



2025-2026 Impact by the numbers

A Year of Building Jewish Life,
Strengthening Community,
and Securing our Future

As the Jewish Federation of Ottawa continues to advance the priorities of our Five-Year Strategic Plan, this snapshot highlights some of the outcomes made possible through the generosity of our donors, volunteers, and community partners.



Strengthening the Organizations that Strengthen Our Community

This year, the Annual Community Campaign surpassed \$5 million for the first time since 2019. This achievement will allow Federation to increase allocations to our community partners by 5% — the first increase in over a decade — contributing to \$3.5 million in annual allocations and grants.

Through the Campaign, Federation provides funding to **35 vital Jewish Institutions in Ottawa**, helping sustain essential services including Jewish education, senior care, and programs that strengthen and enrich Jewish life across our Nation's Capital. By investing in the organizations that serve our community every day, Federation helps ensure a strong, connected, and vibrant Jewish future. Federation's allocations and grants fuel the work done by our partner agencies:

Caring for the Vulnerable

782 Jewish households supported through Jewish Family Services.

4,997 Kosher Meals on Wheels delivered to **65 seniors**.

130 households receiving monthly financial assistance.

120 residents cared for at the Bess and Moe Greenberg Family Hillel Lodge.

41 Jewish adults supported through Tamir's residential and day programs.

42 children and youth in Keshet for Kids program.

Building Jewish Education and Identity

280 students enrolled in Ottawa's two Jewish day schools.

93 more than **\$1.49 million in tuition assistance** provided to 93 families.

3,600+ **3,600-4,000** members engaged through the Soloway JCC.

72 preschool children enrolled in Ganon Preschool.

\$28,000+ more than **\$28,000 in camp and preschool financial assistance** helping families access Jewish experiences.

1000s Thousands of children, teens, adults, and seniors participating annually in Jewish cultural, educational, and community programs.

350 students participating in Jewish learning at our supplementary schools, including **133 new students** engaged through "**A Place for Everyone Tuition Incentive Program.**"

PJ Library Ottawa Celebrates 15th Anniversary



750+ **families reached every month** through PJ Library, helping families bring Jewish stories, values, and traditions into their homes.

109,633 **books delivered** since 2011, helping raise a generation of Jewish readers.

40 PJ Library family **programs** delivered this year, creating meaningful opportunities for Jewish families to connect, celebrate, and build community through 14 community partnerships.

7,000 public school students engaged through **PJ Library Educator Book Kits**, fostering understanding of Jewish culture, traditions, and experiences in Ottawa classrooms.



Allyship and Security

1,000+ **community allies**, from politicians to faith and business leaders, reached through advocacy and interfaith initiatives, creating networks of support to stand against antisemitism and to advance our community priorities.

16 **security enhancement projects** supported through federal-funding partnerships, ensuring Jewish organizations can enjoy safe and secure environments.

\$300,000 USD secured through **JFNA's LiveSecure grant** to strengthen community safety, preparedness, and resilience through a partnership with the **Jewish Security Network** and the hiring of a **Regional Security Manager**.



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2025–2026 Community Impact Report.

Young Adults and Students

55 emerging leaders participating in **J-Fellows** over the past three years, creating a pipeline of engaged young people committed to ensuring a vibrant and resilient Jewish future.

388 Shabbat meals served, **126 programs created**, and more than **1,500 student participations** reached by Hillel Ottawa, fueling joy and meaningful Jewish experiences for students away from home.



350+ highschool students reached through **Holocaust Education Month** programming, resulting in increased understanding.

For most participants, this programming marked their first time entering a Jewish space or meeting a Jewish person, making the experience deeply formative in shaping their perceptions. Encounters with rabbis and community leaders helped build bridges and sparked genuine curiosity about Jewish life and faith.



Deepening Connections to Israel

20 students connected through the new Living Bridge program between Hillel Ottawa and Tel Hai University, building enriching relationships through weekly Jewish learning and dialogue.

11 Tel Hai students to visit Ottawa in the fall of 2026, transforming virtual connections into lasting people-to-people experiences.

20 women engaged through **Monthly Mifgash**, a **Partnership2Gether** initiative connecting participants in Ottawa and Etzba HaGalil through monthly discussions, shared learning, and transformative cross-community relationships.

2 **Shinshinim** returning after an eight-year absence, bringing Israel to life for Ottawa students, families, and community members through meaningful connections.

