



"Hamilton had Canada's highest per-capita rate of hate crimes for the last three out of five years, according to Statistics Canada. There were 17.1 hate incidents per 100,000 people, with those incidents ranging from graffiti to assault. Groups targeted were Jews, Muslims, Blacks and LGBTQ and while the number of incidents is growing for each group, the incidence of Antisemitic incidences is highest."

There is much work to be done to educate, build awareness, respect and understanding about and among the different religious, ethnic and cultural groups in Hamilton.

The Jewish community is well placed to take a leadership role that faces both inward and outward. The plan is to mount an annual educational gathering in Hamilton aimed at understanding the historical roots of Antisemitism as well as its current manifestations. The goal is to create an opportunity to learn and to dialogue

The Hamilton Jewish Federation is committed to accessible and affordable Jewish education experiences.

This commitment includes diverse ideologies and structures. The financial support will therefore have 2 components aimed at strengthening the institutions as well as the individual's capacity to benefit from the program of their choice.

Children have experienced significant disruption throughout the COVID 19 experience. Disruptions have interrupted their education, their family routines and their social life. They have been isolated from their friends, their extended families and their activities. These factors, along with others directly associated with the Hamilton JCC day camp, make it the ideal moment to redevelop the Hamilton summer day camp experience.

The experience of COVID 19 has shone the light on the need for a gathering place that will offer social and emotional support to people who are dealing with mental health challenges associated or exacerbated by the pandemic.

The centre will aim to reduce the social isolation and anxiety that so many people are experiencing by offering a place for people to come together and connect. The centre will offer informal activities, groups, and drop-in programs. It will also serve as an entry and referral point for people who need more in-depth interventions. And it will offer a public awareness and educational program in collaboration with the mental health community in Hamilton.

with experts, community leaders from all domains, all backgrounds and affiliations. A special effort will be made to engage young people at both high school and university. They are the future leadership and must be involved in shaping attitudes and opinions.

The annual gathering will be structured to develop actionable follow up activities that will engage and keep the issue on the community agenda year round.

#### **NEW NEEDS**

New Technology for hybrid programs and events accessible and inclusive

Develop new programs to educate young generations about Antisemitism and the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance

#### **BENEFICIARIES | PROGRAMS**

Holocaust Education  
Students and Teachers Seminar  
Yom Hashoa Commemoration  
Yom Ha'atzmaut Celebration  
Mc Master Hillel  
Va'ad Ha Kashrut  
Community Mikvah  
Centre for Israel and Jewish Advocacy  
United Israel Appeal

#### **NEW NEEDS**

Higher demand for scholarships for Jewish Day Schools and Supplementary Religious Schools

New Centre for wellness to support the increased number of community members with mental health issues

Higher demand for scholarships for Summer, Winter and Spring Camps

Recovery after a year of social isolation with new social and cultural JCC programs

New Technology for hybrid programs and events accessible and inclusive

#### **BENEFICIARIES | PROGRAMS**

Hamilton Hebrew Academy  
Kehila Heschel School  
Temple Anshe Sholom Religious School  
Beth Jacob Synagogue Religious School  
Hamilton Hebrew High  
Hamilton Jewish News  
PJ Library  
Hamilton JCC  
Camp Kadimah

#### **NEW NEEDS**

More mental health support needed

Increase number of individual and family counselling services and programs

More financial assistance

More services for isolated seniors and Holocaust Survivors

Increased demand of Kosher free meals to be distributed through food security programs and food banks

#### **BENEFICIARIES | PROGRAMS**

Beth Tikvah Foundation  
Hamilton Jewish Family Services  
Shalom Village  
Grow Hamilton  
Special Needs Action Project

