Dear Friends,

We want to take this opportunity to express our gratitude to all of JBI’s supporters, partners, volunteers, staff, and other friends. With your dedicated assistance in 2021, JBI has continued to cope with and address many of the challenges of this frequently changing and uncharted landscape.

JBI’s commitment to blind, visually impaired and physically handicapped members of the community—in the U.S. and worldwide—remains unabated. We know that many of our library patrons, especially visually impaired older adults, remain more isolated than ever. For them, JBI’s free books, periodicals, liturgical texts, and cultural programs are a lifeline. We are equally dedicated to providing personalized educational and religious materials that children who are blind or visually impaired request so that they can learn alongside their peers, become Bar/Bat Mitzvah and participate in communal life.

As we settle in to a new “post-pandemic normal,” we must look ahead and focus on how we can better serve our blind, visually impaired and reading disabled library patrons now and into the future. Regardless of new technologies, changing reading tastes, and the evolution of the Jewish community, JBI continues to adapt so that we will be there for anyone who wants assistance, anywhere in the United States and abroad.

In January of 2022, JBI’s longtime and devoted President and CEO, Dr. Ellen Isler, passed away suddenly. Ellen led JBI for the past two decades with intelligence, wisdom, and heart. We have dedicated the JBI Voices periodical, a bi-monthly compendium of articles from a wide variety of Jewish and secular news outlets, in her honor and memory. We will continue to miss her.

We are fortunate to have Livia Thompson, JBI’s Interim President, guiding JBI through this time of change. Everything that we are doing, from actively recruiting new volunteers and encouraging the return of more existing volunteers, to reviewing new production technology and delivery platforms, and expanding our outreach to serve more people in need, is based on our passion and devotion to our patrons. JBI is committed to working hard to ensure that we are THE foremost resource for free Jewish-interest materials in accessible format for visually impaired, blind and reading disabled individuals of all ages, denominations and backgrounds.

Thank you for your support and for your caring.

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My father was a proud Jew. He and my mother decided that I would celebrate my Bar Mitzvah just like my older brother. I had the Braille text from JBI, and the “trope” from my Hebrew School Principal’s recording… Where would I be without JBI? At worst, a spiritually wandering Jew… At best, perhaps a marginally affiliated Jew whose attachment might not have lasted more than a generation. JBI is part of the many blessings G-d has bestowed on me, beyond count. – Michael, New York City

My 97 year old grandmother, Miriam, would like me to thank you for the large print Haggadah which she used for the seders. It is very much appreciated! --Liz, U.K.

Thank you so much for the critically important work that you do. You are not simply sending books to patrons, you are fundamentally changing how they are able to experience life. The books are so important to my grandmother. It is her lifeline, her mental stimulation and they provide her with tremendous enjoyment. – Gail, Chicago

Every year I look forward to receiving your Braille Jewish calendar. Several years ago I received from JBI the Braille Chumash and Haftarah Books which I use when I attend services at my synagogue. Thank you for all that you do. -- Frances, British Columbia

I’m 91 years old. JBI was a blessing to me for all the 20 years I’ve been a member. Now after two cornea transplant surgeries your service is even more valuable to me. Thank you for the job you are doing” – Iris, California

Your provision of Books on Tape to my mother has been an invaluable resource and lifeline to her. Her cognitive abilities are sharp as a tack. She is no longer able to read newspapers, magazines or books, nor can she manage the TV, computer or iPad. She is limited to the phone calls, walks, in person conversation, radio and Books on Tape. Her particular interest is Adult Nonfiction, and even more particularly -- Jewish Adult Nonfiction. It is for that reason that our family so appreciates your organization and its services. Your librarians are expeditiously responsive to specific requests. For all of this, we are grateful. - Miriam, Brookline, MA

My son was very happy to use the Large Print Haggadah--he felt special and that he was a part of the celebration. – Marcie, New York

If you or a loved one could benefit from JBI’s services, please call 1-800-433-1531 or visit www.jbilibrary.org. JBI’s knowledgeable librarians will be happy to help.
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听了来自世界各地的请求——8,300个音频和大字体借阅书籍，12,000个期刊和文化项目，以及不到4,100个大字体、盲文和音频仪式和生命周期出版物被流通，全部免费并直接送到我们的会员家门。

通过我们的年度“哈加达推广活动”，1,350名视力受损的人们，否则他们会无法参加逾越节的Seder，他们得到了免费的大字体或盲文哈加达（在各种语言，不同的教派）。这些新会员被我们的图书馆团队联系，鼓励他们利用我们的全范围的服务。我们的目标是让更多的人受益。

JBI将100个模拟的有声书转换为数字格式，总数超过4,600个。

JBI为每一个盲人或视力障碍的学生和每个请求，制作了定制的盲文、音频、大字体教育材料。包括Bar和Bat Mitzvah准备材料和任何与参加犹太生活和学习相关的。去年，像往年一样，各种请求非常广泛，我们的工作人员努力确保每本书在孩子需要的时候已经准备好。

我们为我们的会员提供个性化的服务，与我们的工作人员定期电话联系，确保满足他们的特殊需求。
Condensed Statement of Activities (Year ended December 31, 2021)

**SUPPORT AND REVENUE**

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<td>Other revenue and support</td>
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**EXPENSES**

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<td>Outreach to Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union</td>
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<td>Israeli assistance program</td>
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<td>Management and general</td>
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<td>Fundraising</td>
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<td>Total Expenses</td>
<td>3,660,246</td>
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<td>Change in Net Assets</td>
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Condensed Balance Sheet (Year ended December 31, 2021)

**ASSETS**

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<td>Property and equipment, net</td>
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<td>Other assets</td>
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<td>Total Assets</td>
<td>26,324,221</td>
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**LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS**

**LIABILITIES:**

- Accounts payable and accrued expenses: 125,330
- Other liabilities: 465,561

**Total Liabilities**: 590,891

**NET ASSETS:**

Without Donor Restrictions:

- General operating: 1,118,994
- Board designated reserve: 280,200
- Board designated endowment: 8,054,963
- Investment in Property and equipment, net: 484,777

**Total Without Donor Restrictions**: 9,938,934

With Donor Restrictions:

- Purpose restricted: 2,795,404
- Beneficial interest in Trusts and Perpetual Trusts: 1,648,068
- Endowment: 6,392,243
- Investment in Property and equipment, net: 4,958,681

**Total Net Assets**: 25,733,330

**TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS**: 26,324,221

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**JBI Programs**

**LIBRARIES AND LIBRARY DEVELOPMENT SERVICES**
- Circulating library of more than 13,000 Talking Books as well as several thousand Large Print and Braille titles
- Customized educational materials for students
- Special publications and liturgical materials for all denominations
- Volunteer recording studio program
- Materials available in 9 languages distributed globally
- Personalized services to our patrons

**OUTREACH TO THOSE IN NEED**
- Reaching out to blind, visually impaired, reading disabled and physically handicapped individuals through schools, libraries, JCC’s, senior centers, social service agencies, advertisements, etc.
- Educating the community at-large about JBI’s free and unique services
- Collaborations with other organizations serving similar populations to maximize impact

**JBI PERIODICALS SERIES AND EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL PROGRAMS**
- Audio concert, drama and lecture series
- JBI Voices and Jewish Braille Review—JBI’s own bi-monthly anthology of articles drawn from a wide variety of publications, (Jerusalem Report, Commentary, Moment, Tikkan, Hadassah, and many others), with a separate and distinct Russian-language version

**ISRAEL PROGRAM**
- The JBI Low Vision Clinic (including a dedicated Children’s Clinic) and Mobile Screening Program (Tel-Aviv)
- JBI sponsored recording studios at the Central Library for the Blind in Israel

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**FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES**

- **FUNDRAISING**: 10%
- **MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL**: 8%
- **PROGRAM SERVICES**: 82%
**JBI MISSION STATEMENT**

JBI International, founded in 1931 as The Jewish Braille Institute, seeks to empower blind, visually impaired and reading disabled individuals to participate fully in educational, cultural and communal life by providing free access to works of Jewish and general interest through its Braille, Large Print and Audio Libraries. Our global programs in many languages serve people of all ages and backgrounds.

**THE JBI LIBRARY**

JBI's global library offers Jewish and general interest materials — fiction, nonfiction, periodicals, cultural and liturgical materials — in accessible formats in English, Russian, Yiddish, Spanish, Hebrew, Hungarian, Romanian and Polish. We serve readers on six continents.

**JEWISH EDUCATION & JEWISH CONTINUITY**

JBI enables blind, visually impaired and reading disabled children to obtain a Jewish education alongside their peers by providing customized educational materials in Braille, Large Print and Audio. The JBI Library also helps adults blind from birth as well as those who have become visually impaired later in life to savor the joys of reading and lifelong learning.

**ISRAEL PROGRAM**

In 1983, JBI established and has since continued to support the premier Low Vision Clinic in Israel, located at the Sourasky Medical Center in Tel Aviv. The Clinic seeks to maximize the residual vision of those with severe impairment, whether it be the result of congenital disease, aging or injury.

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