



THE HINDA INSTITUTE
Everybody Deserves a Second Chance

2025-2026 Annual Report

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Annual Hinda Event '26 "Fresh Start"

Our Vision

We envision a world where everyone, regardless of past mistakes, can heal, thrive, and reconnect. Through compassion and empowerment, we foster resilience, address mental health and addiction without stigma, and create a more just, inclusive society. Everyone deserves a second chance. Sometimes, all it takes is a helping hand to turn adversity into opportunity.

Our Inspiration

"If a person is being held in prison, The goal should not be punishment. But to give him the chance to reflect on the undesirable actions, for which he was incarcerated.

He should be given the opportunity to learn, to improve himself, and to prepare for his release, when he will commence an honest, peaceful new life, having used his days in prison towards this end.

In order for this to be a reality, a prisoner must be allowed to maintain a sense that he is created in the image of God; he is a human being, who if only desires it, can be reflection of Godliness in this world.

But when a prisoner is denied this sense, he feels subjugated and controlled; never allowed to raise up his head, then the prison system not only fails at its purpose, it creates in him greater criminal than there was before.

One of the goals of prison system is to help Jewish inmates and non-Jewish inmates - who are required to keep the Noahide laws - to raise up their spirits and to encourage them, providing the sense to the degree possible, they are just as human as those that are free; just as human and as the prison guards.

In this way they can be empowered to improve. Then, according to the law in most countries, good behavior in prison will reduce sentence time, and allow the inmates a sooner release, since he will have demonstrated his preparedness for a life of honesty, integrity."

- Address delivered by the Lubavitcher Rebbe, on Purim March 16, 1976

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Hinda is Second Chances

Letter from the Director of the Hinda Institute



Dear Friends,

As we reflect on 2025, we are reminded that second chances transform lives. This was a challenging year, with growing demand for our services and limited resources, yet it also proved the resilience and sustainability of the Hinda Institute and our impact. We continued to stand beside individuals and families affected by the criminal justice system. Our work with mental health challenges, addiction, and poverty allows our families to heal, rebuild, and thrive which ultimately prevents them from becoming entangled in endless cycles of institutionalization. The stories in this Annual Report bring our mission to life, reminding us that behind every statistic is a person whose life has been changed through compassion, support, and hope. They prove that second chances are possible.

At the Hinda Institute, we work every day to break the cycles of trauma, mental illness, addiction, poverty, and ultimately recidivism. Through counseling, prison visitation, family support, peer services, and reentry assistance, we help people reconnect with their families, secure employment and housing, and build stable, productive lives. Reintegration is not only an act of compassion, but it also strengthens public safety and creates healthier communities for everyone.

Our greatest success is the people we serve. Their determination to rebuild their lives inspires us every day and demonstrates the power of second chances. We are deeply grateful to our donors, volunteers, partners, and supporters whose generosity makes this work possible. Together, we are creating lasting change—one person, one family, and one community at a time.

With heartfelt gratitude,

Rabbi Binyomin Scheiman
Executive Director
Hinda Institute

IMPACT

The Hinda Institute is the only organization in our community that supports individuals and their families by the criminal justice system through reentry and beyond. Our holistic multipronged approach results in a remarkable recidivism rate* of less than **5%** in **2025**. Our outcomes are our best proof. Our clients and families have overcome stigma and challenges to rebuild their lives, with most transitioning to stable employment and contributing positively to their communities.



*Recidivism rate refers to the percentage of individuals who return to prison or jail after being released. It is a critical measure in the criminal justice system, as it helps assess the effectiveness of rehabilitation programs. The benchmark recidivism rate in the US is 45-50%.

Essential and Unique Role



Dynamic Reentry Program: Assisting clients and families to rebuild their lives for good.



Counseling and Support Groups: A comprehensive spectrum of compassionate counseling services and support groups.



Family Services: Supporting family members, spouses, parents, and children—the innocent collateral damage of crime.



Employment: Employment Support Specialist.



Casework and Crisis: Assistance with finding housing and supporting families through reintegration.



Prison Chaplaincy: Jewish prison chaplains for Illinois, providing monthly visits to federal and state correctional institutions, as well as jails.



Legal Advisory Committee and Referrals



Reentry Education: Monthly reentry programs and classes.



Peer Support Program: Training Peer Support Specialists.



Community Education and Advocacy



Holidays and Spiritual Support

Successful reintegration is about restoring relationships, rebuilding trust, and rediscovering a sense of belonging. Through counseling, peer support, family engagement, and compassionate care, we help individuals strengthen their connections with others, develop resilience, and build healthier futures. By investing in healing, we not only transform individual lives but also create stronger families, reduce recidivism, and contribute to healthier communities for everyone.



Hinda Hero - Testimonial - True Support Means Standing Side by Side

"When I entered Cook County Jail at the age of 23, I was at the lowest point in my life. A pattern of poor decisions had led me to cause harm to others in my life. I struggled to imagine a different future. I was prosecuted and incarcerated. During my time in solitary confinement, a Hinda chaplain found me and showed me the light. His visits became a lifeline. We talked about the weekly Torah portion, Jewish holidays, and hope. I will never forget receiving a Passover kit from Hinda and having the opportunity to lead a Passover Seder inside the jail. It was a powerful reminder that I had not been forgotten and that my life still had purpose.

By the grace of G-d, I was given the chance to return home. Hinda's support continued every step of the way. I joined a weekly support group, where I found understanding, encouragement, and a community that showed me a full, rewarding life was possible after incarceration. My caseworker helped me navigate the day-to-day challenges of rebuilding my life, from setting goals to overcoming obstacles that once felt overwhelming. Through Hinda's classes and programs, I regained confidence and began to see a future beyond my past.

Later, I enrolled in Hinda's Peer Support Specialist Training Program, an experience that changed the direction of my life. I am now helping support other clients who were navigating their own recovery and reentry journeys. I also connected a compassionate homeowner with Hinda, creating an opportunity for clients in need of stable housing; we have so far housed 4 people. Being trusted to give back showed me how far I had come.

Last year, with Hinda's guidance, encouragement, and letters of recommendation, I applied to graduate school; a long-held dream that once seemed impossible. I was accepted. Today, I work two part-time jobs, attend university, and volunteer. Hinda believed in me when I was struggling to believe in myself. Their unwavering support helped me rebuild my life with dignity, purpose, and hope, and inspired me to dedicate my future to helping others find their own second chance."

Hinda is a Lifeline for Mental Health

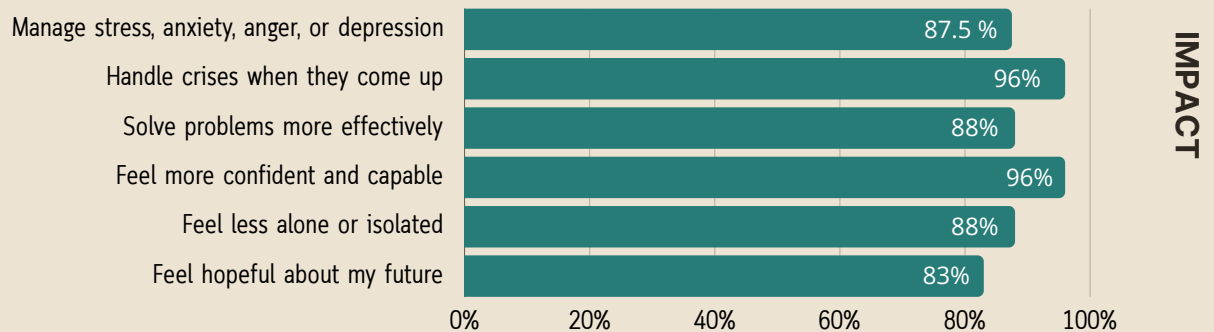
The Hinda Institute serves as a critical point of access to mental health support for some of the most vulnerable members of our community. By connecting individuals and families with compassionate, trauma-informed services, we help reduce the criminalization of people living with mental health disorders. In **2025**, **71%** of our clients and families reported ongoing mental health challenges, while **86%** of clients reported behavioral health or addiction concerns. Yet **47%** did not have access to a licensed therapist. Even for clients that have access, reductions in Medicaid funding increase the pressure on the behavioral health system and put our clients at risk in the future. The role of trusted community organizations like Hinda Institute becomes increasingly vital.

The Hinda Institute provides free, accessible, and nonjudgmental mental health support to individuals and families who often have nowhere else to turn. Our trauma-informed approach recognizes the unique challenges faced by those impacted by institutionalization, addiction, trauma, and family separation. Because of our decades of experience walking alongside this community, we understand their needs in ways few others can, creating a safe space where healing, hope, and dignity can flourish.



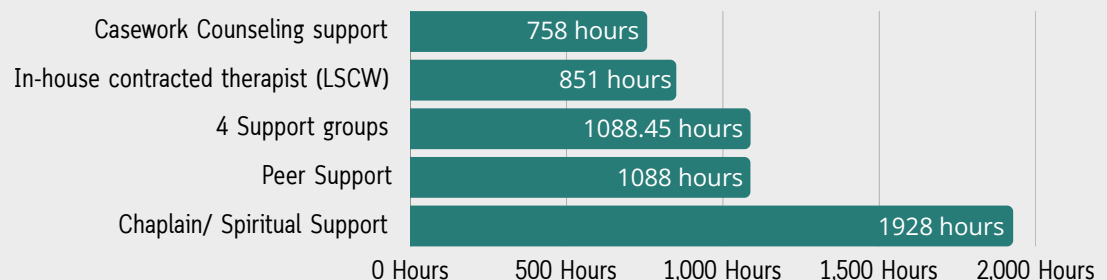
During our annual 2025 survey, we asked our clients how their lives have been affected by our services. The majority of our families responded overwhelmingly that their lives have been positively impacted.

Because of Hinda's casework/counseling, I am better able to:



In **2025**, we had **129** active casework clients and provided **4095** hours of therapeutic support. This included support for **51** family members totaling **1,547** hours and **75** clients totaling **2,548** hours. We are results based. We set goals in casework for every client and then measure whether we achieved the outcomes. We achieved **99%** positive outcomes for mental health cases. Despite the high level of crisis and trauma, our **2025** annual survey showed very high satisfaction rates; over **90%** of our clients were satisfied with our mental health professional services.

IN NUMBERS





Hinda Hero - Testimonial - Hinda is Healing

"My counselor from Hinda helped me get through one of the most difficult periods of my life. The skills and ideas that they helped me master have led to new levels of stability and growth that I never imagined possible.

After giving up hope with so many other counselors, it was a true blessing to finally meet someone who had what it takes to make a real difference in my life.

What makes this journey even more remarkable is that it extended far beyond the therapy room. As I healed, I was able to rebuild my life piece by piece. I found meaningful employment again and regained a sense of purpose and confidence that PTSD had stolen from me. I also rediscovered my faith.

Through my connection with the Rabbi and Hinda, I found a supportive community that welcomed me during some of the most difficult years of my life. Their guidance, compassion, and belief in me helped restore hope when I had very little left.

Today, PTSD memories no longer dominate my daily life in public or control my future. The images and experiences that once haunted me no longer dictate how I live, work, or interact with others. I have learned how to face fears, think differently, and move forward with strength and resilience.

Looking back, the transformation feels dramatic: from a veteran struggling under the weight of trauma to someone who has rebuilt relationships, found employment, reconnected with faith, and become part of a caring community.

Not everyone is willing or able to walk the path I have walked, but I am deeply grateful that I found people who were willing to walk it with me."



Peer Support Leaders

Hinda Helps People in Crisis and Urgent Need

When individuals and families face crisis, the Hinda Institute responds with intensive, hands-on casework that addresses immediate needs while building a path toward long-term stability. Our team advocates relentlessly for those experiencing poverty, unemployment, housing instability, social isolation, and other barriers that often place people at risk of falling through the cracks.

The need is significant. Twenty-eight percent of our clients have no income at all, while **41%** earn less than **\$30,000** annually. **Forty-five percent** of our clients are unemployed, reflecting national trends among justice-impacted populations. Among the families we serve, **22%** are unemployed, and **30%** are retired, often living on fixed incomes while supporting loved ones in crisis.



Casework & Deliveries

Our aggressive, individualized casework helps clients navigate Illinois' ongoing housing crisis, secure employment, access public benefits, connect with community resources, and overcome barriers to successful reintegration. An in-house employment specialist provides personalized job readiness support, employment placement, and ongoing coaching to help clients achieve financial independence.

Beyond meeting practical needs, we recognize that connection is essential to recovery. **39%** of our clients experience social isolation, making compassionate outreach a critical part of our work. For elderly and infirm clients who are unable to travel, our staff conducts home visits to ensure they continue to receive support, advocacy, and meaningful human connection. Through persistent advocacy and personalized care, the Hinda Institute helps individuals move from crisis toward stability, dignity, and hope.

Legal Advisory Team

Our legal team is an integral part of our casework and consists of **15** lawyers with different specialties who refer and guide clients through the legal system pro bono.

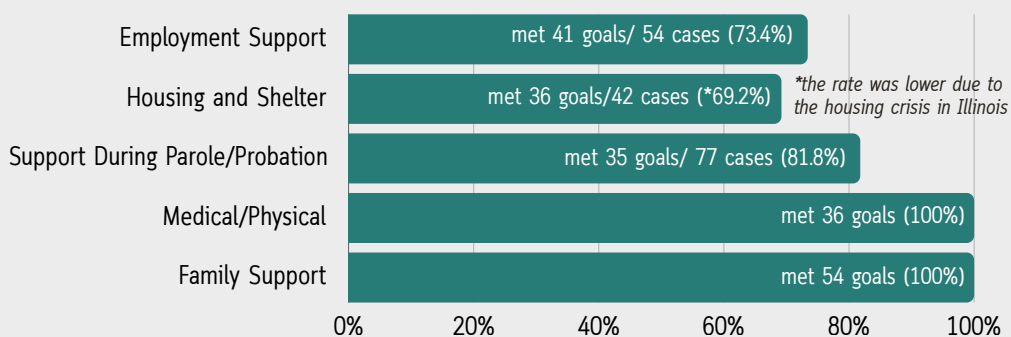
Cases include civil rights, housing, harassment, mitigation and domestic issues. **83.3%** of our clients indicated that they were satisfied with our legal services.

Rachmiel Drizin, JD, Head of Legal Advisory Team



Hinda establishes individualized goals with each client and tracks progress, outcomes, and changing needs throughout their engagement with our services. This approach allows us to measure not only the amount of support provided, but also the meaningful changes clients experience.

***Our caseworkers deliver measurable results and high client satisfaction.**



*Goals and outcomes are set and measured for each client.



Hinda Hero - Everyone Can Be Productive if Given the Chance

"For many young adults living with developmental disabilities, autism, or mental health challenges, finding employment can be difficult. For those carrying the added burden of a criminal record, often stemming from non-violent misunderstandings related to communication (such as calling or texting) the path can seem nearly impossible.

When Sam was ready to rebuild his life, he faced not only a competitive job market but also the stigma of past mistakes. Hinda refused to let those barriers define his future.

A collaborative team was assembled, bringing together Hinda staff, three caseworkers, family members, and a partner organization. Together, they worked on resumes, job searches, interview preparation, and practical advice. But the turning point came through the dedication of Hinda caseworker Beth.

Week after week, our caseworker met with Sam, building trust and confidence. She drove him to interviews, coached him through setbacks, and taught him one of the most important employment skills of all: persistence. Apply again. Follow up. Keep trying. The journey was not easy, but they finally were successful. Today, Sam is happily employed. His story is a powerful reminder that everyone deserves the opportunity to contribute, rebuild, and succeed. At Hinda, we believe everyone can be productive if given the chance."



Hinda Hero - Poverty and Homelessness are Not Crimes

"Illinois is facing a housing crisis. Affordable apartments are disappearing, rents continue to rise, and critical supports such as housing subsidies, SNAP, and Medicaid are under pressure. For individuals with criminal records, the barriers are even greater. Without income, transportation, or a stable place to live, rebuilding a life can feel impossible.

When Dovid was released, he arrived with little more than a one-way ticket from prison and clothes that did not fit. Hundreds of miles away, his elderly mother called daily, terrified for her son's future.

Hinda responded immediately. Before Dovid even left the airport, Hinda caseworkers had assembled a crisis team, coordinating with his family and preparing for his arrival. We picked him up directly from the airport, secured a motel room, provided food and clothing, and ensured he reported as required so he would not face a violation. Every day, our team stays connected, offering guidance, support, and practical assistance.

In a market where affordable units are scarce and landlords often reject applicants with records, Hinda worked tirelessly to locate a safe, affordable room. Today, Dovid is working hard to find employment and rebuild his life. His story reminds us that homelessness and poverty are not crimes. Stable housing is the foundation for public safety, successful reintegration, and human dignity. Hinda is proud to be part of the solution. But as the housing crisis deepens, we recognize much more must be done."

Hinda Saves Families & Children - Innocent Victims

The Hinda Institute supports families and children who have nowhere else to turn for non-judgmental advocacy and care after a loved one has been detained. These individuals are the innocent victims; the often unrecognized collateral damage of the criminal justice system. They face multiple traumas, including broken family structures, the loss of communal and family support, and financial devastation. Many also endure ongoing prejudice and ostracism from their communities and those they turn to for help. Our surveys show that the impact is even greater for children. Hinda stands by these families and children, providing free counseling, legal support, financial assistance, and help with employment.



In 2025, our families were predominantly Jewish (**93%**), women (**91%**), and older. Many are retired (**30%**), living on fixed incomes (**14%**), or juggling multiple jobs to support loved ones. Most live below the poverty line; **60%** earn under **\$30,000**. Many face serious challenges: **52%** report emotional or mental health struggles. Many are mothers caring for adult children with mental illness or addiction, providing both emotional and financial support.

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- Family support made up **41%** of our casework in **2025**, which translates to **1527** hours, **53** family members, with **51** cases of direct assistance.
- We successfully completed **87%** of the goals on our family casework plans.
- Each week, for over **3** years, **5-10** women attend Hinda Cares, our support group offering a safe, welcoming space for connection and healing.
- During Hanukkah and other holidays, we provide gifts for **20+** children through a partnership with Decalogue and generous donors.
- We also host holiday events and offer uplifting courses to engage and support our families year-round.



Families



Hinda Hero - From Isolation to Support

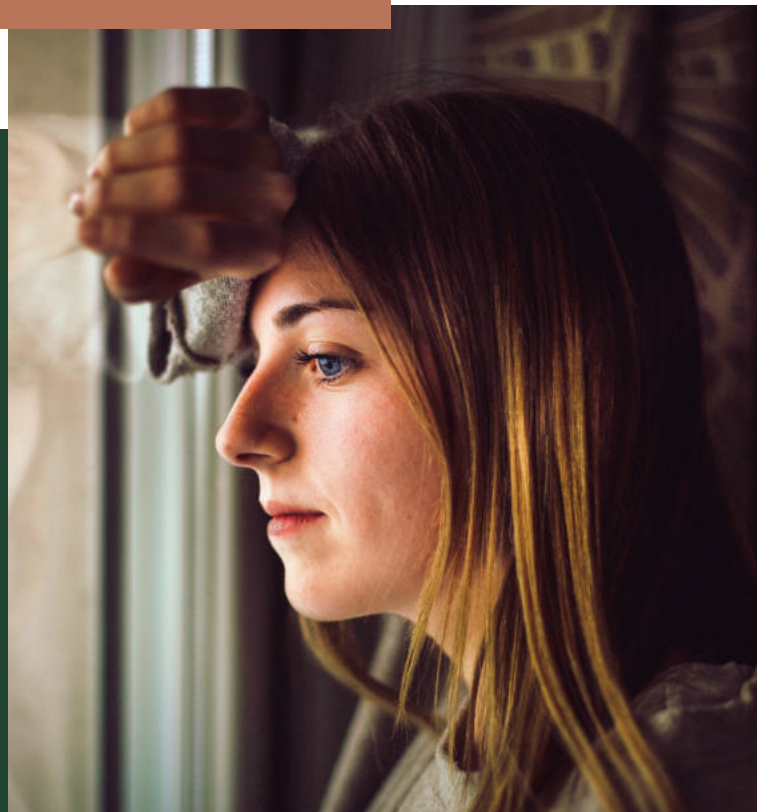
"When Sara married, she moved far from family and friends. With her son serving a long sentence and her family estranged, she found herself facing overwhelming loneliness, grief, and anxiety. Ongoing health challenges only added to the daily stress, leaving her feeling isolated and uncertain about the future."

Through the Hinda Institute's casework support program, Sara now receives a weekly call from someone who truly understands the pain of having an incarcerated loved one. She also has joined our family support group CARES. Those conversations have become a lifeline, easing her loneliness, calming her fears, and helping her create structure and purpose in her days. Knowing she is not alone has given Sara renewed hope and the strength to keep moving forward."



Hinda Hero - Hinda is Healing

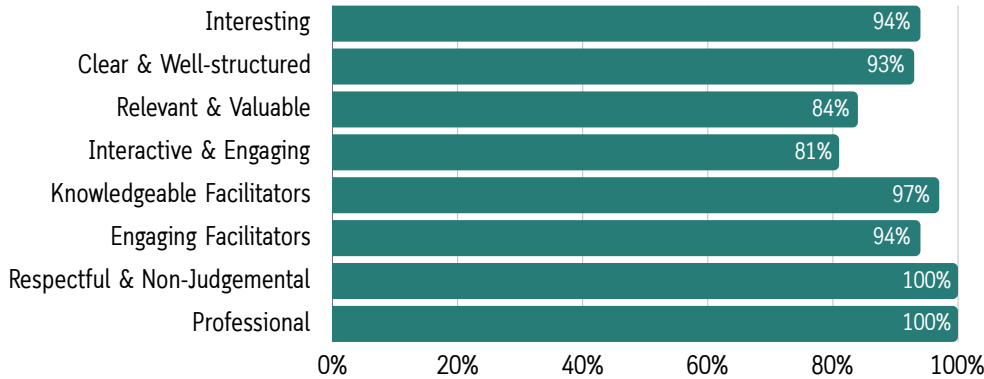
"I became acutely aware of how even strong intact family systems can become affected when our own daughter, a University student and full-bright scholar, experienced a relapse of bipolar symptoms and was incarcerated for repeatedly texting. After 18 months in jail, my daughter was released as innocent in mental health court. However, she was deeply traumatized by her experience and ended up serving a longer period than she would have had she actually been charged. There was no exit strategy. Hinda visited my daughter weekly while detained and supported me and my daughter upon reintegration without judgement through support groups, casework and an open heart throughout the process."



Hinda is Transformative Education

Our national Reentry Education Program is unique. With high-quality, relevant courses, facilitators with professional degrees who partner with people with lived experience, we have impacted hundreds of lives. Most importantly, we have created a community of support and advocacy amongst our families. Participants consistently rate these courses very highly.

The Gold Standard - High Calibre Courses



Collaborative Education Event "Boundaries with Compassion"



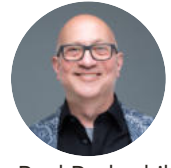
Some Guest Facilitators 2025-26



Marc Buslik, Retired Commander CPD



Dr. Kutzen, Professor LCSW



Paul Rothschild, ENDPP



Dr. Alissa Ackerman



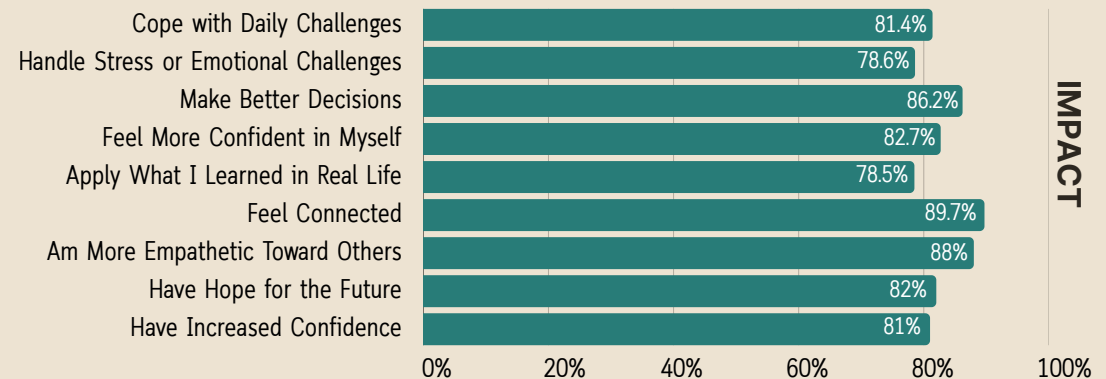
Valerie Cartonio, Prison POD Podcast



Rahmiel Drizin, JD

Our education program is more than education; it has impacted lives.

Because of the education program, I am better able to:



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99% of participants would recommend Hinda Institute courses to others.



Hinda Hero - Testimonial - Learning Community

"One of the most meaningful parts of this program has been connecting with people who have faced experiences similar to my own. Learning alongside others who truly understand my journey has been both encouraging and empowering. The professional training is excellent, and the expertise of the speakers is complemented by the thoughtful participation of everyone involved. Hinda brings together an educated, creative, and compassionate community where every discussion becomes an opportunity to learn, grow, and support one another."

Partners



Hinda is the Jewish Prison Chaplaincy Program of Illinois

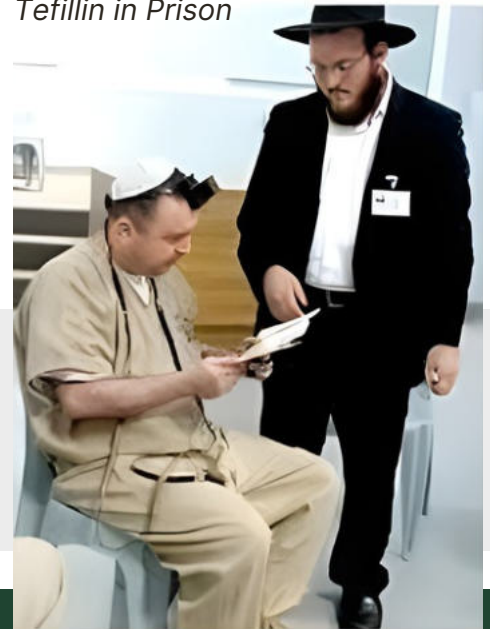
For over 45 years, Hinda Institute chaplains and dedicated volunteers have been visiting correctional institutions throughout Illinois monthly, and in some cases weekly. They provide counseling, courses, books, kosher food, Jewish holiday celebrations, advocacy, and, most importantly, hope and a listening ear.

During the Jewish holidays, they bring holiday food, religious items, and the joy of celebration into places of tremendous darkness, ensuring that those who are isolated are not forgotten. They also work to protect clients' religious rights in accordance with American law and to support each individual until they can successfully reenter their communities.



- **564** hours of visitation with clients a year (not including travel)
- Over **45,000** miles of travel
- **4** Chaplains
- **30** institutions
- **1** new jail - McHenry County

Tefillin in Prison



IN NUMBERS



Hinda Hero - Restoring What was Taken - Dignity in the Wake of Murder

"Often our stories inside prisons are sad and distressing. However these authentic stories often truly demonstrate our ability to navigate the correctional system's difficult bureaucracy with agility and our deep commitment to our client's humanity and Jewish values. Hinda was alerted that a Jewish client they had visited and supported for years while incarcerated in IDOC had been murdered. Dovid was a proud Jew who faithfully put on tefillin, participated in holiday celebrations, and maintained his Jewish identity despite difficult circumstances. While the motive remains unclear, antisemitism may have played a role."

Upon learning of his death, Hinda immediately mobilized to ensure that Dovid would receive a dignified Jewish burial. Navigating a complex bureaucracy, our team worked rapidly to advocate on his behalf, raise funds for transportation and burial expenses, and coordinate arrangements. Chicago Jewish Funerals generously partnered with us through its tzedakah fund, helping make a proper Jewish burial possible.

Our commitment did not end there. Through our Legal Advisory Committee, we helped Dovid's family connect with legal representation to pursue accountability and seek justice.

This story reflects the broader mission of our chaplaincy program. Every month, Hinda and our chaplains enter correctional facilities to counsel, teach, celebrate Jewish life, and raise spirits. They are also there in moments of crisis, providing guidance, comfort, and advocacy when it is needed most. We believe that every Jew deserves dignity. Every person deserves to be treated with humanity. No matter the circumstances, every Jewish soul matters."

Counseling in IDOC





Hinda Hero - Testimonial - Behind Israel, Behind Bars but Not Alone

Julie was a promising Ph.D. student whose life changed dramatically after she was detained in the Cook County Jail following an altercation at a protest. Held without bond, she lost her apartment, financial stability, and saw her academic career disrupted. Throughout her incarceration, Hinda's chaplains visited her weekly, providing emotional support, reading materials, and assistance navigating legal resources. After her release, our volunteers helped her rebuild by connecting her with practical resources, maintaining regular contact with her and her mother, studying Torah together, and welcoming her into our holiday celebrations. Today, we continue to walk alongside Julie as she rebuilds her life—one step at a time.

"One month ago, I lay on my back in a courthouse bullpen, holding the weekly HINDA newsletter between my cuffed wrists. We were allowed only court documents on court days, but I found that if I slipped my HINDA newsletter between other documents, I could bring along some Jewish enrichment that served as a layer of protection from the intrinsic bitterness of the bullpen cell.

They first heard my story on local news stations and in the papers: "Jewish woman paints 'Thank You Israel' on a pro-Palestine mural in Pilsen. She's caught by an angry stranger who pursues her and blocks her path. They fought and fell to the ground, and a skirmish ensued." The police arrived and let me leave the scene without consequence. The Council for American Islamic Relations intervened. As a result, six weeks later I was arrested. I was held without bond on the argument that I was a danger to society.

I was an excellent candidate for pre-trial release, but the case was political and so the judges kept me detained. For six months, I was periodically led to those courtroom sessions, which sucked the soul out of me, to wait to see the judge and to be returned to the tier.

A Hinda chaplain visited me regularly throughout and provided me with reading material and hope. I eventually worked up the courage to take HINDA newsletters with me as a tool to protect myself from my thoughts. Slowly, curiosity, resilience and enlightenment would replace pain.

I choose to believe that G-d needed me to be where I was for a reason, and that I was made to suffer for a reason. I think that I was there to gain a stronger appreciation for Torah, which I have so far carried with me outside. The first Erev Shabbat I was in the temple, staring at the ark, reaching with my heart for the scrolls inside. Spiritual growth has many facets and modes. To G-d and for that, I am grateful.

Upon release, much of my life- my apartment, my career as a PHD candidate, my job and finances had disappeared. I still feel the pain of injustice. Many people and agencies in our community, however, came forward to help, reminding me of our unity and love for each other as a people. The Hinda Institute has been working to find me housing, food, and other resources and referrals. I hope to finish this traumatic, episode in my life soon, and one day immigrate to Israel. Then I will really be able to say Thank you Israel."

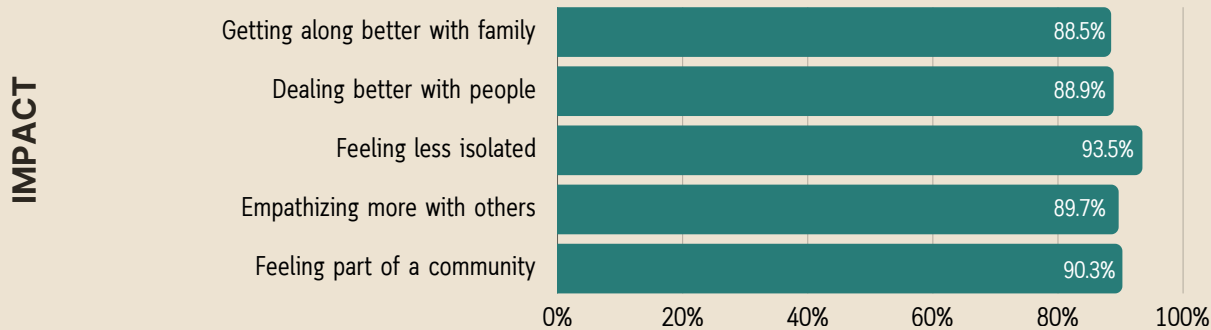


Hinda is Celebration, Identity and Community

All our clients and families have a warm, welcoming, nonjudgemental place to go for the Jewish holidays; Hinda organizes the most inclusive parties in town with great food and fun. We also deliver holiday packages reminding our families that they are not alone or forgotten. We have an amazing group of volunteers that bake, pack and deliver our packages every holiday. Our chaplains also ensure that all Jewish detainees are able to celebrate the holidays.

Each of our clients have their own spiritual journey, and often seek identity, community, meaning and redemption as part of their healing process. Hinda is there for them in the darkest moments as well as moments of Joy.

In our 2025 survey, our clients and families said that they were now:



Volunteers of the Year '25 Delivery Team



Menorah Lighting in IDOC



Preparing Chanukah Gifts



Preparing Holiday Packages for RH



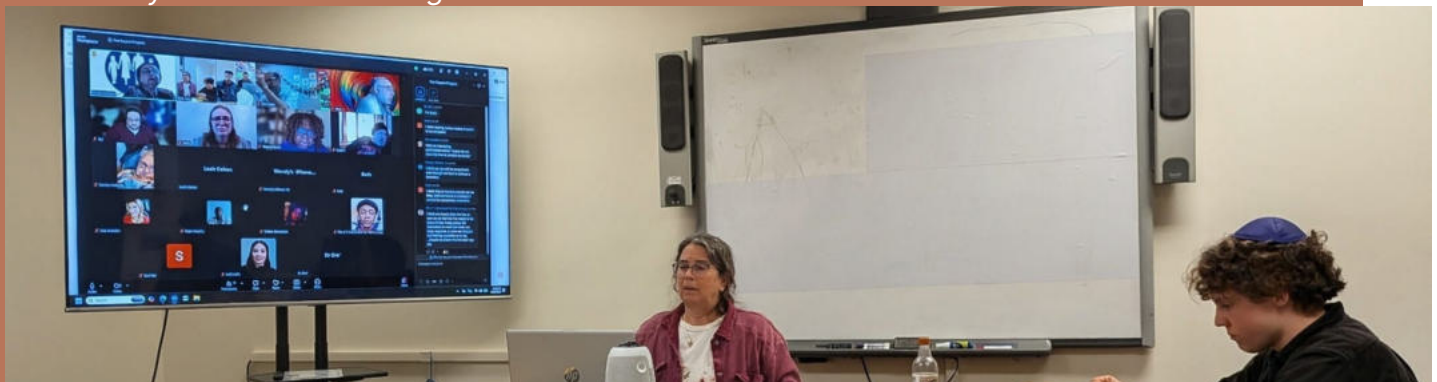
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- **60-80 packages delivered every holiday** – Kosher food, religious items, and holiday materials for Jewish individuals in correctional facilities.
- **Holiday gathering** – Celebrations that bring connection and joy to otherwise isolated environments.
- **4 courses on spirituality** – Classes exploring Jewish faith, ethics, and personal growth.
- **25 weekly one-on-one Torah or Hebrew classes** – Personalized study and mentorship.
- **Learning programs in correctional institutions** – Education that fosters purpose & community.

Shared Horizons Peer Support Specialist Training Program

The newly launched Shared Horizons Peer Support Specialist Training Program was developed in 2025 and officially launched in 2026 and is currently training selected Hinda Institute participants and community partners from Chicago's West Side for employment as Peer Support Specialists (in alignment with the Illinois Certification Board standards). Developed in partnership with the Rutues Centre for Business and Development, Tikvah Healing Center and supported by the City of Chicago, the United Way, the Walder Foundation and JUF, the program equips individuals with lived experience to provide hope, guidance, and practical support to people facing mental health, addiction, and justice-system challenges. Beyond training future professionals, the program is already expanding access to mental health services. Under clinical supervision, peer support interns are providing wellness planning, emotional support, grief counseling, recovery coaching, and practical assistance to clients. In partnership with the Northwestern University Family Institute MIDRASH Lab, the program is also undergoing independent evaluation to measure long-term outcomes and ensure high-quality, person-centered care.

Prof. Mindy Kalchman Teaching in Person & Online



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- Cohort of **30 participants** to become certified peer support specialists.
- Peer support interns have begun serving **59 Hinda Institute clients** and more in the West side of Chicago.
- Many participants have overcome significant adversity themselves: **72%** have lived experience with mental health or addiction recovery, **52%** are returning citizens, and **52%** are family members of individuals affected by mental illness, addiction, or incarceration.
- The program also creates new pathways and hope to meaningful employment, with **40%** of participants entering the program unemployed.

Peer Support Participants



Hinda Hero - Peer Support Specialist Testimonials

Tools for Life

"The Hinda Institute has had a powerful and positive impact on my life, equipping me with meaningful tools that have strengthened my ability to provide authentic peer support. Through working consistently with my peer partner, I've developed greater accountability and discipline, especially in staying aligned with my personal and spiritual goals."

Finding Purpose through Giving Back

"Peer support has changed my life in very impactful ways. Not only has it given me a chance to make a living after the challenges I have faced, but it also allows me to give back and help others. I feel great as I have a purpose bigger than myself, and I hope to inspire others to make steps towards the best future for themselves."

Become Partners in Our Mission

Donor Recognition

Join a forward-thinking, compassionate group of people who are creating real change in our communities and making a difference in the lives of others.

Every day, Hinda Institute stands on the frontlines where mental health and the criminal justice system intersect. Too often, untreated mental illness, addiction, and trauma lead to incarceration for offenses that could have been prevented with timely support. As demand for our services grows, Hinda has continued to provide hope where few others can. This is a pivotal moment. To meet the growing need, we must strengthen our case management capacity and expand access to life-changing care. Thanks to the generosity of our partners, foundations, and compassionate donors like you, we are building second chances every day. Your support ensures that when someone reaches out in crisis, there is always someone at Hinda ready to answer.

Donor Spotlight

Dr. Michael Maling OBM was an extremely generous benefactor and supporter of the Hinda Institute. For more than a decade, he understood the critical importance of mental health support and stood beside Hinda with remarkable generosity and vision. His kindness continues to ripple through countless lives, and his wise counsel and advice will be dearly missed.



Dr. Michael Maling, OBM



Maot Chitim Being Honored

There are so many ways to give!

- Make a Donation
- Give from a DAF
- Event Sponsorship
- Stock Donations
- Sponsor a course
- Legacy Giving
- Honorary or Memorial Giving
- Become a Campaign Ambassador
- Volunteer
- Join our Advisory Committees