

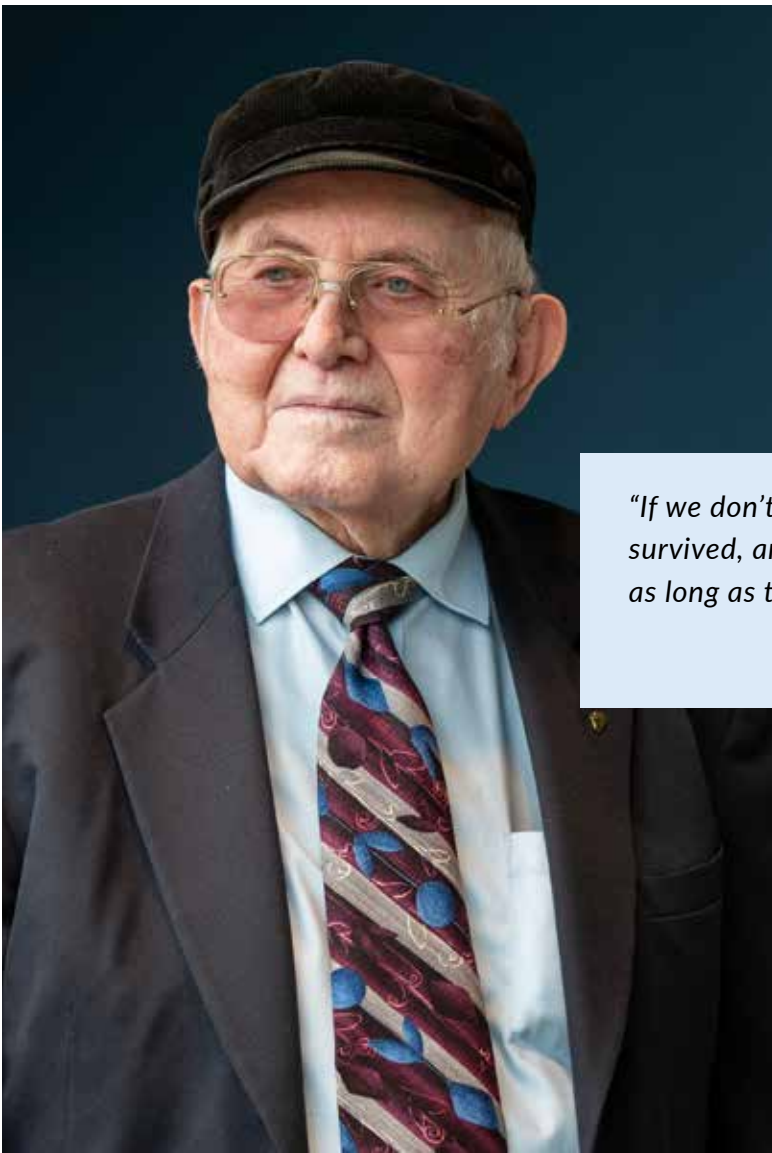


**YOUR COMPASSION.
THEIR LIFELINE.**

UJA

THE HOLOCAUST SURVIVORS SUPPORT FUND IMPACT REPORT

SUMMER 2026



A PROMISE KEPT

Everyone deserves the dignity of growing older surrounded by care. For Holocaust survivors, the challenges of aging in poverty and isolation are compounded by trauma, chronic illness, and the long-term effects of wartime deprivation.

"If we don't look after them, who is going to? These people survived, and we must make sure they survive in dignity for as long as they are alive."

- Pinchas Gutter CM, Holocaust survivor

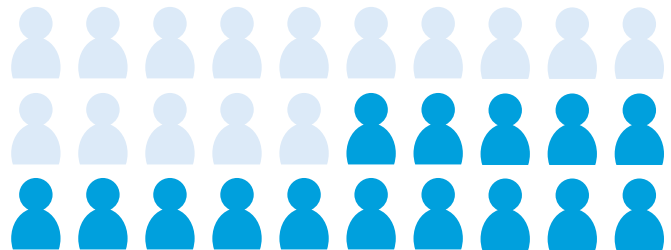
Survivors came to Canada after enduring unimaginable loss, persecution, atrocity, and displacement. They arrived here to rebuild their lives—often from nothing—and over decades, they helped build families, institutions, businesses, neighbourhoods, and the vibrant Jewish community that exists in Toronto today.

Through the Holocaust Survivors Support Fund (HSSF), you are helping to keep the promise of Canada for thousands of survivors.

MORE THAN SERVICES — A LIFELINE

For Holocaust survivors, aging comes with complex challenges. The physical and emotional impacts of wartime trauma intensify later in life. Survivors experience disproportionately higher rates of chronic illness, disability, mobility limitations, and cognitive decline.

Approximately 3,000 Holocaust survivors live in the Greater Toronto Area. Nearly half of the survivor population are low-income or otherwise financially vulnerable, relying on specialized Holocaust survivor support services to help meet their basic needs.



3,000 HOLOCAUST SURVIVORS

50% ARE LOW INCOME

CONNECTION, COMMUNITY, DIGNITY

Through the HSSF, survivors receive support that is practical, compassionate, and culturally sensitive. The work is delivered through UJA's partner agencies, Circle of Care and Jewish Family & Child Service of Greater Toronto, both of which specialize in serving Holocaust survivors, older adults, and other populations with complex needs. For survivors living in isolation, with illnesses, or experiencing financial insecurity, these supports provide them with essential connection, community, and dignity.

THE IMPACT OF CARE ACROSS TORONTO

Jewish Family & Child Service of Greater Toronto

Over the past year, more than 1,000 Holocaust survivors received direct financial assistance from Jewish Family & Child Service for essentials not covered by OHIP. In fiscal 2025 this program provided:



1,742 medical needs requisitions, including glasses, medication, orthopedic shoes, incontinence supplies, and hearing aids



294 dental procedures, including preventative dental care



203 Passover assistance packages



8 independence support requests, including home and appliance repairs

For many older adults living on fixed incomes, these expenses, not covered through government assistance, are not manageable.

Circle of Care

Over the past year, more than 1,450 Holocaust survivors received support through the Circle of Care. In fiscal 2025, these services provided:



651,233 hours of personal support and homemaking assistance



157,681 kosher Meals on Wheels deliveries



12,703 one-way rides to medical appointments and community programs



5,717 grocery cards distributed directly to survivors



701 Lifeline registrations, providing emergency response support



593 visits to the Adult Day Program, offering dementia care and respite for caregivers

UNLOCKING CRITICAL FUNDING

Your generosity ensures UJA can once again maximize its application for the exceptional matching opportunity offered by the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany. Last year, this match unlocked more than 26 times the funding for survivors programming, a transformational amplification that strengthens care across the community.



\$1.1MILLION

match from the
Holocaust Survivors
Support Fund



\$28MILLION

in funding from the
Claims Conference for
Circle of Care programs



"The whole goal here is to bring joy to the clients. We had a 94-year-old woman. She would come to the program and she would sit very quietly and she wouldn't say very much. We brought her into the kitchen and she came to life. Suddenly she's working with the flour and a little bit of this and a little bit of that. She made these fantastic biscuits. When her daughter came, it brought tears to her eyes because her mother used to make these biscuits with her grandmother when she was a young girl in Poland. This is the type of thing we do!"

- Madeline D'Arpino

Supervisor, Adult Day Program, Circle of Care

LOOKING AHEAD

The needs facing Holocaust survivors will continue to evolve over the coming decade. As survivors age and their needs intensify, the costs of delivering homecare, transportation, dementia support, and culturally sensitive services will continue to grow despite a shrinking survivor population.

This year marks an important milestone for the Holocaust Survivors Support Fund. UJA Federation of Greater Toronto is proud to share that this initiative has been fully funded through 2035. This extraordinary milestone ensures that Holocaust survivors living in poverty in Toronto will continue to receive the care, dignity, and support they need for years to come.

THANK YOU

Because of your extraordinary commitment, survivors across the Greater Toronto Area can look to the future with greater confidence, knowing the supports they depend on will remain in place and the care they deserve will continue uninterrupted.

Thank you for your part in this expression of our shared commitment to care for one another.

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