volunteers



74%

of surveyed service partners[1] agreed that their partnership with Repair helps them make progress on fulfilling their missions

[1]Note: n=45

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Jewish Organizations



JCC volunteers sort food donations.

Joining the JSA has swiftly broadened our horizons, linking us with vital organizations, enhancing our visibility, and facilitating partnerships and collaborations with essential communities, leaders, and stakeholders. It has enabled us to contribute to a broader movement, amplifying global service initiatives. Moreover, we have had the opportunity to provide lots of training, consultations, and more around ethical best practices in service. We have also had the opportunity to orchestrate connections between our global communities and organizations within the JSA.

—OLAM, JSA Partner, 2024

Repair empowers JSA partners to prioritize service and social change

86%

of JSA partners[1] agree that because of the partnership with Repair, their organization…

- **has the needed financial resources to incorporate Jewish service programs**
- **is effectively integrating Jewish service initiatives into its programs, professional development opportunities, and/or benefits offerings**
- **views investing in Jewish service as an integral part of their broader strategy to fulfill their mission and goals**



Honeymoon Israel volunteers make sandwiches for neighbors in need.

[1]Note: n=14

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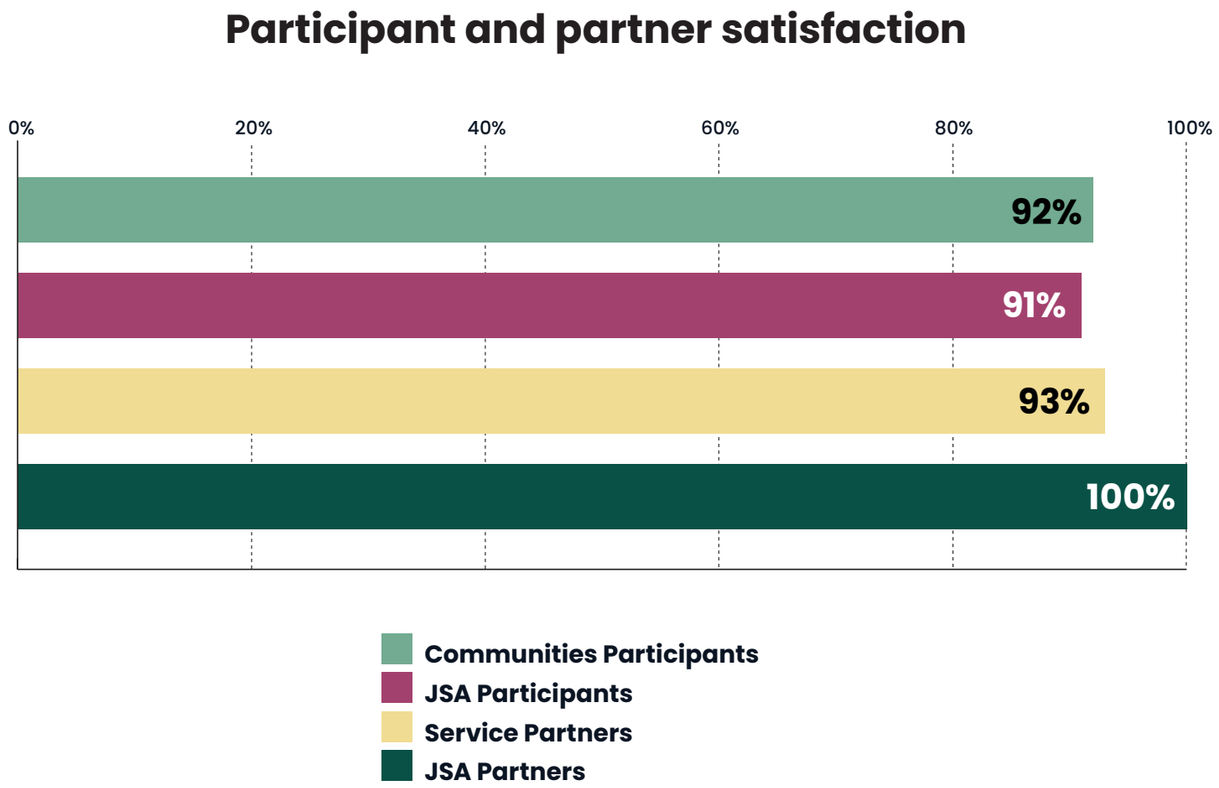
Experience



Volunteers sort donated items for food distribution.

Both participants and partners indicated high satisfaction and were likely to recommend participating or partnering with Repair



My connections with others in the cohort and my service placement have both been major highlights of my Repair experience. I also really, really enjoyed [the Repair] cohort learning sessions. [Repair] did an awesome job making the material accessible and engaging, and directly tied it all to our current daily lives and service placements.

– Boston Corps Member, 2024

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Demographics

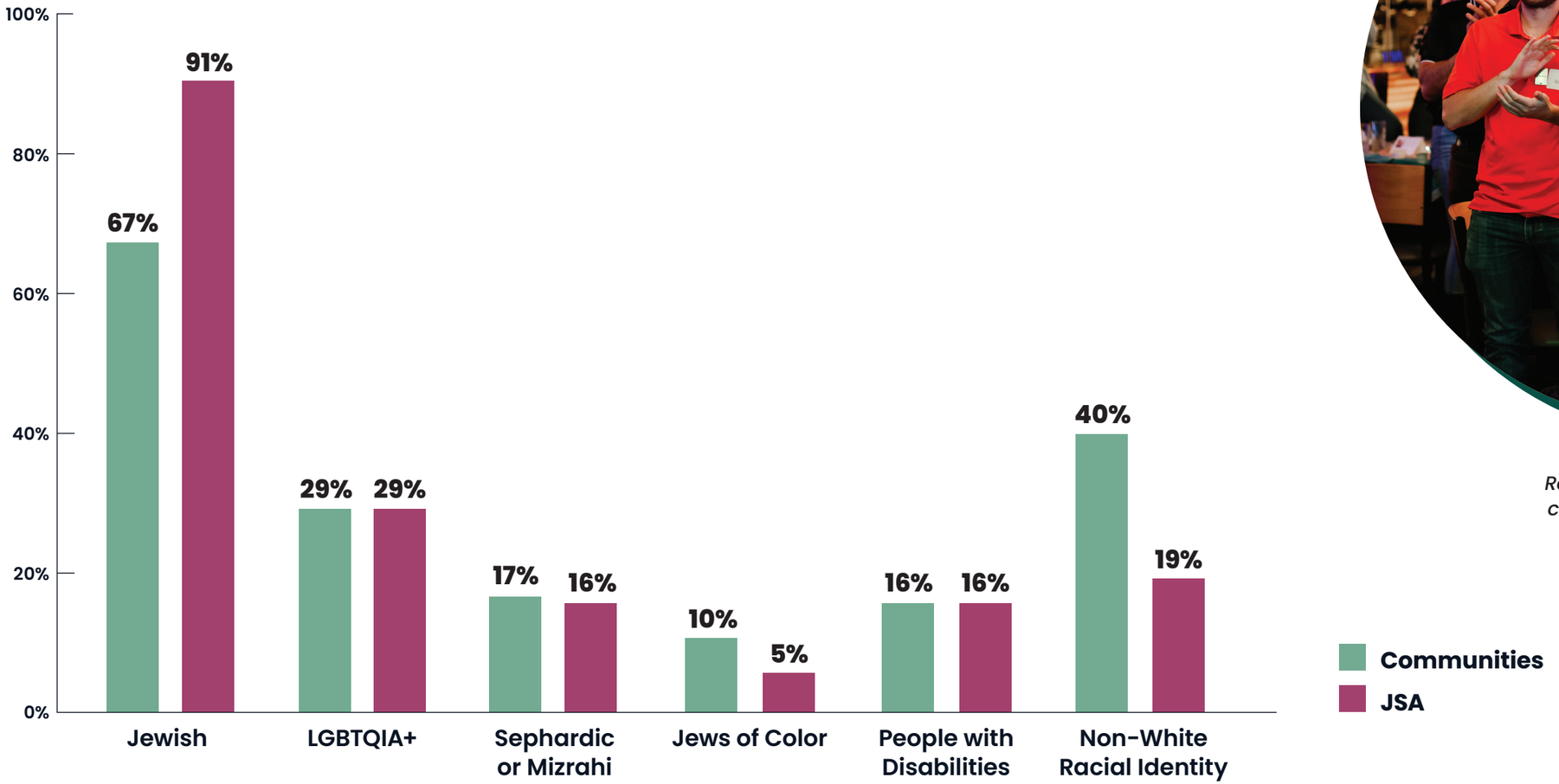


Repair the World Detroit community members discuss Jewish values.

The most significant change that I experience[d] was how I felt after volunteering. I have never felt such fulfillment and understand that I will take [that] with me for a very, very long time.

—Paula (she/her), Hillel Service Engagement Intern, 2024

Communities and JSA programs engage a diverse group of participants





Repair the World participants celebrate Purim with service.

Percentages only include those who self selected identities, this does not include those who selected other, unsure, or prefer not to answer.
Sample sizes varied and averages were weighted.

Service partners work with diverse populations across issue areas

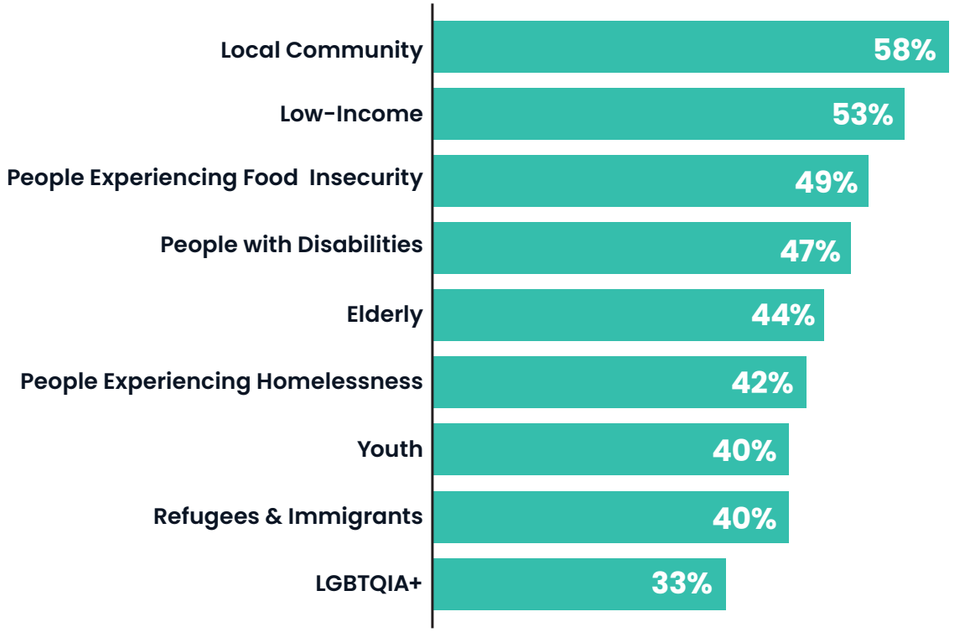
67%
of service partners are non-Jewish

27%
identify as BIPOC-led

What area of impact* does your organization primarily work in?

Community Building	49%
Food Justice	31%
Housing Justice	25%
Environmental Justice	22%
Health Justice	20%

Which populations do you serve?





PeerCorps Detroit participants prepare a community garden.

*Other fields making up 18% or less include education justice, mental health justice, economic justice, racial justice, gender justice, immigration justice, and criminal justice.

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Strategic Opportunities



Moishe House Without Walls pack care kits for their community.

Strategic Opportunities

1. Leverage programming to continue to meet the moment
2. Expand the number of field activation partnerships with Jewish organizations
3. Invest in additional immersive programmatic approaches across JSA and Communities programming for greatest impact
4. Strengthen service partners' capacity through additional long-term volunteer placements

> **[As a result of this program], I've joined the Board of my synagogue. I've attended and hosted a Howard [County] Jewish Federation program. I'm researching ways to volunteer remotely with youth in Israel.**
>
> **—Michelle (she/her), Baltimore Participant, 2023-24**



Repair the World Chicago Advisory Council and FaithForce ERG from Salesforce make reusable bags for a local food pantry.

Thank you!



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