Israel for the Environment  
UConn Hillel  
The Huskies for Israel student club wishes to launch an eco-campaign during spring semester. We’ll start with Hasbara’s “Think Green. Think Blue,” a tabling event which demonstrates Israel’s work in promoting sustainable agriculture. We’ll also host a guest speaker from Innovation Africa, highlighting Israel’s success in bringing vaccines, water and power to remote African villages.  
$2,000

Comedy for Peace  
University of Hartford Hillel  
Comedy for Peace brings together Muslim and Jewish comedians for an accessible, funny and meaningful interfaith show. The goal is to bridge gaps among diverse communities with the understanding that together, through comedy, we can make a difference.  
$3,000

The Rise of Anti-Semitism in America  
Trinity Hillel  
Anti-Semitism is on the rise and anti-Jewish sentiment is a source of concern on college campuses. We want to fund a speaker of national prominence who will address this issue for the wider campus and Hartford communities.  
FULLY FUNDED

Social Justice Seder  
University of Hartford Hillel  
Partnering with the Office of Student Engagement and Inclusion, we will invite students of all faiths and cultures for a 2nd night Passover seder focused on global justice, with resources for students. The grant will help us engage students and the broader campus populations in creating a welcoming community with Hillel.  
FULLY FUNDED

#TogetherWeRemember  
Trinity Hillel  
#TogetherWeRemember is a campus-wide campaign to learn about and remember victims of the Holocaust and other genocides. We need funds to recruit a strong coalition of partners to transform Genocide Awareness Month (April) into an inclusive experience on campus, culminating in a campus-wide vigil.  
$2,000

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

Regional Jewish History Conference  
Jewish Historical Society  
The Jewish Historical Society (JHS) preserves and documents Jewish life in Greater Hartford. We are requesting funds for two representatives from Hartford to attend the first one-day spring conference of New England Jewish history organizations in Boston. Participants will share information, ideas, and resources and determine - what is the New England Jewish experience? Your generosity will also support conference planning and costs.  

$1,000

Updating Archival/Office Equipment  
Jewish Historical Society  
JHS needs funds for a new laptop, scanner and copier. We would like to purchase newer models for our interns, volunteers and staff who use this equipment on a daily basis.  

$2,000

**SPECIAL NEEDS AND VULNERABLE POPULATIONS**

IT Upgrades  
Jewish Association for Community Living  
An independent consultant conducted an assessment of JCL’s current Information Technology and recommended long overdue upgrades. A grant would cover the cost of new computers and laptops needed to keep the agency running efficiently.  

$3,000

Shabbat with SIX13  
Chabad Friendship Circle  
We’re requesting funds for children with special needs and their families to join together with teens in our community for a gourmet Shabbat dinner with the award winning Jewish a capella group, SIX13. The event will allow parents of children with special needs and friends to network, support and connect with each other.  

$3,000 PARTIALLY FUNDED  STILL NEEDS:$2,500

Twinkle Toes  
Mandell JCC  
Hall High students Lauren Sussler and Sari Eisen have created, designed and implemented a ballet movement class for children and teens with developmental disabilities. Funds will help support their mission: to give children and teens the opportunity to explore dance, gain appreciation for the arts, and build community and friendships.  

FULLY FUNDED

Music Circle  
Chabad Friendship Circle  
Chabad Friendship Circle seeks funds to enable kids and young adults with special needs to create their own musical compositions using Music Production Software, alongside a student composer and Emily Bacelaqua, a board certified music therapist at CT Music Therapy.  

$2,800

Client Assistance Fund  
Jewish Association for Community Living  
Jewish Association for Community Living (JCL) supports 22 people who live in their own apartments and must be able to meet all their own living expenses, usually relying on Social Security and modest earnings. JCL seeks funds to provide needed assistance for rent, food, utilities, furniture and clothing when their resources are inadequate.  

$3,000 FULLY FUNDED
**Computer Upgrades**  
Jewish Family Services  
Jewish Family Services (JFS) strengthen quality of life through the Jewish tradition of caring and compassion. We have 14 computer workstations using Windows 7 which will no longer be supported by Microsoft, leaving workstations vulnerable to security threats. A grant is requested to replace some of these workstations.  

$3,000 FULLY FUNDED

**Child Services Waiting Area**  
Jewish Family Services  
We must update the design and functionality of our waiting room to accommodate children with sensory needs. Grant monies will allow us to purchase new toys and furniture, creating an environment which would increase children's ability to focus and develop their skills.

$3,000

**COMMUNITY BUILDING/SOCIAL ACTION**

**Travel Exhibit**  
Voices of Hope  
We will create an interactive Holocaust Survivor travel exhibit including video and written testimony, curriculum and a guidebook to use along with the exhibit. This exhibit will be used in conjunction with “Hartford Remembers,” the Holocaust exhibit at the University of Hartford, and will enable us to educate more students and the community.

$3,000 PARTIALLY FUNDED    STILL NEEDS: $1,114

**Descendants of the Shoah Conference**  
Voices of Hope  
The second annual Descendants of the Shoah daylong conference will take place in November 2020. We are seeking funds to offset the costs of this important opportunity to educate and raise consciousness about Holocaust history, and provide support to inspire descendants and the community to never forget.

$3,000

**Safe Space Conversations**  
Jewish Federation of Greater Hartford  
We seek funds to convene various discussion groups throughout the year to facilitate safe space conversations on difficult subjects relating to Israel.

$3,000

...Upon the doorposts of their house...  
Jewish Federation of Greater Hartford  
Jewish Federation wants to affix mezuzot to the doors within its office suite, with about 40 offices and entryways marked with a mezzuzah.

$1,850

**SENIORS**

**Food Truck Eating & Fun**  
Federation Homes  
Our residents love to eat and socialize together! By providing food trucks for our residents, they can enjoy fresh, fun meals, meet new neighbors and catch up with old friends. We want to offer food truck services at least two times by this summer.

$1,500 PARTIALLY FUNDED    STILL NEEDS: $750
**Providing a Calm Environment for Patients**  
**Hebrew Senior Care**  
Bringing patients to a calm quiet room is a successful behavioral technique that reduces aggressive and disruptive behaviors, and decreases sensory stimuli for in-patient psychiatric units. We’d like to improve patient care through this technique, by purchasing new couches and chairs built to support our behavioral health population.  
**$3,000**

**Humanizing a Secure Behavioral Health Unit**  
**Hebrew Senior Care**  
Supervised settings in a behavioral health unit can present clients with demanding safety and durability challenges. New chairs and tables with smooth edges, tamper-proof fasteners and added weight will alleviate these challenges. These items are built specifically for Behavioral Health hospitals. They will be used for dining and therapeutic activities.  
**$3,000**

**Chair Zumba**  
**Federation Homes**  
Many of our residents want to participate in a Zumba class, but don’t have the balance or stamina. Providing residents with a professionally instructed Chair Zumba class will solve this problem by offering traditional Zumba moves without standing for long periods of time. Classes would be held once a week.  
**FULLY FUNDED**

**ISRAEL**

**Aiding Victims of Trauma**  
**NATAL**  
NATAL: Israel Trauma and Resiliency Center is the largest, most comprehensive trauma treatment and resiliency training organization in Israel. Our mission is to address the prevalent problem of psychological trauma related to terrorism and war. We are seeking general support. We specialize in providing broad mental health programs and services. With multiple programs, 200 therapists and 180 highly trained volunteers throughout the country, we are an apolitical nonprofit helping all Israelis.  
**$3,000 PARTIALLY FUNDED STILL NEEDS: $2,500**

**Healing Music in Jerusalem**  
**Haverut**  
Tens of thousands of men, women and children in Israel coping with chronic diseases require long-term, intensive treatments. They spend long periods of time in hospitals, which can often lead to feelings of extreme loneliness, stress, fear and sadness, and hinder their healing process. The universal language of music, delivered by Healing Musicians, can transform patients and unite communities. A grant would allow Healing Musicians to visit more than 1,500 patients, aiming to decrease anxiety and pain, and increase their sense of resiliency, optimism and hope.  
**FULLY FUNDED**

**EDUCATION**

**Unity Pink Shabbat**  
**JT Connect**  
Bringing together teens of all affiliations, JTConnect will host a spirited PINK Friday night Shabbat experience to raise awareness of breast cancer. Organized and led by local teens, the evening will feature different prayer options, food and information about the increased risk of hereditary breast cancer among Jewish families.  
**$1,500**

**Educational Support Services**  
**New England Jewish Academy**  
We support students with learning differences. Our special needs team requires funds for materials and professional assessments in reading and basic academics, in order to identify problems and provide students with critical early intervention.  
**$2,000**
Capture of Young Child’s Imagination
Solomon Schechter Day School
Spending time outside is important for a child’s imagination, growth and curiosity. Schechter’s program creates open environments that allow children to explore, create and engage with each other, which is inspired by the Reggio Emilia educational approach of nature-based, self-directed play and learning. Funds are needed to revitalize the early childhood playground with new equipment and create a magical space for young children to flourish.

$3,000

FULLY FUNDED

Hebrew Lending Library
New England Jewish Academy
We wish to establish a lending library of original Hebrew books by Israeli authors. The carefully curated library will strengthen students’ Hebrew skills by providing them with age-appropriate, educational, culturally rich and relevant content.

$3,000

Kids Korner - Youth After School Program
Mandell JCC
We want to provide designated outdoor play space for children in our after-school program. In order to comply with State licensing regulations and security protocol, we must fence in the area. We are requesting funding to help defray the cost of the fencing.

$3,000

Purim Party Bus Extravaganza
JT Connect
On Purim, our joy increases and what could be more fun than a party bus extravaganza?! Funds will let teens from throughout the community celebrate Purim in style while visiting local synagogues, Rabbis and professionals for drop-in fun, activities and learning.

$3,000

Expanding Their Worlds
Solomon Schechter Day School
Community is a core value at Schechter. We work to reflect that value in our daily lives by bringing our curriculum to life through action. We would like to continue the work with Witness Stones, a town-led effort to conduct primary research and honor the memories of African American slaves who lived in West Hartford. In addition, we would like funding for our students to attend programs at The Bushnell, Playhouse on Park, and Shakespeare and Company.

$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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