

NYSCU GRANT PROGRESS REPORT

This report of a 2026 grant received from the New York State Convention of Universalists in is due to Tom Hackett, Clerk, 70 Wall Street, Kingston, NY 12401, or electronically to NYSCUTom@gmail.com, ON OR BEFORE 30 SEPTEMBER 2026. Alternatively, you may complete the form online at <https://nyscu.org>. There is a link to the online form on the home page and on the Grants & Loans page.

If there is a visual component to the program, please send a photo or two (labeled, please) or other appropriate visual. If there is an audio or video component, please include as well.

Note: If your project is not yet underway or is just beginning, you may defer your report until 2027. Please inform the Clerk at the above address if this is the case.

ORGANIZATION: UUs for Justice in the Middle East (UUJME)

DATE OF REPORT: 9/30/2026

PURPOSE OF GRANT: Empowering UUs to Engage on Palestine and Israel

AMOUNT OF GRANT: \$1,825.00

1. How was the money actually spent?

In the spring of 2026, we made much needed updates to our brochure, shifting it to a greater incorporation of the Values adopted in 2024, as well as incorporating language that highlights the intersectionality between the struggle in Palestine/Israel and the US. These brochures were sent to UUJME chapters in congregations across the country, handed out at the satellite GA locations, and used to raise awareness about our organization at local Interfaith and UU gatherings and conferences.

We conducted an audit of our website, and made some updates, additions, and re-organization of the existing material. We have been in conversation with a web developer who can help us now that we've reached the limits of what we can do on our own.

We worked with a graphic designer to create a new logo, and used a portion of this funding for chapter support materials including t-shirts and buttons.

2. By your best estimate, how many people were/are being reached/served?

- We have chapters in 28 congregations. Within those congregations, chapter leaders use our material to do outreach to the larger congregation about what is happening in Palestine and the ways they can take action around this issue. (28x40= 1,120)
- In the spring of 2026, UUJME organized delegates to attend the Interfaith Action for Palestine in Washington, DC. Over 80 people were at the gathering and got to hear about our work and took our pamphlets. We also proudly wore our t-shirts that exclaim "My UU Faith Demands Justice in Palestine" at a solidarity march that wound through DC.
- We have over 3,000 subscribers to our e-newsletter. We frequently link to our website in those newsletters and steer folks to our blog and other features there.

3. How well have the *goals* of the program/project been met, and how has this determination been made?

Our funding request was fairly straight forward and concrete. We used the funding we received to do updates to our educational and outreach materials as well as our website.

4. What *concerns* developed in the course of the program/project?

None. It was very straight forward.

5. Is this program/project complete?

A. If no, when will it be completed and evaluated, and by whom?

B. If yes, what are the implications for the future?

We will be using our newly updated materials in a concerted outreach plan throughout 2027.

Our goal is to support 5 more congregations to start a UUJME chapter this coming year.

6. Would you do the program/project again, or recommend it to others? Explain.

- The money that we received was not for a program per-say. We received funding to update our brochures, website, and educational materials to make them relevant to the current reality in Palestine and the related rise in authoritarianism in this country.

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Thank you!