

# PROFESSIONAL BIO



## Alan H. Gill

### Chief Executive Officer

Alan Gill, the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee's CEO, is one of the Jewish world's transformative professional leaders. His vision and career have exemplified and put into direct action the notion of global Jewish responsibility. With more than three decades of Jewish community development, partnership building, global strategy, and innovative resource development expertise, Gill has played a central role in expanding and revolutionizing JDC's humanitarian operation in more than 70 countries and in Israel.

A 20-year veteran of JDC, Gill played a leadership role in launching many of JDC's landmark programs including: Ashalim, a unique public and private/non-profit partnership to address the needs of Israel's children at risk; The Hunger Relief Campaign for impoverished elderly Jews in post-Soviet countries and the development of community centers for the renewal of Jewish life in those communities; and PACT – Parents and Children Together – an internationally recognized program for the education and cultural integration of Ethiopian-Israeli preschool children and their parents.

Gill also served as a special advisor to the organization's Former Soviet Union operations and was a member of JDC's emergency relief team during the 2008 Russia-Georgia war, providing urgently needed assistance to elderly Jews trapped behind the Russian lines.

During his tenure as the organization's Executive Director of International Relations, JDC's annual, direct philanthropic revenue increased tenfold with significant growth in foundation, major donor, governmental, and general donor support, bringing JDC's total annual budget to \$350 million. This growth has enabled JDC to expand its critically needed humanitarian assistance and Jewish community development activities in post-communist countries and to address growing social gaps in Israel.

Gill was previously the CEO of the Jewish Federation of Columbus, Ohio. Founder of Ohio State University's graduate training program for Jewish Communal Service, he was also a part-time professor at Ohio State's College of Social Work. Gill holds a bachelor's degree in psychology and sociology from Ohio University, and a master's degree in social work from Ohio State.

Gill and his wife, Rhona, currently reside in New York City. They have three adult children, all living in Israel.