



Summer Camp

Camp is one of the most powerful experiences a child can have. It is where independence is developed, confidence is strengthened, and Jewish identity is forever imprinted. Within the rhythm of camp days, children build close friendships, discover abilities they did not know they possessed, and find pride in belonging to something larger than themselves.

For many families in our community, the cost of camp and camp essentials is prohibitive, therefore making this transformative experience unattainable. What should be a rite of passage, too often becomes an unattainable dream.

This summer, **Jewish Family and Child Service (JF&CS)** turned that dream into reality. With the generosity of our donors and partners, children who might otherwise have been left on the sidelines were welcomed fully into the camp experience. Subsidies removed financial barriers. Essential donated items, such as towels, sleeping bags, and toiletries ensured children arrived at camp with dignity and readiness. And with gift cards provided by the National Council of Jewish Women of Canada, Toronto Section, families were able to send their children to camp prepared and confident.

Kick Off to Camp: NCJWC Toronto Section

For the past four years, NCJWC Canada Toronto has faithfully led the **“Kick Off to Camp” campaign**, equipping campers with Walmart gift cards so they can purchase camp essentials that they may not otherwise be able to afford. NCJWC Toronto has donated **\$61,821.71**, providing gift cards to over 750 campers.



Over
\$440,000 in subsidies
allocated in 2025



68 children
attended overnight camp
with **\$224,742.64** in subsidies



147 children
attended day camp
with **\$217,854.50** in subsidies



16 children
received individualized
one on one support

**Breakdown By
Camp Category:**

29% Overnight Camp

64% Day Camp

7% One on One Support

A Parent's Voice

“Without the camp subsidy, my daughter would not have any experience in a Jewish setting.

Summer camp should be something every child gets to experience. The memories and friends are irreplaceable.

You made this happen and from the bottom of our hearts, thank you so very much.”

— Sonia, JF&CS Parent



The Fineberg Foundation

The Great Depression and antisemitism shaped Dr. Joseph Fineberg's worldview. Throughout his 65+ year medical career in central Los Angeles, he treated a diverse patient population, never turning away those who could not pay. He made countless house calls, lived a modest lifestyle, and avoided personal recognition, all while donating generously each year to local and international humanitarian causes.

This legacy of generosity and quiet impact continues today through the Fineberg Foundation. This year, the Foundation made a transformative gift of **\$50,000 USD (\$70,075 CDN)** to support children wishing to attend Jewish summer camp. For these children, camp was more than a seasonal experience, it was a chance to build friendships, explore their identities, and feel a deep sense of belonging in the Jewish community.

Thanks to this gift, financial barriers were lessened, ensuring that every child could experience the joy, connection, and growth that camp provides. The Fineberg Foundation's support reflects an ongoing commitment to investing in projects that leave a lasting impact, helping individuals and communities not only meet immediate needs but also thrive for generations to come.



Client Camp Tuck Shop

From June 11 to 13, the Camp Tuck Shop opened its doors, providing families with brand new donated camp items such as duffle bags, sleeping bags, blankets, swimming gear and more. Supported by **Mitzvah Gifts, community drives, and synagogue partners**, the shop allowed children to step into camp equipped and confident.

Parents shared their gratitude:

“This is such a big help.
It is touching.”

“Now I do not have to worry
about buying anything.”

“You helped me leave
feeling uplifted and excited
for camp rather than feeling
like a charity case.”

Mitzvah Gifts and Community Events and Partnerships

Mitzvah Gifts Campaign:

Raised **\$4,100** for camp essentials.

Beth Emeth Synagogue Pack a Caddy:

Volunteers packed caddies with towels, toiletries, and gear.

Give to Heal Partnership:

Shared the camp wish list and collected towels, pyjamas, bathing suits and other camp items.

Other fabulous in-kind donations were received such as comforters and blankets, slippers, cosmetic items, toiletries, and so much more.

One on One Support

For more than 25 years, JF&CS has provided **one on one support** for campers with disabilities. This year 16 children benefited from individualized mentorship which ensured they could safely and fully participate in Jewish camp. These mentors not only provided respite for parents, but also created a sense of community, acceptance, and belonging for children who might otherwise be excluded.



Together, we made camp possible for children who otherwise might have missed out.

Because of you, they sang campfire songs, built friendships, gained independence, and felt the pride of being part of The Jewish community.

On behalf of Jewish Family and Child Service, **thank you for your generosity,** compassion, and commitment. Your support provided more than subsidies. It provided dignity, joy, and memories that will last a lifetime.

