

JCC Krakow is a key provider of services, a strategic partner, and a convener, having already helped directly and via our partners many thousands of Ukrainians over the last three weeks.

- Our JCC continues to function 7 days a week, 14 hours a day as a collection and distribution point for food, medicine, hygienic supplies, toys, and clothing. An average of 300 Ukrainians a day come in to take whatever supplies they need and are met by our Ukrainian speakers who welcome them and offer our assistance. We are also sending pallets of supplies to other places in Krakow, to the border and inside Ukraine.
- We are currently directly housing and feeding ~200 Ukrainians, Jews and non-Jews, in hotel rooms and apartments in Krakow we have secured for that purpose. We call and visit them regularly and help them with their daily needs including cash.
- We have outfitted and opened a mother and child safe space with a local partner that provides day care for 25 young children, and Polish and English classes, psychological counseling, and job training for their mothers in a warm, cozy environment.
- We have partnered with four local NGOs to run and equip one of the central information points for Ukrainians coming to Krakow. Staffed by Ukrainian speakers, it also has on site housing for 100 refugees and we are providing food for all the residents.
- We are working with and financially supporting a local partner that brings supplies to the border and into Lviv for distribution across Ukraine, and brings people out to Poland. Over 3000 people have escaped Ukraine this way since the war began. We have also partnered with them to purchase and erect tents on the Ukrainian side of the border where those waiting to cross, often for two or three days, receive warm food, medical care and a heated place to wait.
- We provide transport for Ukrainians who are traveling onward from Poland to other countries in Europe and Israel. So far we have helped 200+ Ukrainians get where they need to go.
- We have hired 11 new full time staff members to increase our capacity, including four Ukrainians.
- We continue to purchase medical supplies and have sent truckloads, via a local partner, to Lviv where they are sent onward.
- We are part of the Jewish crisis response network set up and based in Warsaw and are coordinating with local Polish Jewish organizations to provide services and share information.
- We have partnered with a local university and an Israeli NGO to train 60 local psychologists to deal with refugee trauma.