

# Community Wish List



**JEWISH  
COMMUNITY  
FOUNDATION**  
OF GREATER HARTFORD



We are at our strongest when we come together as a community to respond to a crisis. That's why the Foundation and the Jewish Federation established the Jewish Hartford Rapid Relief and Recovery Fund (RRR Fund) to help the people, agencies and synagogues greatly impacted by COVID-19. Thanks to the gifts of nearly 500 donors, the RRR Fund is offering financial assistance and food to people in need. Here is a quote from a recipient... "You're doing such great work for me and others. It means so much, more than you know, that you're here for us!"

Your grants are also helping our synagogue and agency partners to continue their operations during the pandemic, including maintaining vital programs and services that our community depends on every day.

**Jewish Hartford**  
**Rapid Relief & Recovery Fund**

If you would like to recommend a grant to the RRR Fund through your donor advised fund held at JCF or any commercial or charitable institution, please email Michael Elfenbaum: [melfenbaum@jcfhartford.org](mailto:melfenbaum@jcfhartford.org). We promise to steward your grants with the utmost care. You can also donate online: <https://www.jewishhartford.org/rapid-relief-recovery-fund>. Thank you for your chesed (loving kindness) and commitment to carrying on our people's 2,000-year-old tradition of helping those in need.

## SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT

### ...Upon the doorposts of their house...

Jewish Federation of Greater Hartford

Federation is seeking grants to affix mezuzot to the doors within its office suite, with about 40 offices and entryways marked with a mezzuzah.

**\$1,500**

### Safe Use During COVID-19

Mikveh Bess Israel

In order to be a safe place for immersions during the pandemic, the Mikveh needs funds for increased cleaning, PPE, and additional staffing hours.

**\$3,000**

## OUTREACH

### Husky Shabbat in a Bag

UConn Hillel

Your generosity will help UConn Hillel welcome incoming freshmen and new students with Shabbat bag deliveries, so they can celebrate Shabbat away from home. Hand delivered by Hillel students, each bag will include electric Shabbat candles, grape juice, Kiddush cup, challah and Hillel swag.

**\$1,500**

### Jews and Superheroes

UConn Hillel

Your funds will underwrite a program featuring award-winning author Marc Tyler Nobleman exploring little-known Jewish backgrounds of many iconic superheroes. Co-sponsored by art/design student clubs at UConn, the program will be open to the public.

**\$1,850**

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

## ARTS & CULTURE

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### Support Jewish History

Jewish Historical Society

The Jewish Historical Society (JHS) will celebrate its 50th year of preserving and sharing local Jewish history! In the next 50 years, JHS will focus on donor engagement and stewardship to ensure a sustainable future. Help this vision come true by funding a consultant who will work with JHS staff to develop a strategic plan.

**\$3,000**



### Virtual Exhibitions

Jewish Historical Society

Please consider funding new tools to help JHS record historical content in a digital format, which will create vibrant virtual exhibitions and serve as resources for students and adults.

**\$2,000**

## SPECIAL NEEDS AND HUMAN SERVICES

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### IT Upgrades

Jewish Association for Community Living

By December 2020, the Jewish Association for Community Living needs to replace its eight-year-old, high mileage lift-equipped wheelchair van that provides residents with daily transportation. Your gift will help JCL defray the cost of this purchase, which could exceed \$50,000.

**\$3,000**

### New Fence for COVID-19 Safety

Mandell JCC

The JCC needs a new fence to separate the playground from the parking lot, in compliance with COVID-related and JCC security guidelines. Your grant will support this critical, timely capital improvement.

**\$3,000**

### Kids Korner Equipment

Mandell JCC

Your gift will buy new equipment and furniture for the JCC's afterschool program, helping students learn in an expansive, safe and enhanced program space.

**\$3,000**



### Music Circle

Chabad Friendship Circle

Enable kids and young adults with special needs to create their own musical compositions using Music Production Software with a gift to Chabad Friendship Circle. Participants will produce beautiful music alongside a student composer and Emily Bacelaqua, a board certified music therapist at CT Music Therapy.

**\$2,800**

### Moms' Night Out

Friendship Circle

Parents of children with special needs deserve a chance to unwind and enjoy the camaraderie of other moms. Your gift will inspire moms with some well-deserved fun and support during a Moms' Night Out!

**\$1,550**

## Mental Health Services During COVID-19

Jewish Family Services

Jewish Family Services (JFS) serves many high-risk clients with underlying health conditions and anticipates using telehealth for many months to come. Help JFS continue this vital service by purchasing technical equipment, ensuring quality therapy sessions for clients and clinicians with clear sound and visual images.

\$3,000



## Working Safely at Home

Jewish Family Services

To conduct safe social distancing, JFS is limiting the amount of staff members in the office to allow those who need space to work in the food pantry. However, JFS' network servers do not have sufficient capacity for all staff to work effeciently from home. Your gifts can finance new servers and solve this issue.

\$3,000

## EDUCATION

### Hebrew Lending Library

New England Jewish Academy

Your gifts will help establish a new lending library of original Hebrew books by Israeli authors. The carefully curated library will strengthen students' Hebrew skills by providing them with age-appropriate, culturally rich, engaging reading.

\$3,000

### Educational Support Services

New England Jewish Academy

Support student teams as they solve contemporary ethical dilemmas and craft a written decision and oral arguments, based on rabbinic sources, and guided by an advisor. They will present their ruling to judges following a Moot Beit Din Shabbaton in March 2021.

\$2,000

### Outdoor Classroom

Solomon Schechter Day School

In response to COVID-19, the school is planning a safe re-opening this fall with outdoor classrooms. Your gifts will provide new learning opportunities for children and staff.

\$3,000



### Hebrew Language Versatility

Solomon Schechter Day School

Your grants will update the Hebrew language curriculum with online components. This will allow students in 2nd – 5th grades to learn seamlessly between classroom and distance learning.

\$2,500



## Interactive Website (Hartford Remembers the Holocaust)

### Voices of Hope

Voices of Hope's (VOH) bold mission is to promote a culture of courage to stand up against hatred through Holocaust and genocide education and remembrance. When COVID-19 hit, VOH was creating a traveling version of the exhibit, Hartford Remembers the Holocaust. Since schools will most likely not take field trips/ host visitors this fall, VOH is creating a virtual Holocaust exhibit. Your grant will launch this interactive website, ensuring continued educational programming and providing resources for teachers.

**\$3,000**

## Resource Materials for Educators

### Voices of Hope

VOH's Holocaust and Genocide Education Advisory Committee hosts summer educator workshops on various topics to help implement the CT mandate. This summer, your generosity will underwrite the cost of VOH providing free professional development materials to educators.

**\$3,000**

## Continue the Conversation!

### JTConnect

Jewish Teen Learning Connection (JTConnect) gives teens the opportunity to continue their Jewish education in compelling and meaningful ways. In the wake of conversations about racism, JTConnect instigated a discussion with Jewish teens and teens from the Greater Hartford Youth Leadership Academy about racism and allyship. Your gifts will ensure that these important conversations continue, as our teens seek ways to do more service projects and social gatherings together.

**\$3,000**



## 😊 LET'S DO THIS!

The Jewish Community Foundation of Greater Hartford is pleased to share these funding opportunities. We invite our donors and the community at large to review the wish list and thoughtfully consider supporting these initiatives. For more information, please contact:

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