MJP's 2025 Statewide Initiatives



Building Bridges Initiative

In this time of unprecedented antisemitism in Montana, it has never been more important to strengthen our connections with Montana's elected officials. The *Building Bridges initiative* was launched when, MJP welcomed state legislators to an open house at historic Temple Emanu-El with live klezmer music and representatives from Montana's Jewish communities. Together with our state and national partners, MJP will provide new resources for those in government to better serve Jewish Montanans.

L'dor Vador: Living Stories of Jewish Montana

The long and deep history of Jewish life in Montana is too often overlooked. Through this oral history project, MJP is starting to change that. An Emmy-award winning journalist is leading our project to collect personal narratives that showcase the mosaic of Montana Jewish life throughout our state's history. To strengthen statewide connections, MJP will train volunteers in five cities to interview and record the stories and memories of Jews in Montana. We will present these interwoven stories of living voices in synagogues, libraries, and community centers around Montana with photos and letters that help make the Jewish Montana experience come alive.

Statewide Family Shabbaton

MJP is bringing together Montana's Jewish families from across our large state in the first-ever Jewish statewide weekend retreat. Our Shabbaton coordinator is working with all of Montana's congregation and community leaders to create new opportunities for learning, connection, and meaningful Jewish experiences for all of Montana's Jews, including interfaith and intergenerational families. MJP continues to build a statewide Jewish community anchored in Jewish traditions, values, and learning, which we celebrate in a distinctly Montana way.