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.

Funding Allocations | 2022-2023

Allocations 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

Allocation of Funds by Service Area:
- $405,000 for Jewish Education
- $145,000 for Youth, Young Adults, and Young Professionals
- $133,984 for Support for the Vulnerable
- $126,135 for Jewish Culture
- $112,672 for Holocaust Commemoration and Education
- $121,672 for Outreach, Engagement, Community Relations
- $176,248 for Active and Engaged Seniors
- $313,984 for National, Israel, and Overseas
- $30,000 for JCC Community Living Room
- $30,000 for Mikvah

Total raised by UJA 2022: $2,521,992
Donors: 909

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Calgary Jewish Federation’s Inclusion department creates a welcoming space while creating awareness and acceptance of people with disabilities. Kesher – a reverse inclusion initiative which has served Jewish adults with disabilities and their families for over a decade - has thrived over the past year with the introduction of new initiatives such as Kesher Lunch Club. A Taste of Judaism: Food for the Soul, Wellness for All, and Unique Jewels, alongside staple programs such as Jewish Disabilities Awareness and Inclusion Month (JDAIM) and International Day of Persons with Disabilities (IDPD).

From leaving home for the first time to facing antisemitism on campus or online, post-secondary can be a daunting experience for Jewish students. Having the support of peers and community through Hillel Calgary continues to be essential for our young adults. Through Hillel, students remain engaged in Jewish life, and regularly take part in leadership, advocacy, and service opportunities that develop and solidify their Jewish identities. This year, participants met influential Jewish advocates, explored Israel through the written word, and shared Jewish culture with their campus communities.

Calgary Jewish Federation’s JAC (Jewish Adult Calgary) engages adults post-grad to 40 through recreation, leadership, and service opportunities. JAC continues to find ways to stay connected, whether it be through social engagement, tikun olam, or leadership development opportunities. From celebrating Jewish culture to schmoozing with peers, JAC engages young professionals across all denominations.

Jewish Calgary is proud to have completed four 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 an estimated $18,372,351 in future promised gifts from 248 donors with the highest number of donors giving to more than one organization in all of North America. HGF has accepted Calgary into LIFE & LEGACY® Plus which will continue for another four years.

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.

The Holocaust and Human Rights: Remembrance and Education department chaired by volunteers Marnie Bondar and Dahlia Libin, is a leader in Holocaust education in Alberta and beyond. This year, thousands of students from Calgary and rural Alberta took part in various educational programs and initiatives. Highlights include Here to Tell (HTT): Faces of Holocaust Survivors photography exhibit and HTT educational opportunities for the classroom and boardroom, corporate presentations, the annual Holocaust Education Symposium, and connecting with educators at Calgary City Teachers’ Convention. In addition, the March of the Living experience had its first Calgary contingent since 2018. Students joined the Canadian Coast-to-Coast Group for this moving journey. This department ensures our community has a meaningful Yom HaShoah, Kristallnacht, and International Holocaust Remembrance Day commemorations.

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 Shaw Birdies for Kids. This means that up to 50% of donations made before August 31 will be matched by Shaw!