

Jewish Family Service

Polack Food Bank

At JFS, thousands of people who need food can choose from a variety of fresh produce and culturally appropriate foods, including kosher food. Additionally, our home-bound neighbors have access to healthy food through our delivery programs. Thanks to your commitment, our Food Access Program remains a vital resource for those who need it the most.

Why Your Help Is Urgently Needed

The Polack Food Bank has had another record-breaking year. In June, we served 337 people in a single day—the same amount of people that we used to serve in an entire week. Your support enables us to keep up with this skyrocketing need in our community. Statewide, food bank visits have increased 70% since 2021. Meanwhile, food donations and funding are plummeting. Federal cuts to SNAP and USDA food programs are making it harder than ever to keep our shelves stocked.

- Polack Food Bank has seen a 43% increase in food distributed to clients in 2026 compared to the same time period last year.
- Food donations from key partners have dropped 75%.
- JFS provided 174,760 more pounds of food to clients this year (compared to last year) to meet the ever-increasing demand.
- Most of the nearly 5,000 clients JFS serves rely on SNAP food assistance.
- More than 30,000 legally present immigrants and up to 129,000 people who haven't met the new work requirements may now be now excluded from SNAP.
- 75,000 households saw reductions in their monthly SNAP benefits.
- \$1 billion in cuts to USDA programs means fewer healthy staples for food banks and schools.

How You Can Help

We're always in need of shelf-stable, nutritious food. If you can donate, email fb@jfsseattle.org to arrange a drop-off.

Most Needed Items:

- Canned Proteins
(low-sodium fish, chicken, beans)
- Canned Fruit & Vegetables
- Canned Soup
- Peanut Butter
- Grains & Pasta
- Pasta Sauce & Canned Tomato Products

No Glass • No Open Packages
No Expired Food

