



> COMMUNITY SERVICES Hag Sameach

Hag Sameach is sponsored by the Clara Ruth Kaner Children's Fund, a designated fund of the Minnesota Jewish Community Foundation, and the Jacob Garber Endowment Fund of the Minnesota Jewish Community Foundation

The JFCS Hag Sameach "Happy Holidays" program

is a great opportunity to feel connected to the Jewish community, whether you are a recipient, donor or volunteer. Hag Sameach works with community organizations including synagogues, the Minnesota JCC, Interfaith Outreach and others to ensure people who are in need of extra assistance, both during the holidays and throughout the year, have a resource for holiday ritual items, gifts and essential items.



PASSOVER

Each year, JFCS provides referred individuals and families in need with a gift bag of ritual Passover foods and other meaningful items to help celebrate this holiday. As part of JFCS' Hag Sameach program, this gift is often a family's only opportunity to obtain the ritual items to celebrate the rich traditions of Passover.

In 2024, the program served:

240 families, and provided food and ritual items to **316** individuals

We launched a successful pilot program for a delivery visitor experience where the volunteer who delivered the Passover bag was matched with a client of the senior services team as a one-time outreach visit in an effort to combat isolation.



HIGH HOLIDAYS

668 holiday cards
sent out to the community

BEYOND THE HOLIDAYS

This is a wonderful resource for both JFCS case managers and community referral sources who identify a Jewish person or family in need of essentials any time of the year. The reasons for need may include coming out of homelessness, financial insecurity, a house fire, etc. Based on the referral information, JFCS provides resources or items to help them move forward. Items may include bedding, towels, kitchen items, toiletries, etc.



35
referrals

WINTER

The Hag Sameach program ensures joyous holiday celebrations for families and individuals in need by providing gifts and ritual items. Each year, hundreds are served thanks to the generosity and dedication of our donors, volunteers, and referrals from professional and community leaders.



In 2024, the program served **813** individuals

This included:

218 families

49 individuals from JFCS' **Caring Connections** program serving **Jewish adults with disabilities**. Most had the added benefit of receiving their bag while getting a specialized 1:1 visit.

71 individuals in **5** local hospitals plus the Minnesota Veterans Home

14 individuals in our **Memory Café** program that serves people with memory loss and their caregivers

112 seniors

20 Adopt a Family experiences

14 delivery visitors

