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# Impact Report 2025

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# Note From Leadership

## Together at the Heart of Jewish Toronto

On any given day, something remarkable happens when you walk through the doors of our JCCs. You feel the hum of life through the laughter of children, the sounds of a motivating fitness class, the melodies of Shabbat songs drifting from a preschool room. You feel connection. You feel community.

This is what it means to be the hub of Jewish life in Toronto.

At the Prosserman JCC and Schwartz/Reisman Centre, we bring people together to celebrate, to learn, to move, and to belong. We are where Jewish identity takes root in childhood and deepens across generations. We are where newcomers find new friends, where seniors rediscover purpose and joy, and where families of all backgrounds discover that Jewish life is for everyone.

In a year marked by challenge and resilience, our JCCs have stood strong as places where pride in who we are meets compassion for one another. Guided by our mission to enrich Jewish life through meaningful shared experiences, we have continued to elevate community wellness, inclusion, and belonging for more than **50,000 people** across Toronto.

This report is a reflection of you - our members, families, donors, volunteers, and partners - who make everything we do possible. Inside, you'll find stories that speak to the heart of our mission: building Jewish identity, fostering connection, and supporting the well-being of our entire community.
Together, we are shaping the future of Jewish Toronto one relationship, one act of kindness, and one shared moment at a time - and that future is here.

**Thank you for being part of our community.**

**Thank you for being part of our story.**

**Andrew Levy,**
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# Jewish Identity Begins Here.

Jewish life begins with moments like these. Moments that inspire belonging, ignite curiosity, and build pride. At the JCC, we make these moments possible every day. From preschoolers learning their first Hebrew songs to teens discovering Jewish values through teamwork and sportsmanship, our programs nurture a lifelong connection to Jewish life and prepare the next generation of Jewish leaders. The future of Jewish identity begins here.

Every Friday morning, the sounds of Shabbat Shalom fill our hallways as preschoolers bake challah and sing with their teachers. These small acts create powerful memories, and for the **400 families in our early childhood programs**, this is where Jewish identity takes root.



Each Sunday, **more than 640 students** across our two campuses explore Hebrew and Jewish heritage through our supplementary school programs, **JRoots and Kachol Lavan**. Together, they celebrate holidays, learn traditions, and discover pride in their Jewish story.

Inclusion is central to how we build community and a central Jewish value we call kol yisrael arevim zeh bazeh—responsibility for one another. Through JCC Inclusion Services, more than **330 children, teens, and young adults with different abilities** experienced programs that honour their strengths.







Participants are fully integrated into the rhythm of JCC life, learning, volunteering, working, and finding pride in being part of something bigger.

**The Jack and Pat Kay Centre Camp** - the largest Jewish day camp in Canada - welcomed **over 950 campers** this past summer. Guided by **287 incredible staff**, campers learned that being Jewish is about connection, community, and joy. Through partnerships with Israeli Shlichim, campers experienced Israel in a personal and inspiring way, bringing its songs, stories, and spirit into their daily lives.

Our **JCC Warriors** sports program is another powerful pathway to Jewish identity. With close to **1,500 young athletes** from a variety of backgrounds enrolled in hockey and basketball programs, sports have become a shared language of allyship that unites kids of all backgrounds.

This past August, **185 local athletes** ages 13-17 years old, participated in the **JCC Maccabi Games®** in Tucson, Arizona and Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. The Games are more than a sports competition, they are a life-shaping experience and remain a primary connection to Jewish community, global Jewish life, and Israel. In 2026, Toronto will proudly host the JCC Maccabi Games® & Access for the first time in 40 years, with more than **2,500 participants** joining us for the largest teen engagement program and Jewish peoplehood experience anywhere in the world. The future of Jewish pride is here.



# Where Everyone Belongs.



Belonging is more than a feeling, it's what holds our community together. At the Prosserman JCC and Schwartz/Reisman Centre, belonging is built every day in shared spaces, through shared stories, and with shared care.

Our centres are the town square of Jewish Toronto, where tradition and modern life meet, and where every person, Jewish or not, is welcome to join in. Whether it's a family celebrating a Jewish holiday for the first time, a senior discovering the joy of community fitness, or an Israeli newcomer finding comfort in familiar language and song, the JCC is where connection begins and where the future of community is being built.

**More than 50,000 people engaged with our programs** and events this past year. Thousands gathered for community celebrations from our Sweet Week Market for Rosh Hashanah to our Yom Ha'Atzmaut festivals. These moments remind us that even as the world changes, Jewish life continues to pulse with joy, resilience, and unity.

For many, the JCC was their first point of connection in a new country. Our centres welcomed **hundreds of newcomers from Israel and Ukraine**, providing not only settlement support and childcare, but also a community that understands what it means to begin again.

Connection also flourishes through a number of micro-communities within our wellness programs. This past year, our community came together through a variety of aquatics, personal training, and group exercise classes, all in the name of health and wellbeing. We know that a community who sweats together, thrives together, and nowhere is that more evident than in our rapidly growing pickleball community, where **750 people** of all ages and backgrounds have played more than **5,000 games** while moving, laughing and caring for their well-being together.

Our adults and seniors' programs continue to demonstrate the power of connection through movement and purpose. More than **2,500 older adults participated in Jewish social, cultural, and wellness experiences**. From low-impact classes and chair yoga to musical performances and holiday luncheons, these gatherings are a lifeline and a chance to stay active, engaged, and surrounded by friends who feel like family. The future of wellness and belonging is here.





## The Hub of Jewish Life in Toronto.

JCCs are more than a place to go. They are places to belong to create, and to dream. In an era of change, our JCCs remain Toronto's anchor for Jewish connection. Here, the future of Jewish life is already in motion.

The Leah Posluns Theatre has become a stage for connection and creativity. This year, more than **15,000 guests experienced Jewish arts and culture** through comedy, music, film, and conversation. Our cultural programming invites participation from every corner of the community. From those deeply rooted in tradition, to those finding their way back to it, the future of Jewish creativity is here.




Throughout the year, our community celebrations brought together over 15,000 participants across both campuses. From candle lighting at Hanukkah and carnival joy on Purim to the energy of Yom Ha'Atzmaut, these shared moments strengthened our collective pride and unity.

# Letters from the Heart of the Community.

Every number in this report represents a person, a family, a story.
Behind every class, every day at camp, every event, there's a moment of impact that changed someone's life. A spark of connection that makes the JCC feel like home.

**Here are just a few of the voices that remind us why our community matters so deeply.**

### A Senior's Renewal

"At 90, life slows down. But every morning, I go to the JCC to move, laugh, and connect with friends. It's my social circle, my gym, my second home. The JCC keeps me young."

- Member, Schwartz/Reisman Centre

### An Artist's Inspiration

"Taking art classes at Prosserman JCC gave me a sense of joy and belonging I didn't know I was missing. Learning new skills and being surrounded by community reminded me that art is how we heal and connect."

- Prosserman JCC, Arts & Culture Program Participant

### A Teen's Transformation

"Playing for the JCC Warriors and representing Toronto at the JCC Maccabi Games changed everything for me. Before this, I didn't really think much about being Jewish. Now it's a huge part of who I am. I've made friends for life all because of the JCC. And the Games"

- JCC Maccabi Athlete, Age 16

### A Family's Peace

"We're a family of five with one child back home in the IDF, one with autism, one still struggling after to make connections after moving to Toronto. The JCC has been a constant source of support and understanding. My kids have friends, we have community, and I finally feel peace."

- Member Family, Inclusion Program & Camp Participant

### A Parent's Gratitude

"When I first walked into the JCC, I didn't know what to expect. I'm an immigrant from Ukraine, and my son was nervous to start camp. Within days, he came home singing Hebrew songs, talking about Israel, and smiling in a way I hadn't seen since we left home. The JCC gave him friendship and gave me hope."

- Centre Camp Parent and New Community Member

### A New Generation of Belonging

"Every Friday, our daughter comes home from preschool singing Shabbat songs and carrying her little challah. It's a tradition that's now part of our family and one that connects us to something bigger than ourselves."

- Parent, Early Childhood Program

At the JCC, these stories happen every day, in hallways, classrooms, gymnasiums, studios, and swimming pools. They are the heartbeat of Jewish life in Toronto.

**Together, we are building connection, identity, and belonging…one story at a time.**

# Growing our JCC Community.

**50,000+**
people engaged annually

**1,000+**
Jewish newcomers supported through services provided by the JCC

**15,000+**
people attended community events

**7,500+**
children enrolled in JCC sports, camps, fitness, and arts programs

**600+**
children enrolled in supplementary schools

**400+**
children enrolled in daycare & preschool

# THE JCC MACCABI GAMES® & ACCESS RISE TO THE OCCASION



**From August 2–7, 2026**, Toronto and Vaughan will become the stage for one of the most dynamic celebrations of teen sport, community connection, and global friendship: the Toronto 2026 JCC Maccabi Games® and Access.

More than 2,000 teen athletes from 75 communities across North America, South America, Europe, and Israel will gather for this milestone event.

An unforgettable week of olympic-style competition, camaraderie, and community pride.

We're also proud to welcome JCC Maccabi Access, a meaningful, inclusive experience designed for Jewish athletes ages 13–23 with intellectual and developmental disabilities.



More than 20,000 athletes, coaches, families, volunteers, and spectators will come together in August for the Toronto 2026 JCC Maccabi Games® and Access.

They will experience everything from the electrifying Opening Ceremonies to world-class competitions, as well as community engagement programs like JCC Cares and Hang Time, where teens forge lifelong friendships. Anchored by our Games Hub at the Schwartz/Reisman Centre in Vaughan, the event will be a **city-wide celebration of sport, inclusivity, and shared values.**

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# Together, We Make Jewish Life Happen.

Thank you to our donors, partners, members, volunteers, and staff for your unwavering commitment to Jewish life. Your support ensures that the Prosserman JCC and Schwartz/Reisman Centre continue to inspire, connect, and unite our community for generations to come.
The future is being built here, by you. Your belief in community turns generosity into impact and impact into legacy. Because of you, Jewish life remains welcoming, joyful, and accessible to all.

Every membership, every donation, every hour volunteered sustains a vibrant, inclusive community that touches more than 30,000 lives each year. Your support ensures that no one is left out and that every child, teen, senior, and newcomer finds connection, identity, and purpose.

Together, we are not just sustaining a community, we are creating its future. A future rooted in Jewish values, powered by belonging, and realized right here.

Together, we are building a place where Jewish identity grows stronger, where connection deepens, and where belonging is felt in every interaction.

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**Together, we are the hub of Jewish life in Toronto and Vaughan.**

**Together, we are the JCC.**

**Together, Our Future Is Here.**

# Thank You.




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