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Five Local Agencies Win Community Grants

West Hartford, CT - The Jewish Community Foundation of Greater Hartford is pleased to announce more than \$170,000 in new community grant awards. These grants from unrestricted funds were selected through a rigorous application and review process and approved by the Foundation's Board of Trustees. Grants were awarded to five local organizations: \$54,000 over 3 years to Jewish Family Services for LinkAges Care Management, a pilot program that coordinates care for local older adults and their families; \$20,000 to the Jewish Historical Society for a new Oral History/Family History Initiative, to record the stories of individuals who have contributed to the growth of Jewish life in Greater Hartford; \$45,173 over 3 years to the Mandell JCC for the new Family Room Parenting Center, a designated space for young families that offers family programming and parent education; \$28,000 over 3 years to Solomon Schechter Day School for Computertots/Computer Explorers, a program to enhance the technology skills of K-5 students; and a \$25,000 matching grant to the Jewish Federation of Greater Hartford for Building Security Needs, to help local synagogues and agencies upgrade their security systems.

To learn more about grantmaking in the Jewish community, call the Foundation at 860.523.7460, or visit our website at www.jcfhartford.org.

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Since 1972, the Jewish Community Foundation has partnered with individuals, families and community organizations to help them achieve their philanthropic goals and to provide long-term support for the vibrant Greater Hartford Jewish community. During the fiscal year ending June 30, 2006, the Jewish Community Foundation distributed \$2.67 million in 519 individual grants to more than 120 charities.

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Toddlers "light" a wooden menorah at the Mandell JCC's Family Room Parenting Center, recipient of a \$45,000 grant award from the Jewish Community Foundation.