

Community Wish List

Spring 2022 (as of 5/3)



SENIORS

Books for Seniors Federation Homes

Residents at Federation Homes look forward to the latest novels and nonfiction, but often cannot afford to buy them and are unable to visit the town library. Your grant will help Federation Homes buy the best new books for residents, which they can then access using e-readers.



FULLY FUNDED

New Fitness Space Hebrew Senior Care

Hoffman SummerWood is establishing a dedicated fitness space for residents to exercise with guided supervision to remain active, despite the restrictions of COVID-19. Your grant will help finance a CR 800 Recumbent Bike and a treadmill for the fitness area – the perfect equipment for seniors to stay in shape, burn calories, and improve endurance while improving balance.

\$1,600 (BIKE)

\$2,200 (TREADMILL)

SPECIAL NEEDS AND HUMAN SERVICES

Afghan Refugee Settlement Jewish Community of Greater Hartford

Four Jewish groups are helping Afghan evacuees settle into Greater Hartford. They need to raise funds estimated at \$8,000 -12,000 per family. One hundred percent of the money raised provides refugees with clothes, medical care, job opportunities, initial apartment rent, furniture, household items, English as a Second Language lessons and more. Thank you for considering a grant for this important cause.

~~\$12,000~~ STILL NEEDS \$8,000

A Safer Family Room Mandell Jewish Community Center



The Mandell Jewish Community Center (JCC) is a place to gather families together. During COVID, the JCC wants parents to be confident about safely bringing their children to learn and play in its Family Room under heightened sanitary precautions. Your grant can ensure this goal by financing the purchase of new developmental and educational toys and supplies that can be easily and effectively sanitized frequently during the day.

\$1,500

This newsletter highlights activities you can partially or fully fund to keep our community strong, vibrant and resilient. Thank you for your generous support!

SPECIAL NEEDS AND HUMAN SERVICES

Personal Assistance Fund

Jewish Association for Community Living

Please consider supporting the Personal Assistance Fund, which enables the Jewish Association for Community Living to assist residents with purchases they cannot afford on their own such as horseback riding, seasonal clothing, furniture, personal needs, activity fees, etc.

\$1,500

COVID Home Testing Kits

Jewish Association for Community Living

Your grant can help the Jewish Association for Community Living (JCL) purchase up to 200 COVID home testing kits to have available for residents and employees when timely access to community based testing is not possible. Due to the current Omicron surge, and the likelihood for future variants, JCL would like to be as prepared as possible to respond quickly to current and future challenges.

\$750

Art Circle

Chabad Friendship Circle

You can recommend a grant for the Art Circle, which brings together children and teens with and without special needs to build confidence and creativity, during this period of COVID isolation. This in-person experience features artists working alongside professional facilitators and typical teens, using socially-distant guidelines, to create a caring, positive social connection for all.

\$2,800

Parents Night Out

Chabad Friendship Circle

Give parents of children with special needs a chance to unwind and relax! Following the pandemic year, the additional workload, loss of services and respite make it crucial to support people who are supporting others. Your grant will enable parents to connect with other parents who can relate to their challenges during an evening of leisure.

\$2,500

ISRAEL

Special Camp in Israel

Jordan River Village



Founded by the Paul Newman, Chaim Topol, and Murray & Marilyn Grant of Hartford, Jordan River Village (JRV) is Israel's only free, year-round camp for children with serious medical conditions. Your grant will fund camp experiences that give children a chance to forget they are sick, experience the joys of childhood, create friendships with their peers, and learn lessons that change their lives. For sick children, doctors and medical interventions are only part of their healing process. Luckily, there is healing power in fun and friendship, and that is exactly what camp programs at JRV in Israel provide for children. Operating since 2012, the Village has served more than 17,000 campers and 4,600 families with on and off-campus programs.

\$3,000

ARTS & CULTURE

Preserving the JCC Art Collection

Mandell Jewish Community Center

The Mandell Jewish Community Center (JCC) is creating a catalog of its 75-piece art and sculpture collection, started in 1962 by the Ann Randall Arts Committee, so people can view it online and at the JCC. Your grant will help re-frame several of the oldest art pieces, dating back to the early 1960s, in order to properly preserve and present them to the community.

\$2,500



Celebrate Our History

Jewish Historical Society

Help the Jewish Historical Society (JHS) celebrate its 50th anniversary! Your grant will fund the creation of a commemorative booklet that will highlight key people and moments in the region's Jewish history as well as some of JHS's key achievements over the years in order to properly preserve and present them to the community.

\$2,500

Teach Our History

Jewish Historical Society

Please consider recommending a grant to help develop new educational materials for elementary and secondary students, based on rich history documented over the years by the Jewish Historical Society. Your grant will allow an educational consultant to develop engaging learning activities for students at different levels, following an assessment of needs and opportunities for local Jewish history.

\$2,000

EDUCATION

A Civil Rights Journey

Solomon Schechter Day School

Solomon Schechter Day School students are learning to see the worth and dignity of all human beings through a Jewish lens. Please help fund a journey to Birmingham, Alabama, where sixth graders will walk in the footsteps of Civil Rights giants. This indelible experience will inspire students to forge their own path toward a more just society.

~~\$2,500~~ STILL NEEDS \$1,500



Hop, Skip and a Jump!

Solomon Schechter Day School

Help create a new playground for Solomon Schechter Day School's youngest students that aligns with the Reggio-inspired teaching philosophy. Your grant will fund the purchase of natural wooden structures that encourage children to explore, play, balance and climb. Let the wonder and discovery begin!

\$3,000



EDUCATION

Not Your Father's Hebrew Class

New England Jewish Academy

Please consider supporting a learning experience that goes beyond textbooks. With your grant, NEJA students will learn Hebrew & Israeli culture through movies and other media, which brings aspects of spoken language, slang and culture that enrich students' learning process alongside stimulating discussions.

\$500

NEJA Goes to the Met

New England Jewish Academy

Very few New England Jewish Academy (NEJA) students have visited a major art museum outside of Hartford. Your grant will help finance a fun-filled trip to Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City for NEJA art students.

\$1,250

OUTREACH

The Butterfly Project

Voices of Hope

Voices of Hope is taking part in the Butterfly Project, a global call to action through education and the arts to create 1.5 million butterflies around the world—one for each child who perished in the Holocaust. Your grant will fund the purchase of ceramic butterflies that will be painted locally in classrooms and the community.

\$3,000

Holocaust Descendant Speaker Training

Voices of Hope

Your grant will help VOH continue to train descendants of Holocaust survivors to tell their family stories as today's students are the last to hear firsthand testimony, and demand for descendant speakers is growing.

\$3,000

Mimouna Passover Celebration

UConn Hillel

Please consider recommending a grant to UConn Hillel to support its Mimouna Passover Celebration. The event will highlight the Moroccan celebration of Mimouna, educate students about different Jewish practices and embrace global Jewry within our community. Mimouna celebrates the end of Passover, so UConn Hillel will serve the traditional dishes of moufleta, mint tea and sweets at the event.

\$650

Documentary Film Screening of Upheaval - The Journey of Menachem Begin

UConn Hillel

Your grant will provide students and the broader UConn community a chance to learn about former Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin's incredible life story through a documentary film screening, Upheaval - The Journey of Menachem Begin, followed by a Q & A with one of the film's producers. This is a collaboration with Huskies for Israel and the Center for Judaic Studies and Contemporary Jewish Life.

\$650

Jewish Learning Fellowship

University of Hartford Hillel

You can help students deepen their understanding of Judaism on their own terms by supporting a 10-week experiential, conversational seminar. At this program, students will probe compelling questions such as: Who am I? What communities am I a part of? What is worth committing myself to, and why?

~~\$3,000~~ STILL NEEDS \$2,000

We invite our donors and the community at large to review the wish list and thoughtfully consider supporting these initiatives. For more information, contact:

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