
Our Proud History

The United Jewish People's Order (UJPO) is an independent, socialist-oriented, secular cultural and educational organization with branches in Toronto, Winnipeg and Vancouver, and members in Montreal and other Canadian centres.

From its beginnings in 1926, the UJPO has always had a socially progressive outlook. We have consistently promoted the unionization of workers, peace, and social justice in Canada and the world.

In Canada

Our organization supports gender and ethnic equality of all. We encourage people of all ages, backgrounds and sexual orientation who support our aims and purposes to join and participate in our activities.

We continue to participate in building the social safety net: universal health care and education, and adequate, affordable housing.

The UJPO supports a strong, democratic federal government with recognition of Quebec's national aspirations and self-rule for the Aboriginal Peoples.

Around the World



Mindful of the deteriorating health of the environment at local, national, and global levels, we support efforts to reverse climate warming and to prevent further regression.

Our organization views "globalization" of the economy as a threat to employment, labour standards, national autonomy, and the quality of life in Canada and throughout the world.

We support universal human rights – the right to food, shelter, and employment.

We support a two-state solution to the Israeli-Palestinian crisis, under which both peoples would live side by side as peaceful neighbours in secure and viable states.



Local Affiliations

Toronto UJPO members established and sponsor: the Morris Winchevsky School, the Toronto Jewish Folk Choir, and Camp Naivelt. We conduct community holiday and cultural programs alone or in partnership with other Jewish organizations, and participate in activities of the Association of Jewish Seniors, the Yiddish Culture Council, and the following programs/activities of the Toronto UJA/Federation: the Board of Jewish Education, the Committee for Yiddish, the Toronto Jewish Book Fair, and the Holocaust Education Committee.

Vancouver UJPO members are actively involved in editing, producing, mailing and financing *Outlook*, Canada's progressive Jewish magazine. Our members are also active participants in the Peretz Centre for Secular Jewish Culture, the Vancouver Jewish Folk Choir, the Sholem Aleichem Seniors and all other aspects of the Centre. The Peretz Centre's Shule is informally affiliated with the Toronto Morris Winchevsky School and the Winnipeg Sholem Aleichem Community's Sunday school.

In **Winnipeg**, UJPO is active in organizing monthly forums on a variety of subjects. These range from cultural, political and social issues that appeal to both Jews and non-Jews alike. Twice a month, UJPO

sponsors the Mame-Loshn Group to help foster and promote Yiddish literature and the Yiddish language. We support the Sholem Aleichem Community as advisors and as Board Members. Also, we support the Sholem Aleichem Sunday School by teaching Yiddish songs and assisting with the educational committee. We also co-sponsor the annual Warsaw Ghetto Memorial Evening as well as other events. We are members of and have participated in the Congress of Secular Jewish Organizations.

National Affiliations

As a national organization we are affiliated to: the Canadian Peace Alliance, the Canadian Jewish Congress, the National Action Committee on the Status of Women, the Congress of Secular Jewish Organizations, the North American Federation of Secular Humanistic Jews, and the International Institute of Secular Humanistic Jews.

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