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### **Local Fund Helps Poor Israeli Women “Cook Up” a Brighter Future**

West Hartford, CT –A grant from a unique endowment fund at the Jewish Community Foundation of Greater Hartford will help impoverished Israeli women start their own catering business.

The Lillian Fund, which benefits Israeli women and families in need, has awarded a \$6,000 grant for the “Women Cooking Up a Business” program, sponsored by The Jerusalem Foundation. The program has already provided 18 months of professional cooking and business courses to 20 Israeli women who were formerly on welfare. In its next phase, graduates will open a supervised community kitchen and large-scale catering business that will provide 500 meals a day to children and people with special needs. The Lillian Fund grant will help to purchase commercial kitchen equipment and provide professional support and follow-up.

The Lillian Fund provides a unique opportunity for everyone to participate in grantmaking. With an annual gift of \$100 or more to the fund, you are eligible to vote on the grant that year. Many people honor a special woman in their lives with a gift to the Lillian Fund. The woman being honored receives an attractive certificate and the ability to vote on the grant.

For more information about the Lillian Fund or to make a contribution, please call the Jewish Community Foundation office at (860) 523-7460.

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[PHOTO CAPTION for PR1]

A grant from the Jewish Community Foundation of Greater Hartford will help Israeli women on welfare learn the professional catering business. The women will use skills learned in cooking and business courses to open their own commercial kitchen. Here, two participants prepare Israeli salads for a catered meal.

[PHOTO CAPTION FOR PR2]

Low-income Israeli women have a new career start through the Women Cooking Up a Business program, funded in part by the Jewish Community Foundation of Greater Hartford.

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About the Jewish Community Foundation

The Jewish Community Foundation of Greater Hartford awarded more than \$3.3 million in grants to more than 160 different charities during fiscal 2007. For 35 years, the Foundation has partnered with individuals, families and community organizations to help them achieve their charitable goals and secure a vibrant Jewish future in Greater Hartford and around the world.