Consolidated Financial Statements and Report of Independent Certified Public Accountants

AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE AND AFFILIATES

December 31, 2019 and 2018

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REPORT OF INDEPENDENT CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

To the Board of Governors of American Jewish Committee

Report on the financial statements

We have audited the accompanying consolidated financial statements of American Jewish Committee and Affiliates (collectively, "AJC"), which comprise the consolidated balance sheets as of December 31, 2019 and 2018, and the related consolidated statements of activities, functional expenses, and cash flows for the years then ended, and the related notes to the consolidated financial statements.

Management's responsibility for the consolidated financial statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these consolidated financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of consolidated financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these consolidated financial statements based on our audits. We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the consolidated financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the consolidated financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the consolidated financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to AJC's preparation and fair presentation of the consolidated financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of AJC's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the consolidated financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.



Opinion

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of American Jewish Committee and Affiliates as of December 31, 2019 and 2018, and the changes in their net assets and their cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

New York, New York June 29, 2020

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Consolidated Balance Sheets

As of December 31, 2019 and 2018

(dollars in thousands)

ASSETS	2019	2018
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 20,790	\$ 21,505
Contributions receivable, net (Note 4)	18,863	11,559
Investments (Note 3)	45,133	39,975
Prepaid expenses and other assets	1,882	1,412
Total current assets	86,668	74,451
NONCURRENT ASSETS		
Contributions receivable, net (Note 4)	13,287	13,605
Beneficial interest in trusts held by third parties (Note 3)	10,103	4,384
Investments (Note 3)	121,250	86,757
Prepaid expenses and other assets	672	889
Fixed assets, net (Note 5)	9,323	9,769
Total noncurrent assets	154,635	115,404
Total assets	\$ 241,303	\$ 189,855
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
LIABILITIES		
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 3,807	\$ 3,078
Accrued compensation	3,148	2,719
Accrued pension plan and other benefit obligations (Note 6)	4,718	4,708
Deferred rent	264	225
Liability under split-interest agreements	318	296
Total current liabilities	12,255	11,026
NONCURRENT LIABILITIES		
Accrued pension plan and other benefit obligations (Note 6)	18,178	18,723
Deferred rent	1,616	1,576
Liability under split-interest agreements	2,400	1,617
Other noncurrent liabilities	35	34
Total noncurrent liabilities	22,229	21,950
Total liabilities	34,484	32,976
Commitments and contingencies (Notes 6 and 10)		
NET ASSETS (Notes 7 and 8)		
Net assets without donor restrictions		
Operating	31,799	30,573
Board-designated	22,309	19,484
Pension plan and other benefit obligations	(22,896)	(23,431)
Total net assets without donor restrictions	31,212	26,626
Net assets with donor restrictions	175,607	130,253
Total net assets	206,819	156,879
Total liabilities and net assets	\$ 241,303	\$ 189,855

Consolidated Statement of Activities

For the year ended December 31, 2019 (dollars in thousands)

	Net Assets Without Donor Restrictions	Net Assets With Donor Restrictions	Total
OPERATING REVENUE			
Contributions and special events for operations			
(net of direct costs of special events of \$1,697)	\$ 37,453	\$ -	\$ 37,453
Trusts and bequests	2,790	<u>-</u>	2,790
Contributions with time or purpose restrictions	_,,,,,	24,483	24,483
Contributions for endowments	_	19,457	19,457
Investment return used for operations	1,391	3,963	5,354
Rental income (Note 10)	1,169	5,705	1,169
Other	1,573		1,573
Net assets released from restrictions	16,840	(16,840)	-
Total operating revenue	61,216	31,063	92,279
OPERATING EXPENSES			
Program services:			
Interreligious and intergroup relations	2,442	_	2,442
Government and international relations	21,202	_	21,202
Regional offices	13,667	_	13,667
Contemporary Jewish life	936	_	936
Communications	3,758		3,758
Total program services	42,005		42,005
Supporting services:			
Management and general	7,204	_	7,204
Fund-raising	8,388		8,388
Total supporting services	15,592		15,592
Total operating expenses	57,597		57,597
Change in net assets from operations	3,619	31,063	34,682
NON-OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Net investment return, in excess of amounts used for operations	3,237	11,907	15,144
Change in value of split-interest agreements	32	2,384	2,416
Other components of net periodic benefit cost (Note 6)	(2,906)	-	(2,906)
Pension and postretirement changes other than net periodic benefit cost (Note 6)	604		604
Change in net assets from non-operating activities	967	14,291	15,258
Change in net assets	4,586	45,354	49,940
Net assets at beginning of year	26,626	130,253	156,879
Net assets at end of year	\$ 31,212	\$ 175,607	\$ 206,819

Consolidated Statement of Activities

For the year ended December 31, 2018 (dollars in thousands)

	Net Assets Without Donor Restrictions	Net Assets With Donor Restrictions	Total
OPERATING REVENUE			
Contributions and special events (net of direct costs of			
special events of \$2,150)	\$ 38,580	\$ -	\$ 38,580
Trusts and bequests	1,058	-	1,058
Contributions with time or purpose restrictions	-	18,295	18,295
Contributions for endowments	-	6,437	6,437
Investment return used for operations	1,276	3,984	5,260
Rental income (Note 10)	1,321	-	1,321
Other	1,650	-	1,650
Net assets released from restrictions	16,073	(16,073)	<u> </u>
Total operating revenue	59,958	12,643	72,601
OPERATING EXPENSES			
Program services:			
Interreligious and intergroup relations	2,457	-	2,457
Government and international relations	21,187	-	21,187
Regional offices	13,610	-	13,610
Contemporary Jewish life	1,081	-	1,081
Communications	2,938		2,938
Total program services	41,273		41,273
Supporting services:			
Management and general	6,863	-	6,863
Fund-raising	7,777		7,777
Total supporting services	14,640		14,640
Total operating expenses	55,913		55,913
Change in net assets from operations	4,045	12,643	16,688
NON-OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Net investment return, in excess of amounts used for operations	(2,942)	(11,523)	(14,465)
Change in value of split-interest agreements	(244)	(1,421)	(1,665)
Other components of net periodic benefit cost (Note 6) Pension and postretirement changes other than net periodic	(1,970)	-	(1,970)
benefit cost (Note 6)	(286)		(286)
Change in net assets from non-operating activities	(5,442)	(12,944)	(18,386)
Change in net assets	(1,397)	(301)	(1,698)
Net assets at beginning of year	28,023	130,554	158,577
Net assets at end of year	\$ 26,626	\$ 130,253	\$ 156,879

Consolidated Statement of Functional Expenses

For the year ended December 31, 2019 (dollars in thousands)

						Progran	ı Servi	ces						Sı	upport	porting Services				
	Inte	rreligious	Go	vernment																
		and		and			Cont	e mporary												
	Int	ergroup	Int	e rnational	R	egional		e wis h						age me nt						Total
	Re	elations	R	elations		Offices		Life	Comn	<u>unications</u>		Total	and	General	Fun	d-raising		Total		2019
Salaries	\$	1,274	\$	9,123	\$	6,376	\$	488	\$	1,337	\$	18,598	\$	2,808	\$	5,080	\$	7,888	\$	26,486
Fringe benefits		370		2,866		1,672		142		325		5,375		725		1,388		2,113		7,488
Total employee compensation		1,644		11,989		8,048		630		1,662		23,973		3,533		6,468		10,001		33,974
Travel		153		1,471		519		54		31		2,228		96		51		147		2,375
Rent and utilities		23		1,286		1,157		4		-		2,470		139		303		442		2,912
Telephone		9		82		49		3		12		155		22		45		67		222
Printing and postage		12		91		141		5		41		290		5		477		482		772
Stationery and supplies		1		31		75		-		61		168		102		22		124		292
IT services and equipment		54		307		181		21		86		649		189		109		298		947
Building maintenance		7		153		88		3		72		323		1,014		29		1,043		1,366
Insurance		6		46		36		2		1		91		224		-		224		315
Educational materials		3		11		10		-		-		24		26		1		27		51
Grants		27		423		7		-		-		457		-		-		-		457
Dues paid to other organizations		12		75		111		3		8		209		22		23		45		254
Conferences, meetings, and events		334		2,926		2,042		122		35		5,459		92		264		356		5,815
Outside contract program services		104		1,650		396		60		1,245		3,455		1,172		346		1,518		4,973
Advertising		1		129		30		1		434		595		22		104		126		721
Bank service charges		20		175		26		8		-		229		477		-		477		706
Catering and facilities rental																1,697		1,697		1,697
Total expenses before depreciation																				
and amortization		2,410		20,845		12,916		916		3,688		40,775		7,135		9,939		17,074		57,849
Depreciation and amortization		32	_	357		751		20		70		1,230		69		146		215	_	1,445
Total expenses		2,442		21,202		13,667		936		3,758		42,005		7,204		10,085		17,289		59,294
Less direct cost of special events						<u> </u>					_	-				(1,697)	_	(1,697)		(1,697)
Total 2019 expenses	\$	2,442	\$	21,202	\$	13,667	\$	936	\$	3,758	\$	42,005	\$	7,204	\$	8,388	\$	15,592	\$	57,597

Consolidated Statement of Functional Expenses

For the year ended December 31, 2018 (dollars in thousands)

						Progran	ı Servi	ices				Supporting Services						
	Inte	rreligious	Go	ve rnme nt														
		and		and			Cont	te mpo rary										
	Int	ergroup	Int	e rnational	R	egional	J	le wis h					age me nt					Total
	Re	lations	R	elations		Offices		Life	Comn	<u>nunications</u>	 Total	and	General	Fun	d-raising		Total	 2018
Salaries	\$	1,268	\$	9,220	\$	5,798	\$	507	\$	1,426	\$ 18,219	\$	2,770	\$	4,900	\$	7,670	\$ 25,889
Fringe benefits		401		2,656		1,618		191		417	 5,283		714		1,280		1,994	 7,277
Total employee compensation		1,669		11,876		7,416		698		1,843	23,502		3,484		6,180		9,664	33,166
Travel		160		1,651		846		45		19	2,721		70		68		138	2,859
Rent and utilities		18		1,143		1,106		3		10	2,280		186		261		447	2,727
Telephone		23		163		113		10		40	349		17		45		62	411
Printing and postage		16		110		156		25		160	467		5		432		437	904
Stationery and supplies		1		37		79		-		52	169		92		20		112	281
IT services and equipment		51		318		196		22		62	649		124		91		215	864
Building maintenance		6		164		75		2		84	331		993		36		1,029	1,360
Insurance		6		50		38		2		25	121		186		1		187	308
Educational materials		3		8		11		-		-	22		13		3		16	38
Grants		-		522		24		28		-	574		-		-		-	574
Dues paid to other organizations		10		75		106		5		8	204		26		25		51	255
Conferences, meetings, and events		331		3,208		2,277		150		17	5,983		138		353		491	6,474
Outside contract program services		109		1,156		435		55		241	1,996		922		94		1,016	3,012
Advertising		3		101		34		2		314	454		20		31		51	505
Bank service charges		23		277		29		11		-	340		526		1		527	867
Catering and facilities rental				-		_				-	 				2,150		2,150	 2,150
Total expenses before depreciation																		
and amortization		2,429		20,859		12,941		1,058		2,875	40,162		6,802		9,791		16,593	56,755
Depreciation and amortization		28		328		669		23		63	 1,111		61		136	_	197	 1,308
Total expenses		2,457		21,187		13,610		1,081		2,938	41,273		6,863		9,927		16,790	58,063
Less direct cost of special events											 -				(2,150)		(2,150)	 (2,150)
Total 2018 expenses	\$	2,457	\$	21,187	\$	13,610	\$	1,081	\$	2,938	\$ 41,273	\$	6,863	\$	7,777	\$	14,640	\$ 55,913

Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows

For the years ended December 31, 2019 and 2018 (dollars in thousands)

	 2019	 2018
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	 	
Change in net assets	\$ 49,940	\$ (1,698)
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to net cash		
provided by operating activities		
Depreciation and amortization	1,445	1,308
Contributions restricted for long-term investment	(19,457)	(6,437)
Net realized and unrealized (gains) losses on investments	(18,661)	11,014
Pension and postretirement changes other than net periodic		
benefit cost	(604)	286
Change in value of split-interest agreements	(2,416)	1,665
Change in operating assets and liabilities		
Contributions receivable, net	(8,644)	(1,419)
Prepaid expenses and other assets	(364)	(17)
Accounts payable, accrued expenses, and other liabilities	730	(243)
Accrued compensation	429	559
Accrued pension and other benefit obligations	69	(129)
Deferred rent	 79	 132
Net cash provided by operating activities	 2,546	 5,021
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Fixed asset acquisitions	(888)	(1,912)
Investment purchases	(94,158)	(25,517)
Investment sales	 73,168	 24,247
Net cash used in investing activities	 (21,878)	 (3,182)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Contributions restricted for long-term investment	19,457	6,437
Change in contributions receivable restricted for long-term investment	1,658	(3,625)
Other changes in split-interest agreements, net	(2,498)	(485)
Other changes in spirt-interest agreements, net	 <u></u> _	 (188)
Net cash provided by financing activities	 18,617	 2,327
Net (decrease) increase in cash and cash equivalents	(715)	4,166
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	 21,505	 17,339
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	\$ 20,790	\$ 21,505

Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements December 31, 2019 and 2018 (dollars in thousands)

1. NATURE OF ORGANIZATIONS COMPRISING AJC

American Jewish Committee is a not-for-profit organization founded in 1906. The American Jewish Committee's mission is to enhance the well-being of the Jewish people and Israel and to advance human rights and democratic values in the United States and around the world. In pursuit of this mission, American Jewish Committee advances democratic principles, fights anti-Semitism and other forms of bigotry, advocates for a secure Israel achieving fair treatment in the community of nations, and seeks to safeguard universal human rights. American Jewish Committee and its affiliates, Institute of Human Relations ("IHR"), AJC Jerusalem, AJC Berlin, Transatlantic Institute ("TAI"), AJC Central Europe and AJC Paris (collectively, "AJC") are related through common control.

IHR is a fundraising organization that remits all its revenues to American Jewish Committee. In 2016, IHR completed its conversion into a 509(a)(3) supporting organization of American Jewish Committee that is controlled by American Jewish Committee and exists solely to raise funds for American Jewish Committee.

American Jewish Committee and IHR are exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(a) of the Internal Revenue Code as organizations described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Code and qualify as public charities under Section 509(a) of the Code.

AJC Jerusalem is a not-for-profit association headquartered in Jerusalem, Israel. AJC Jerusalem was formed to engage with Israeli government officials, religious leaders, and diplomatic representatives of foreign countries stationed in Israel to share AJC's advocacy positions and analysis.

AJC Berlin is a German not-for-profit association headquartered in Berlin, Germany. AJC Berlin was formed to promote transatlantic relations, enhance German Israeli ties, combat anti-Semitism and extremism, and foster dialogue regarding American Jewish Committee's core advocacy priorities.

TAI is a not-for-profit association headquartered in Brussels, Belgium. TAI was formed to foster ties among the European Union, Israel, and the United States.

AJC Central Europe, established in 2016, is a Polish not-for-profit association headquartered in Warsaw, Poland. AJC Central Europe was formed to promote transatlantic relations, enhance ties between the region and Israel, combat anti-Semitism and extremism, and cooperate with local Jewish communities.

AJC France, established in 2017, is a French not-for-profit association headquartered in Paris, France. AJC Paris consults regularly with government officials, civil society leaders, journalists, and policy analysts, and works closely with leaders of the French Jewish community. Its targeted advocacy advances the fight against anti-Semitism, radicalism, and extremism.

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The expenses of AJC have been summarized on a functional basis. Accordingly, certain costs have been allocated to the programs and supporting services benefited. AJC's programmatic activities include the following:

Interreligious and Intergroup Relations

AJC builds coalitions to advance shared interests and support understanding with other religions and ethnic groups. Through these coalitions, AJC also advocates on behalf of the Jewish people and Israel, furthers mutual respect and combats prejudice.

Government and International Relations

AJC advocates on its priority issues at the highest levels of government and civil society in the United States and internationally in order to affect public policies of concern to the Jewish people.

AJC advocates at the national level on legislative and legal issues that affect AJC priorities. Advocacy activities in the United States include: meetings with members of the Executive Branch, Congress, and local officials; formal comments on pending legislation; filing of briefs in litigation; coalition building with community and opinion leaders; writing op-eds; and creating online petitions.

AJC maintains international institutes and offices that coordinate its advocacy throughout the world, including in Africa, Europe, Latin America, and Asia. AJC's institute and international office professionals are experts in their fields and work across national boundaries with elected officials, diplomats, and other sectors. Institute and international office professionals also build coalitions with faith, community, and other opinion leaders to promote greater understanding and dialogue in the countries in which they work, through exchange programs and through their coordination of such programs as AJC Project Interchange (educational seminars that bring influential leaders to Israel).

Regional Offices

AJC maintains more than 20 regional offices throughout the United States. The offices establish key relationships with civil society representatives, government officials, Congressional representatives, and local representatives of foreign governments to create diverse coalitions and mobilize the Jewish community on AJC's priority issues.

Contemporary Jewish Life

AJC helps to ensure Jewish continuity and to enrich the relationship of Jews in the diaspora with Israel. AJC takes public positions and holds symposia on critical current issues (e.g., enhancing understanding between Israeli and American Jews).

Communications

Using a variety of traditional and new media tools, AJC communicates nationally and globally to convey its analysis of key political events and galvanize support for the organization's advocacy priorities.

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AJC mobilizes and informs opinion makers through print and digital media, as well as through active and informative social media accounts geared toward both global Jewish concerns as well as toward topics specific to each region or country in which an AJC office or institute is located. AJC also posts on its website all its active advocacy campaigns to encourage constituents to take action on these issues. Other communication tools include timely press releases and op-eds, blog posts, and interviews by or featuring AJC experts in major media outlets.

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Principles of Consolidation

The accompanying consolidated financial statements of AJC include the financial position and changes in net assets of American Jewish Committee, IHR, AJC Jerusalem, AJC Berlin, TAI, AJC Central Europe, and AJC Paris. All significant interorganizational balances and transactions have been eliminated in consolidation.

Basis of Presentation

In August 2016, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") issued Accounting Standards Update ("ASU") No. 2016-14, *Not-for-Profit Entities (Topic 958): Presentation of Financial Statements of Not-for-Profit Entities* ("ASU 2016-14"). The ASU amends the current reporting model for not-for-profit organizations and requires certain additional disclosures. The significant changes include:

- Requiring the presentation of two net asset classes classified as "net assets without donor restrictions" and "net assets with donor restrictions";
- Modifying the presentation of underwater endowment funds and related disclosures;
- Requiring the use of the placed in service approach to recognize the satisfaction of restrictions on gifts used to acquire or construct long-lived assets, absent explicit donor stipulations otherwise;
- Requiring that all not-for-profits present an analysis of expenses by function and nature in a separate statement or in the notes to the financial statements;
- Requiring disclosure of quantitative and qualitative information on liquidity;
- Presenting investment return net of external and direct internal investment expenses; and
- Modifying other financial statement reporting requirements and disclosures intended to increase the usefulness to the reader.

AJC has adopted ASU No. 2016-14 for the year ended December 31, 2018.

The accompanying consolidated financial statements have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting.

Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements December 31, 2019 and 2018 (dollars in thousands)

Net assets, revenues, gains, and losses are classified based on the existence or absence of donor-imposed restrictions. Accordingly, net assets and changes therein are classified and reported as follows:

Net assets without donor restrictions - Represents net assets which are not restricted by donors. Net assets without donor restrictions are funds that are fully available, at the discretion of the Board of Governors and management, for AJC to utilize in any of its programs or supporting services. Net assets without donor restrictions may be designated for specific purposes by AJC's Board of Governors or may be limited by legal requirements or contractual agreements with outside parties.

Net assets with donor restrictions - Represents net assets which are subject to donor-imposed restrictions that will be met either by actions of AJC and/or the passage of time.

A portion of net assets with donor restrictions are subject to donor-imposed stipulations that they be maintained in perpetuity by AJC, which are subject to the provisions of New York Prudent Management of Institutional Funds Act ("NYPMIFA"). The donors of these assets specify the use of the income earned. In addition, these net assets include certain gifts that require the use of a spending rate. AJC follows the provisions of NYPMIFA in managing its donor-restricted endowment. AJC has interpreted NYPMIFA as allowing it to appropriate for expenditure or accumulate so much of the donor-restricted endowment fund as is prudent for the uses, benefits, purposes, and duration for which the endowment fund is established, subject to the intent of the donor as expressed in the gift instrument.

Revenues are reported as increases in net assets without donor restrictions unless use of the related assets is limited by donor-imposed restrictions. Expenses are reported as decreases in net assets without donor restrictions. Gains and losses on investments and other assets or liabilities are reported as increases or decreases in net assets without donor restrictions unless their use is restricted by donor stipulation or by law. Expirations of donor restrictions on net assets (i.e., the donor-stipulated purpose has been fulfilled and/or the stipulated time period has elapsed) are reported as net assets released from restrictions.

AJC considers pension and postretirement changes other than net periodic benefit cost and other nonrecurring activities to be nonoperating activities.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of the consolidated financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("U.S. GAAP") requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the consolidated financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates. Significant items subject to such estimates and assumptions include the useful lives of fixed assets, allowances for uncollectible amounts, the valuation of investments and beneficial interest in trusts held by third parties, the allocation of functional expenses, and the valuation of liabilities for employee benefit obligations and other contingencies.

Cash Equivalents

AJC considers all highly liquid investments with maturities of three months or less when acquired to be cash equivalents, except those amounts held by investment managers for long-term investment purposes.

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Investments

Investments in equity securities with readily determinable fair values and all investments in marketable debt securities are reported at fair value based upon quoted market prices or published net asset value ("NAV"). Alternative investments that are not readily marketable are reported at fair value based upon NAVs, as a practical expedient, provided by the fund managers, which are reviewed by management for reasonableness.

Fair Value Measurements

Fair value is defined as the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. It prioritizes the inputs to the valuation techniques used to measure fair value by giving the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1 measurements) and the lowest priority to measurements involving significant unobservable inputs (Level 3 measurements). The three levels of the fair value hierarchy are as follows:

- Level 1 inputs are quoted prices (unadjusted) or published NAV in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that a reporting entity has the ability to access at the measurement date. Included in Level 1 are cash and cash equivalents, fixed income securities, common and preferred stocks and mutual funds. Each of these respective classes of investments are determined by obtaining quoted prices on nationally recognized securities exchanges or active markets traded on a daily basis.
- Level 2 inputs are inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly.
- Level 3 inputs are unobservable inputs for the asset or liability.

Investments reported at NAV or its equivalent as a practical expedient to estimate fair value are not classified in the fair value hierarchy, except for those with a readily determinable fair value.

Risks and Uncertainties

AJC invests in various types of investment securities. Investment securities are exposed to various risks, such as interest rate, market, and credit risks. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities, it is reasonably possible that changes in the values of investment securities will occur in the near term and those changes could materially affect the amounts reported in the consolidated financial statements.

Contributions

Unconditional contributions, including promises to give cash and other assets, are reported at fair value at the date the contribution is received. The gifts are reported within net assets with donor restrictions if they are received with donor stipulations that limit the use of the donated assets.

Unconditional promises to give that are expected to be collected within one year are recorded at net realizable value. Unconditional promises to give that are expected to be collected after one year are recorded at the present value of their estimated future cash flows. The discounts on those amounts are computed using risk-adjusted interest rates. Amortization of the discount is included in contribution revenue. Conditional promises to give are not recognized until the conditions are substantially met.

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Split-Interest Agreements

Charitable gift annuities are subject to the restrictions of gift instruments requiring AJC to pay stipulated amounts to donors or beneficiaries. Such payments terminate at the time of the donor's or beneficiary's death. AJC has used actuarial assumptions and discount rates to record the present value of estimated future payments to donors and beneficiaries. The present values of payments to the donors and beneficiaries of the annuities are calculated using a discount rate of 2% and 3% in 2019 and 2018, respectively.

AJC is designated as the remainder beneficiary of various charitable remainder annuity trusts and a unitrust, where the assets are controlled and invested by independent third parties. The charitable remainder annuity trusts and unitrust interests are recorded in trusts and bequests income within net assets with donor restrictions at the present value of estimated future benefits to be received when those trusts' assets are distributed to AJC. Over 95% of the assets are invested in one equity security and, therefore, are subject to elevated market risk and fluctuations.

Fixed Assets

Fixed assets are stated at cost. Fixed assets having a useful life of one year or more and an acquisition cost of \$1,500 or more per unit are capitalized. Depreciation and amortization are computed on the straight-line basis over their estimated useful lives as follows:

Buildings	20 - 40 years
Building improvements	10 - 20 years
Furniture and equipment	5 - 15 years
Leasehold improvements	5 - 10 years

Deferred Rent

AJC has entered into several operating lease agreements as lessor and lessee, some of which contain provisions for future rent increases, tenant allowances, rent-free periods, or periods in which rent payments are reduced. The total amount of rental payments due over the lease term is being charged to rent expense or rent income using the straight-line method over the terms of the leases. The difference between rent expense recorded and the amount paid is recorded as a change in deferred rent, which is included in liabilities on the consolidated balance sheets. The difference between rent income recorded and the amount received is recorded as a change in prepaid expenses and other assets, which is included in assets on the consolidated balance sheets.

Expenses

Expenses are recognized by AJC on an accrual basis. Expenses paid in advance and not yet incurred are reported as prepaid expenses until the applicable period.

The costs of program and supporting activities have been summarized on a functional basis on the consolidated statements of activities. The consolidated statements of functional expenses present expenses by function and natural classification. Expenses directly attributable to a specific functional area are reported within that functional area. Indirect expenses that benefit multiple functional areas have been allocated by AJC using a variety of cost allocation techniques such as square footage and time and effort.

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Income Tax

AJC has evaluated its tax positions and has determined that it is more likely than not that there are no significant uncertain tax positions and that it will continue to be exempt from federal and state income taxes.

AJC prescribed to a threshold of more likely than not for recognition and derecognition of tax positions taken or expected to be taken in a tax return. As of December 31, 2019, AJC does not have any uncertain tax positions or any unrelated business income tax liability, which would have a material impact upon its financial statements.

New Pronouncements

In May 2014, the FASB issued ASU 2014-09, *Revenue from Contracts with Customers*. The ASU provides updated guidance to use in accounting for revenue arising from contracts with customers and supersedes most current revenue recognition guidance. Contribution revenue is specifically excluded from the scope of this update. AJC has adopted ASU 2014-09 for the year ended December 31, 2019.

In June 2018, the FASB issued ASU 2018-08, *Clarifying the Scope and the Accounting Guidance for Contributions Received and Contributions Made*. This ASU provides framework for determining whether a transaction should be accounted for as a contribution or as an exchange transaction, as well as guidance to assist entities in determining whether a contribution is either conditional or unconditional. AJC has adopted ASU 2018-08 for the year ended December 31, 2019.

In February 2016, the FASB issued ASU 2016-02, *Leases*. This ASU will require lessees to recognize almost all leases on the statements of financial position as a right-of-use asset and a lease liability. For statement of activity purposes, the FASB retained a dual model, requiring leases to be classified as finance leases or operating leases. This update is effective for AJC's fiscal year beginning January 1, 2021, with early adoption permitted. AJC is currently assessing the effect that adoption of the new standard will have on its consolidated financial statements.

In March 2017, the FASB issued ASU 2017-07, Compensation - Retirement Benefits: Improving the Presentation of Net Periodic Pension Cost and Net Period Postretirement Benefit Cost. The ASU requires bifurcation whereby the service cost component will be presented with the other components of employee compensation costs in operating expenses while the other components will be reported in nonoperating activities. While this guidance changes the presentation of benefit costs in the statement of activities, it will not change the rules over how the costs are measured. AJC has adopted ASU 2017-07 for the year ended December 31, 2019.

Measure of Operations

The consolidated statements of activities distinguish between operating and non-operating activities. Operating activities to carry out the mission of AJC include all revenue and expenses that are an integral part of AJC's programs and supporting services. Non-operating activities include net investment return, in excess of amounts used for operations, change in value of split-interest agreements, other components of net periodic benefit cost and pension and postretirement changes other than net periodic benefit cost.

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3. INVESTMENTS

The following table presents AJC's investments and other assets measured at fair value as of December 31, 2019 and 2018:

	December 31, 2019									
	F	air Value		Level 1		evel 2]	Level 3		
Investments										
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	7,630	\$	7,630	\$	-	\$	-		
Fixed income:										
State of Israel bonds		114		-		114		-		
Mutual funds		25,837		25,837						
		25,951		25,837		114				
Equities:										
Common and preferred stocks		17,352		17,352		-		-		
Mutual funds:										
Large-cap equity funds		20,873		20,873		-		-		
Midcap equity funds		20,956		20,956		-		-		
International and emerging markets		10,667		10,667		-		-		
Energy		729		729				-		
		70,577		70,577						
Total		104,158	\$	104,044	\$	114	\$			
Investments reported at NAV:										
1 - 3-year U.S. treasury index		15,977								
Multistrategy hedge funds (a)		15,660								
Long/short equities (b)		24,362								
Debt securities/funds (c)		6,191								
Equity funds (d)		35								
Total investments reported at										
NAV		62,225								
Total investments	\$	166,383								
Beneficial interest in trusts held by										
independent third parties	\$	10,103	\$		\$		\$	10,103		

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				Decembe	er 31, 2	2018		
	F	air Value]	Level 1		evel 2	I	Level 3
Investments								
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	5,218	\$	5,218	\$	-	\$	-
Fixed income:								
State of Israel bonds		127		=		127		=
Mutual funds		9,072		9,072				
		9,199		9,072		127		<u>-</u> _
Equities:								
Common and preferred stocks		15,643		15,643		-		-
Mutual funds:								
Large-cap equity funds		13,162		13,162		-		-
Midcap equity funds		16,393		16,393		-		-
International and emerging markets		15,227		15,227		-		-
Energy		879		879				
		61,304		61,304				
Total		75,721	\$	75,594	\$	127	\$	-
Investments reported at NAV:								
1 - 3-year U.S. treasury index		15,426						
Multistrategy hedge funds (a)		9,455						
Long/short equities (b)		16,872						
Debt securities/funds (c)		5,645						
Equity funds (d)		1,213						
Total investments reported at								
NAV		48,611						
Cash held for investment		2,400						
Total investments	\$	126,732						
Beneficial interest in trusts held by								
independent third parties	\$	4,384	\$		\$		\$	4,384

⁽a) Multistrategy hedge funds include investments in funds that pursue multiple investment strategies that attempt to diversify risks and reduce volatility. Capital is allocated to each of the strategies as well as, geographical areas, and varies depending on market opportunities.

Included in investments as of December 31, 2019 and 2018 is \$22,309 and \$19,484, respectively, which is the portion of the fair value of the portfolio attributed to the Board-designated endowment (as further discussed in Note 9).

⁽b) Long/short equities are funds invested in equity securities where long positions are expected to appreciate and short positions are expected to decline.

⁽e) Debt securities/funds are invested in global and emerging local market bonds and undervalued currencies. Hedged against currency risk through spots and forwards.

⁽d) Equity funds include investments in domestic mispriced and misunderstood master limited partnership equities.

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The limitations and restrictions on AJC's ability to redeem or sell alternative investments vary by investment. Based on the terms and conditions in effect at December 31, 2019 and 2018, AJC's alternative investments can be redeemed or sold as follows:

December 3	1, 201	9
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	Number of		Days Notice	Unfunded
Redemption Period	<u>Funds</u>	Amount	for Redemption	Commitments
Daily				
1-3 year U.S. treasury index	1	\$ 15,977	2	Not applicable
Semi-Monthly				
Long/short equities	1	10,906	Not applicable	Not applicable
Debt securities	1	3,135	5	Not applicable
Monthly				
Equity funds	1	35	30	Not applicable
Multistrategy	1	4,498	5	Not applicable
Long/short equities	2	7,412	10 - 30	Not applicable
Quarterly				
Multistrategy	4	8,660	60 - 67	Not applicable
Long/short equities	1	1,292	90	Not applicable
Annually				
Multistrategy	1	2,064	44	Not applicable
Long/short equities	2	2,157	60 - 90	Not applicable
Debt securities	1	3,056	90	Not applicable
Funds subject to lockup				
Multistrategy	8	438	Not applicable	Not applicable
Long/short equities	11	2,595	Not applicable	\$ 3,334
		\$ 62,225		

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December 31, 2018

	Decembe	er 31, 2018		
	Number of		Days Notice	Unfunded
Redemption Period	Funds	Amount	for Redemption	Commitments
Daily				
1-3 year U.S. treasury index	1	\$ 15,426	2	Not applicable
Semi-Monthly				
Long/short equities	1	6,935	Not applicable	Not applicable
Debt securities	1	2,877	5	Not applicable
Monthly				
Long/short equities	2	3,532	5 - 30	Not applicable
Equity funds	1	1,213	30	Not applicable
Quarterly				
Multistrategy	3	5,221	60 - 90	Not applicable
Long/short equities	2	2,957	67 - 90	Not applicable
Annually				
Multistrategy	2	3,050	44 - 90	Not applicable
Long/short equities	1	1,975	60	Not applicable
Debt securities	1	2,768	90	Not applicable
Funds subject to lockup				
Multistrategy	9	1,184	Not applicable	Not applicable
Long/short equities	9	1,473	Not applicable	\$ 2,897
Investmen	nts reported at NAV	48,611		
Cash held for investment				
Quarterly - Multistrategy	1	2,400	65	Not applicable
		\$ 51,011		
		<u>\$ 51,011</u>		

Investments totaling approximately \$4,160 and \$2,824 as of December 31, 2019 and 2018, respectively, were held subject to charitable gift annuity obligations, and investments of approximately \$63 and \$60 were held in trust as of December 31, 2019 and 2018, respectively.

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Investment return comprises interest, dividends, and realized and unrealized gains and losses. Return for the years ended December 31, 2019 and 2018 consisted of the following:

	W	et Assets Vithout Donor trictions	Wit	et Assets th Donor strictions	 19 Total	 18 Total
Interest and dividends	\$	669	\$	1,168	\$ 1,837	\$ 1,810
Net realized gains on investments		490		1,816	2,306	5,319
Net unrealized gains on investments		3,469		12,886	16,355	(16,334)
Total investment gains		4,628		15,870	 20,498	 (9,205)
Investment return used for operations		(1,391)		(3,963)	 (5,354)	 (5,260)
Net investment return, in excess of amount used for operations	\$	3,237	\$	11,907	\$ 15,144	\$ (14,465)

4. CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVABLE

Contributions receivable at December 31, 2019 and 2018 are scheduled to be collected as follows:

	2019	2018	
Within one year	\$ 18,863	\$ 11,559	
One to five years	10,385	11,062	
More than five years	4,800	4,616	
	34,048	27,237	
Less discount to present value at rates ranging			
from 1.8% to 3.0%	(1,236)	(1,394)	
Less allowance for uncollectible amounts	(662)	(679)	
	\$ 32,150	\$ 25,164	

Included in contributions receivable, net at December 31, 2019 and 2018 are pledges of \$14,800 and \$12,231, respectively, from three and four donors, respectively. Included in contributions and special events and trusts and bequests revenue at December 31, 2019 and 2018 is revenue of \$27,386 and \$17,285, respectively, from two and three donors, respectively.

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5. FIXED ASSETS

Fixed assets consist of the following at December 31, 2019 and 2018:

	2019	2018		
Land	\$ 430	\$ 430		
Buildings	5,231	5,231		
Building improvements	12,969	12,752		
Furniture and equipment	12,650	12,655		
Leasehold improvements	4,077	3,636		
	35,357	34,704		
Accumulated depreciation and amortization	(26,034)	(24,935)		
	<u>\$ 9,323</u>	\$ 9,769		

6. ACCRUED PENSION PLAN AND OTHER BENEFIT OBLIGATIONS

American Jewish Committee has a defined benefit pension plan. The benefits are based on the average of the highest three consecutive January 1 salaries, limited to a maximum of \$245,000. American Jewish Committee's funding policy is to contribute annually at least the minimum amount required under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974. Effective July 17, 2009, no new participants are included in the plan and all future benefit accruals are frozen.

In addition, American Jewish Committee has unfunded contributory postretirement medical and life insurance benefit plans. The postretirement medical plan covers all employees who have retired after age 65 and have completed 10 years of service. The postretirement life insurance plan covers all employees who retired on or before January 1, 1998 after attainment of age 60 and 10 years of service and who were covered for active employee life insurance at the time of retirement.

AJC recognizes the funded status of these plans, measured as the difference between plan assets at fair value and the benefit obligation, in the consolidated balance sheets.

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The following tables provide information with respect to the plans as of and for the years ended December 31, 2019 and 2018:

	Decemb	er 31, 2019
	Pension Benefits	Other Benefits
Change in benefit obligation		
Benefit obligation at January 1, 2019	\$ 58,529	\$ 2,902
Service cost	-	254
Interest cost	2,552	109
Actuarial loss	5,184	280
Benefits paid	(3,875)	(64)
Benefit obligation at December 31, 2019	62,390	3,481
Change in plan assets		
Fair value of plan assets at January 1, 2019	38,509	-
Actual return on plan assets	5,826	-
Employer contribution	3,181	64
Benefits paid	(3,875)	(64)
Fair value of plan assets at December 31, 2019	43,641	<u>-</u>
Funded status	<u>\$ (18,749)</u>	\$ (3,481)
Balance sheet recognition		
Accrued benefit cost	\$ (18,749)	\$ (3,481)

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	December 31, 2018		
	Pension Benefits	Other Benefits	
Change in benefit obligation			
Benefit obligation at January 1, 2018	\$ 63,163	\$ 3,047	
Service cost	-	308	
Interest cost	2,473	118	
Actuarial gain	(3,223)	(513)	
Benefits paid	(3,884)	(58)	
Benefit obligation at December 31, 2018	58,529	2,902	
Change in plan assets			
Fair value of plan assets at January 1, 2018	43,292	-	
Actual return on plan assets	(3,399)	-	
Employer contribution	2,500	58	
Benefits paid	(3,884)	(58)	
Fair value of plan assets at December 31, 2018	38,509		
Funded status	\$ (20,020)	\$ (2,902)	
Balance sheet recognition			
Accrued benefit cost	\$ (20,020)	\$ (2,902)	

The 2019 and 2018 employer contributions of \$3,245 and \$2,558, respectively, are reflected as a use of cash in operating activities in the accompanying 2019 and 2018 consolidated statements of cash flows.

Included in the projected accumulated benefit obligation (other benefits) is approximately \$168 and \$210 for 2019 and 2018, respectively, for life insurance and approximately \$2,452 and \$2,766 for 2019 and 2018, respectively, for medical premiums.

Components of net periodic benefit expenses are as follows for 2019 and 2018:

	December 31, 2019			
	Pension Benefits		Other Benefits	
Service cost	\$	-	\$	254
Interest cost		2,552		109
Expected return on plan assets	(2,471)		-
Amortization of actuarial loss (gain)		2,791		(75)
Net periodic expense	\$	2,872	\$	288

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	December 31, 2018			
	Pension Benefits		Other enefits	
Service cost	\$ -	\$	308	
Interest cost	2,473	}	118	
Expected return on plan assets	(2,776)	5)	-	
Amortization of actuarial loss (gain)	2,172	<u> </u>	(17)	
Net periodic expense	\$ 1,869	\$	409	

At December 31, 2019 and 2018, items not yet recognized as net periodic benefit costs are net losses of \$22,370 and \$24,108, respectively.

AJC used a Dedicated Bond Portfolio model to derive the discount rate for 2019 and 2018.

The weighted-average assumptions are as follows:

	December 31, 2019			
	Pension Benefits	Other Benefits		
Discount rate used to determine				
the benefit obligation	3.49 %	3.26 %		
Discount rate used to determine				
net periodic benefit cost	4.51 %	4.24 %		
	December	31, 2018		
	Pension	Other		
	Benefits	Benefits		
Discount rate used to determine				
the benefit obligation	4.51 %	4.24 %		
Discount rate used to determine				
net periodic benefit cost	4.04 %	3.64 %		

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The medical trend rate used is 7%; a 1% change in the healthcare cost trends has the following impact:

	December 31, 2019			
	In	crease	D	ecrease
Effect on total service and interest cost	\$	123	\$	(86)
Effect on the postretirement benefit obligation		955		(690)
		Decembe	er 31, 2	018
	In	crease	D	ecrease
Effect on total service and interest cost	\$	158	\$	(108)
Effect on the postretirement benefit obligation		723		(531)

In 2019 and 2018, AJC used the 2019 Mortality Improvement Scale MP-2019 and 2018 Mortality Improvement Scale MP-2018, respectively, to value its pension and postretirement obligation.

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Plan Assets

The following table presents the investments of American Jewish Committee's pension plan assets measured at fair value by asset category, which are included in the funded status of the pension liability recorded in the accompanying consolidated balance sheets as of December 31, 2019 and 2018:

	December 31, 2019		
	Fair Value	Level 1	
Cash and cash equivalents			
Cash	\$ 33	\$ 33	
Short-term investment fund	4,397	4,397	
	4,430	4,430	
Fixed income			
Debt fund	12,383	12,383	
	12,383	12,383	
Equities			
Common and preferred stocks	2,022	2,022	
Mutual funds			
Large-cap equity funds	2,828	2,828	
Midcap equity funds	4,416	4,416	
International and emerging markets	2,379	2,379	
	11,645	11,645	
Total	28,458	\$ 28,458	
Investments reported at NAV			
Multistrategy hedge funds (a)	7,494		
Long/short equities (b)	5,652		
Debt securities/funds (c)	2,037		
Total investments reported			
at NAV	15,183		
Total investments	\$ 43,641		

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	December 31, 2018		
	Fair Value	Level 1	
Cash and cash equivalents			
Cash	\$ 791	\$ 791	
Short-term investment fund	2,367	2,367	
	3,158	3,158	
Fixed income			
Debt fund	12,122	12,122	
	12,122	12,122	
Equities			
Common and preferred stocks	1,913	1,913	
Mutual funds			
Large-cap equity funds	1,348	1,348	
Midcap equity funds	3,526	3,526	
International and emerging markets	3,245	3,245	
	10,032	10,032	
Total	25,312	\$ 25,312	
Investments reported at NAV			
Multistrategy hedge funds (a)	6,829		
Long/short equities (b)	2,922		
Debt securities/funds (c)	1,846		
Total investments reported			
at NAV	11,597		
Cash held for investment	1,600		
Total investments	\$ 38,509		

⁽a) Multistrategy hedge funds include investments in funds that pursue multiple investment strategies that attempt to diversify risks and reduce volatility. Capital is allocated to each of the strategies, as well as geographical areas, and varies depending on market opportunities.

⁽b) Long/short equities are funds invested in equity securities where long positions are expected to appreciate and short positions are expected to decline.

Debt securities/funds are invested in global and emerging local market bonds and undervalued currencies. Hedged against currency risk through spots and forwards.

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The investment allocation is as follows for 2019 and 2018:

		2018
Cash and cash equivalents	10 %	12 %
Fixed income	28	32
Equities	27	26
Alternative investments	35	30

Based on historically indexed data, the assumed long term rates of return for 2019 and 2018 are as follows: fixed income of 6% and equities and alternative investments of 9%, which produce an expected composite rate of return of 7%.

The limitations and restrictions on AJC's ability to redeem or sell alternative investments vary by investment. Based on the terms and conditions in effect at December 31, 2019 and 2018, the plan's alternative investments can be redeemed or sold as follows:

	December 31, 2019					
Redemption P	Number of Funds	A	Amount	Days Notice for Redemption	Unfunded Commitments	
Semi-Monthly						
Long/short equities	1	\$	2,806	Not applicable	Not applicable	
Monthly						
Long/short equities	1		1,152	10 -30	Not applicable	
Quarterly						
Multistrategy	4		5,962	60 - 67	Not applicable	
Annually						
Multistrategy	1		1,194	44	Not applicable	
Long/short equities	1		1,517	90	Not applicable	
Debt securities	1		2,037	90	Not applicable	
Funds subject to lockup						
Multistrategy	8		338	Not applicable	Not applicable	
Long/short equities	1		177	Not applicable	Not applicable	
	Investments reported at NAV	\$	15,183			

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December 31, 2018

Redemption Period	Number of Funds	A	Amount	Days Notice for Redemption	Unfunded Commitments
Semi-Monthly					
Long/short equities	1	\$	2,709	Not applicable	Not applicable
Quarterly					
Multistrategy	3		3,293	60 - 90	Not applicable
Annually					
Multistrategy	2		2,708	44 - 90	Not applicable
Debt securities	1		1,846	90	Not applicable
Funds subject to lockup					
Multistrategy	9		828	Not applicable	Not applicable
Long/short equities	2		213	Not applicable	Not applicable
Investmen	ts reported at NAV		11,597		
Cash held for investments					
Quarterly - Multistrategy	1		1,600	65	Not applicable
		\$	13,197		

Estimated Future Benefit Payments

It is estimated that \$2,882 of the actuarial loss will be included as a component of net periodic benefit costs in fiscal year 2020.

The following benefit payments are expected to be paid as follows:

	Pension Benefits	Other Benefits
Year(s) ending December 31:	 enents	Delicitis
2020	\$ 4,639	\$ 79
2021	4,605	83
2022	4,601	87
2023	4,483	91
2024	4,359	96
2025 - 2029	20,112	568

American Jewish Committee expects to contribute to the pension plan at least \$3,080 in fiscal year 2020.

American Jewish Committee is contractually obligated to provide retirement benefits to certain current and former executives and employees. As of December 31, 2019 and 2018, accrued special retirement benefits and executive insurance totaled approximately \$666 and \$509, respectively.

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7. NET ASSETS WITH DONOR RESTRICTIONS

Net assets with donor restrictions at December 31, 2019 and 2018 were composed of the following:

	2019	2018
Program funds and endowment funds appropriated and		
available for spending		
Government and international relations	\$ 9,281	\$ 10,061
Fellowship and leadership development	5,208	4,289
Communications	1,747	7,215
Regional offices	4,561	1,723
Executive discretionary and emergency aid funds	66	467
Contemporary Jewish life	8	114
Interreligious and intergroup relations	3,928	936
Total available for spending	24,799	24,805
Time restricted		
Multi-year contributions - general operations	17,296	12,951
Split-interest agreements	10,015	4,297
Total time restricted	27,311	17,248
Subject to AJC's spending policy and appropriation		
Original endowment corpus		
General operations	50,121	31,375
Fellowship and leadership development	18,855	18,324
Government and international relations	17,833	17,809
Interreligious and intergroup relations	4,267	4,161
Regional offices	2,401	2,352
Contemporary Jewish life	1,611	1,609
Institute of Human Relations	545	545
Communications	106	106
Endowment and other investment earnings available for	27,758	11,919
future appropriations		
Total subject to AJC's spending policy and		
appropriation	123,497	88,200
Total net assets with donor restrictions	<u>\$ 175,607</u>	\$ 130,253

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Net assets were released from donor restrictions by incurring expenses satisfying the restricted purposes or by occurrence of other events specified by donors:

	 2019	. <u> </u>	2018
Purpose restrictions accomplished:			
Government and international relations	\$ 8,081	\$	8,299
Fellowship and leadership development	1,597		2,101
Regional offices	695		1,396
Communications	2,649		1,093
Executive discretionary and emergency aid funds	401		158
Contemporary Jewish life	115		232
Interreligious and intergroup relations	 437		467
Total purpose restrictions released	 13,975		13,746
Time restrictions expired	 2,865		2,658
Total restrictions released	\$ 16,840	\$	16,404

8. ENDOWMENT FUNDS

AJC maintains several donor-restricted funds, the purpose of which is to provide support for various programmatic activities and supporting services. In classifying such funds for financial statement purposes as either net assets with donor restrictions or net assets without donor restrictions, the Board of Governors looks to the explicit direction of the respective donor and provisions of applicable New York state law.

In accordance with NYPMIFA, AJC considers the following factors in making a determination to appropriate or accumulate donor-restricted endowment funds:

- 1. The duration and preservation of the donor-restricted endowment;
- 2. The purposes of AJC and the donor-restricted endowment;
- 3. General economic conditions;
- 4. The possible effect of inflation and deflation;
- 5. The expected total return from income and the appreciation of investments;
- 6. Other resources of AJC; and
- 7. The investment policies of AJC.

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Endowment composition by net asset classification, exclusive of net contributions receivable related to endowment funds of approximately \$8,620 and \$9,531 as of December 31, 2019 and 2018, respectively, is as follows:

		2019	
	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	Total
Donor-restricted endowment			
funds	\$ -	\$ 117,968	\$ 117,968
Board-designated funds	22,309		22,309
Total funds	\$ 22,309	<u>\$ 117,968</u>	\$ 140,277
		2018	
	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	Total
Donor-restricted endowment			
funds	\$ -	\$ 85,915	\$ 85,915
Board-designated funds	19,484		19,484
Total funds	\$ 19,484	\$ 85,915	\$ 105,399

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Changes in endowment net assets for the years ended December 31, 2019 and 2018 are as follows:

		Decei	mber 31, 201	9	
	hout Donor		ith Donor estrictions		Total
Endowment net assets, beginning					
of year	\$ 19,484	\$	85,915	\$	105,399
Investment return					
Interest and dividend income	310		1,164		1,474
Net realized and unrealized gain on investments	 3,547		13,178		16,725
Total investment return	3,857		14,342		18,199
Contributions	-		21,674		21,674
Distributions	 (1,032)		(3,963)		(4,995)
Endowment net assets, end of year	\$ 22,309	\$	117,968	\$	140,277

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	December 31, 2018					
		hout Donor estrictions		ith Donor estrictions		Total
Endowment net assets, beginning						
of year	\$	22,607	\$	92,673	\$	115,280
Investment return						
Interest and dividend income		320		1,151		1,471
Net realized and unrealized loss on investments		(2,501)		(9,025)		(11,526)
Total investment return		(2,181)		(7,874)		(10,055)
Contributions		-		5,100		5,100
Distributions		(942)		(3,984)		(4,926)
Endowment net assets, end of year	\$	19,484	\$	85,915	\$	105,399

Included in investments as of December 31, 2019 and 2018 is \$22,309 and \$19,484, respectively, which is the portion of the fair value of the portfolio attributed to the Board-designated endowment (as further discussed in Note 9).

In addition to the investment return with donor restrictions on endowment funds, the consolidated statements of activities reflect \$4 and \$4 of interest and dividend income and a \$1,383 and \$331 of net realized and unrealized gains on investments for donor funds requiring investment returns be added to the original gift until certain time, program, or other donor restrictions are met for 2019 and 2018, respectively.

Fund Deficiencies

From time to time, the fair value of assets associated with individual donor restricted endowment funds may fall below the level that the donor or NYPMIFA requires AJC to retain as a fund of perpetual duration.

Deficiencies of this nature exist in one donor-restricted endowment fund in 2019, which has an original give value of \$1,411, a current fair value of \$1,125, and a deficiency of \$286 as of December 31, 2019.

Deficiencies of this nature exist in 22 donor-restricted endowment funds in 2018, which together have an original give value of \$14,686, a current fair value of \$13,896, and a deficiency of \$790 as of December 31, 2018.

These deficiencies resulted from unfavorable market fluctuations that occurred shortly after the investment of new contributions for donor-restricted endowment funds and appropriation for certain programs was not continued.

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Return Objectives and Risk Parameters

AJC has adopted investment and spending policies and procedures for endowment assets based on total return. The primary investment objective is to exceed the inflation-adjusted annualized spending rate over a five-year market cycle, recognizing established risk parameters, and the need to preserve capital. The investment committee strives to diversify investments to reduce volatility by allocating assets to multiple asset classes, allocating assets among various investment styles, and retaining multiple investment firms with complementary investment philosophies, styles, and approaches. Actual returns in any given year may vary.

Strategies Employed for Achieving Objectives

To satisfy its long-term rate-of-return objectives, AJC relies on a total return strategy in which investment returns are achieved through both capital appreciation (realized and unrealized) and current yield (interest and dividends). AJC targets a diversified asset allocation to reduce volatility that places a greater emphasis on equity-based investments to achieve its long-term return objectives within prudent constraints.

Spending Policy and How the Investment Objectives Relate to Spending Policy

AJC has a spending policy based on a five-year trailing average of the market value of the portfolio. For any endowment fund in existence fewer than five years, the market value of the endowment fund shall be calculated for the specified period the endowment fund has been in existence. The spending rate for 2019 was 5%. For 2020, the spending rate will continue to be 5%. In establishing this policy, AJC considers the long-term expected return on its endowment.

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9. LIQUIDITY AND AVAILABILITY OF RESOURCES

AJC's financial assets available within one year of the balance sheet date for general expenditures are as follows:

		2019	2018
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	20,790	\$ 21,505
Contributions receivable		18,863	11,559
Investments		45,133	39,975
Prepaid expenses and other assets		1,882	1,412
Total financial assets available within one year		86,668	74,451
Less:			
Contractual, legal or donor-imposed restrictions:			
Amounts subject to expenditure for specified purposes		19,992	20,247
Pledges for endowment purposes		2,245	 2,816
Total amounts unavailable for general expenditures within one year		22,237	 23,063
Total financial assets available within one year, including			
Board designations		64,431	 51,388
Board-designated endowment - unavailable to management without			
Board approval	-	22,309	 19,484
Total financial assets available within one year, excluding			
Board designations	\$	42,122	\$ 31,904

AJC is primarily supported by contributions (both with and without donor restrictions). As donor restrictions require resources to be used in a particular manner or in future periods, AJC maintains sufficient resources to meet those responsibilities to its donors. Thus, certain financial assets may not be available for general expenditure within one year. As part of AJC's liquidity management, through budget planning and monitoring, financial assets are made available as its general operations, liabilities, and other obligations require. It is AJC's goal to build reserves to meet current and unexpected operating needs. In January 2017, the Executive Council of AJC's Board of Governors authorized the creation of a Board-designated endowment using excess cash above AJC's operating cash requirements to seek higher returns. As of December 31, 2019 and 2018, Board-designated funds, which had no specific designation for the usage of the funds, totaled \$22,309 and \$19,484, respectively, and are included in current investments on the consolidated balance sheets. In the event of financial distress or an immediate liquidity need resulting from events outside general operations, AJC's Board may draw upon these Board-designated funds. AJC could also draw from its \$10,000 line of credit (as further discussed in Note 10).

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10. LEASES AND OTHER COMMITMENTS

Leases

American Jewish Committee is obligated under noncancelable operating lease agreements for office space in several locations. Minimum annual rentals at December 31, 2019 and 2018 are as follows:

2020	\$ 2	,150
2021	2	,061
2022	1	,810
2023	1	,438
2024		543
2025 and thereafter	2	,504
	\$ 10	,506

Rent expense for the years ended December 31, 2019 and 2018, were \$2,596 and \$2,417, respectively.

Rental Income under Operating Leases

AJC leases space to others in its building located in New York City and subleases space in Washington, D.C. The leases provide for minimum annual rentals and reimbursement of certain expenses. The following is a schedule of minimum future rentals on noncancelable leases as of December 31, 2019 and 2018:

2020	\$ 1,655
2021	1,598
2022	1,607
2022	1,007
2023	1,172
2024	458
2025 and thereafter	104
	\$ 6,594

Line of Credit

AJC has available a line of credit from a bank in the amount of \$10,000, which was not drawn upon during the years ended December 31, 2019 and 2018. The line of credit is available through June 2020, subject to extension, and carries an interest rate equal to the prime rate or the minimum interest rate determined by the bank. As of December 31, 2019 and 2018, no balance was outstanding under this line of credit.

Litigation and Claims

AJC is a party to various litigation in the ordinary course of business, which, in the opinion of management, will not have a material adverse effect on the consolidated financial position or changes in net assets of AJC.

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11. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

AJC evaluated events from December 31, 2019 through June 29, 2020, the date on which the consolidated financial statements were available to be issued, and determined that no additional disclosures outside of the following are required.

Subsequent to year end, the United States and global markets experienced significant declines in value resulting from uncertainty caused by the worldwide coronavirus pandemic. AJC is closely monitoring their investment portfolio and their liquidity and are actively working to minimize the impact of these declines. AJC's financial statements do not include adjustments to fair value that have resulted from these declines. Economic dislocation and the inability to hold fundraising events have also negatively affected AJC's fundraising efforts for 2020.