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Religious Charities in Canada

An examination of Judaism

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Introduction

The purpose of this study is to examine religious and faith-based charities (advancement of religion objects) and their categories and sub-categories in Canada (Christianity, Islam, Judaism, and Other religions). This is part of a mapping exercise, which will look at specific religion and registered charities for financial information.

The study aims to better understand the philanthropic sector of religious and faith-based charities with the following research questions (RQ):

For Judaism category and its sub-categories of registered charities in Canada:

RQ1A) How many religious charities per assets and revenue levels?

RQ1B) Who are the largest religious charities?

RQ1C) What are the distribution by provinces / territories of the religious charities?

The sub-categories of Judaism, based on statistics Canada, which will be examined in this study are Orthodox and Other Judaism, totaling two sub-categories.

This research note summarizes the methodology and presents statistics on a specific category and its sub-categories on religious and faith-based charities (advancement of religion objects).



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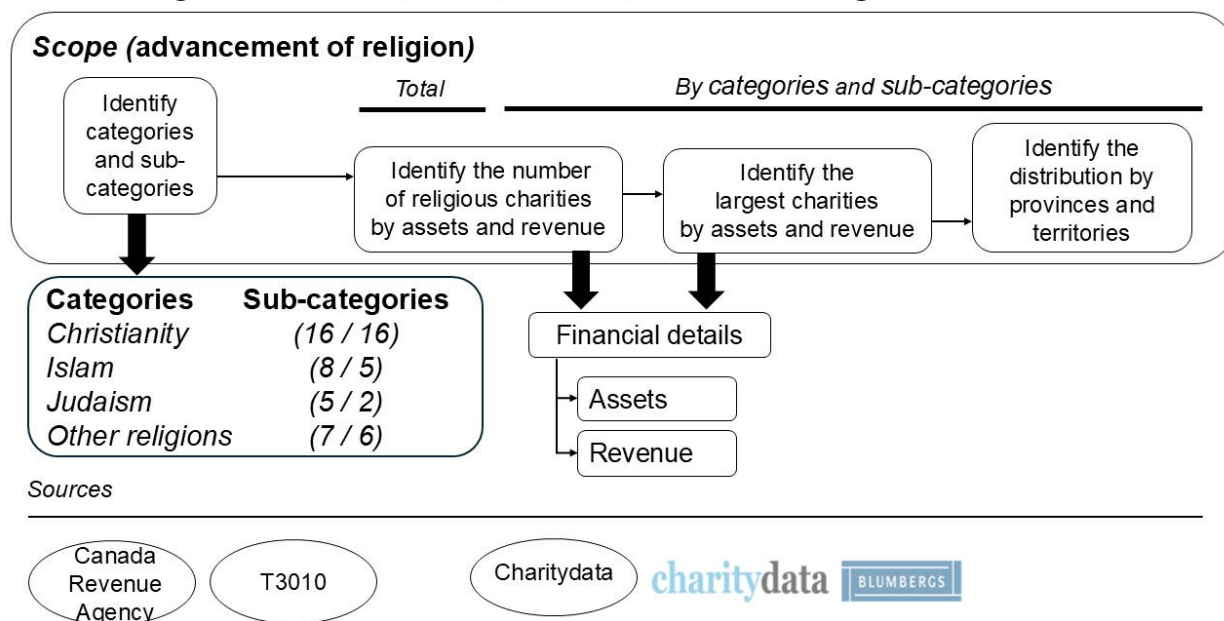
Methodology

The methodology section summarizes the identification of Canadian religious charities and the data collection. A data-driven method was used to identify and analyze the religious charities. Most religious charities fall under “advancement of religion” charitable object / purpose. Brouard and Litalien (2024a, 2024b) have provided analysis of CRA statistics for all Canadian registered charities and for “advancement of religion” charitable object. More detailed information on the methodology is available in the Overview research note of the series (PARG 2025-62RN).

Figure A illustrates the selection and data collection process used in this research. The illustration presents the scope with four main components, the categories, the number of sub-categories per CRA classification and those used in Charitydata. Sources complete the figure.

The T3010 is the Registered Charity Information Return file with Canada Revenue Agency (CRA). The T3010 is the Registered Charity Information Return that is required for all registered charities operating in Canada. Information was obtained through the CharityData website, including T3010 information. Schedule 6 of the T3010 provides rich information on charities’ assets, liabilities, revenue, and expenditures. The focus is on Assets and Revenue. CharityData (2025) is a database on Canadian registered charities, compiling most — but not all — of the charities’ financial data found on the CRA’s website and gathered from their T3010 form. The CharityData Advanced Search tool was used to carry out data collection.

Figure A – Selection and Data collection for Religious charities



Judaism in Canada

“Jews have been in what would become Canada as early as the 18th century. Many more immigrated in the 19th and 20th centuries. By the time the outbreak of the First World War curbed immigration, there were over 100,000 Jewish Canadians. Montreal and Toronto together accounted for about three-quarters of the Canadian Jewish population, but Jews could be found in every major city and in dozens of smaller places.” (The Canadian Encyclopedia, 2024)

“Jewish population of Canada from approximately 310,000 in 2011 to approximately 143,000 in 2016 - a drastic reduction which researchers believe reflected methodological issues of data collection, not a decline in the actual Jewish population of Canada.” (Berman Jewish DataBank, 2021)

“Canada is now home to the fourth-largest Jewish community in the world. Approximately 335,000 people reported being Jewish in 2021. This number has changed little over the last 20 years; in 2001, 330,000 reported a Jewish affiliation. Although Canada's total population grew, the proportion of the population with Jewish religious affiliation decreased slightly from 1.1% in 2001 to 0.9% in 2021.” (Statistics Canada, 2022)

Table 1 shows the sub-categories for Judaism.

Table 1 – The sub-categories for Judaism

<i>Category Description</i>	<i>Sub-Category Description</i>	<i>Page RN</i>
Judaism		4
	Orthodox	5
	Other Judaism	6

Source: CharityData (2025)

Judaism category

Table 2A presents the number and percentages of registered charities for the religion of Judaism, based on their assets and revenue levels in a descending order. Table 2B presents information on the major Canadian charities, and Table 2C presents the statistics regarding distribution by province and territories of Canadian registered charities for the religion of Judaism.

Table 2A – Assets and Revenue for Judaism

<i>Assets \$</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>Revenue \$</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>%</i>
More than 100 million	0	0.0%	More than 5,000,000	9	2.3%
1,000,001-100 million	157	40.3%	1,500,001-5,000,000	59	15.1%
500,001-1,000,000	33	8.5%	500,001-1,500,000	72	18.5%
200,001-500,000	51	13.1%	150,001-500,000	98	25.1%
100,001-200,000	45	11.5%	30,001-150,000	86	22.1%
50,001-100,000	24	6.2%	30,000 or else	65	16.7%
50,000 or less	79	20.3%	Unknown	1	0.3%
Unknown	1	0.3%			
Total	390	100%	Total	390	100%

Source: CharityData (2025)

Table 2B – Largest registered charities for Judaism

<i>Name of registered charities</i>	<i>City, Prov</i>	<i>CRA #</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>Total Assets 4200</i>	<i>Total Revenue 4700</i>
Congregation Shaar Hashomayim	Westmount, QC	119147197 RR0001	2024	45,862,258	15,048,945
Beth Tzedec Congregation	York, ON	130397706 RR0001	2024	36,776,822	9,409,952
Holy Blossom Temple	York, ON	889832101 RR0001	2024	36,553,907	8,434,787
The Congregation Shaarey Zedek	Winnipeg, MB	119147130 RR0001	2024	30,538,591	2,749,316
Congrégation Belz	Outremont, QC	118874080 RR0001	2024	26,139,201	7,982,481
Chabad on Bayview	North York, ON	833263429 RR0001	2024	26,123,842	5,544,094
Congregation Beth Israel	Vancouver, BC	887679595 RR0001	2024	23,802,188	3,676,397
Congregation Etz Chayim	Winnipeg, MB	107915191 RR0001	2024	20,212,055	6,035,027
Beth Sholom Synagogue	Toronto, ON	106790413 RR0001	2023	18,125,637	4,894,347
Congregation Habonim of Toronto	Toronto, ON	106967706 RR0001	2023	14,292,361	2,093,485

Source: CharityData (2025)

Table 2C – Distribution by provinces for Judaism

<i>Can</i>	<i>Provinces</i>										<i>Territories</i>		
<i>total</i>	BC	AB	SK	MB	ON	QC	NB	NS	PE	NL	YT	NT	NU
390	19	10	4	10	213	124	3	5	0	2	0	0	0
100%	4.9%	2.6%	1.0%	2.6%	54.6%	31.8%	0.8%	1.3%	0.0%	0.5%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%

Source: CharityData (2025)

Orthodox sub-category

Table 3A presents the number and percentages of registered charities for the sub-category of Orthodox, based on their assets and revenue levels in a descending order. Table 3B presents information on the major Canadian charities, and Table 3C presents the statistics regarding distribution by province and territories of Canadian registered charities for the sub-category of Orthodox.

Table 3A – Assets and Revenue for Orthodox

<i>Assets \$</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>Revenue \$</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>%</i>
More than 100 million	0	0.0%	More than 5,000,000	0	0.0%
1,000,001-100 million	4	28.6%	1,500,001-5,000,000	1	7.1%
500,001-1,000,000	1	7.1%	500,001-1,500,000	2	14.3%
200,001-500,000	3	21.4%	150,001-500,000	6	42.9%
100,001-200,000	2	14.3%	30,001-150,000	2	14.3%
50,001-100,000	1	7.1%	30,000 or else	3	21.4%
50,000 or less	3	21.4%	Unknown	0	0.0%
Unknown	0	0.0%			
Total	14	100%	Total	14	100%

Source: CharityData (2025)

Table 3B – Largest registered charities for Orthodox

<i>Name of registered charities</i>	<i>City, Prov</i>	<i>CRA #</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>Total Assets 4200</i>	<i>Total Revenue 4700</i>
Congregation Oholei Yom Tov Toronto	North York, ON	780732301 RR0001	2023	4,430,713	0
Satmar Van Horne Jewish Education Centre	Montréal, QC	701362600 RR0001	2023	3,779,913	0
Maison Belz Montreal	Montréal, QC	772901708 RR0001	2023	2,107,252	1,121,284
Congrégation Charidem	Outremont, QC	718572332 RR0001	2023	1,143,849	506,209
Communauté Détenteurs Religieux Belza / CDRB / Kehal Machzikei Hadas Belz / KMHB	Montréal, QC	748023538 RR0001	2023	953,614	4,682,633
Misaskim Canada	North York, ON	723168118 RR0001	2023	285,512	192,626
Mekor Chayeiny	Montréal, QC	715123808 RR0001	2023	275,402	308,081
Chai Centre Canada	North York, ON	772789061 RR0001	2024	223,635	223,635
Ohel Elimelech D'Tosh	Montréal, QC	793533415 RR0001	2023	217,595	240,595
Chabad Lubavitch of Newmarket	Newmarket, ON	738049311 RR0001	2023	104,106	114,853
Chabad of Etobicoke	Etobicoke, ON	701384208 RR0001	2023	55,763	96,307

Source: CharityData (2025)

Table 3C – Distribution by provinces for Orthodox

<i>Can</i>	<i>Provinces</i>										<i>Territories</i>		
total	BC	AB	SK	MB	ON	QC	NB	NS	PE	NL	YT	NT	NU
14	0	0	0	0	8	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
100%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	57.1%	42.9%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%

Source: CharityData (2025)

Other Judaism sub-category

Table 4A presents the number and percentages of registered charities for the sub-category of Other Judaism, based on their assets and revenue levels in a descending order. Table 4B presents information on the major Canadian charities, and Table 4C presents the statistics regarding distribution by province and territories of Canadian registered charities for the sub-category of Other Judaism.

Table 4A – Assets and Revenue for Other Judaism

Assets \$	Number	%	Revenue \$	Number	%
More than 100 million	0	0.0%	More than 5,000,000	9	2.4%
1,000,001-100 million	153	40.7%	1,500,001-5,000,000	58	15.4%
500,001-1,000,000	32	8.5%	500,001-1,500,000	70	18.6%
200,001-500,000	48	12.8%	150,001-500,000	92	24.5%
100,001-200,000	43	11.4%	30,001-150,000	84	22.3%
50,001-100,000	23	6.1%	30,000 or else	62	16.5%
50,000 or less	76	20.2%	Unknown	1	0.3%
Unknown	1	0.3%			
Total	376	100%	Total	376	100%

Source: CharityData (2025)

Table 4B – Largest registered charities for Other Judaism

Name of registered charities	City, Prov	CRA #	Year	Total Assets 4200	Total Revenue 4700
Congregation Shaar Hashomayim	Westmount, QC	119147197 RR0001	2024	45,862,258	15,048,945
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Shomrai Shaboth-Chevrah Mishnayoth Congregation	Toronto, ON	119149227 RR0001	2024	14,103,414	1,682,201
Congrégation Shaare Zion Beth-El Shaare Zion Beth-El Congregation	Montreal, QC	107972309 RR0001	2024	13,925,285	3,310,593
Congrégation Toldos Yakou Yosef	Montreal, QC	119265411 RR0001	2024	13,826,415	3,048,015
Richmond Hill Russian Jewish Centre	Richmond Hill, ON	801626508 RR0001	2023	11,975,719	1,540,108
Beth Chabad Israeli Community Centre	Thornhill, ON	888100922 RR0001	2023	10,911,493	2,047,473
Congregation Sheves Achim	Montreal, QC	849969811 RR0001	2023	10,601,917	3,491,453

Source: CharityData (2025)

Table 4C – Distribution by provinces for Other Judaism

Can	Provinces										Territories		
total	BC	AB	SK	MB	ON	QC	NB	NS	PE	NL	YT	NT	NU
376	19	10	4	10	205	118	3	5	0	2	0	0	0
100%	5.1%	2.7%	1.1%	2.7%	54.5%	31.4%	0.8%	1.3%	0.0%	0.5%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%

Source: CharityData (2025)

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