

2026 Hanukkah Hamper FAQ'S

1. *I cannot find the information for the family I am sponsoring this year. How do I retrieve that information?*

Please contact our **Hanukkah Hamper Chair, Judy Weinstein** at weinsteinjudy@gmail.com.

2. *What is in the Hanukkah Hamper Tool Kit & where can I find it?*

The online HH Tool Kit includes:

- Hanukkah Hamper FAQ's
- Printable Gift Tag template for you Hamper (to be affixed to your hamper upon drop off) with printable template for a Hanukkah message to the recipient family (optional)
- Tax Receipt Form – due by Dec 31, 2026 (optional)

You can find the HH Tool Kit at: <https://www.jfsvancouver.ca/hanukkah/>

3. *Can we request additional information about the family in order to better tailor the contents of our hamper?*

We have had feedback from donor families in the past asking that we provide additional information about children's likes and interests to aid in personalizing the packages. In an effort to maintain privacy and anonymity, no further information will be available other than what is provided in the initial description of the matched recipient family.

4. *What should the value of our hamper be?*

Although we are grateful for all the contributions, we would like to ask that the baskets be thoughtful and include items such as gifts, treats, and useful items. Generally, from what we have seen in the past, hampers range in the \$100-\$250+ area. We also gratefully accept monetary donations towards the program and use these to support any additional or last-minute recipient additions.

5. *What should go into our hamper?*

The **CONTENTS** of the **HAMPER** are up to you and your family. Here are just a few examples of some items included in the past:

- Oil, latke mixes, dreidels, chocolate money and candles
- Toys, games for kids
- Clothing items including cold weather accessories
- Handmade cards from kids
- Gift cards to clothing stores ie. Old Navy, Walmart, Toys R Us or even a local grocer like Superstore, Safeway (where there are multiple and easily accessible store locations throughout the Lower Mainland)

6. Should we wrap the hamper?

This is up to you. What has worked well is packaging items that can be reused by the family including knapsacks, baskets, and plastic totes.

7. How do we submit our hampers this year?

Once your hamper is complete, you can deliver it directly to the JFS office at #320-2285 Clark Dr., Vancouver on the days **between November 23 and 26 from 9:30 am to 4:30 pm.**

Please remember to attach your gift tag with your client's family number to your hamper. This will ensure it goes to the intended recipient family.

8. Can we get a tax receipt for our hamper donation?

Purchased items (including gift cards), **minus the tax**, are eligible for a tax receipt. Please note that any taxes paid on goods are not eligible.

Receipts from your hamper purchase can be turned in for a tax receipt. Three ways to get a tax receipt

- 1) In person - Include form and receipts in an envelope at Hamper drop off.
- 2) By email - Scan and email them along with the tax receipt form to development@jfsvancouver.ca - Subject line: Hanukkah Hamper Receipts.
- 3) By Mail - send your form and receipts by mail to JFS Attn: Development Office 320-2285 Clark Dr., Vancouver, BC V5N 3G9

To be eligible for a 2026 tax receipt, your documents must be received by JFS by December 31, 2026.

You will receive a tax receipt within a few weeks of submission of your receipts.

9. More questions?

Please contact our Hanukkah Hamper **Judy Weinstein** at weinsteinjudy@gmail.com.