

# Community Wish List

Winter 2019

Jewish  
Community  
Foundation  
of Greater Hartford

## Education

### **PE in the 21st Century**

*Solomon Schechter Day School  
of Greater Hartford (SSDS)*

It's time for SSDS to clean out their 20th century gym closets. Education today is about creativity, collaboration and communication, and PE has expanded its focus to include collaborative games along with fitness skills and health. Help SSDS students move and expand their 21st century skills by filling the school's gym closets with new, updated equipment.

**\$2,500**

### **Writing Workshop for Teachers**

*Hebrew Academy*

Studies have shown that successful schools stand out by providing teachers with top quality professional development. Hebrew Academy of Greater Hartford plans to send two teachers and its principal to a 5-day Writing Workshop at Columbia University. This program is for educators who are "committed to turning classrooms into richly literate reading and writing workshops."

**\$2,250**

### **Up All Night on Shavuot**

*JTConnect*

Did you know that Jews invented the all-nighter? There is a tradition on Shavuot to hold a Tikkun Leil Shavuot, an evening-long study session. Teens are putting an exciting twist on this custom by hosting Hartford's LARGEST all-night learn-a-thon with opportunities to learn with the best educators in town and enjoy late night treats with their friends.

**\$1,000**

### **21st Century Holocaust and Genocide Education**

*Maurice Greenberg Center*

In response to the new state mandate requiring Holocaust and Genocide education, this professional development workshop will focus on creating curricula for Holocaust and genocide education that incorporates existing resources in the "Hartford Remembers the Holocaust" exhibition and the HERO Center.

**\$3,000**

### **iPads for Savvy Learners**

*Solomon Schechter Day School  
of Greater Hartford (SSDS)*

SSDS faculty and learners integrate technology seamlessly into the classroom. Students use technology to demonstrate their learning by using video sharing apps, collaborating on documents and creating exciting content to share with the school community. In order to maximize impact, SSDS is seeking additional iPads to allow each classroom to have its own set for student use.

**\$3,000**

### **Teen Unity PINK Shabbat**

*JTConnect*

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

**\$1,500**

# Outreach

## **Rosh Chodesh Women's Circle** *University of Hartford Hillel*

Education is more than going to class. Undergraduate women will meet with members of the local Jewish community to explore and receive guidance in areas such as business/networking, creative Torah study, physical and spiritual wellness, Tikkun Olam, and creating sacred spaces.

**\$1,200**

## **HERO Center Field Trips** *Voices of Hope*

With the new Holocaust and Genocide mandate, Voices of Hope anticipates an increase in requests for busing grants from schools for field trips to the Museum of Jewish Civilization. The goal is to have as many students as possible visit and schools often need assistance covering the expenses.

**\$3,000**

## **Jewish Education Series** *UConn Hillel*

Help bring top Jewish educators to campus to lead interactive and educational sessions for students on a variety of topics.

**\$3,000**

## **Student "Make It Happen" Fund** *University of Hartford Hillel*

Hillel's "Make It Happen" Fund would support unengaged students in transforming their ideas into reality. Microgrants would be offered for non-intern Jewish campus leaders to create programming and engagement opportunities that speak to them.

**\$3,000**

## **Purim Party** *UConn Hillel*

Help students celebrate Purim on campus. Food, fun, dancing and mishloach manot for the students to send to one another are all part of the celebration. This program will not only be fun, but will also teach the important mitzvot associated with the holiday.

**\$1,500**



# Arts & Culture

## **Female Trailblazers: Hartford Jewish Women Who Made a Difference** *Jewish Historical Society*

Hartford produced a number of "female firsts" - physicians, educators, activists, rabbis, and more. This curated exhibit will highlight these remarkable women and their accomplishments.

**\$2,000**

## **Behind the Scenes: Jews & Baseball** *Jewish Historical Society*

Over the years, there have been a number of local Jewish promoters, broadcasters, and managers in the baseball field. A panel will discuss some of the individuals that contributed to this fascinating Hartford baseball history.

**\$1,000**



# Social Action

## Advocacy Training

Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC)

As we continue to advocate for Israel and other important issues to the Jewish community, learning how to “do something” effectively and efficiently is key. Being educated on best practices and strategies will be the focus of training for community members, including students.

**\$1,000**

## Interfaith Seder

JFACT Fund

This year’s interfaith Seder at the State Capitol will be a follow-up to the community interfaith mission to Alabama. The two reverends and the rabbi from the Alabama trip will lead the Seder. Local legislators and community leaders will be invited to this bridge-building educational event.

**\$2,500**

## Interfaith Civil Rights

Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC)

Nearly 54 years after the historic marches from Selma to the state capital of Montgomery, a delegation of Jews and Christians from Greater Hartford retraced the footsteps of civil rights leaders. As we fight to erase racism and hate from the world and strengthen connections between faiths, JCRC will sponsor trainings and programs aimed at forging deeper relationships.

**\$1,500**

# Special/Vulnerable Populations

## Tara’s Closet needs an ACTUAL CLOSET!

Jewish Family Services (JFS)

Tara’s Closet, the highly successful program that provides free, quality clothing to those in need has, up until now, been a road show without an actual closet to store the clothing. JFS is converting a small room into a closet, which will be more accessible and private for clients. It requires appropriate shelving installed as well as wayfinding signage.

**\$3,000**

## Music Therapy

Jewish Association for Community Living (JCL)

JCL has been offering music therapy to residents for several years. JCL and the Jewish Community Center (JCC) now collaborate in order to make music therapy available to more individuals from the JCC Special Needs Program. Attendance has increased from 8-12 participants per session to nearly 30.

**\$3,000**

## Parents Night Out & Glow in the Dark Havdalah

Friendship Circle

Give parents of children with special needs a chance to unwind and relax. Children with special needs will celebrate the end of Shabbat in a comfortable and inclusive setting with innovative and hands-on activities that bring the warm and joyous feeling of Judaism to life. Local teens ensure the event meets the particular needs of all participants.

**\$2,000**

## Teen Awareness & Education Training

Friendship Circle

Teens will learn how to have unique impact on others and the life skills needed to engage with individuals of different ability levels. Pamela Schuller, a comedian diagnosed with Tourette Syndrome & OCD, will share how she turned her obstacles into the very fuel that propels her.

**\$1,800**

## Staff Mailbox System

Jewish Family Services (JFS)

JFS has a homemade wooden mailbox system in need of replacement. JFS needs a professional steel shelving unit for the mail that will help staff be more efficient and also increase the privacy of mail, documents, and files exchanged during business hours.

**\$1,900**



# Seniors

## **Gardening Club**

*Federation Homes*

Springtime supplies are needed for six raised gardening beds where residents grow vegetables and herbs. Residents are encouraged to participate to gain gardening experience and to socialize. The grant will also be used to bring in local experts to lecture on gardening techniques.

**\$1,500**



## **Painting for Seniors**

*Federation Homes*

A number of residents have expressed a desire to learn how to paint. Federation Homes would like to offer professionally instructed watercolor painting classes on a weekly basis. Residents would be provided with all necessary painting supplies, including canvases, brushes, and paint. At the end of the year, the plan is to display the residents' art creations.

**\$3,000**

## **No Need to be Afraid - A Brecknell Walk-On Physical Scale**

*Hebrew Senior Care*

Clients who attend the Senior Day Center need their weight tracked on a regular basis, as an important indicator of overall health. Compared to a newer model, the current scale is not as low to the ground, nor does it have handles. A new scale with added safety features will ease clients' fears and help prevent accidental falls.

**\$521**

## **New Kitchen Appliances**

*Hebrew Senior Care*

The Senior Day Center serves 20,280 lunches and twice-a-day healthy snacks on an annual basis. The kitchen equipment is close to 25 years old; therefore new, energy-efficient appliances are needed.

**\$2,571**

*The Jewish Community Foundation 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.*

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