

PJ Library® 2023 IMPACT REPORT

Thank you for your generous support of the Jewish Federation of Ottawa's PJ Library program.

Funded in part by the Harold Grinspoon Foundation, Ottawa's program is made possible through the generous donations of a local group of leading philanthropic families. They include Bubbies, Zaydies, moms and dads. They love Jewish life, they love reading and know how impactful telling stories can be. With the support of the Jewish Federation of Ottawa, they wish to ensure that our Jewish community continues and thrives.

779
FREE BOOKS
MONTHLY!

New members
in 2022:

166



HAROLD GRINSPOON FOUNDATION



PJ Parent Leaders:

Over 20 families
stepped-up to volunteer,
co-design and lead
their own events.

20

In the past year, PJ Ottawa:

- **Launched 4 micro-communities:** Babies and Bagels (for families with children ages 0-3), PJ Our Way (8-12 years old), Russian-speaking Jewish families, Jews of Colour
- **Collaborated with other Jewish groups:** Camp B'nai Brith Ottawa, Ottawa Jewish Community School, Temple Israel, Ottawa Talmud Torah, Ottawa Modern Jewish School

**Outdoor
Havdallah with
Ottawa Jewish
Community
School (OJCS)**

On January 21, families gathered at CentrepoinTE Park for an interactive, musical Havdallah under the stars. Families made bees-wax candles and enjoyed hot chocolate.

119

participants



**Mothers' Day for
Russian-speaking
Jewish newcomers**

On May 14, PJ Library hosted the first Mother's Day in Canada for Jewish Ukrainian and Russian-speaking Israeli newcomers. The day included breakfast, crafts, activities, games and more

Testimonial:

"I wanted to express my heartfelt gratitude for organizing such a wonderful Mother's Day breakfast. It was truly a special event that helped to bring everyone together and make us feel like a part of the community."



Thank you for organizing such a well-planned and fun-filled activity, complete with tons of surprises that delighted every family member. Jewish Federation of Ottawa and PJ Library - YOU ARE THE BEST."

families:

20 70
participants

**Shavuot Slumber
Party with
Temple Israel**

On May 28, in celebration of Jewish Heritage Month, families were invited to learn about the history of the Latin American Jewish community with a movie scavenger hunt, shared Shavuot stories, a sing-along and enjoyed pizza and ice cream.

families:

25

100
participants



2-3

events/month



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