

Community Wish List

Winter/Spring 2021 (as of May 5, 2021)



**JEWISH
COMMUNITY
FOUNDATION**
OF GREATER HARTFORD



OUTREACH

Let My Passover Bag Go

UConn Hillel

Help students safely celebrate Pesach by funding UConn Hillel's "Seder to go" kits. Volunteers will hand deliver bags to students filled with a small Seder plate, a modified Haggadah and matzah, encouraging a virtual celebration.

\$1,800

Comedy for Peace

UConn Hillel

Your grant will support UConn Hillel's "Comedy for Peace," a virtual evening featuring three Jewish and two Muslim stand-up comedians who will use humor to bridge differences and highlight shared experiences.

\$800

ARTS & CULTURE

Preserve Oral History

Jewish Historical Society (JHS)

One hundred local oral history interviews, recorded over 50 years ago, are at risk of deterioration. Your grant will preserve these audio interviews as digital recordings and will enable the JHS to share community members' first-hand accounts of Hartford-area Jewish history in new ways.

FUNDED

Support Jewish History

Jewish Historical Society (JHS)

Your grant will help JHS purchase a new laptop and flat-screen TV monitor to share photos and information at community exhibitions and events.

FUNDED



SENIORS

Expand Recreational Opportunities

Hoffman Summerwood

During the Pandemic, it is vital that Hoffman SummerWood residents have a multitude of safe options for recreational activities and family visiting. Your grant will help purchase additional patio sets, heating lamps for the patio and a mobile TV stand, enabling staff to provide activities in a safe, flexible manner.

FUNDED

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



Help Feed Families in Need

Jewish Family Services (JFS)
Anja Rosenberg Kosher Food Pantry

Requests for food from families have doubled in just three months at JFS' Anja Rosenberg Kosher Food Pantry. Your grant will help JFS store more food and feed more families, by financing the expansion of its physical space and vital kitchen equipment such as shelving and a new refrigerator.

FUNDED

Heart Smart for the Care of Seniors

Hebrew Senior Care (HSC)

Please consider supporting our seniors with a grant for Hebrew Senior Care's behavioral health hospital. HBC needs a new cardiac defibrillator, adult pad-paks, a PAD training system with remote control and trainer defibrillator pads to help ensure the safety of its patients.

FUNDED

Parents' Night Out

Friendship Circle

Give parents of children with special needs a chance to unwind. Your grant will finance a relaxing night out for parents so they can support each other and bond together.

FUNDED

iPad Tablets

Jewish Association for Community Living (JCL)

You can help JCL fund an unfunded Federal and State electronics requirement by helping the agency purchase 12 iPad Tablets and software. This Electronic Visit Verification system will help JCL's supported living arrangements for residents.

FUNDED

Enhance Virtual Programming

Mandell Jewish Community Center (JCC)

Help the JCC meet the increasing demand for virtual programming. Your grant will purchase more computer technology and provide an increased level of virtual video streaming programs.

FUNDED

Kids Korner Fence

Mandell Jewish Community Center (JCC)

Your grant for a new fence will create a safe outdoor play space for children in the afterschool program.

\$2,200



SPECIAL NEEDS AND HUMAN SERVICES

Virtual Cooking Club

Friendship Circle

During this time of physical isolation, your grant can help people with special needs stay connected through the Friendship Circle's virtual interactive cooking sessions. Participants will learn life skills and interact as they chop, measure and mix together healthy foods!

FUNDED

Programs To Go: Hands-on Holidays

Mandell Jewish Community Center (JCC)

Your grant will fund the JCC's to-go bags for families filled with fun materials for virtual programming. Families will use these materials to learn, explore and work together during the upcoming holidays and events.

\$3,000



EDUCATION

Hands-on Science Exploration

New England Jewish Academy (NEJA)

NEJA is expanding learning opportunities in its science program. You can help students engage in exciting hands-on science investigations in their own classroom! Please consider funding science material kits for NEJA Lower School.

FUNDED

Music and Tefilah Enrichment

New England Jewish Academy (NEJA)

NEJA's spirited group of middle and high school students love to sing, dance and make music, but are in need of musical instruments. Your grant will provide funding for drums, acoustic guitars, and electric keyboards, along with the required cords, straps, stands and cases.

\$3,000

Silver Lining of COVID-19

Solomon Schechter Day School

Your grant will provide new fences for permanent outdoor learning spaces, which were initially created for students due to COVID-19.

\$3,000

Witness Stones

Solomon Schechter Day School

Help students research local African-American history, pursue justice and equity, and honor the memories of slaves who lived in West Hartford and helped build the community.

\$1,200



Two-Part Series on Israeli Current Events

Jewish Community Relations Council

Please consider funding two events being hosted by the Jewish Community Relations Council: the first, “Diversity and Multiculturalism in Israel: A deep dive into Israeli diversity, the conflicts that exist, and current bridge building efforts.” The second, “The Israeli Election: Why Israel is facing a 4th election in two years and what to expect.”

FUNDED

Speaker Series and Descendants of the Shoah Conference

Voices of Hope (VOH)

VOH needs funding to host its virtual speaker series and Descendants of the Shoah conference, featuring speakers from around the world. Your grant will cover honorariums and software, and will ensure a safe, professional and interactive program.

\$3,000

Israeli/Palestinian Joint Graduate Program

Science Training Encouraging Peace

Your grant will support Science Training Encouraging Peace (www.step-gtp.org), a non-political, cross-border program that brings together Israeli and Palestinian graduate students (from the West Bank and Gaza) in Israel. Graduates will return to their communities working to build bridges between their respective populations.

\$3,000

Yom Hashoah and Holocaust Commemoration

Voices of Hope (VOH)

VOH is planning one virtual commemoration of Yom Hashoah and the Holocaust by providing meaningful first-hand testimony for the community. Your grant will support this important production during a time when anti-Semitism is rampant and our survivor population is diminishing.

FUNDED



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 this Community Wish List and thoughtfully consider supporting these initiatives. For more information, please contact:

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