

UJA Impact Report



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Message from Our Leadership

There are moments when the strength of a community is measured not only by how it responds to challenges, but by how it continues to care, connect, and build for the future.

This year, our Greater Toronto Jewish community once again demonstrated what is possible when we bring together our collective strength and generosity.

Together, we strengthened the network of care that our community depends on, helping ensure that those facing vulnerability or hardship can access the support they need with dignity and compassion.

We continued to strengthen the foundations of Jewish life, creating more opportunities for people across our community to learn, connect, participate, and experience a deep sense of Jewish identity and belonging.

We prioritized Jewish education as a cornerstone of a strong Jewish future, working alongside our schools to help ensure it remains accessible and sustainable for generations to come.

We invested in the community's safety and security while working toward something larger: a Canada where antisemitism and hate are pushed to the margins of society, and where Jewish Canadians can live openly, proudly, and fully.

And our commitment to the people of Israel remained steadfast, as we supported communities navigating recovery, resilience, and renewal, while deepening the connections that bind our communities.

None of this work happens in isolation. This Impact Report offers a window into UJA's work and the difference we can make when our community comes together with shared purpose and responsibility. We are deeply grateful to our donors, volunteers, professionals, partners, and community members. Your commitment makes this work possible and helps ensure a strong Jewish future for us all.

Thank you for being part of it. ■

Adam Minsky

President & CEO

Ken Tanenbaum

Chair of the Board



What We Do.

Meeting the Moment, Building the Future

A strong Jewish community doesn't happen by accident—it is built when we come together around a shared vision for the future. Guided by our Strategic Plan, we bring together donors, agencies, community leaders, volunteers, governments, and partners to understand our community's greatest needs, develop co-ordinated solutions, and invest strategically where they will have the greatest impact. More than a funder, we bring together the relationships, resources, volunteers, and ideas needed to respond to emerging needs and plan for the future. Together, we are creating lasting impact where our community needs it most. ■

Learn more about **UJA's Strategic Plan** [↗](#)

We Care for the Vulnerable

We support a robust network of social service agencies that help our community's most vulnerable and provide crucial care when it is needed most. ■

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We Strengthen Jewish Life and Connection

We spark a lasting sense of belonging to the Jewish community. We support organizations and experiences that bring Jewish life to people of all ages, strengthening identity, building connections, and creating a vibrant Jewish community. ■

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We Enhance Security and Confront Antisemitism

We work to push antisemitism and hate to the margins by strengthening security, confronting antisemitism wherever it appears, advancing advocacy, defending our rights, and building strong alliances so Jewish Canadians can live safely, openly, and proudly. ■

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We Expand Access to Jewish Education

We help more children experience the lifelong benefit of a Jewish education through our work in Jewish day schools with the Julia and Henry Koschitzky Centre for Jewish Education, part-time schools, and public schools. ■

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We Help Rebuild Israel

Through investments in resilience, mental health, education, leadership, and community building, we help Israelis recover from crisis, strengthen communities, and build for the future. Through Jewish Federations of Canada-United Israel Appeal (JFC-UIA), UJA connects Toronto's Jewish community with opportunities to make a lasting difference across Israel. ■

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President and CEO



Adam Minsky

“One of the things I love about UJA is that you don’t build the firehouse when the fire is happening—you build it beforehand. Making sure our community has an incredible network of agencies and services ready to respond when they’re needed most is one of our most important responsibilities.”

Adam Minsky joined UJA in 2004 after helping pioneer Birthright Israel in Canada. Experiencing firsthand what is possible when a community comes together around a shared purpose inspired him to dedicate his career to UJA Federation of Greater Toronto.

In this conversation, Adam reflects on how UJA is meeting the moment—responding to today’s challenges, while preparing our community for tomorrow. ■

Do you have a favourite UJA memory?

I have a lot of favourite UJA memories.

Most recently, standing in the midst of 60,000 people walking down Bathurst Street—Jews and allies coming together in a powerful show of unity and strength is something I'll never forget, both as a UJA professional and as a member of this community.

But when I think about the moments that have shaped me most, I always come back to our community’s response to October 7th. Tens of thousands of people gathered at Mel Lastman Square, followed by some of the most inspirational nights of fundraising I’ve ever experienced. We raised more money in one evening than I’d ever seen this community raise before. It was a truly powerful moment. ■

What would you say is the biggest challenge our community is facing right now, and how are we meeting this moment?

Meeting the moment today means responding to two things at once.

On the one hand, we need to make sure our community can stand proud in Canadian society and feel fully safe and secure.

That’s why the Jewish Security Network (JSN) was created—to help ensure every Jewish individual can participate confidently in Jewish life. Through the Centre for Israel and Jewish Affairs (CIJA), we’re making sure our voices are heard and that hate against our community is pushed back—all alongside allies across Canada.

But at the very same time, we have an incredible opportunity. The interest in participating in Jewish life is unlike anything

I’ve seen over my entire career. There are waitlists for schools, camps, Israel programs—you name it. Every program in our community is seeing incredible demand. It’s one of the greatest opportunities we have as a community, but it also means we need the capacity and infrastructure to welcome everyone who wants to be part of Jewish life.

Our moment right now is making sure we do both things at once: that our community is safe and secure, while opening our arms as wide as possible to welcome everyone who wants to be part of Jewish life. ■

How are we future-proofing our community?

One of the really important things UJA does is put the community infrastructure in place to make sure we can meet the needs of our community long into the future.

We meet the moment we’re in. Whether it’s addressing affordability, investing in Jewish education, or strengthening the programs and services our community relies on, we’re always thinking about what our community will need tomorrow, not just today. ■



Can you share a moment when you saw the impact of UJA’s work firsthand?

I had the opportunity to travel to Tbilisi, Georgia, to visit one of the programs we support through JFC-UJA and the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC). Sitting in the apartment of an elderly Holocaust survivor receiving life-saving food and medical care, I couldn’t help but think about how proud I was to be part of an organization that can care for someone so vulnerable halfway around the world. Moments like that stay with you.

We’re also strengthening security here at home, helping families access Jewish schools, camps, and programs, and making sure our community is prepared for whatever comes next. Being able to do all of that at once—to support someone in Tbilisi while strengthening Jewish life here in Toronto—is what I love most about working at UJA. ■



What does the Annual Campaign make possible that no single organization could do alone?

Our Annual Campaign is a once-a-year opportunity for every individual in our community to say, “I have a share in what the community does.”

It brings together support for more than 150 organizations working toward a shared vision for Jewish life. That means making sure every child has the opportunity for a Jewish education, caring for the most vulnerable with dignity and respect, strengthening community security, deepening our connection to Israel, and pushing back against antisemitism while building relationships with allies.

What I love most about the Annual Campaign is that it allows us to meet the moment. It gives us the ability to respond when new challenges emerge while continuing to invest in the long-term strength of our community. That’s something no single organization could do alone. ■

A Year of Collective Impact

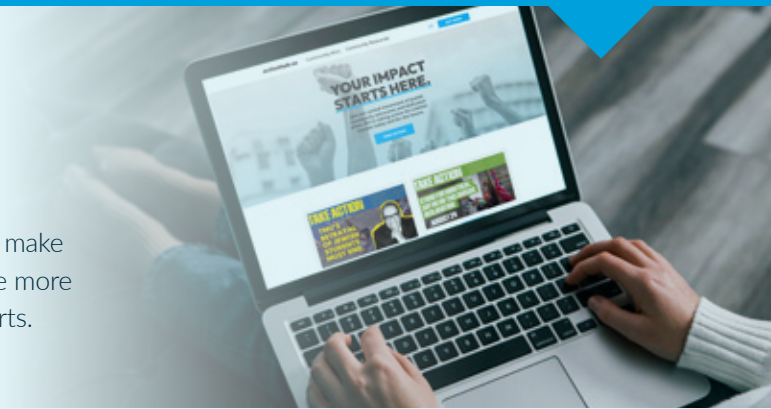
Thank you for everything you made possible this year.

Because of your generosity and support, UJA helped meet urgent challenges while building a more connected, resilient Jewish future across the GTA and beyond. ■

CIJA Action Hub Launched to Help Our Community Make Change

JULY 3, 2025

The CIJA* Action Hub gave community members a direct way to make their voices heard by decision-makers, allowing thousands to take more than 650,000 actions related to urgent issues and advocacy efforts.



Helped Bat Yam Respond to the Impact of Iranian Missile Attacks

JULY 9, 2025

Iran's devastating missile attacks deeply impacted our partner city, Bat Yam. UJA-funded programs, delivered by JFC-UJA, worked with local leaders, national agencies, and trusted partners to identify the most urgent needs and deliver help where it would have the greatest impact.



Thousands Came Together in Solidarity and Pride

AUGUST 7, 2025

Around 4,000 people came together to celebrate our solidarity with Israelis and Jewish pride at the Sounds of Israel Festival on the Sherman Campus.



Opened the Honey and Barry Memorial Arena, A New Space for Children and Youth Programming

AUGUST 21, 2025

This best-in-class facility provides charities serving children and youth additional space for educational programs supported by UJA.



Through the Julia and Henry Koschitzky Centre for Jewish Education, Schools Welcomed More Than 7,500 Students

SEPTEMBER 2, 2025

UJA's 13 funded schools welcomed 5,579 elementary and 1,924 high school students, as more families chose Jewish day school for their children.



Our Community Came Together in Strength Two Years After October 7th

OCTOBER 5, 2025

Jews and allies stood together in remembrance and solidarity two years after the October 7th attacks at UJA's community commemoration event.



UJA Launched the Community Care Hub to help the vulnerable members of our community to connect with Support Services

OCTOBER 10, 2025

This one-stop directory connected community members with trusted support across UJA's network of Jewish social service agencies, empowering people to find the services they need most.



CIJA's Legal Task Force Helped Rawlinson Parents Hold the TDSB Accountable

OCTOBER 10, 2025

The Ontario Superior Court decision showed the real-world impact of CIJA's Legal Task Force, whose pro bono lawyers supported this precedent-setting case in ensuring fair parent council elections.



JSN Invested More Than \$4.5 million to Strengthen Security at Jewish Institutions

FEBRUARY 25, 2026

JSN provided funding to Jewish schools, synagogues, camps, and other community spaces to strengthen their security infrastructure and better protect their communities.



JSN, CIJA, and UJA Took Action After Three Toronto Synagogues Were Targeted by Gunfire

MARCH 2-7, 2026

All three came together to support the community, increase security, and call for a stronger government response. Our collective advocacy helped drive a significant step forward, with the federal government more than doubling funding for the Canada Community Security Program from \$60 million to \$135 million over five years.



Together, We Packed Passover Food Boxes

MARCH 22, 2026

At Packing It Forward, hundreds of volunteers came together to pack boxes of kosher for Passover food, which were then delivered to families experiencing food insecurity across the GTA by several of our partner agencies.

■ ■ *The joy of working together reminded me of the power of community—and it's a feeling that stays with you long after the last box is packed."*

*Sarena Koschitzky,
Vice-Chair of UJA's Board of Directors
and Packing it Forward volunteer*



Our Youngest Volunteers Learned About the Power of Giving Back

MAY 24, 2026

Through The Littlest Volunteer, meaningful, hands-on activities helped children learn that everyone has a role to play in caring for our community, while discovering how UJA and our partner agencies support people facing hardship.



Funding Secured to Strengthen Safety at Jewish Summer Camps

JUNE 3, 2026

Through the collective advocacy efforts of CIJA and the Ontario Camps Association, the Government of Ontario announced a \$600,000 investment in grants to strengthen security at Jewish summer camps.



June 9, 2026

**What a Walk!
Tens of Thousands Came
Together for the Walk with Israel**

With 60,000 community members and allies joining—more than ever before—the streets of North York were filled in a powerful display of unity, pride, and unwavering support for Israelis and the Jewish people.



Financial Highlights

These allocations reflect UJA's investments in funding strategic priorities in the fiscal year which ended June 30, 2026. They include allocations from the Annual Campaign, Transformational Campaigns, and UJA's Emergency Appeal for the People of Israel, as well as supplementary gifts that support our key impact areas.

In addition, the Jewish Foundation of Greater Toronto also distributed \$20.4 million to agencies, organizations, schools, and camps that contribute to the same strategic priorities.

Allocation Decisions

Differences in the size of allocations do not reflect their importance, but rather our ability to leverage matching funding from other sources to make those dollars go further.

Under Caring for the Vulnerable, our human service agencies are eligible for government grants and other matching funds, such as the 26X match from the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany for Holocaust survivors.

In other areas, such as Jewish identity programming and education, we rely primarily on donor contributions to support and fund this work.

In the aftermath of October 7th, antisemitism continues to rise, and new challenges continue to emerge. This has led to the emergence of new programs and agencies to respond to these evolving needs. Through our funding for Security and Confronting Antisemitism and Hate, we supported JSN and substantially grew our investment in CIJA through JFC-UJA.

\$9,577,000 Caring for the Vulnerable
\$14,694,000 Strengthening Jewish Life and Connection
\$18,869,000 Expanding Access to Jewish Education
\$23,114,000 Enhancing Security and Confronting Antisemitism
\$47,030,000 Helping to Rebuild Israel

TOTAL
\$113,284,000

THE AMOUNTS LISTED ARE UNAUDITED

Why UJA?

We strengthen the entire Jewish community.

We bring together the relationships, resources, volunteers, and ideas to respond to emerging needs and plan for the future.

Together, we deliver impact greater than any one organization could achieve alone. ■



We Bring Together a Connected Community Network

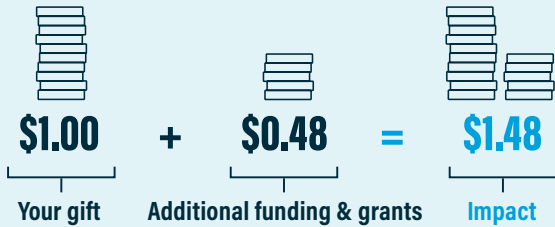
Through relationships with more than 150 partner organizations and agencies, UJA brings together expertise, resources, and ideas across the community. By strengthening connections between organizations and leaders, we help create a more co-ordinated and collaborative Jewish community. ■



We Make Dollars Go Further

UJA's ability to convene partners allows community generosity to go further. Through partnerships with governments, foundations, and other funders, we help unlock additional resources and expand the reach of Annual Campaign investments.

Over the past five years, every dollar invested through UJA's Annual Campaign generated an average of an additional 48¢ in matching investments for eligible projects. ■



For many initiatives, our funding is combined with support from other funders through formal and informal funding arrangements. As a result, UJA's investment often attracts additional dollars that strengthen those initiatives. Over the last five years, these partnerships added an average of an additional 48¢ in funding for every dollar UJA invested in eligible projects.



We Are Powered by Volunteers

Community volunteers are at the heart of UJA's ability to bring people together. Supported by almost 500 volunteers, UJA draws on the expertise, leadership, and time of community members who help guide our work. Their volunteer leadership also helps keep our operating costs low, allowing us to maintain an average operating cost of just 9.7 percent over the past five years. ■



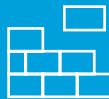
We Learn from Our Global Partners

UJA is connected to Jewish communities around the world. Through these relationships, we learn from successful approaches, share knowledge, and bring ideas back to Toronto to strengthen Jewish life locally. ■



We Are Ready to Respond

Strong relationships built over generations allow UJA to mobilize quickly when moments of need arise. Our community infrastructure helps bring people, organizations, and resources together in moments of urgency. ■



We Build Capacity for the Future

A strong community depends on strong institutions and leaders. UJA invests in leadership development, partnerships, and community capacity to help ensure Jewish life remains vibrant for generations to come. ■

In Conversation with UJA's Chief Development Officer



Sara Lefton

“The benefit of giving through UJA is that donors don’t have to choose between Jewish education, confronting antisemitism, caring for the vulnerable, supporting Israelis, or strengthening Jewish identity. Creating a strong, sustainable Jewish community requires all of those things.”

Sara Lefton joined UJA more than eight years ago after a career in law and politics. What drew her to UJA was its unique ability to bring people, ideas, and resources together around a shared purpose: building a strong Jewish community locally, in Israel, and around the world.

In this conversation, Sara shares what makes UJA unique, the moments that have shaped her leadership, and why collective philanthropy allows our community to accomplish more than any one organization could achieve alone. ■

What is your favourite UJA memory?

There have been so many meaningful moments throughout my time at UJA, but I always come back to the first Walk with Israel following October 7th.

Our team had been organizing it for months, and we had no idea how our community would respond after experiencing so much stress, strain, and, frankly, so much trauma. But when we looked out and saw the largest turnout in the history, it was something I'll never forget. Seeing thousands and thousands of community members, as far as the eye could see, all standing strong, all standing proud, and saying, “We’re in this together,” was incredibly powerful. ■



Why does this work matter to you personally?

I’m incredibly grateful to be in a leadership role at UJA, but I’m also a parent raising Jewish children in today’s world. Last summer, my then seven-year-old son went to a non-Jewish camp for one week. On his first day, he proudly wore his Walk with Israel hat with an Israeli flag on it.

Even after encountering antisemitism from a group of older boys, he chose not to hide who he was, proudly wearing the same hat each day that week.

That moment gave me so much hope, and I couldn’t help but think about the work we do at UJA every day.

It’s not just about responding to today’s challenges—it’s about raising a generation of Jewish children who know who they are, stand proud in their identity, and have the confidence to wear the hat. ■

What makes UJA’s role in the community unique?

I think what surprises people most about UJA is that we’re not in competition with any other Jewish organization. In fact, it’s the opposite.

There are hundreds of organizations across our community, each playing a unique role in providing programs, services, and support. Our role is to bring donor dollars together—no matter how big or small—and invest them where they can have the greatest impact, supporting the incredible work those organizations do. We do it with precision, guided by data and a deep understanding of where the needs are greatest.

There isn’t another organization tasked with looking after the overall health of the community—the capital “C” Community.

UJA is the only organization focused on ensuring the Community as a whole has what it needs to remain strong, connected, and resilient. ■



How does UJA maximize the impact of every donor dollar?

Whenever we receive a donation, we ask ourselves one question: how do we make sure this dollar has the greatest possible impact?

Sometimes that means bringing governments, foundations, philanthropists, and other funding partners to the table to match donor dollars, multiplying the impact of every gift. It also means directing those dollars where they’re needed most, so we can address the biggest challenges facing our community. ■



What’s one thing that you wish everyone in our community could know?

One of the things I think people don’t often know about UJA is just how important our volunteer leaders are to the way we operate as an organization. Hundreds of community members step forward every year to help shape our strategy, study the needs of our community, serve on planning committees, and raise critical funds for the Annual Campaign. By generously contributing their time, expertise, and leadership, they allow us to keep our operating costs low so we can direct more donor dollars where they’re needed most. ■

How We Do It.

Investing Where It Matters Most

UJA uses a thoughtful five-step process to help build a strong and vibrant Jewish community.

Every investment starts with understanding our community—what people are experiencing, where the greatest needs are, and where there are opportunities to make a meaningful difference.

We listen to community members, learn from our partners, look closely at research and emerging trends, and continually assess what's working. Together, these insights help us better understand the challenges and opportunities facing Jewish Toronto.

From there, we work with partners to identify solutions and direct community resources where they can have the greatest impact—strengthening Jewish life today and for the future. ■



1

What Are the Needs?

Every investment begins with understanding. Our planning department uses research, community data, and insights from our partners to identify emerging needs, understand root causes, and determine where support can make the greatest difference.

2

What's Working?

Strong ideas can come from anywhere. We look locally and globally for successful approaches, innovative models, and evidence-based solutions. By learning from other communities and adapting what works, we respond thoughtfully to the challenges facing Jewish Toronto.

3

What Are Other Perspectives?

The strongest solutions are shaped by collaboration. We work with partner organizations, community leaders, volunteers, and experts to understand challenges from different points of view and develop approaches that reflect the realities of our community.

4

How Do We Make It Happen?

We figure out what it will cost to make a difference and raise the right funding to get it done. We work with donors, foundations, and government agencies to unlock more support and bring the plan to life.

5

Is It Working?

Community needs are constantly changing. We measure outcomes, listen to feedback, and learn from experience to ensure our approach continues to evolve and respond effectively.

Our Investment Process

In Conversation with UJA's Chief Program Officer



Dan Held

“Our role is to understand the whole picture and make sure that we are building the kind of community infrastructure that allows us to meet all of those needs.”

Dan Held began his career as an educator, teaching in Jewish day schools and summer camps before moving into community planning and policy. Over more than a decade at UJA, Dan has helped shape the strategies and partnerships that strengthen Jewish Toronto.

In this conversation, Dan shares how UJA approaches community planning, how research and collaboration guide decision-making, and why collective responsibility is essential to building a strong Jewish future. ■

What brought you to UJA, and what inspires your work today?

One of the things that is so powerful about UJA is the community of people—not just the staff, but the volunteers who come in to celebrate together and to hold each other through moments that are really hard.

Some of my favourite memories are those moments when we walked proudly together at the Walk with Israel and when we stood together at the October 7th memorial. But also the smaller things. As staff and volunteers, there's something really powerful about knowing that when we support one another, we're also supporting the community. ■

How does UJA use research and community insight to determine where support is needed most?

I'm a community planner, and I believe one of the most important things UJA does is go through a thoughtful planning process to make evidence-based decisions about how we strengthen the Jewish community.

There are lots of organizations in this community that bring incredible programs and services to life. We don't run a school, we don't run a summer camp, and we don't run a human service agency. We are blessed to work with incredible partners who do that work.

Our role is to build the capacity of those organizations, identify the most pressing issues, and find the right partners to implement the programs our community needs.

Our process is built around data, ideas, relationships, dollars, and evaluation.

First, we collect a tremendous amount of data from our agencies to understand what's happening on the ground. That includes school and camp enrolment, the cost structures, and how many people are served.

We learn a tremendous amount about the work and organizations that we are involved in.

We also glean information from other places and apply it to our work here.

For example, we take information from Statistics Canada to analyze the Canadian census and understand its implications for the Jewish community. We collect information from research that is done on the human services sector in the United States and understand the implications for our work.

When needed, we commission research specifically on the issues where we want to make change to make sure that our interventions are driven by data and are evidence-based.

So, for example, when we look at day school enrolment, we will commission specific research to understand the factors that families weigh when making school choices, and we'll use that information as a way to launch the evidence-based interventions that we want going forward. ■

Why is this approach especially important for our community right now?

We are facing many challenges right now.

We are facing a wave of antisemitism and hatred toward our community that we have not seen before, and we need to make sure that our children and our community members can grow up feeling proud, knowledgeable, and empowered to be Jewish.

At the same time, we have an incredible opportunity. People are coming into Jewish life in ways we haven't seen in many years. Our schools are full, our camps are full, people want to participate in Jewish educational experiences in Israel, and people are raising their hands and saying, “I want to be part of this community.”

Our responsibility is to make sure that when people raise their hands, we are ready to welcome them in.

We also have an obligation to care for the most vulnerable in our community, to address affordability, mental health, loneliness, changing demographics, and the needs of a growing Jewish community across the Greater Toronto Area.

We cannot pit one challenge against another.

Our role is to understand the whole picture and make sure that we are building the kind of community infrastructure that allows us to meet all of those needs. ■



Can you share a moment that captures the impact of this approach?

A couple of months ago, one of our schools celebrated the bar mitzvah of a student in Grade 7. This happens all the time—kids in grades 6, 7, and 8 are celebrating their *b'nai mitzvot*. But this one was special. This was a child who had been placed in foster care a few years earlier.

Jewish Family and Child Service (JF&CS) reached out to us and said, “We have a child who we believe will thrive in a Jewish day school. Can we make sure that child has a place?” Together with JF&CS, the Koschitzky Centre for Jewish Education, and the day school, we were able to make sure that student received the scholarship and support needed to thrive.

Then, a few years later, to see that student standing there celebrating their bar mitzvah was a powerful moment.

It showed the way multiple organizations come together to ensure that everyone in our community can access the joy of what it means to be Jewish in a safe, welcoming environment—with the supports they need to thrive. ■

Because of You: Jewish Life Grew Stronger

Every number and every quote in this report reflects what we can accomplish when we come together as one strong, united community. These highlights tell a story of lives strengthened, opportunities created, and communities made more resilient.

Because of you, Jewish life was strengthened—in Toronto, in Israel, and across Jewish communities around the world. This past year, our collective action created meaningful, measurable impact and made a difference where it mattered most.

Together, our impact is greater than anything we could achieve alone. ■

The **WE** in this report is not about UJA's work alone. It's about our work together with the community, donors, and agencies that make up Jewish Toronto.



Caring for the Vulnerable



Together, we ensured that our community has access to the care, support, and resources needed to live with dignity and hope.

1 in 8 members of Greater Toronto’s Jewish community lives in poverty.

The older adult population is expected to peak at 50,000 by 2031.

Older adults make up 24% of GTA Jews, with 28% living alone and 56% reporting a disability.

Ready for School participant, a program for newcomers led by Jewish Immigrant Aid Services (JIAS), with funding from UJA

“Since our arrival in Canada two months ago, I have been continually amazed by the kindness and willingness to help shown by organizations, associations, families, and individuals, all working to make our integration as smooth and positive as possible. Your warmth, endless patience, and remarkable sensitivity created a welcoming and supportive space that gave us, and our children, much-needed comfort and confidence during this challenging time. From the bottom of our hearts, thank you for everything you’ve done for us. UJA listened to our needs as immigrants.”

Jennifer Brodlieb, Chair, Human Services Committee

“There’s a misconception that Jewish people don’t struggle, but we know from our agencies and from the data that many do. The needs of our community are constantly changing, so we’re always trying to listen, learn, and understand where people are today rather than making assumptions. By listening to the agencies doing the frontline work, we can better understand where support is needed and help ensure people feel supported and can continue to live in Toronto and live Jewishly.”



40,049

Services Delivered to the Most Vulnerable in Our Community

We invested in programs run by our network of human services partner organizations to meet the needs of our most vulnerable community members.

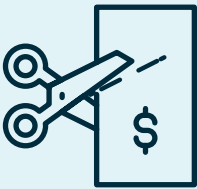
These services included support for those experiencing poverty, mental health issues, unemployment, and more.

651,233

Hours of Personal Care

We provided Holocaust survivors with care so they can live with dignity.

Through UJA-funded Holocaust survivor support programs at Circle of Care and JF&CS, 1,500 Holocaust survivors received the care they needed.



4,000

Participants in Poverty-Reduction Programs

We helped enable financial independence.

UJA funded programs at JF&CS, Kehilla Residential Programme, Toronto Jewish Free Loan, Circle of Care, Jewish Vocational Services (JVS), and Bernard Betel Centre provided poverty alleviation support.

4,000

People Reached with Mental Health Support

We equipped 21 community spaces to recognize mental health concerns.

As mental wellness needs continued to rise, we provided grants to schools, camps, and synagogues for mental health training.



294

Jewish Newcomers Matched with Volunteers

We connected Jewish newcomers to the GTA with specialized volunteers to provide language practice, tutoring, and mentorship.

UJA funding to JIAS is vital for making these new community members feel at home.

420

Interest-Free Loans Granted

We provided funding for interest-free loans to community members.

With support from UJA, Jewish Free Loan Toronto provided more than \$3.1 million in interest-free loans to help cover the cost of Jewish programs, basic living expenses, and more.

Strengthening Jewish Life and Connection

Meaningful Jewish experiences build lasting identity, belonging, and community. Together we connected more people to Jewish life—ensuring Jewish Toronto continues to grow stronger across every generation.

UJA's Pulse Survey highlights the strength and resilience of Jewish Toronto—a community grounded in identity, belonging, and shared connection. Since October 7th, we've seen a sustained surge in:

93%
feel their Jewish identity is very important to them.
↑ 16% increase

86%
feel connected to the GTA Jewish community.
↑ 12% increase

81%
feel very attached emotionally to Israel.
↑ 33% increase



Farla Efros & Michael Sherman,
Co-Chairs,
Ohr Network
Mentorship
Working Group

"The opportunity to connect with so many young people eager to engage was genuinely energizing. The Ohr Network is about turning that desire into meaningful relationships and creating spaces where people feel seen, supported, and connected—because showing up for one another is often the greatest gift we can give."

Adir Koschitzky,
Chair, Jewish & Israel Engagement
Committee

"Realizing that Jewish seniors are a growing, capable, and underutilized part of our community was, for me, the most significant moment of the year. That realization is driving our 2030 goal: to ensure at least 50 percent of Jewish seniors are connected to meaningful Jewish experiences and supports that keep them engaged, valued, and thriving."



5,000
Campers Enrolled

Silber Family Centre for Jewish Camping

We helped increase capacity at Jewish camps so that they could welcome more campers.

By providing 671 scholarships, we ensured more children and teens experienced the magic of camp.

22,000
Connections to Our ShinShinim

We brought 20 young Israeli leaders to the GTA to volunteer at 30+ Jewish institutions.

This fosters meaningful, personal connections to Israel and its people.



8,598

Kids Received PJ Library Books every month

We helped bring Jewish bedtime stories to more than 70 percent of families in our community.

These free monthly books inspire the whole family to celebrate what they love about Jewish life.



122,732
Cultural Engagements

We invested in Jewish festivals, performances, and artists to bring vibrant Jewish stories to the forefront of Canadian arts and culture.

We are the only Jewish Federation with a dedicated arts and culture professional.

142,000
Visits to JCCs

We welcomed thousands of community members to the three Jewish community campuses.

These hubs for Jewish life offer a range of programs for people of all backgrounds, including kids' activities, seniors' aquatics, social clubs, and so much more.

1,230
UPLifting DOWntown Participants

We created opportunities for connection and Jewish learning for downtown professionals.

UJA's Rabbi Rafi hosted lunchtime gatherings, bringing Jewish professionals together for moments of learning, inspiration, and community.

67
Ohr Network Matches

We created mentorship opportunities for Jewish professionals to connect and grow.

The Ohr Network connects early- to mid-career professionals with established mentors in their fields, building meaningful professional relationships and spaces to be proudly Jewish.

Expanding Access to Jewish Education

Together, we increased access to Jewish education and invested in the next generation of community leaders—at days schools, part-time schools, and public schools.

More children and teens are participating in Jewish education opportunities.

7,503
students attend UJA-funded Jewish day schools.

2,697
students participate in after-school Jewish education programs.

65%
increase in TanenbaumCHAT enrolment over the last eight years.



Student,
Grade 10, TDSB

“My Jewish culture club gives me a space where I feel comfortable being myself and proud of my Jewish identity. Especially at a time when antisemitism has increased, having a space to connect with my culture and community feels more important than ever.”

Brianne,
Bialik Hebrew Day School Valedictorian (2026)

“There were tests, exams, and real study skills to learn, but the most important lesson was learning how to be a *mensch*. Having integrity, being honest, and developing true compassion and empathy for others are the real elements of becoming a true *mensch*.”

Benjamin Winograd,
Chair, Koschitzky Centre for Jewish Education Committee

“Every Jewish child should have the opportunity to access a Jewish education. With demand growing, we have an incredible opportunity to ensure our schools can welcome more students, and more families can make Jewish education part of their children’s lives.”



3

Additional Junior Kindergarten Classrooms Opened

We invested in adding space to Jewish day schools.

UJA helped create additional classroom space so that more families were able to begin their child’s Jewish education journey.



2,504

UJA-Funded Scholarships for Day School and Part-Time School

We provided financial assistance to make Jewish education more affordable.

UJA’s tuition assistance programs helped more students access Jewish education, regardless of financial circumstances.

4,000

University Students Empowered

We empowered Jewish students on campus amid rising antisemitism.

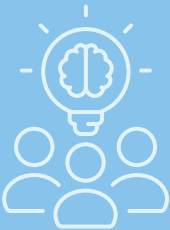
UJA-funded programs with Hillel Ontario strengthened Jewish life on campus and provided Jewish students with the confidence, skills, and support they need to lead proudly and respond to antisemitism.

1,800

Public School Educators Trained

We helped create inclusive learning environments for Jewish students at non-Jewish schools.

Public school educators learned about Jewish identity, antisemitism, and the Holocaust to support their Jewish students.



34,823

Students Reached by the Toronto Holocaust Museum

We equipped students and educators from 22 school boards with the tools to recognize and challenge antisemitism in their communities.

Through immersive, testimony focused programming, visitors were inspired to think deeply about the Holocaust and connect it to contemporary Canadian life.

Enhancing Security and Confronting Antisemitism

Since October 7th, antisemitism has become an even greater challenge for Jewish communities across the GTA and Canada.

Hate crimes targeting Canadian Jews remained high in 2025.

788 police-reported incidents

from the Jewish community.

71% of religion-motivated hate crimes

targeted Jews, who represent just one percent of Canada's population.

A Jewish Canadian is

22 times more likely

to be the victim of a hate crime than any other Canadian.

Source: Statistics Canada 2026



Nancy Shapiro, member of CIJA's Legal Task Force Steering Committee

"No Canadian should be silenced or excluded because of who they are and what they believe. When schools, universities, unions, and public bodies fail to protect the people they serve, CIJA's Legal Task Force has stepped up to defend more than 1,000 Jewish students, parents, and workers facing discrimination. That's exactly what CIJA's Legal Task Force will continue to do. Stand up. Stand up for fairness. Stand up for accountability. Stand up for every Canadian."

Jeff Rosenthal, Co-Chair, Countering Antisemitism & Hate Committee

"The most important question we faced this year wasn't what to do, but where we could have the greatest impact. We became more deliberate about our strategy, concentrating our investments behind sustained advocacy. Because countering antisemitism and extremism isn't about reacting to one incident at a time. It's about building the coalitions, influence, and long-term strategy needed to create lasting change."



SECURITY

We strengthened community safety and security through JSN, a security organization focused on empowering the Jewish community to proactively protect itself.

\$4.5 million

Grants Allotted for Security

We funded critical security upgrades at 120 Jewish institutions through JSN.

The security improvements included cameras, bollards, access doors, guards, and more.

1,010

Community Security Volunteers Trained

We trained volunteers to be an added layer of awareness.

Through JSN training, schools, synagogues, and community centres utilized their own members to help prevent issues of safety and security.



859

Events Supported with Security

We provided expertise for events across our community.

JSN's security planning provided confidence and peace of mind.

ALLYSHIP AND ADVOCACY

We pushed back against antisemitism and hate through CIJA,* a dedicated advocacy agency for Jewish communities across Canada.

*Funded by UJA and carried out by UIA.



36,000

Non-Jewish Canadian Allies

We supported Allies for a Strong Canada in growing this important coalition.

Their members helped to amplify Jewish voices and strengthen Canadians' collective response to antisemitism and extremism.



400

Legal Professionals Provided Free Support

We helped more than 1,000 community members challenge antisemitic and discriminatory treatment.

Through CIJA's Legal Task Force, we were able to defend our rights and hold adversaries accountable.

656,000

Actions Taken for Advocacy

We provided a platform to make our community's voices heard.

Through CIJA's Action Hub, community members took action on key issues by writing letters to elected officials, signing petitions, and speaking out against antisemitism.



Helping to Rebuild Israel*



Together, we deepened our connection to the people of Israel and Jewish communities around the world.

The impact of October 7th continues to be felt across Israel and Jewish communities worldwide—reinforcing our core belief in the Jewish people's religious, cultural, and historic connection to the Land of Israel.

13,234 people donated

to UJA's Emergency Appeal for the People of Israel.

\$100 million donated over 14 months

42 tons of goods donated

by the Toronto community to the people of Israel.

*Israel and Overseas programs are funded by UJA through Jewish Federations of Canada - United Israel Appeal (JFC-UJA).

Beneficiary of the Fund for Victims of Terror, a UJA-The Jewish Agency for Israel program supported by UJA donations.

"I experienced a difficult event that has had a lasting impact on my daily life. During my rehabilitation period, I learned about the Fund for Victims of Terror. A fund representative assisted me with great kindness, patience, and professionalism. I was fortunate to receive the support, which helped me immensely and made me feel wonderful. I would like to take this opportunity to express my heartfelt gratitude for your support and assistance. Your help is not taken for granted. Once again, thank you so, so much!"

Carolyn Kolers, Co Chair - Israel & Overseas Committee

"It's an honour and a privilege to be entrusted by our community with this work, and it's a responsibility we take very seriously. We're thoughtful about every decision we make and every dollar we spend, always asking where we can have the greatest impact. Whether we're responding to an immediate need or planning for the long term, our goal is not just to help communities recover, but to help them build forward better."



262,411

Israelis Supported



We funded initiatives led by JFC-UJA to help Israelis access emergency services and recover from the challenges of recent years.

These included programs for mental health, education, and leadership programs.



75,189

Clinical Sessions Delivered in Sderot

We helped Sderot residents heal from PTSD, complex grief, and anxiety.

Our funding provided therapy, community-based resilience programs, and other clinical interventions.

2,000

Victims of Terror Supported



We worked with The Jewish Agency for Israel to provide for individuals and families victimized by terror.

This funding included direct financial assistance and longer-term recovery services.



1,530

International Kids and Teens Experienced Jewish Camp

We brought young Jews from 30 countries to Camp Szarvas in Hungary.

Funds provided by UJA to the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC) gave these youth a chance to discover their Jewish identity and form lifelong friendships through the transformative experience of camp.

1,346

Toronto Participants went on Trips to Israel

We provided teens, students, teachers, and volunteers with immersive educational and leadership journeys to Israel.

Through programs powered by UJA and our funding for Birthright Israel, groups of Torontonians travelled to Israel.



Looking Ahead

This past year demonstrated what is possible when our community comes together with purpose.

Because of you, more people found care, more children and families strengthened their connection to Jewish life, our partnership with the people of Israel deepened, and our community became safer, stronger, and more resilient.

As we look ahead, the work continues. Rising antisemitism, growing security needs, support for vulnerable community members, and strengthening Jewish identity will remain defining priorities. Guided by UJA's Strategic Plan, we are prepared to meet these challenges—responding to today's needs while continuing to build the leadership, partnerships, and community infrastructure that will sustain Jewish life for generations to come.

Thank you for your trust, generosity, and partnership.

The impact reflected in these pages is only possible because of a community that chooses to care for one another and invest in a shared future. Together, we are building a Jewish Toronto that is stronger today—and even stronger for generations to come. ■

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The Schulich Foundation

PLATINUM:



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We Support and Strengthen 150+ Schools and Agencies

UJA Federation Partner¹ Agencies, Programs, and Departments



¹Partner does not denote a legal partner relationship. Agency or agencies does not denote a legal agency or relationship.
²Funds raised for Israel and overseas needs are allocated to United Israel Appeal Canada, for which authorized organizations deliver services.

PARTNER AGENCIES

Allies for a Strong Canada
Ashkenaz Foundation
Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living
Beth Chabad Israeli Community Centre
Birthright Israel Foundation Canada
BBYO
Canadian Jewish Russian Forum
Chabad Romano
Circle of Care
Harold Green Jewish Theatre Company
Hillel Ontario
Honey and Barry Memorial Arena
Jewish Addiction Community Services (JACS) Toronto
Jewish Family and Child Service of Greater Toronto (JF&CS)
Jewish Free Loan Toronto
Jewish Immigrant Aid Services Toronto (JIAS)
Jewish Moroccan Community of Toronto
Jewish Russian Community Centre (JRCC)
Jewish Security Network (JSN)

Jewish Vocational Services (JVS) Toronto
Kayla's Children Centre (KCC)
Kehilla Residential Programme
Koffler Arts
Limmud FSU
Maccabi Canada
Miles Nadal Jewish Community Centre
Mizrachi Organization of Canada
Prosserman Jewish Community Centre
RAJET Ameinu
Reena
Schwartz/Reisman Centre
Toronto Board of Rabbis
Toronto Hebrew Memorial Parks
Toronto Jewish Film Foundation
Tzofim – Israeli Scouts Toronto ■

UJA FEDERATION OF GREATER TORONTO

Kultura Collective
Ontario Jewish Archives (Blankenstein Family Heritage Centre)
Toronto Holocaust Museum

JHUB JEWISH AND ISRAEL EXPERIENCES, POWERED BY UJA

B'not Sherut
Chidon Hatanach
Committee for Yiddish
Diller Teen Fellows
Gibushon
History to Memory
J.Academy
Jewish Teen Board
Keshet
March Break Teen Experiences
March of the Living
Masa Canada
OneTable
PJ Library
Public School Educators and Student Programs
ShinShinim
Student to Student
UJA Connect
Zimriyah Festival ■

NATIONAL – IN ALLIANCE WITH UNITED ISRAEL APPEAL CANADA

Binat Halev
Birthright Israel Onward

Centre for Israel and Jewish Affairs (CIJA)
Hillels across Canada ■

ISRAEL & OVERSEAS – IN ALLIANCE WITH JEWISH FEDERATIONS OF CANADA – UNITED ISRAEL APPEAL (JFC-UIA)²
American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC)
The Jewish Agency for Israel (The Jewish Agency)
Keren Hayesod ■

ISRAEL & OVERSEAS PARTNERS – IN ALLIANCE WITH JFC – UIA²

Amutat 51
Athena Fund
Bat Yam Sports and Culture Association
Eilat Foundation
Eilat Community Center
HaGal Sheli
Hanoar Ha'Oved Ve'Halomed Gvanim
Israel Center on Addiction
Israel Children's Fund
Jaffa Institute
Kedma
Kikar Hatarbut Sderot
Latet

Maoz
Mosaic/Shalom Corps
Pitchon Lev
Rashi Foundation
Sderot Development Fund
Seminar HaKibutzim
Shmaya Association
Summer Camps Israel
Talma
Tribe of Nova Organization
Umm Culture's House
Unistream
Yad Tamar
Yedidut Toronto
WeMe ■

JULIA AND HENRY KOSCHITZKY CENTRE FOR JEWISH EDUCATION

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Associated Hebrew Schools
Bialik Hebrew Day School
Eitz Chaim Schools
Montessori Jewish Day School
Netivot HaTorah Day School
Paul Penna Downtown Jewish Day School
Robbins Hebrew Academy

The Joe Dwek Ohr HaEmet Sephardic School
The Leo Baeck Day School
The Toronto Heschel School ■

HIGH SCHOOLS

Bnei Akiva Schools
TanenbaumCHAT
Tiferes Bais Yaakov
Yeshiva Darchei Torah ■

PART-TIME SCHOOLS

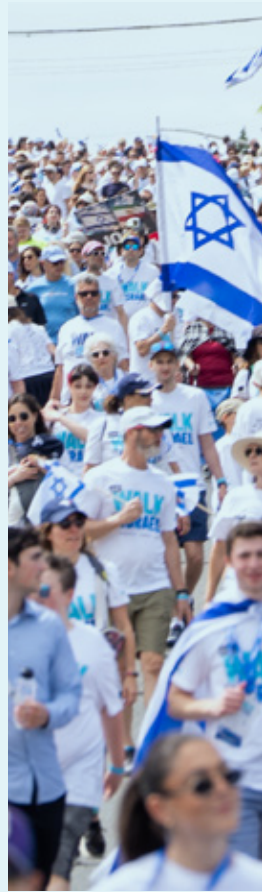
Adath Israel Congregational School
Adraba High School
Beth Sefer Solel
Beth Emeth Aleph Bet Chadash Hebrew School
Beth Radom Congregation Hebrew School
Beth Sholom Hebrew School
Beth Tzedec Congregational School
CHAI Hebrew School
City Shul School
Danforth Jewish Circle
Darchei Noam Hebrew School
Holy Blossom Temple Religious School
Jewish Heritage School at Beth Habonim

J.Roots Supplementary Hebrew School
JRCC Hebrew School
JTeach Academy
Kachol-Lavan - The Centre for Hebrew & Israel Studies
Kol Ami Religious School
Makom Afterschool
Oraynu Children's School
Shaarei-Beth El Religious School
Temple Har Zion Religious School
Temple Sinai Religious School
The Centre for Jewish Living and Learning @ Temple Emanu-El
The Village Shul
Torah High ■

SILBER FAMILY CENTRE FOR JEWISH CAMPING

Camp Agudah
Camp B'nai Brith of Ottawa
Camp Gan Israel Toronto
Camp Geshet
Camp Kadimah - a program of Atlantic Jewish Council
Camp Kinneret-Biluim
Camp Moshava Ennismore
Camp Northland B'nai Brith

Ramah Canada- a program of Jewish Theological Society of Canada
Camp Shalom- a program of Mizrahi Organization of Canada
Camp Shomria
Camp Solelim
Machane Lev- a program of Canadian Hadassah-Wizo
URJ Camp George
Camp Lubavitch Day Camp MNJCC JCamp
Moshava Ba'ir - a program of Mizrahi Organization of Canada
The Jack and Pat Kay Centre Camp ■



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