

2017/2018  
Impact  
Report



# OUR IMPACT

JEWISH FEDERATION OF OTTAWA

Discover how **YOUR SUPPORT** has made  
a difference in the lives of thousands.



**Explore the impact your dollars and Federation's support make in the community.  
This booklet highlights some issues and how we worked with partners to address them.**

**Results are from July 2017 - June 2018.**

**Your gift to Federation's Annual Campaign helps feed the hungry, sustain seniors in need,  
support and counsel families in crisis, and empower people of all ages  
to participate in Jewish life.**

**Thank you!**

# The impact of your gift to Federation 2017/2018

Federation brings a compelling, **inclusive vision** for all of Jewish Ottawa. Your gift to Federation supports meaningful Jewish experiences and journeys, where Jewish life is vibrant and no one is left behind. Federation ensures there are varied services and exciting programs to meet all needs and interests.

**Federation leverages human and financial resources** to build our community for the sake of future generations. Owing to our historic mandate and work, our contacts are deep, our relationships are strong and our fundraising costs are low.

**Federation values innovation** and is well-networked nationally and internationally as the preferred and natural partner to bring Jewish innovation to our community. Whether it is the PJ Library program or Birthright Israel, Federation partners with game-changing Jewish programs and experiences to advance our vision.

**Federation values partnership** and brings the community together, working across Jewish Ottawa. Federation is uniquely positioned to mobilize people and bring together like-minded individuals. Federation enables our community to function, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, by providing a coordinated approach to meeting needs.

A wide spectrum of programs and services has been made possible in 2017/2018 through collective giving. **Thanks to your gift, Federation is able to fund broadly and deeply to support all essential causes,**

many of which would get neglected and would not be able to raise money on their own.

“Who are you going to call?” In the case of the Jewish world, it’s Federation.

When there is a challenge an organization cannot overcome, they call Federation. When Israel is in need during times of conflict, they reach out to Federations for emergency help and extraordinary social service support. When there is an issue that requires sensitive handling with the government, Federation is there to represent Jewish interests. When it comes to keeping our community safe and secure, Federation is there. That is our impact.



*A. M. Fresh*

# Caring for the Vulnerable

## THE ISSUE:

A growing number of individuals face numerous barriers to being able to participate fully in the Jewish community due to mobility, transportation, financial constraints and other challenges.

## HOW WE HELP:

Federation funds programs and services that enable individuals with varying needs, to access Jewish life.

## AJA 50+ Creative Connections



33

isolated seniors enjoyed the AJA50+ Creative Connections weekly Day-Out Program, allowing them to connect with Jewish peers.



155

hours of programming were enjoyed by the 33 participants through 3 sessions that provided 62 unique activities.

## Hillel Lodge



3,195

hours of one-to-one feeding assistance were given to 35 residents.



\$75,000

in Federation funding allowed for 59,250 meals to be Kosher.

# Jewish Family Services



75

Holocaust survivors in Ottawa received home support, access to community resources and intensive case assistance, resulting in improved physical and emotional well-being.



2,000+

Kosher Meals on Wheels were delivered to 40 seniors last year.

## Tamir



250+

hours each year of Judaic programming for Tamir clients, including the Tamir choir and Shabbat experiences.



200

participants and their families enjoyed special holiday events throughout the year.



## JYL Friendship Circle

Weekly visits by volunteers trained to assist families with children with special needs.



42

families participated in activities and events

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## Access to Jewish Life

### THE ISSUE:

Many in our community have a hard time taking their first step towards becoming involved in Jewish community life. How do we ensure there are easy access points for involvement and meaningful connections to Jewish life in our city?

### HOW WE HELP:

Federation invests in a diversity of high quality “on-ramps” in our community that serve as entry points and steps along a Jewish journey, meeting the needs of people of all ages.



100+

teens were engaged in programs funded through new Teen Programming Grants.



1,200+

participated in Federation events such as challah making, Mitzvah Day, and the Holocaust Community Commemoration.

## NCSY



170

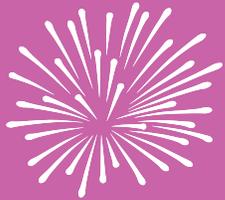
Jewish students in 8 public high schools, participated in lunch-time activities and Jewish learning sessions.



24

high school students obtained leadership experience as “Club Presidents,” “Vice Presidents,” “Leadership Board” and “Online Presidents.”

# Soloway Jewish Community Centre



800+

community members came together for Yom HaA'tzmaut celebrations.



80

children attended Ganon, SJCC's Jewish preschool program.

## PJ Library



8,052

Jewish-themed books were delivered to children.

## Sephardi Association



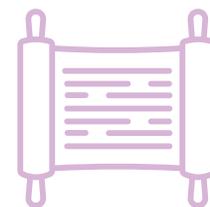
100+

community members gathered to celebrate the Sephardi traditional Mimona after Passover.



Outreach organizations:

JET, Ottawa Torah Centre, SJCC and Limmud Ottawa



1,250+

community members expanded their knowledge through Jewish classes, lectures and text study.

# Support and Connection to Israel

## THE ISSUE:

Connecting the next generation to Israel and Zionism is crucial to ensure a strong and bright future for the State of Israel and world Jewry.

## HOW WE HELP:

Jewish peoplehood is a shared belief in Am Echad (one people) and our strong connection with the land of Israel as our homeland. Federation invests in a variety of programs and opportunities to provide meaningful and life-changing experiences for those in our community.

## Taglit Birthright Israel



100+

young adults from Ottawa, ages 18 to 32, created their own unique and meaningful connections with the land and people.

## Federation's Partnership 2Gether



70

people from 3 groups of Ottawans visited communities in our Israel partner region, learning about the joys and challenges of living in Israel's northernmost communities.



200

students from OJCS and Temple Israel School were partnered with schools in Israel through the Gesher Hai (Living Bridge) program, where they interacted and learned about each other's community.

# Jewish Women's Renaissance Project



36

women joined a transformative experience in Israel, connecting them with their Jewish roots.



30+

events, shabbat dinners, classes and challah bakes for JWRP participants involving 6 local organizations.

## March of the Living



18

local youth participated in this life-altering trip to Poland and Israel with hundreds of Jews from all over the world.

## Shinshinim



500+

youth and adults learned about Israeli life, culture, and celebration thanks to Federation Shinshinim, young Israeli emissaries living in our community.



# Empowering Local Organizations

## THE ISSUE:

Strong Jewish institutions and organizations are the underpinnings of a vibrant Jewish life. Today's non-profit organizations operate in a competitive field, with limited resources where technology and society are changing at a rapid pace.

## HOW WE HELP:

Federation builds capacity by strengthening local Jewish organizations in various ways.

## Volunteer Centre



30

volunteers were matched with opportunities in 7 different organizations.

## Training Sessions



150

community members and representatives of Jewish organizations attended professional development sessions.

## Capacity Building Fund

9



grants for innovative projects, injected over \$50,000 into local organizations to build capacity in our partner agencies. Two examples:

\$5,000

for Hillel Lodge's new Human Resource System to monitor ongoing needs of the largest workforce on the Ottawa Jewish Community Campus.

\$3,000

for Jewish Spiritual Care for training clergy, as part of the Ottawa Hospital Spiritual Care Program.

# Advocacy Initiatives



3

separate attempts by Ottawa U's student government to pass Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions (BDS) against Israel, were defeated by a group of Jewish students.



120+

people joined Federation and our partners for a Pride Shabbat Dinner that celebrated our community's diversity.

## Banning Genetic Discrimination



CIJA has engaged federal and provincial parliamentarians across party lines seeking support for this initiative. Jewish women of European descent, for example, are significantly more likely than other Canadian women to carry the BRCA marker connected with ovarian and breast cancer.

## Security



Ensuring the security of our community is a core priority. CIJA took part in a process to alter Bill C-75, a legislation concerning terror-related crimes. CIJA advocated that crimes of genocide always be treated with the full weight of the law as indictable offences. The committee heeded this advice and the text of the bill was altered with these guarantees.

# Advancing Communal Interests

### THE ISSUE:

From human rights, religious freedom, social justice, security, to even foreign affairs and Canada-Israel relations, there are a wide range of issues that involve our community.

### HOW WE HELP:

Federation works closely with our partner the Centre for Israel and Jewish Affairs (CIJA) to fight anti-Semitism, bringing a strong voice for our community to local, provincial and national affairs.

# The Next Generation

## THE ISSUE:

Young people in colleges, universities, and in the professional world are faced with traditional and new challenges. How do we help them make Jewish decisions and serve their unique needs?

## HOW WE HELP:

Federation creates opportunities to help young adults develop meaningful connections to Jewish life.

## Hillel Ottawa and Chabad Student Network



600+

university students enjoyed Jewish programs, Shabbat dinners, educational, recreational programs and leadership development opportunities.

## Glebe Shul



230

young professionals participated in monthly Shabbat dinners, holiday programs and small group learning opportunities.

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EMERGING GENERATION

560

young professionals and families participated in 7 events that were funded by Emerging Gen Grants.



60+

newcomers to Ottawa's Jewish Community were welcomed in 2 events

# Holocaust Education and Commemoration



500

area high school students watched a play, “Heart in my Suitcase” that portrayed the story of one survivor’s experience during the Holocaust.



400+

people attended the Yom Hashoah community commemoration.

# Culture and Heritage, Memory

## THE ISSUE:

A vibrant Jewish community includes a strong Jewish culture, heritage, and history. How can we ensure that we remember and celebrate our past, as we build our future?

## HOW WE HELP:

Federation funds and implements a variety of undertakings that reflect on our culture, our rich heritage, and important memories which are paramount to connecting with our community.

## Ottawa Jewish Archives



25

portraits in the Face-to-Face exhibit highlighted the contributions made by notable Jewish Ottawans to Canada’s public service.

## Celebrating Canada’s 150<sup>th</sup>



35,000+

people viewed the 32 separate displays of The Canada Jewish Experience Exhibit funded in part by Federation, showcasing Jewish history and accomplishments, which were held in public locations across North America.

# Educating Our Children Jewishly

## THE ISSUE:

Educating our children Jewishly leads to strong Jewish identity and vibrant Jewish life.

## HOW WE HELP:

Federation invests in Jewish Day and Supplementary Schools that instill the next generation with Jewish values, creates strong networks of friends and communities, which build the Jewish future. The diverse selection of options available allows each family to find the right fit for each child.

Federation funds and actively promotes all educational options and provides training for educators and boards.

## Funded Day Schools \$727,566

288 children attended\*

- Ottawa Jewish Community School
- Torah Day School
- Ottawa Torah Institute

## Funded Supplementary Schools \$103,973

380 children attended\*

- Chabad Hebrew School
- Ottawa Talmud Torah
- Ottawa Modern Jewish School
- Temple Israel Religious School
- Torah High

*\*results reflect  
2017-2018  
school year*

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## \$25,000

additional funding was invested in 2017/18, in the form of Capacity Building Grants for new technology in schools (Torah High, OMJS and Torah Day School).



## 35

teachers received professional development on integrating technology into the classroom.

Your gift to Jewish Federation strengthens the Jewish community in many ways.

Thank you to the 2,000 individuals who gave to Federation in 2017-2018!

### ACCESS TO JEWISH LIFE

Organization	Program	\$
Active Jewish Adults 50+ .....	AJA 50+	\$10,000
Chabad Sudent Network Holiday Programming		\$3,500
Zelikovitz Centre, Carleton University .....	Developing Future Leaders	\$2,500
Hillel Ottawa .....	Student Campus Life	\$51,000
Jewish Education through Torah .....	Adult Education	\$9,000
	JWRP Post-Trip Programming	\$3,000
	Glebe Shul	\$15,000
Jewish Youth Library.....	Jewish Montessori Preschool	\$3,000
Limmud.....	Limmud Ottawa	\$2,000
NCSY.....	Culture Clubs	\$24,200
Ottawa Torah Centre .....	JLI Courses	\$3,000
	Living Legacy	\$10,000
Sephardi Association ...	Sephardi Programming	\$9,000
Soloway JCC .....	Organizational Funding	\$329,850
<b>TOTAL.....</b>		<b>\$475,050</b>

### CARING FOR THE VULNERABLE

Organization	Program	\$
AJA 50+ .....	Creative Connections	\$3,000
Camp B'nai Brith.....	Camper Scholarships	\$22,000
Hillel Lodge.....	Organizational Funding	\$231,787
Jewish Family Services ..	Organizational Funding	\$384,487
Jewish Youth Library.....	Friendship Circle	\$4,400
Soloway JCC .....	Scholarships	\$54,817
Tamir.....	Organizational Funding	\$86,787
<b>TOTAL.....</b>		<b>\$787,278</b>

### EDUCATING JEWISHLY

Jewish Schools	\$
Chabad Hebrew School.....	\$22,874
Or Haneshamah, Machaneh Shabbat.....	\$1,040
Ottawa Jewish Community School.....	\$554,526
Ottawa Modern Jewish School.....	\$12,477
Ottawa Talmud Torah.....	\$11,437
Ottawa Torah Institute.....	\$21,000
Supplemental Schools Revitalization .....	\$6,000
Temple Israel Religious School .....	\$25,993
Torah Day School of Ottawa .....	\$152,040
Torah High .....	\$30,152
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>\$837,539</b>

### FEDERATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

Organization	\$
Archives.....	\$26,177
Birthright .....	\$29,000
Campus and Maintenance.....	\$264,233
Next Generation .....	\$17,000
Federation Services .....	Communications and Community Relations
	Community Building (includes Culture, Heritage and Memory)
	Community Services
	Governance and Representation
	Capacity Building Contingency
March of the Living .....	\$13,600
Partnership2Gether .....	\$35,000
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>\$1,533,932</b>

### NATIONAL AND OVERSEAS

JFC-UIA - Domestic (including CIJA) & Overseas Agenda and Israel .....	\$668,407
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**GRAND TOTAL OF ALL ALLOCATIONS .....** **\$4,302,206**

### GRANTS

#### Fund for Innovative Capacity Building

Organization	Project	Grant
CBB	Cooking Program	\$2,910
Hillel Lodge	Human Resources System	\$5,000
JET	Multimedia Integration	\$3,850
JFS	Family Workshops	\$5,000
KBI	B Brand	\$8,000
NCSY	Smart Board	\$5,500
OMJS & Ganon	SmartBoards & Chromebooks	\$10,000
TDSO	Chromebooks	\$11,639
Temple Israel	Spiritual Care	\$3,000
<b>TOTAL.....</b>		<b>\$54,899</b>

#### Emerging Gen Grants

Recipient	Event	Grant
Volunteers	Big Comfy Shabbat Dinner #2	\$1,800
CIJA	Pride Shabbat Dinner	\$1,000
Volunteers	Wine Making Event	\$775
Volunteers	Shabbat Dinner	\$250
Talmud Torah	Family Shabbat Dinner	\$1,200
Volunteers	Big Comfy Shabbat Dinner #3	\$2,000
Volunteers	Genetic Testing Panel	\$500
Volunteers	Big Comfy Shabbat Dinner #4	\$1,500
Volunteers	Men's Challah Bake	\$200
Temple Israel	Monkey Business	\$1,750
<b>TOTAL.....</b>		<b>\$9,341</b>

# Thank you!

Your gift to the Jewish Federation of Ottawa's  
Annual Campaign has an extraordinary impact on our community.  
It is your generosity that allows for these programs  
and services to exist.



**Our community. Our responsibility. Our future.**

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