

# Community Wish List

Summer 2018

Jewish  
Community  
Foundation  
of Greater Hartford

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### **Build It and They Will Come** *Trinity College Hillel*

Trinity College Hillel needs a much larger, more inviting sukkah for the Trinity Jewish community and friends to celebrate Sukkot for many years to come. The current sukkah shows signs of its 17 years of use and only holds 16 individuals. Given the intention of inviting other CT-based Hillels and the community for shared experiences and celebrations, space for at least 60 is required.

### **Books for the Exhibit** **Hartford Remembers the Holocaust** *Voices of Hope*

With the passing of SB452, an Act Concerning the Inclusion of Holocaust and Genocide Education and Awareness in the Social Studies Curriculum, students who visit the Holocaust Exhibit at the Museum of Jewish Civilization would receive a free copy of Heidi Fishman's book, *Tutti's Promise*.

### **Donor Database** *JFACT Fund*

In order to strategically advance the development of donors, JFACT Fund would like to overhaul its software. Two non-portable databases that do not communicate with each other are currently utilized. The software is old and does not have updated tools, such as including metrics, that enable more comprehensive donor development.

### **Jewish Women Across Campus** *UConn Hillel*

Corresponding with Rosh Chodesh (the start of the new Jewish month), UConn Hillel is creating a series for college women to come together for learning, Jewish crafts, inspiration, and friendship. Throughout the academic year, these programs will cover important topics, such as health, self-image, women's leadership, and personal safety.

### **BKind: A Program with Israeli Changemakers & Social Entrepreneurs** *Trinity College Hillel*

A group of talented Israeli change-makers joined forces for the shared goal of creating the world they would like to live in - one that is positive, caring, and kind. They've launched a social start-up called BKind. The mission is to inspire, amplify, and celebrate kindness through a combination of content and technology. The program will be open to all Hillels and the entire community.

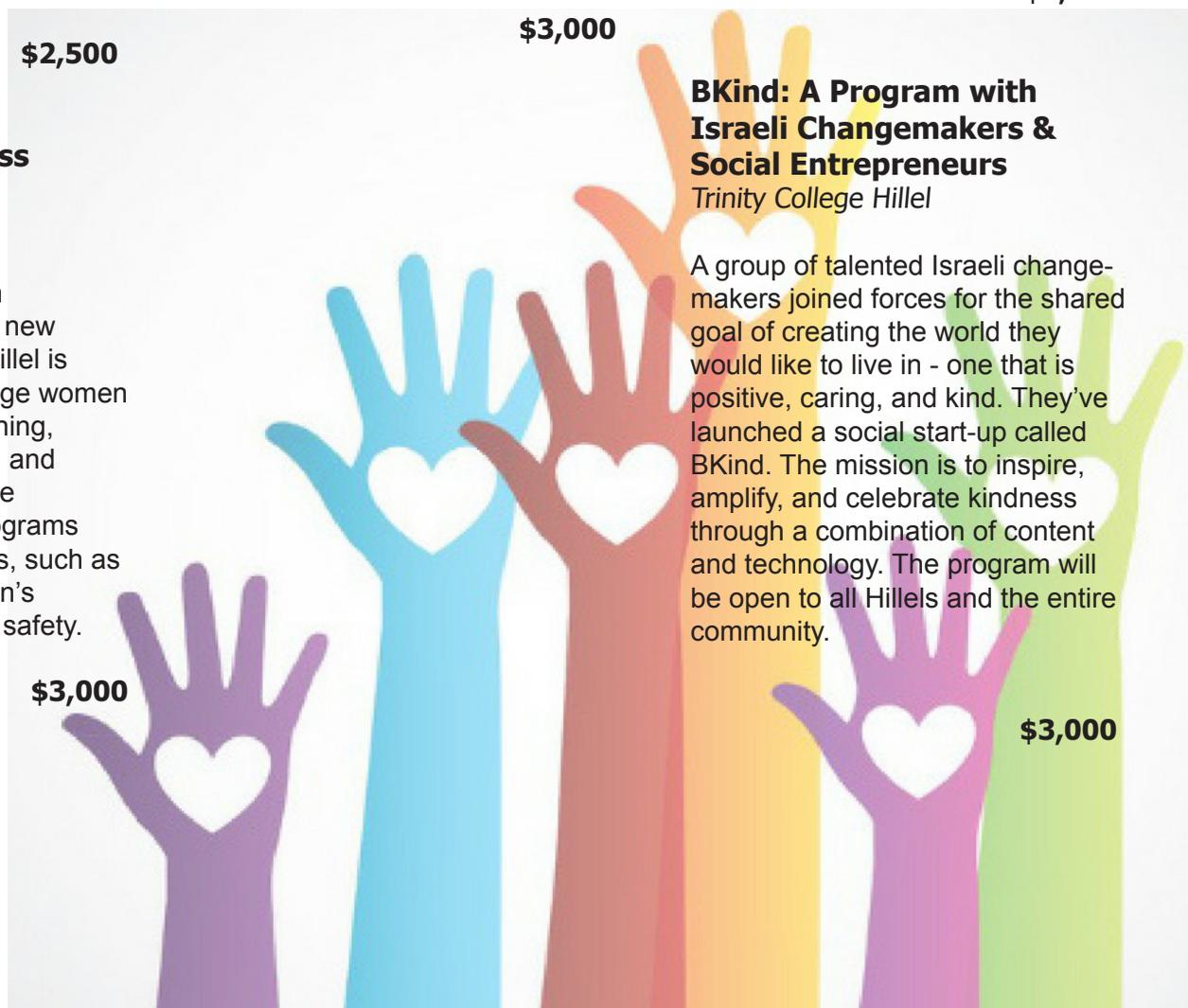
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## **The Beit Midrash is More Than a Chapel**

*Hebrew High School of New England*

The Beit Midrash is used by the community as well as the school for many activities. There is no P.A. system and it is difficult to hear speakers when they are invited to discuss important topics with students.

**\$580**

## **The 21st Century Classroom**

*Solomon Schechter Day School*

Schechter's progressive, multi-age model is reflected in dynamic classrooms with creative learning spaces that are just right for every child. The school is looking to continue enhancing the learning environment with flexible seating and work spaces: low tables, moveable couches, soft tables, and diverse seating to help enhance the daily learning experience.

**\$3,000**

## **Robotics & Computer Engineering Initiative**

*Hebrew Academy*

Students will be introduced to the world of robotics and engineering with the goal of guiding and encouraging them to consider becoming mechanical engineers and computer scientists. Children will design, construct, and operate robots and computer systems. Funding is requested to purchase the necessary hardware and software for this initiative.

**\$3,000**

## **Using Video to Enhance Teaching**

*Hebrew High School of New England*

Teachers will video their classes then view the lessons with colleagues and administrators. This will provide teachers with the opportunity to reflect and improve their instruction.

**\$820**

## **Unity Pink Shabbat Dinner**

*JTConnect*

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

**\$1,500**



# Outreach

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## **HERO Center Website**

*Voices of Hope*

With the creation of the new HERO Center, a joint initiative between Voices of Hope and the Maurice Greenberg Center at the University of Hartford, and the passing of the legislation to mandate Holocaust and Genocide Education, Voices of Hope needs to revise its website to meet the goals of these new initiatives as well as make the website more user-friendly.

**\$3,000**

## **A Taste of Bubbe's Cooking**

*UConn Hillel*

UConn Hillel is starting a Jewish cooking series, which will include the opportunity to meet and cook with cookbook author Shannon Sarna. Learning how to cook and taste quintessential Jewish food will allow students to further explore Jewish culture and their Jewish heritage.

**\$2,000**

# Social Action

## **Necessity Baskets for Women in Need**

*Jewish Federation*

Volunteers will purchase and assemble baskets filled with hygiene products for women in need. This includes items such as feminine products, soap, lotion, and paper goods. These products have been specifically identified by local Jewish agencies, such as the Food Pantry, as a necessity for women and their daughters who are often unable to afford such items.

**\$3,000**

## **Young Victims of Trauma**

*Jewish Family Services*

Jewish Family Services has developed a clinical expertise in trauma-focused behavioral therapy, which is the best-practice model for children and teens who have suffered abuse or witnessed horrific events. Insurance payments, especially from government sources, do not cover the cost of care. Funds would help defray the uncovered costs.

**\$3,000**

## **Outdoor Furniture for Children**

*Jewish Family Services*

JFS meets kids at their level. Often children want to be outside. Counseling can take place at a picnic table, as some kids do better than in a small office. Some adults, prefer this as well. JFS is seeking to purchase enameled metal tables, including one with roll-up access for a wheelchair. Additionally, a bike rack so clients can ride to appointments is sought as part of JFS' overall health promotion.

**\$3,000**

# Special Populations

## **Client Assistance Fund**

*Jewish Association for Community Living*

From time to time, JCL makes grants to certain residents in need of financial assistance with clothing or furniture purchases, housing, recreation, assistive devices, and more. These grants tend to be small, but have a big impact on the quality of life for someone living on a fixed income.

**\$2,000**

## **Hebrew School of the Arts for Children with Special Needs**

*Friendship Circle*

This is a developmentally appropriate program that taps into each child's strengths and learning abilities. It is run with a creative Judaic curriculum such as music, prayer, and personalized holiday social stories. The program focuses on "functional Jewish Education" which is aimed at promoting an active Jewish life by teaching daily Jewish life skills, knowledge, and concepts.

**\$3,000**



# Israel



## **Israel's Viral Story: Making the Case in Social Media**

*JTConnect*

Israel's enemies are **crushing it** on social media. Chloe Valdary, an American writer and political activist, will lead a workshop for teens that studies the elements of a compelling campaign and shares what can make us successful advocates for Israel.

**\$500**

## **Project ONWARD**

*The Good People Fund/Ten Gav*

Through a crowd funding model, Ten Gav ("Got Your Back") addresses basic needs for at-risk Israeli women and their families through micro-grants as well as requests directed specifically to educational courses (and secondary support such as equipment/kits necessary for those courses.) Funds are used for career changing/retraining courses, often recommended by/in conjunction with a social worker to redirect a woman on a new career path.

**\$3,000**

# Arts & Culture

## **The Jews of New Britain** *Jewish Historical Society*

As early as 1896, there was an established Jewish community in New Britain. In the following decades, a thriving population with religious structure and communal agencies developed. On October 11, 2018, a panel discussion/program will be held highlighting this history.

**\$1,000**

## **Back to the Old Neighborhood - Slow Roll Bike Tour** *Jewish Historical Society*

The Jewish Historical Society is planning a slow roll customized bike tour similar to their successful bus tour offered in the past. Funding is requested to subsidize a project manager to assist with organization, tour details, facilitation, and publicity.

**\$2,000**

# Seniors

## **Regulatory Changes: Ensuring Patient Safety** *Hebrew Senior Care*

The Behavioral Health Unit serves the most fragile and compromised seniors. The Department of Public Health has ruled that drop ceilings pose a safety risk. All ceilings on a psychiatric unit must be sheet-rocked to be in compliance. A total of 22 rooms need outfitting with new ceilings.

**\$3,000**

## **Creating a Safe Environment in the Behavioral Health Unit** *Hebrew Senior Care*

The furniture on the Behavioral Health Unit must meet strict safety regulations since those patients can be aggressive and therefore hard on their physical environment. Dining room chairs are specifically designed for a psychiatric population. A total of 22 chairs are needed.

**\$3,000**

# Education

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## **A Gathering Place** *Solomon Schechter Day School*

The school would like to update the auditorium sound and lighting systems to include new podium microphones, wireless microphones, and mobile back lighting apparatus. These upgrades are needed not just for school functions but also for outside groups that regularly use the space.

**\$3,000**

## **Washington, DC Trip** *Hebrew Academy*

The 7th grade history curriculum focuses on US Government. Children come out with a real appreciation of the blessings of living in this special country. The 3-day trip to Washington, DC gives students an incredible hands-on learning experience with tremendous depth.

**\$2,000**

*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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