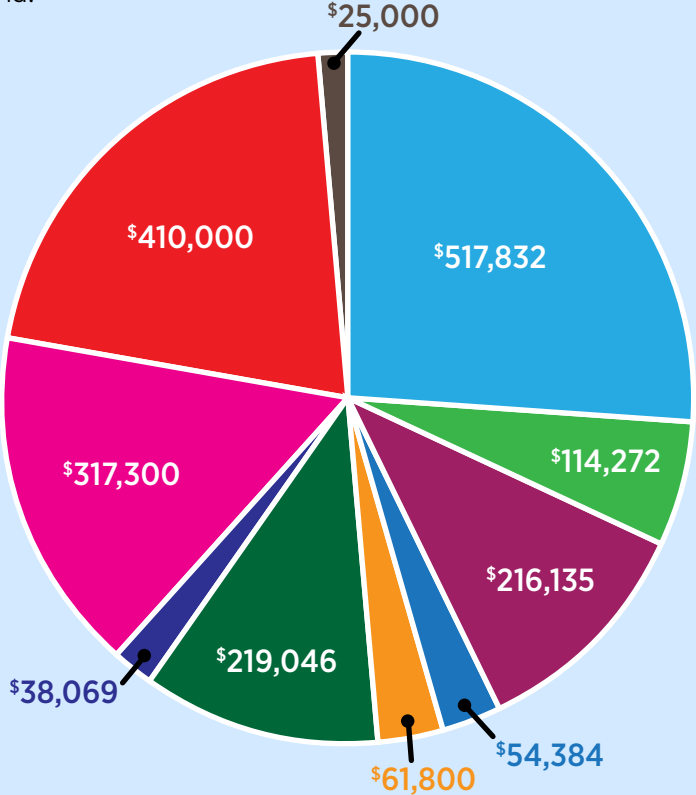


Funding Allocations | 2023-2024

Funds raised from the annual UJA Campaign support educational and identity building programs, services for the vulnerable, and capacity building for a strong Jewish community in Calgary, Israel, and around the world.



Allocation of Funds by Service Area:

- Jewish Education

Youth, Young Adults, and Young Professionals

Support for the Vulnerable

Jewish Culture

Holocaust Commemoration and Education
- Outreach, Engagement, Community Relations

Active and Engaged Seniors

National, Israel, and Overseas

JCC Community Living Room

Mikvah

Allocations are determined by a committee of community volunteers.
The allocations listed above do not include: Federation administrative overhead, annual campaign (UJA) expenses, designated gifts, and special campaigns.

UJA 2023	Total raised	Donors
	\$2,684,926	828

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PJ Library Calgary®, in partnership with the Harold Grinspoon Foundation (HGF), has been serving children and families in our community for 15 years. With 650+ families subscribed, PJ Library and PJ Our Way® offer the gift of free Jewish books and music every month for children 0 to 12 years of age, alongside regular programs and activities for subscribed families. This year we completed our final year of the PJ Library Legacy Fund initiative raising over \$390,000 which will have a 25% match from HGF ensuring our families receive the gift of books for generations to come!



The **Inclusion** department of Calgary Jewish Federation cultivates a welcoming environment, promoting awareness, acceptance and belonging of individuals with disabilities. Over the past year, Keshet – a social recreational inclusion program supporting Jewish adults with disabilities and their families for over a decade – has flourished with the addition of new initiatives such as Keshet Lunch Club, A Taste of Judaism: Food for the Soul, Wellness for All, and Unique Jewels. We also launched The Inclusion Village, a program for families with younger children diagnosed with neurodiversity and/or disabilities. This program has enabled us to provide Inclusion and accessibility training for community agencies, programmers, and lay leaders. These initiatives complement our established programs, such as Jewish Disabilities Awareness and Inclusion Month (JDAIM) and International Day of Persons with Disabilities (IDPD).



JAC (Jewish Adult Calgary) engages adults post-grad to age 40 through a variety of recreational, leadership, and service opportunities. This year, JAC revived its annual Gala, embraced the popular sport of pickleball, and explored candle painting. JAC is committed to staying connected during these challenging times and creating lasting community bonds. From celebrating Jewish culture to networking with peers, JAC actively engages young professionals across all denominations.

Jewish university students have faced an unprecedented year of challenges, with antisemitism on the rise on our city's campuses. **Calgary Hillel** has worked diligently to support our students during these difficult times. Post-October 7, we hosted weekly support groups with mental health professionals, participated in Israel education programs, and created spaces for Jewish students to bond. We are proud to report an increase in participation across our various events, including our annual Chanukah party, which had 50 students in attendance. Through our Hillel group, students remain actively engaged in Jewish life and regularly participate in leadership, advocacy, and service opportunities. They had the chance to meet with school and political leaders to advocate on behalf of our community, including a trip to Ottawa where they met with federal leaders.

Your United Jewish Appeal (UJA) dollars fund most programs and services provided by **Calgary Jewish Federation**, as well as essential services provided by our partners at home and abroad.

Jewish Calgary is proud to have completed five years of the Harold Grinspoon Foundation's (HGF) **LIFE & LEGACY®** program. Creating a culture of legacy giving and integrating it into our community organizations ensures a sustainable future for generations to come. Through HGF's support in training our agency teams, we have raised close to an estimated \$19 million from 250 donors for a total of 667 promised future gifts. We are excited to be continuing our relationship with HGF through LIFE & LEGACY Plus which will continue for another three years.



Families rely on the **Integrated Bursary Program** (IBP) to participate in day school, camp, and our community centre, the Paperny Family JCC – all of which are essential to engagement in Jewish life. This year, 40 families and 98 students received bursaries through IBP. Calgary Jewish Federation continues to be a recipient of Rogers Birdies for Kids. This means that up to 50% of donations made before August 31 will be matched by Shaw!

The **Holocaust and Human Rights: Remembrance and Education** department co-chaired by volunteers Marnie Bondar and Dahlia Libin, is a leader in Holocaust education in Alberta and beyond. This year, thousands of Calgarians and the rest of Alberta took part in various programs and initiatives. Highlights include Here to Tell: Faces of Holocaust Survivors educational opportunities for the classroom and boardroom, and connecting with educators at Calgary City Teachers' Convention. Holocaust Education Symposium was offered twice this year impacting over 6,000 students. Partnerships with the Calgary Public Library, National Music Centre, and Calgary Philharmonic Orchestra led to the Violins of Hope exhibit, three concerts, and numerous educational programs for thousands of Albertans. The department ensures our community has meaningful Yom HaShoah, Kristallnacht, and International Holocaust Remembrance Day commemorations. None of this would be possible without the hundreds of volunteers that support the department's initiatives as well as the financial support from incredible partners such as The Isadore and Florence Burstyn Memorial Fund for Human Rights & Holocaust Education, KSW Calgary Holocaust Education & Commemoration Endowment Fund, Viewpoint Foundation, and Human Rights and Holocaust Education Fund at the Calgary Public Library Foundation.

Community Relations. Calgary Jewish Federation's Community Relations Committee (CRC) ensures the strength and security of Jewish Calgary. Our priorities include working closely with our advocacy partners at The Centre for Israel and Jewish Affairs (CIJA) to advance public policy interests of Canada's organized Jewish community, ensuring community security in partnership with local law enforcement, speaking out against antisemitism, and building bridges with numerous ethno-cultural, religious, and political organizations in the city and province.

Jewish Communities Across Canada and Abroad. UJA supports crucial work provided by our partners including Jewish Agency for Israel (JAFI), American Joint Distribution Committee (JDC), and the Centre for Israel and Jewish Affairs (CIJA). Whether it be providing aid to Jewish refugees in Ukraine, supporting victims of terror, or combatting antisemitism in Canada, your dollars support Jewish life and well-being both nationally and internationally. This year, in particular, JAFI played an immediate leadership role in supporting Israelis in the aftermath of October 7, and continues to lead efforts to support victims of terror, provide mental health care, support people displaced from their homes, and more.

Our Partners at Home. In addition to Calgary Jewish Federation run programs, your UJA dollars also power essential services and programs in our community coordinated by our partner agencies: Camp BB Riback, Halpern Akiva Academy, JFSC (Jewish Family Service Calgary), Paperny Family JCC, and The Calgary Jewish Academy. Key elements supported by UJA donations include remedial and enrichment support for students; seniors, arts and culture, and teen programming; basic needs and chaplaincy services; and enhanced Judaics programming.

Israel and Overseas. Calgary Jewish Federation is one of six partners in the Coast-to-Coast Partnership2Gether group that supports the Eretz HaGalil region in Israel. Since October 7, most of the population in our region has been displaced and have experienced constant bombings and loss of homes. We are doing what we can to support our P2G Mishpacha – family. In the spring we were able to assist four university students so that they could participate in a special March of the Living trip since they were unable to go in high school due to COVID. Through a partnership with the Jewish Agency for Israel (JAFI), we hosted Israeli Emissaries (*Shlichim*) who educated and shared the beauty of Israel, which in turn maintained a living bridge and instilled sense of pride for – and connection to – Israel. Perhaps our most impactful achievement, our Israel Emergency Fund surpassed \$3.5 million and continues to address immediate and planned services and care for the people of Israel after the atrocities of October 7.



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