

# Federation's 90-year timeline

1934-2024

1933

Caspar Caplan develops the first concept of a Federation.



1934

The Vaad Ha'r was organized to administer Jewish activity in the city, principally kashrut, Jewish education and spiritual guidance.

1934

Vaad Ha'r organizes a special fundraiser called the United Palestine Appeal to support Palestinian Jews.

1951

Vaad Ha'r is part of the community centre building at 151 Chapel Street and moves to 21 Nadolny Sachs Private along with the Soloway JCC in 1998.

1953

The first Israeli ambassador to Canada, Michael Comay and his wife Joan, visit Ottawa and are greeted by Hyman Gould, then president of the Vaad.



1967

On June 2, Vaad, led by then-president Jules Loeb, held a rally in solidarity with Israel during the Six-Day War.

1973

During Norman Zagerman's presidency, the organization underwent a transformative shift, allowing for community participation in the election of officers.



2005

The name of the Vaad Ha'r changes to the Jewish Federation of Ottawa.



2002

Federation helps to organize the Israel Solidarity Rally on Parliament Hill, attended by 10,000 supporters.



1991

Maureen Molot elected first female president.



1991

Operation Exodus campaign to help Soviet Jewry.

1983

The building at 31 Nadolny Sachs is purchased for Hillel Academy and the Jewish Community Campus begins.

1976

Hy Hochberg becomes the executive vice-president of the Vaad.



2005

PJL Library program starts - in less than 10 years, in 2014 Federation will be distributing 4,440 free Jewish books through this program.



2018

Federation launches the Challenge Fund, significantly increasing the Annual Campaign and paving the way for the Jewish Superhighway.

2019

Federation launches the Jewish Experience Microgrants program which has since provided \$257,000 to support 150+ grassroots community projects.



2020

THE GENERATIONS TRUST FOR JEWISH EDUCATION A partnership between Federation and Torah Day School of Ottawa and the Ottawa Jewish Community School - is created to tackle the crisis of affordability in day schools.



2020

Federation joins the Life & Legacy initiative and by 2024, 76% are formalized, totaling \$3.25M.



2023

On December 4, 20K people gather on Parliament Hill for the historic Canada's Rally for the Jewish People.



2023

In support of Jewish education, Federation creates a two-year tuition incentive program to ensure Jewish education is accessible to everyone.

2023

Federation creates Jewish Journeys, a new grant program offering up to \$20K to programs inspiring Jewish engagement for all ages.

2020-21

Annual Campaign along with Emergency Campaign for Community Resilience raises \$7.2M for Jewish Ottawa.

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