

**Jewish Agencies of Western Massachusetts
Wish List
September 2016**

Please consider using your donor advised fund to meet one of these community needs. Thank you!

Agency	Amount Requested	Program
Hebrew High School of New England 300 Bloomfield Ave West Hartford, CT christensen@hhne.org 860-231-0317	\$1,400	<i>Physical Science 4.0</i> The physical science textbooks are over 15 years old. The department needs to upgrade these books to maintain the high standards of the program. The books are \$50 per text. Currently, HHNE has 5 new texts. Funding is needed for the remaining books. Cost: \$1,400
The Jewish Community of Amherst 742 Main St Amherst, Ma kerenrhodes@j-c-a.org 413-256-0160	\$6,000	<i>Jewish Education for Kids With Special Needs - A Makers Space</i> We at the JCA strive to provide an inclusive educational environment, to help all our children develop meaningful Jewish Identities. But there are more and more children who we are not able to serve through our traditional educational model due to their special educational needs (e.g. Autism Spectrum Disorders, learning differences and more). Based on work in the secular educational world, we would like to create a makers space, where children and families can explore Jewish themes and connections in ways that work for them. We want to be able to provide the technology, equipment and expert teaching staff needed to successfully integrate more students into our educational programs. Cost: \$8,000
Lander~Grinspoon Academy 257 Prospect Street Northampton, MA efrank@landergripspoon.org 413-584-6622	\$400	<i>Follow Along with Us! A Family Friendly Shabbat Guide</i> Many families from our greater community join us on Friday afternoons for a school wide celebration of Shabbat. We would like to design and print a book tailored specifically to our school's traditions that features translation, transliteration, and brief explanations so that everyone can participate fully and comfortably. You can help us engage our parents so they can incorporate Jewish traditions at home. Cost: \$400
Congregation Ahavas Achim PO Box 334 Westfield, MA andrewblumenthal@hotmail.com 413-569-1148	\$3,300	<i>Bring 'Em Back L'Chayim!</i> Provide financial assistance to new or past members of Congregation Ahavas Achim that cannot afford dues but would like to participate in and be a member of their community's congregation. Cost: \$3,300
Rachel's Table 1160 Dickinson St Springfield, MA drubenstein@jewishwesternmass.org	\$800+	<i>No One Wants to See a Hungry Child -Backpack Program</i> In partnership with the Holyoke Public School System, the Rachel's Table Teen Board works to collect, purchase and pack food in string backpacks to distribute each Friday to homeless children who attend Holyoke public schools and who have little or no access to food on the weekend. Currently, the program serves 200 children and can only continue to do so if sufficient funding is raised. \$800 covers the cost of one week of food distribution; \$3200 covers a month. Cost: \$30,000
Springfield Jewish Community Center	\$1,000	<i>Let There Be Sound - Audio Update</i>

1160 Dickinson Street Springfield, MA jgreene@springfieldjcc.org 413-739-4715		The sound system at the JCC is old and increasingly out-of-date. We are seeking funds to update microphones to modern frequencies, make our system more user-friendly and effective for our programs, and begin an entire overhaul of the sound system to support our growing youth theater. Cost: \$2,500
Heritage Academy 594 Converse St Longmeadow, MA mkonigsburg@heritageacademy.org 413-567-1517	\$5,000	<i>Performing Arts</i> Our students engage in a drama opportunity culminating in a school wide production of contemporary Broadway plays. Our performing arts space needs an update: new stage curtain, hanging mikes, wireless mikes for our burgeoning actors. Cost: \$5,750
Jewish Historical Society of Western Massachusetts janettrigere@gmail.com	\$900	<i>Jewish Artists' Beit Midrash</i> Year-long beit midrash for Jewish artists to stimulate their art through the study of sacred texts. Nine sessions, meeting monthly, with local rabbis and scholars Concluding with a community presentation of the work produced and a discussion with Q&A Cost: \$1,500
Congregation B'nai Israel 253 Prospect Street Northampton, MA Arebduvid86@gmail.com 413-584-3593	\$1,000	<i>An Eruv to Strengthen Community in the Upper Valley</i> Northampton has a Jewish community growing in numbers and observance. With an excellent day school, Lander Grinspoon Academy, and newly developed resources for creating a vibrant Jewish community of the future, like Abundance Farm at CBI, our town is attracting more and more observant Jews, both Orthodox and liberal, especially younger Jews who are or will soon be starting families. Creating an Eruv to allow Sabbath-observant Jews to carry will help the community grow even more, and will strengthen Jewish life for everyone by making Northampton a magnet for educated and committed Jewish households. Northampton also has the physical boundaries of an Eruv already in place: On the north, the phone lines running along Bridge St. from Rt. 91 to Look Park, on the south, the Mill River running from Look Park to 91, and going north-south, Rt. 91 itself. Creating a Eruv would be easier here than almost anywhere. We are seeking \$5000 for a staff person who will implement a study showing what needs to be done, arrange necessary agreements with the city, and set up longer-term maintenance and communications mechanisms about the Eruv. Cost: \$5,000
Hebrew High School of New England 300 Bloomfield Ave West Hartford, CT christensen@hhne.org 860-231-0317	\$4,000	<i>Hebrew Language Curriculum: Machshev nayad</i> The new Hebrew Language curriculum has a strong individualized component that requires students to complete readings and activities online at their own level. Not all students have their own laptops. We are seeking 10 electronic notebooks @\$400 :Machshev nayad. Cost: \$4,000
Lander-Grinspoon Academy 257 Prospect Street Northampton, MA efrank@landergrinspoon.org 413-584-6622	\$1,100	<i>Laminate That!</i> On a daily basis, our faculty and staff need to laminate instructions, posters, placemats, and more! A quality laminating machine will ensure that our classroom materials are durable and attractive. After 18 years, our current machine no longer works; your donation will ensure another 18 years of beautiful work at our school. Cost: \$1,100
Rachel's Table 1160 Dickinson St Springfield, MA	\$500	<i>The Gleaning Project</i> Gives youth to the opportunity to glean produce from local farms and then to deliver it to agencies that serve the hungry in Western Mass. It is an opportunity to teach them the value of feeding the hungry and taking care

<p>drubenstein@jewishwesternmass.org</p>		<p>of the land and to give them the powerful experience of rescuing food and bringing it directly to those in need. In the last ten years ...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Vounteers harvested more than 120,000 pounds of fruits and vegetables that would have otherwise gone to waste. · RT provided 18 agencies in Springfield, Holyoke, Chicopee, Northampton, Amherst, and Greenfield with more than \$500,000 worth of produce. · More than 2500 young people and chaperones from youth groups and classrooms, ranging in age from 6 to 76, devoted hundreds of hours to picking and donating produce. <p>Each trip costs \$500 and rescues more than \$3000 worth of produce- an amazing return on investment! Cost: \$12,000</p>
<p>Springfield Jewish Community Center 1160 Dickinson Street Springfield, MA jgreene@springfieldjcc.org 413-739-4715</p>	<p>\$1,800</p>	<p><i>Hanukkah at the Museum - Beyond the Walls</i> The JCC, in partnership with PJ Library, is taking our programming out of our building and to a variety of community destinations. We are seeking support, for our upcoming community Hanukkah program, taking place at the Springfield Museums. This program will draw several hundred participants throughout the day and includes puppet shows, an animal docent, a planetarium presentation, and a variety of Hanukkah activities like an oil press, dreidel games, and food! Help us share the Hanukkah experience with the entire Springfield community! Cost: \$3,500</p>
<p>Heritage Academy 594 Converse St Longmeadow, MA mkonigsburg@heritageacademy.org 413-567-1517</p>	<p>\$5,000</p>	<p><i>Literary conventions and Literary genre</i> Our middle school students are engaging in a yearlong discussion of literary conventions and literary genre, considering genre definitions, students' genre preferences, and the relationship between different types of literature. The curriculum includes deep reading and discussions of classic and contemporary award winning literature. We seek to expand our library to include the literature our students will be exploring. Cost: \$5,750</p>
<p>Jewish Historical Society of Western Massachusetts janettrigere@gmail.com</p>	<p>\$1,900</p>	<p><i>How Being Jewish Influences My Art</i> Call to Jewish artists for an exhibit showing how Jewish themes and motifs infuse the work of local painters, sculptors, etc. Curated by gallery owner Jane Trigere. Exhibit for 6 weeks at the Deerfield Arts Bank during which the gallery will sponsor several classes on traditional Jewish crafts: Papercut, embroidery, calligraphy, bookbinding. The classes are open to the public for a modest fee. Included will be a Jewish arts book exhibit and sale and a significant public lecture on Jewish Art by a notable scholar. Cost: 2600</p>
<p>Hebrew High School of New England 300 Bloomfield Ave West Hartford, CT christensen@hhne.org 860-231-0317</p>	<p>\$5,000</p>	<p><i>Make a Space</i> Create a Maker Space where students can work on special projects for a wide variety of courses from Judaic studies to Physical Science. The space would include a 3-D printer, an indoor garden installation, robotics and a wide variety of creative tools. Cost: \$10,000</p>
<p>Rachel's Table 1160 Dickinson St Springfield, MA drubenstein@jewishwesternmass.org</p>	<p>\$2,500</p>	<p><i>Essen-tials: Kosher Food Distribution</i> It is challenging for hungry people who observe kashrut, the Jewish dietary laws, to depend on food pantries to meet their needs. As a result, hunger among kosher Jews has become a serious problem. In collaboration with Jewish Family Service, Rachel's Table created a kosher food distribution</p>

		project. Every other month, RT distributes food to kosher individuals who are food insecure. More than sixty people in our community benefit from this food distribution program. \$2,500 covers the cost one distribution for all of the families; \$500 pays for one family for the year. Cost: \$15,000
Jewish Historical Society of Western Massachusetts janettrigere@gmail.com	\$3,000	<i>Oral Histories of Springfield Jews</i> Editing existing interviews and uploading them to the Jewish Historical Society of WM website. Cost: \$3,500

For more information regarding any of these programs, please contact the agencies directly.

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