

# Community Wish List

Fall 2022 (as of Nov. 14)



This newsletter highlights activities you can partially or fully fund to keep our community strong, vibrant and resilient. Thank you for your generous support!

## SENIORS

### Painting for Seniors

Federation Homes

Many residents at Federation Homes enjoy painting and would like to improve their skills. Your grant can help pay for residents' weekly watercolor painting classes, which are taught by professionals. Residents will be provided with painting supplies including canvas, brushes, and paint. Over the past two years, the painting classes have developed a strong following!

**PARTIALLY FUNDED- STILL NEEDS \$2,500**

### Rocking Around the Clock

Hebrew Senior Care

Rocking chairs provide a surprising source of exercise. Rocking stimulates blood circulation, maintains muscle tone and supple joints for seniors who get minimal exercise. Rocking chairs also help combat insomnia by lulling seniors to sleep. Please consider helping in the purchase of eight rocking chairs with cushions and help SummerWood residents rock around the clock!

**PARTIALLY FUNDED - STILL NEEDS \$2,000**

### Your Table is Ready

Hebrew Senior Care

First impressions matter, and that goes in all modes of life. Adding a Hostess Podium Stand to the SummerWood dining room will set a positive tone and atmosphere for our residents and influence how they feel about their dining experience. Your grant will help our staff greet our residents with style and class.

**\$1,000**

## SPECIAL NEEDS AND HUMAN SERVICES



### Mental Health Counseling

Jewish Family Services

The national mental health crisis has brought unprecedented need within our community. Therapy can save a person in crisis, but mental health support is, unfortunately, expensive. Even with insurance, many clients still struggle to cover the cost of copays. Please consider recommending a grant to defray costs. All funding will go directly to paying for therapy for JFS clients.

**FULLY FUNDED**

### Covering Vital Needs for Holocaust Survivors

Jewish Family Services

JFS supports essential needs for low-income Holocaust survivors, ensuring they are able to age at home with dignity. German government reparations cover a portion of the cost, but there are strict guidelines, and certain needs fall outside of their scope. Your grant recommendation will help JFS support survivors with personal homecare needs that would otherwise go unmet.

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## SPECIAL NEEDS AND HUMAN SERVICES

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### Emergency Assistance

Jewish Association for Community Living

In the past 6 months, energy costs for Group Homes using heating oil have increased by 46% and gasoline by 63% for the fleet of 14 vehicles. Your grant will help offset the increases that have tremendous impact on the Jewish Association for Community Living's overall budget. Thank you for your consideration.

**PARTIALLY FUNDED - STILL NEEDS \$2,000**

## ARTS & CULTURE

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### Connect Students with Local History

Jewish Historical Society

Please recommend a grant that will help students at area religious and day schools connect with the rich local history collected by the Jewish Historical Society (JHS). Your support will allow JHS to develop engaging learning activities on local Jewish heroes, overcoming discrimination, and community history, giving students a sense of belonging.

**PARTIALLY FUNDED - STILL NEEDS \$1,500**

### Sidonia's Thread Exhibition

Mandell Jewish Community Center, Voices of Hope, and Jewish Historical Society



The Jewish Historical Society will bring the exhibit, "Sidonia's Thread: Crafting a Life from Holocaust to High Fashion," to the Mandell Jewish Community Center (JCC) in early 2024, in partnership with Voices of Hope and the Mandell JCC. Your grant will enable installation of the exhibit in the JCC gallery and support author talks on fashion, the Holocaust, and how people established a postwar life in New England.

**\$3,000**

## EDUCATION

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### A Civil Rights Journey

Solomon Schechter Day School

Solomon Schechter Day School students are learning to see the worth and dignity of all human beings through a Jewish lens. Please help fund a journey to Birmingham, Alabama, where sixth graders will walk in the footsteps of Civil Rights giants. This indelible experience will inspire students to forge their own path toward a more just society.

**PARTIALLY FUNDED - STILL NEEDS \$1,000**

### A STEAMy Purim Celebration!

Solomon Schechter Day School

Imagine students developing a meter that measures the noise level of people "booing" as Haman's name is being read from the Megillah? You can help students explore the excitement of invention and solving problems. Your grant to Schechter's Purim STEAMfest will teach K-8 students to identify a challenge, research and propose a solution, and create a blueprint or prototype using the principles of STEAM – Science, Technology, Education, Art and Math. Students will foster the skills and knowledge that modern-day scientists, engineers, and academics utilize to tackle issues.

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## Summer of Service 2023

JTConnect

Summer of Service (SOS) is a weeklong Social Action Camp that offers 7th-10th graders a chance to explore needs in our community, volunteer together, develop leadership skills, build relationships, and of course - have fun! This year SOS more than doubled teen enrollment, from 17 (2021) to 40 (2022). We need your support to grow in 2023! Please consider a grant for purchasing program materials for workshops, as well as transportation, and food for 40 students for the full week of camp.

**PARTIALLY FUNDED - STILL NEEDS \$1,500**

## Teen Leadership Philanthropy Institute

JTConnect

JTConnect is expanding its Teen Philanthropy (TLPI) program by offering a yearlong program at a 2nd site (Farmington Valley Jewish Congregation), and by developing curriculum to include leadership development, fundraising strategy, and strategic grantmaking. TLPI will also offer high-level training, which is a great credential for teens on their college resumes! Your grant will help cover the costs for program supplies for the kick-off event and both TLPI programs, including online teaching, fundraising tools, and food.

**PARTIALLY FUNDED - STILL NEEDS \$2,500**



## OUTREACH

### FYSH Fest

UConn Hillel

Starting college can be scary! That's why Hillel is planning a FYSH (First Year Students of Hillel) Fest early orientation program for new Jewish students. The Fest will help students acclimate to college life, make new friends, and have fun through social and Jewish activities before classes begin. Your grant will defray the costs of meals, transportation, and supplies for the various Fest activities.

**\$3,000**

### Hummus Experience

UConn Hillel

The annual Hummus Experience is similar to the popular Food Network's show, Chopped. Teams of students compete to make the most flavorful and creative dish of hummus. Judges will evaluate these delicious creations and the winning team will receive free hummus for a year! Thank you for your consideration.

**\$800**

### Egalitarian Siddur and Benchers

University of Hartford Hillel

Please consider a grant to help Hillel purchase copies of Chaveirim Kol Yisraeil (\$6 each) and L'chu N'ran'nah (\$4 each) – a popular siddur and accompanying bencher for Friday evenings. These liturgical pieces offer the complete text for Shabbat and Festival evening services, feature a gender-neutral faithful translation of the Hebrew, and a line-by-line transliteration.

**PARTIALLY FUNDED - STILL NEEDS \$300**

### Comedy Keynote and Workshop

University of Hartford Hillel

Your grant will help fund a workshop featuring comedian Pamela Schuller who, as a teen, dealt with the “worst-diagnosed case of Tourette Syndrome in America.” An internationally known mental health advocate, Pamela combines comedy and storytelling to talk about valuing differences, and the importance of inclusion and mental health. She tells her story of growing up with Tourette Syndrome, and then teaches an interactive and game-filled workshop to help students create teams that value every person's individual attributes.

**\$3,000**



Comedian Pamela Schuller

## MOTL for Adults

Voices of Hope

Voices of Hope is hosting a March of the Living trip to Poland and Israel in April 2023. Your support will assist with the cost for an educator or interfaith leader, who will learn firsthand about the history of the Holocaust and the roots of prejudice, intolerance and hatred.

**\$3,000**

## Descendants of the Shoah Conference

Voices of Hope

Voices of Hope is hosting its 2nd Descendants of the Shoah conference this September to raise consciousness about the Holocaust, educate against hate, and inspire people to never forget. Your grant will provide free admission to the conference for Holocaust survivors, and to descendants who are unable to afford the registration fee.

**\$2,500**



We invite our donors and the community at large to review the wish list and consider supporting these initiatives. For more information, please contact:

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