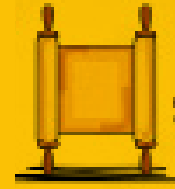


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2021 ANNUAL REPORT

Jewish Federation
OF GREATER NEW HAVEN



JCC
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A LETTER FROM OUR PRESIDENT, DR. STEVEN FLEISCHMAN



It has been a true honor and privilege to serve as the President of our Jewish Federation over the past year. It is hard to believe one year later, with a vaccine developed in record time, we are still restricted in our ability to be together. I am so grateful for the hard work of so many people in our community. I had a front row seat to see how our agencies and synagogues stepped up in this time of crisis and worked tirelessly to ensure that our community continued to do great work, protected our most vulnerable and tried to create community in a world of Zoom. We are so fortunate to have remarkable staff and lay leaders who, under incredibly difficult conditions, worked together to ensure our community continued to thrive.

A special thank you to Judith Alperin for her tireless work on our behalf. She is an outstanding leader who puts the needs of our community above all else. She has been an amazing partner over this past year and I am endlessly grateful for her hard work.

Despite all the work in dealing with the pandemic, we upheld the mission of our organization. In the past year we embarked and completed a strategic planning initiative that helped us chart a course for the future of our organization. We rapidly put together a team of staff and lay leaders to help plan our strategy to ensure our financial stability as we navigated the changing landscape with COVID-19. Thanks to their hard work, we built an eighteen-month recovery plan that I am happy to say is well ahead of schedule. Having this framework in place allowed us to monitor our recovery and gave us realistic expectations as the year progressed. We completed our first bylaws review and revision in more than ten years to help strengthen our governance. All the while, our dedicated group of lay leaders and staff met weekly to help review policies and make decisions about how to safely bring our community back together at the JCC and across our region. They developed online fitness classes, brought activities back to the JCC in an organized manner and helped our local families by safely operating the Beverly Levy Early Learning Center and generating one of the largest turnouts for JCC Camp this past summer. All these things ensured we made decisions that protected both our members and staff. A special thank you to Dr. Stephanie Green, who spent an enormous amount of her time on all of our committees providing guidance to ensure that our plans were safe. We could not have been successful this year without her dedication to our community.

Finally, I want to thank all of you! Without your support of our agencies, synagogues and our Federation, we could not have accomplished anything. So many of you stepped up to volunteer your time and to financially support our community. Our annual campaign was a huge success this year, raising over \$2.4 million with an additional \$500,000 in our special Covid-19 Maimonides Response Fund that supported local agencies in need. I want to acknowledge and express my gratitude for the incredible efforts of our Women's Philanthropy Chair, Nancy Cohen and our Campaign Co-Chairs, Jody Ellant and Howard Reiter. No words can properly express my deep remorse on the passing of Howard Reiter last week. His commitment to this community, Israel and the Jewish community around the world was unparalleled. He was an incredible mentor to me and an exemplary role model. His absence will be felt by all of us.

As we embark on this next year, I humbly ask for your continued support. Our community is always stronger together. As we emerge from this pandemic, I am hopeful that the lessons we learned serve as a springboard for wonderful things.

L'Shana Tova


Sincerely,
Steven



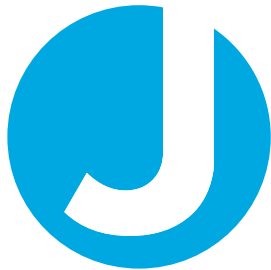
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THREE LOGOS, ONE ORGANIZATION

What is the Jewish Federation, Foundation, and JCC of Greater New Haven?

While each of the brands has a slightly different focus, we work as one to strengthen Jewish life in Greater New Haven and beyond.

Jewish Federation

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JCC
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The Jewish Federation is the hub of our region's many diverse Jewish communities. Our dynamic ecosystem of schools, social services agencies, camps, synagogues and supporting organizations, relies on our ability to see the big picture, facilitate collaboration, and advocate for the needs of the community as a whole. We build and sustain a strong, vibrant Jewish world every day.



**Provides for
PRESENT needs**

The Jewish Foundation is an expert resource for charitable gift planning and endowments. It serves as a partner and resource for synagogues, local Jewish agencies, professional advisors and donors. The endowment is just over \$74 million and last year its charitable distributions exceeded \$3.1 million (82.5% of which was to local Jewish organizations and synagogues).



**Provides for
FUTURE needs**

The JCC of Greater New Haven is the service arm of the organization, offering cultural, educational and recreational activities to people of all ages and walks of life. Its flagship programs are the Beverly Levy Early Learning Center, JCC Day Camps, and the many recreational and wellness programs. Driven by Jewish values, it is the meeting place for the Jewish community and a big welcoming tent for all. The JCC and the Jewish Federation are one organization.



**Provides
services to
the community
at large**



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The Jewish Federation's Annual Campaign uses the power of the collective to help Jews in need and to build a vibrant Jewish community in Greater New Haven, Israel and the world.

With your generous support, we ensure that there is quality Jewish education for our community's children, engaging Jewish experiences for young adults, connections to services that allow our community's senior adults to maintain their independence and their Jewish identity and the infrastructure to help Jews in times of crisis.

The majority of the funds raised through the Jewish Federation's Annual Campaign are used to sustain our Greater New Haven community. The funds are used to help people in need, support the elderly, strengthen Jewish education, inspire Jewish journeys, and allow for advocating important issues. Part of these services are provided directly through the Jewish Federation and some through our partners and beneficiary agencies. All funds raised through the Annual Campaign are governed by volunteers, whether these funds are allocated to our partner agencies and organizations, or directly support the programs and services of the Jewish Federation.

Every charitable dollar is precious and must be maximized for impact in our community. As recommended by the strategic plan, as of our next fiscal year (2021-22), the Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven will initiate a new grant process, which will include synagogues and all Jewish organizations who strive to strengthen our Jewish community. Funds available through the new grant process will gradually increase over the next five years. Submission deadlines and procedures, as well as key funding priorities, will be available on the Jewish Federation website.

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1,302 Gifts

\$2,467,654

Raised for the Annual Campaign

\$474,653

From PACE & LOJE funds
at the Jewish Foundation*

**Included in Annual Campaign*





JEWISH FEDERATION GIVING LEVELS & SOCIETIES

Giving Levels & Societies

The amazing generosity of our donors is what supports the life-changing work of the Jewish Federation each and every day. To express our gratitude, we invite individuals and couples who give at the following levels to join our nationally recognized giving societies, which provide access throughout the year to a variety of events. Each one is an opportunity to connect with like-minded people and to be inspired by top speakers. Thank you for helping to sustain our community through your most generous gift.



King David Society

The National King David Society provides special engagement opportunities and programs for donors who make an unrestricted, household gift of \$25,000 or more to the Annual Campaign. This affinity group is both a recognition society and a giving society. Special programs are geared toward recognizing major donors at this level, while also providing an incentive for donors not yet giving \$25,000 to increase their gift.



Joshua Society

The National Joshua Society provides engagement opportunities and programs for donors who make an unrestricted, household gift of \$10,000 or more to Annual Campaign. Special programs are geared toward recognizing major donors at this level, while also providing an incentive for donors not yet giving \$10,000 to increase their gift.

Major Gifts

This group recognizes donors who make an unrestricted, household gift of \$5000 or more to the Annual Campaign. Special programs are geared toward recognizing major donors at this level, while also providing an incentive for donors not yet giving \$5,000 to increase their gift.



Lion of Judah

Lion of Judah (LOJ)

The Lion of Judah is an internationally recognized designation for women who contribute an unrestricted gift of \$5,000 or more in their own name to the Annual Campaign. There are nine giving levels within the LOJ recognizing women who donate between \$5,000 and \$250,000 annually. In 1972, when the LOJ pin was established as a representation of a woman's commitment to the worldwide Jewish community, only 16 women qualified. Today over 17,000 women around the world proudly call themselves Lions. As of 8/31/2021, we have 52 Lions.



Pomegranate

Pomegranate Society

The Pomegranate Society is a National program recognizing donors who make an unrestricted gift of \$1800-\$4999 Annual Campaign. 30 years after its inception, more than 8,000 women proudly wear their pomegranate pin. As of 8/31/2021, we have 50 Pomegranates.



Sabra Society

Sabra Society

Established in 2018, the Sabra Society recognizes women who give a gift of \$365-\$1799 in their own name to the unrestricted Annual Campaign. As of 8/31/2021, we have 154 Sabras.



MEET OUR DONORS

Why I Lion Stacey Trachten



We live in an uncertain world and caring for those in need along with building a strong and vibrant community is so very important. The Jewish Federation is dedicated to the

continuity, connectivity, and thriving future of the Jewish people and that is why I give. It connects Jewish people here in New Haven, Israel around the world.

As a Lion of Judah, I am proud to wear my pin as a symbol of today's Jewish Woman's strength, caring, and ability to make a financial commitment to the Federation Annual Campaign. Additionally, I have endowed my Lion in perpetuity for the future of our Jewish community.

Why I Pom Betsey Flaherty



The mission of the Jewish Federation states "We honor those who have come before us and pave the way for those who will come after." I feel the goal of learning from where we came in order to progress

towards a brighter future is paramount to ensure the future of our Jewish community.

I give because for my whole life my parents have modeled philanthropy and instilled in me the importance of maintaining the strength of the Jewish community, which I hope to teach my children as well.

As a woman, making a gift in my own name sets the bar high for my children. It shows the importance of what and why I give. Being a Pomegranate lets me enjoy events with like-minded, strong, wonderful women who I share a love for Judaism and philanthropy.

Why I Lion Linda Greenhouse



The Supreme Court tells us that 'money is speech,' and that's true in philanthropy as well as in the realm of campaign finance that the Court was referring to. If we as women want our voices

to be heard, we have to show up as contributors in our own name to the causes we care about, to the extent that we have time or resources to commit. I grew up in the New Haven Jewish community and to me, it's important to make a personal statement that I care about its welfare.



Stephen Saltzman is Star of David Society's Newest Member

The Society, a national designation through the JFNA (Jewish Federations of North America), includes a distinguished community of donors who have committed at their local Jewish Foundation, \$200,000 or greater to PACE/LOJE (designated funds to endow a donor's Jewish Federation annual campaign gift) or \$500,000 or more in other designated funds.

Saltzman has established five different funds at the Jewish Foundation of Greater New Haven: for the benefit of the Jewish Cemetery Association, for the ADL (Holocaust Education) a PACE fund (Perpetual Annual Campaign Endowment) to endow his Federation gift and a LOJE (Lion of Judah Endowment) fund to endow his late wife Marilyn's Lion gift to the Federation campaign. He also has a donor advised fund. "The LOJE fund was my first," he shares, "as it was so meaningful to her that I

wanted to make sure it was fully endowed. I set up the PACE fund after to make sure there was an endowment to cover my annual pledges, for the present and into perpetuity."

Saltzman, a principal member of the law firm of Brenner, Saltzman & Wallman, LLP, recalls how he was rapidly drawn into our community after moving here from Providence, Rhode Island fifty-five years ago. "I like to think I've been involved in the beginning of so many things for Jewish New Haven," he says. From "accompanying Murray Lender by airplane from NY to Moscow, Vienna and Israel" as part of a Russian-Jewish resettlement project, to "being at the historic meeting when Tower One was approved", to attending meetings establishing The Jewish Cemetery Association, the local ADL chapter—gave Saltzman a front-row seat to, "pivotal events during my watch that I became very proud of".

From 1987 onward, he served on boards of key organizations dedicated to NH Jewish causes. These include terms as: Chair of the Jewish Foundation of GNH, Jewish Federation of GNH Fund Raising Campaign Chair, Jewish Federation of GNH President, Founder/ Director, Jewish Cemetery Association of GNH, President, Horeb

Lodge, B'nai B'rith member/ director, Director, Congregation B'nai Jacob, board member/chair of CT Regional ADL and member of the ADL's National Commission.

"I am proud of my Jewish Heritage" *Steven Saltzman*

"No one can match Steve for his dedication and service to ADL Connecticut," says Steve Ginsburg, Director of Connecticut ADL. "He has been on the ADL Board over 50 years...the longest-serving leader in CT—and one of the longest nationally. His perspective on today's challenges and opportunities is invaluable. Steve is known by ADL staff and lay leaders for his commitment to standing up against anti-Semitism, interest in building bridges with other communities, support of Holocaust education, keen wit and sense of humor and love of world travel."

Saltzman emphasizes why his Foundation funds, "reinforce the importance of endowing these worthwhile institutions. This stems from being proud of my Jewish heritage and wanting to sustain it in whatever way I can...in this case, for my New Haven Community that I've been in most of my life.



CREATE A JEWISH LEGACY



unexpected challenges and plan for the future. But ensuring that we will be able to do so in the future requires continued vision, commitment and a willingness to be part of a community.

Your legacy ensures that you'll be remembered and your work and Jewish values will continue beyond your lifetime. You can secure vital Jewish community programs today while ensuring a safety net is in place to protect and strengthen our Jewish community for generations.



LION OF JUDAH

A Lion of Judah Endowment (LOJE) is a fund that permanently endows a woman's annual campaign gift of \$5,000 or more to the Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven. The Jewish Foundation of Greater New Haven invests the endowment to maximize its value and the fund dollars are used to make your campaign gift.



Perpetual Annual Campaign Endowment (PACE) are permanent funds dedicated to ensuring an Annual Campaign contribution to the Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven, in perpetuity.

Perpetuate Your Support Through a Legacy Gift

Thanks in part to the legacy of those who came before us, our community has been able to have the human and financial resources to care for those in need, meet

\$13 million endowed at the Jewish Foundation to benefit the Jewish Federation Annual Campaign





Community Survey & Strategic Planning Progress

Prior to COVID-19, the Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven committed to conducting an in-depth strategic planning process to better understand the changing current and long term priorities for a sustainable future. After many months of data gathering, analysis, and direct input from our diverse community, the initial planning process is complete. However, this is an on-going process that will continue to engage and strengthen our collective Jewish community. We are excited to share some highlights from the results.

- 24 in-depth individual interviews
- 7 diverse focus groups throughout the entire community
- 1,091 responded to the online survey

COMMUNITY CORE PRIORITIES

- ➔ Caring for those most in need, with an emphasis on seniors and Holocaust survivors
- ➔ Community security: Jewish community members feel safe and secure to participate and be Jewish
- ➔ High-quality Jewish education at every stage of life, from birth through seniors
- ➔ Immersive Jewish experiences that inspire life-long engagement
- ➔ Shifting a larger portion of funding to local initiatives and priorities

Four pillars were identified as the core mission of the Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven:

1. Unite our Jewish community, embracing diversity and strengthening relationships through shared values and goals
 - Strengthening collaboration and relationships
 - Less duplication of services
 - Train and develop the community leaders of tomorrow
2. Empower Jewish journeys through learning and immersive experiences that create meaningful moments in Jewish life
 - Increase participation in Jewish education
 - Provide immersive experiences (missions, travel and retreats)
 - Make Jewish experiences available digitally at home
3. Maximize Impact by mobilizing the community's resources to address the greatest needs and effect positive outcomes.
 - Focus on community needs and aspirations through measurable impact
 - Increase total philanthropy for the community
4. Advocate as a voice of the collective Jewish community
 - Represent our Jewish community values in the broader community
 - Create and maintain partnerships with the government, private and nonprofit organizations

The plan provides a roadmap of innovative opportunities that will better support our community's synagogues and agencies, those connected, the disconnected and the not yet connected.

JEWISH FEDERATION OF GREATER NEW HAVEN'S VISION STATEMENT

"We unite our diverse Jewish community, inspiring each person's actions to strengthen Jewish life in Greater New Haven and around the world."

The mission and vision of the Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven allows us all to be a part of a strong, vibrant, Jewish community that engages resources in new ways determined by the core priorities: We look forward to working to increase community collaboration and cohesiveness in the coming years to further enhance the strengths and opportunities that will sustain us into the future. May the Jewish community of Greater New Haven continue to go from strength to strength.

The Board of Directors of the Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven wishes to thank the Melior Group, a professional research firm, for soliciting input from our diverse community, and to David Kaplan and Beth Rosenberg of Panoramic Strategy, for guiding our dedicated group of Strategic Planning Taskforce volunteers.

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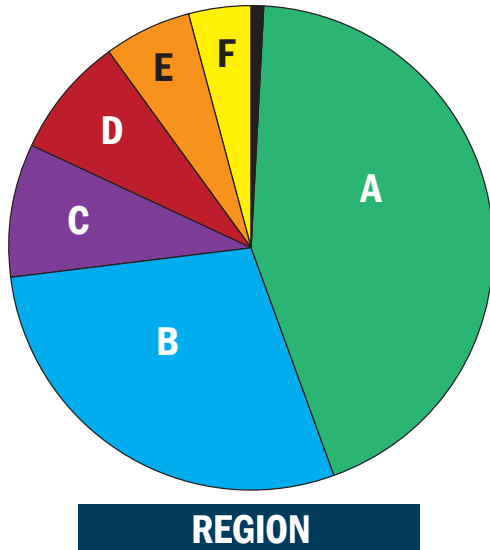
Judith Alperin	Stacey Perkins
Linda Bell	Dr. Norman Ravski
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Betsy Flaherty	Gayle Slossberg
Dr. Steven Fleischman	Jonathan Snyder
Co-chair	Robyn Teplitzky
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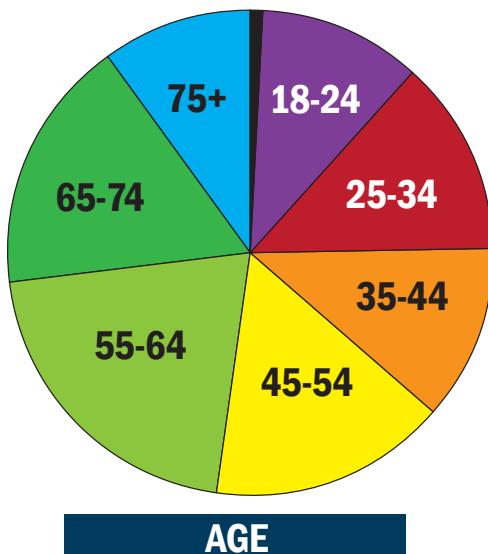
Community Survey Participation

With almost 1,100 respondents participating in the survey, the Jewish community in Greater New Haven sent a message to the Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven that it cares about the future and wants to have a say.

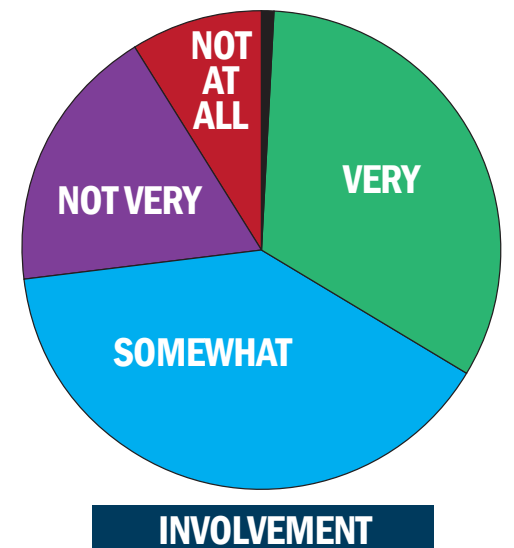
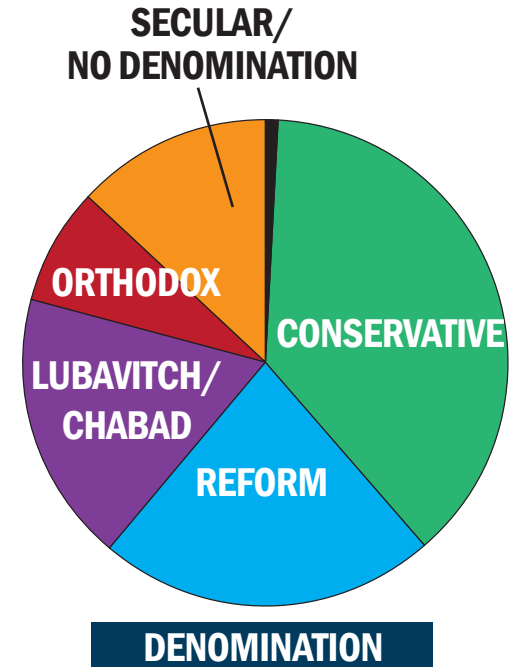
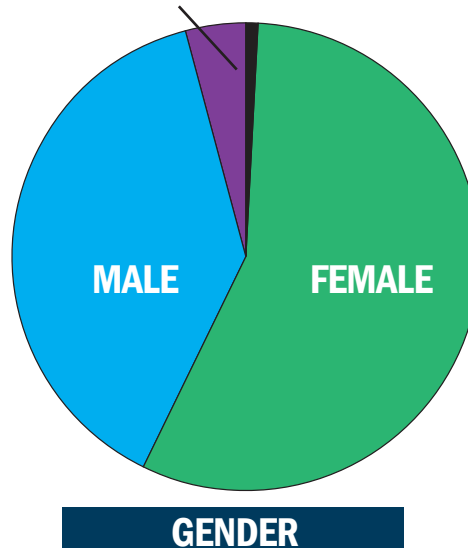


TOWNS INCLUDED

- A. Central (44%): Hamden, New Haven
B. BOW (29%): Ansonia, Derby, Orange, Seymour, Bethany, Woodbridge
C. Shoreline (9%): Branford, Chester, Clinton, Deep River, Killingworth, Essex, Guilford, Madison, North Branford, Northford, Old Saybrook, Westbrook, East Haven
D. Northern (8%): Cheshire, North Haven, Wallingford
E. Furthest South (6%): Milford, Shelton, (Towards NYC) West Haven
F. Other Greater New Haven (4%): (unspecified) n/a



OTHER (prefer not to specify)



CARING FOR THE MOST VULNERABLE



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We care for the most vulnerable members of our community, including many of the Holocaust survivors living in Greater New Haven today, immigrants from the former Soviet Union, refugees, and adults with special needs. Through our partners, we feed the hungry and provide resources, information, and referral for community members facing financial crises.





Caring for Holocaust Survivors

Tanya's heart fills with joy when she hears her phone ring. She grabs her cane and prepares to pull up from her armchair to answer it. Her apartment is small, just a few steps from the living room to the dining table, where she keeps her phone. 83-year-old Tanya came to New Haven from the Former Soviet Union in 1993 when she was 56 years old. Her story is an amalgamation representative of the many stories of the Jewish elderly, former refugees, and Holocaust survivors served by our community today.

Tanya picks up the phone and her face lit with joy when she hears Yelena on the other line. Yelena is the New American Acculturation Program coordinator of the Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven and she has been calling regularly, to make sure Tanya was OK.

Prior to the pandemic, Tanya used to come to the JCC to borrow books in Russian from the library and swim at the Marcia and Stanley F. Reiter Swimming pool. She felt welcomed, not just because her membership was heavily subsidized by Annual Campaign contributions (a subsidy offered for all former refugees who needed it) but because she saw many of her friends there and could proudly feel Jewish. Back in the USSR, she hadn't

experienced Jewish life and community this way. Any expression of Jewish tradition was discouraged and even dangerous. But here, through the New American Acculturation program of the Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven, she has enjoyed Jewish holiday celebrations with her local community of Russian-speaking Jews.

However, since the pandemic, Tanya doesn't leave the home much, because she is afraid of getting sick and can't accept visitors. Her niece lives in Connecticut but doesn't come as often, because of the pandemic. Unfortunately, Tanya doesn't do technology, either, which leaves her very lonely and isolated. Neighbors help with groceries and mail, occasionally, and she does have aid coming to her a couple of times per week, but many of her life's joys are now beyond reach. Tanya is a survivor. "I survived the Holocaust and I will survive this pandemic", she says with a faint smile. She was only 4 years old when the Nazis invaded Ukraine in 1941. Her parents were able to flee the Rovno Getto with the help of partisans and that saved the family's lives.



Tanya is one of the approximately 20 Holocaust survivors who live in Greater New Haven and are supported by the Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven's New American Acculturation Program. Other Holocaust survivors receive food packages, home care, medicines, visits

from Jewish Family Service social workers, and more. Beyond the direct support provided to Holocaust survivors, the elderly in our community enjoy coming to the JCC, which is a place for them to come together for educational, social, and recreational programs that also help beat isolation. Those who elect to live at The Towers at Tower Lane enjoy Jewish programming funded by the Jewish Federation's Annual Campaign, and most recently, kosher meals funded through the COVID-19 Maimonides Response Fund of the Jewish Federation and Jewish Foundation of Greater New Haven. Our approach is holistic—one that reminds Holocaust survivors they have a whole Jewish community working hard to care for their needs. As she finishes the call with Yelena, Tanya says "Thank you for calling. It is good to know I am not alone".



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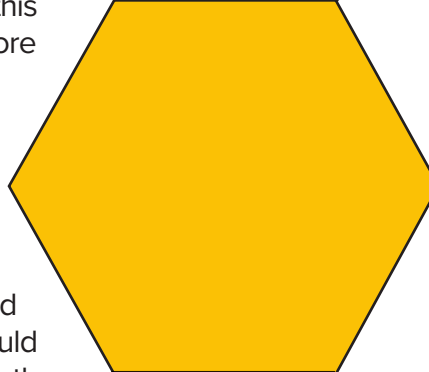
Feeding the Hungry

Sandra Hagan, the Food Pantry Director Coordinator of Agency Operations for JFS, has witnessed an excess of “new emergencies” since COVID’s onset. This includes an increase in food requests from furloughed service, restaurant and hospitality workers— a majority of whom have been struggling with no prospects of new employment. Other urgent requests are coming from “families struggling with their children suddenly home from school and learning remotely. More food is being consumed with kids at home 24/7,” she says.

Hagan points to, “A single mother of two children, ages 6 and 8, who came to the JFS Food Pantry for emergency food after she was displaced due to a house fire.” Since the younger child was in Head Start and older sibling was in elementary school, pantry staff provided this mother with kid-friendly, shelf-stable foods she could store and reheat in the hotel they were temporarily residing in. “The family continued to visit the pantry monthly,” Hagan recalls. “After six months, the mom said she no longer needed food assistance, as she was now working full time and had found permanent housing for herself and her daughters. She expressed how thankful she was to choose food items she most needed for her daughters... and could not imagine what she would have done if JFS was not there for her during those months of uncertainty.”

Although Hagan has started to see more “regular” clients venturing out to the pantry, “the majority of them are above 65 years old and have underlying health issues. Others are homebound, or are fearful of using potentially unsafe public transportation.” In all cases, these clients are the most vulnerable, needy and subsisting without any financial or social service safety net.

“In our community and around the world, many of our brothers and sisters are struggling.” Says Judith Alperin, the CEO of the Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven. “Through your generous contributions to the Annual Campaign, the Jewish Federation sustains our community and Jews around the world year after year. With the support of generous donors in our community, we will continue to meet the vast and growing needs of all who are counting on us.”



53,000 meals served

More than 300 families are served by the JFS Pantry every month





CARING FOR THE MOST VULNERABLE

Empowering Women in Need

In May of 2020, Women's Philanthropy of the Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven launched a local chapter of Dignity Grows™. The program was originally founded by the Jewish Federation of Greater Hartford's Women's Philanthropy and has now grown into a national initiative chaired by its founder, Jessica Zachs. Dignity Grows™ provides monthly personal and menstrual hygiene products to women, girls and individuals assigned female at birth who cannot afford them. Dignity Grows™ embodies the Jewish values of tzedakah (righteousness) and tikkun olam (repairing the world). Through this program, we empower our neighbors and remove obstacles to better self-esteem and health by providing personal hygiene essentials every month. Dignity Grows mobilizes volunteers to organize, assemble and distribute free, reusable zipper-top totes filled with a month's supply of soap, shampoo, deodorant, toothbrush and toothpaste, along with menstrual products. Federal grant programs do not cover these items, and people often do not think to donate them to food pantries. The bags are distributed by Jewish Family Service's food pantry, the Diaper Bank of Connecticut, Women's & Family Life Center, Mothers of Victim's Equality, Columbus House Inc., Connecticut Food Bank, and Gateway Community College.



79 donors and
volunteers

\$28,189 raised

720 Tote bags
distributed



SUPPORTING JEWISH EDUCATION



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We ensure that the rich legacy of Jewish life, learning, values and traditions will be transmitted to a new generation. Jewish day schools provide students and their families with a wealth of experiences that build Jewish identity, knowledge and skills—all of which can then pass on from one generation to the next.

575 children
participated in
Jewish day schools

\$170,500
provided in tuition
scholarships





Supporting Jewish Day School Through the Pandemic

SOUTHERN CONNECTICUT HEBREW ACADEMY

When the coronavirus pandemic first came to the States, shutting down schools and forcing students to adapt to distance-learning, no one knew what the future of education would be. At Southern Connecticut Hebrew Academy (SCHA), this past school year was unlike anything seen before. But it was special, nonetheless. Children constantly switched their masks throughout the day. Plastic boards were placed between desks so that kids weren't fearful of being too close to someone else. Sinks were transformed to touchless sinks and a ready supply of hand sanitizer was available to students and faculty. In addition to donating supplies to SCHA, The Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven helped make the in-person school year possible.

“We were very fortunate that members of our community understood the challenges and came through in a big way and that the Jewish Federation and Foundation helped us through the COVID-19 grant, in addition to the regular allocations and supplying for the school’s sanitary needs.”

*Rabbi Sheya Hecht
SCHA Head of School.*





Supporting Jewish Day School Through the Pandemic

EZRA ACADEMY

While shifting back to in-person learning after months of distance-learning comes with its challenges, Ezra Academy was able to keep their doors open through it all. Teachers and staff adapted to the changing situations to ensure a positive year for the students. Students, too, have been a vision of resilience; from sliding materials under Plexiglas dividers, to holding a book up to it or using a dry erase marker to write directly on the glass, they've exhibited tremendous courage in the face of changing circumstances. Unlike in previous years, children were provided with their own bins for personal materials, which helped them learn the importance of organization and responsibility.

Ezra purchased picnic tables and began hosting classes outdoors. Learning outdoors has shown to be a wonderful experience for both teachers and students. Mask breaks taken in the morning and afternoon, in addition to their mid-day recess, have helped the children immensely.

The Nurse's office was refurbished in preparation for the school year and an "isolation space" was built. While all of these changes require financial backing, grant money from the Federation helped ensure that Ezra students had a successful, while different, school year.

"We could never have done everything that we did without the help of the Federation and the annual campaign. We were able to receive our allocation and this was very, very important to us in a year where we spent \$150,000 more than our budget allowed for. So knowing that we can continue to count on community and the Federation allocation made a huge difference in our school this year"

*Dr. Melanie Waynik
Ezra Academy Head of School*





Supporting Jewish Day School Through the Pandemic

YESHIVAS BEIS DOVID SHLOMO

As a boarding school, Yeshivas Beis Dovid Shlomo experienced special challenges at the wake of the pandemic. However, they were able to address those challenges and move forward with strength.

A short time into the pandemic, faculty had realized that the boys became easily distracted disengaged during frontal zoom classes. Happily, the school had already been moving towards a task-base learning so when frontal teaching over zoom failed, they were able to easily move to 100% task-based leaning. This method has proofed successful and the Yeshiva intends on keeping it post-pandemic.

During the pandemic, boys' emotional and mental wellbeing was a concern. Many experienced anxiety, fear and loneliness. Some lost close family members or had family members that were very sick. The Yeshiva addressed the students' wellbeing by hiring a therapist who will continue serving the school community post-pandemic.

Being that Beis Shlomo Dovid is a Chabad yeshiva, community outreach plays a big role in the educational experience of the student. They make Friday visits to old-aged homes, the Yale campus, and nearby businesses, where they would hand Shabbat candles to Jewish women and Tfilin to Jewish men. The yeshiva looks forward to the opportunity to resume these important activities.



“Thank you to the Jewish Federation for the support that they gave us over the last 12-18 months. We are very, very thankful and grateful for that, and what it has helped us achieve for the school community. Especially through difficult times, it is good to know there is a source of communal support that can really make a difference”

*Rabbi Yosef Lustig,
Head of School*

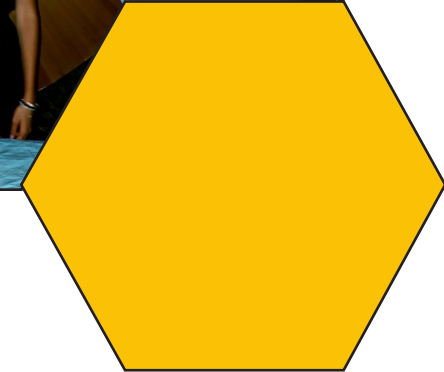
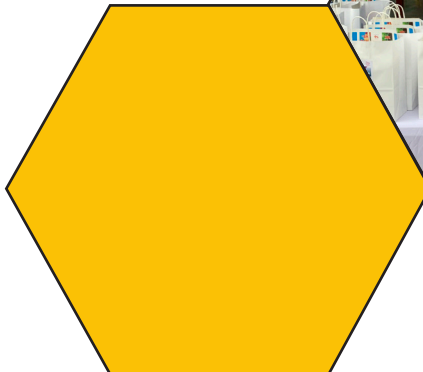
INSPIRING JEWISH JOURNEYS



Inspiring Jewish Journeys

From Jewish day schools, celebrating Shabbat with friends, learning about Jewish values or traveling to Israel for the first time, the Jewish Federation seeks to enable as many Jewish experiences as possible through its support of local partners, grants and direct program provision. This is more important now than ever. Recent Pew Research Center data found that Jewish connections are dwindling. To ensure the future of the Jewish community, new pathways to connection are paramount.

We are proud that several of our younger community members recently participated in the Jewish Changemakers Fellowship, a 3-week leadership development program for young adults offered by the Jewish Federations of North America. The upcoming Pathways to Jewish Experiences program, a collaboration between the PJ Library and Camp Laurelwood, which will launch in 2022, will build a cohort of young families “doing Jewish” together. Jewish Teen Education (JTE) is launching again this fall with new teen leadership. Ezra Academy will launch the Engage program as part of a collaboration with the Jewish Federation’s PJ Library program. Each of these unique programs coincides with Jewish Federation’s ongoing investment in Jewish day schools, Jewish camps, Hillels, the Beverly Levy Early Learning Center, as well as programs like Birthright, Masa and Onward Israel, all which send young Jews to Israel.





Shalom Baby

Shalom Baby is an outreach initiative of the Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven's Women's Philanthropy. Launched in November of 2020, it welcomes Jewish babies and their families to the Greater New Haven area's Jewish community. Through collaborations with area synagogues, vendors and agencies, Shalom Baby offers Jewish connection and resources to families who have recently experienced the birth or adoption of a new baby. Already regarded as a leading infant outreach

program in the US, Shalom Baby is now introducing local families to the Jewish Federation and Jewish Community Center (JCC), area congregations and other Jewish organizations.

Shalom Baby relies on the community to provide names of Jewish families who recently brought a child into their family. Each family receives a gift bag with helpful information, resources and welcome gifts from area synagogues, agencies and community sponsors. Some of the items included in the bags from the program's generous



60 Babies welcomed

sponsors are a teddy bear from Gayle and David Slossberg, a silicone bib from the Jewish Federation, a cloth bib from JScreen, a PJ Library® Book from Sound OBGYN, Shabbat candles from Big Smiles Pediatric Dentistry & Milford Pediatrics, and more.





PJ Library

Jewish families with young children in the Greater New Haven area can sign up to PJ Library and receive the gift of free, high-quality children's books, music, and resources that foster deeper engagement with Jewish life from the Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven, in partnership with PJ Library®.

In our community, PJ Library is about more than just the books. Throughout the year we gather for story times and special programs where community members can come to meet new friends. This past year PJ Library collaborated with the Jewish Teen Education (JTE) program to build three "Little Free Library" boxes. The Free Little PJ Library is a place to share gently used PJ Library books - "take one, leave one." The beautiful boxes were crafted by the teens at the JCC MakerSpace and placed at the Jewish Community Campus, Camp Laurelwood, and Ezra Academy.



**9,000 PJ Library
books mailed**

**558 families
served**





Kaplan Wastes No Time Connecting with Our Jewish Community

Interested in moving closer to her hometown of Madison, Connecticut from Boston, Elizabeth Kaplan recently relocated to New Haven with her husband David. She has only been in town for a few months and is already involved with the Jewish community—and it's all thanks to the Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven.

When Elizabeth was pregnant with her first child, she and Kayla Bisbee, Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven's Family Outreach Coordinator, found each other on Facebook. As a result of their messaging exchanges, Elizabeth signed up for PJ Library and Shalom Baby while still in the hospital, having given birth to her new baby boy. A few weeks later, Kayla, Elizabeth, and David enjoyed a virtual coffee to get to know each other better and help connect the Kaplan's with the Jewish community. Shalom Baby co-chair, Nicki Golos, followed up with a porch visit to deliver the Kaplan's Shalom Baby bag.

"I used to work for the JCC in Boston and I worked really close with the staff who ran PJ [Library]. I had seen a lot of the books and co-led some of the PJ programming," said Elizabeth. "We have signed up a lot of our relatives for PJ and now it's our turn to register".

When Kayla heard that she worked in

Boston for the JCC and was looking to work part-time for a non-profit organization and knowing of an opening at Camp Laurelwood, Kayla decided to introduce Elizabeth to Rabbi James Greene, Executive Director at Laurelwood.

One thing led to another and Elizabeth started her new job at Camp Laurelwood a few weeks ago as the Family Camp Coordinator. "It's been great so far," said Kaplan. "I'm really lucky to have a job that supports my role as a parent." With having a newborn, she is currently working part-time. Camp Laurelwood received a grant from the Foundation for Jewish Camp to facilitate several weekends per year, over the course of the next five years, welcoming families to get a taste of Camp Laurelwood.

"My role is to program and manage family camp weekends, planning the partnerships, getting families enrolled, and facilitating the weekends," said Elizabeth. "I ran family programming at the JCC in Boston so it's a pretty natural transition for me." Elizabeth did not stop there; she is now also a member of the new Family Engagement Committee at the Jewish Federation due to Kayla's outreach and engagement.

"I've connected with Kayla a number of times from the Federation and I



David and Elizabeth Kaplan receive their Shalom Baby gift bag during a porch visit from co-chair, Nicki Golos

participated in a recent survey of families and felt this committee would be a good way, both on personal and professional levels, to get connected to other families in the area," said Kaplan. "Now with working in the Jewish community but having also worked for the Jewish community in the past, I have some expertise in the programming, ideas, resources, and different connections," said Elizabeth "and I just felt I had something to offer from that perspective."

The Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven helps young families find connections to resources and to each other. Jewish journeys are fostered through programs like Shalom Baby and PJ Library that grow and nurture the future generations of our community.

THE JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER



JCC Adapts, Poised for Growth in 2021/2022

The JCC of Greater New Haven is a hub of the Jewish Community of Greater New Haven, offering a culturally Jewish environment that is accessible for all members of our community. The JCC flagship programs include the Beverly Levy Early Learning Center and JCC Day Camps, and it is home to children and youth enrichment, cultural arts programs, the Blue Marlins swim team, legendary basketball teams, award-winning fitness trainers and a myriad of other programs and services for people of all ages.

Even in this past challenging year, hundreds of member visits were recorded on monthly basis at the JCC of Greater New Haven. The JCC's strategic importance to the Jewish community is clear, as it offers a culturally Jewish environment that presents an entry to Jewish life for all who desire it.

The COVID-19 era calls for more flexibility, the breaking down of silos, and seamless transitions between on-site and online services. The world is more dynamic than ever and the JCC must foresee, adapt and leverage the opportunities that will generate growth and increase our ability to serve our members and community.

We created the role of JCC Assistant Director and instituted a new structure that will support growth and new program initiatives.

While we lost a large portion of our membership due to the pandemic, membership has far exceeded expectations as it has increased up from the stay at home orders. This summer saw record high camp numbers, with 250 campers in each of the two four-week sessions. The Beverly Levy Early Learning Center has stayed open, and is poised for future growth, doubling in size for the 2021-2022 school year. A virtual fitness platform was made available to JCC members and paid users, delivering fitness classes straight to their homes, allowing them to keep up with their healthy routines and socialize with their



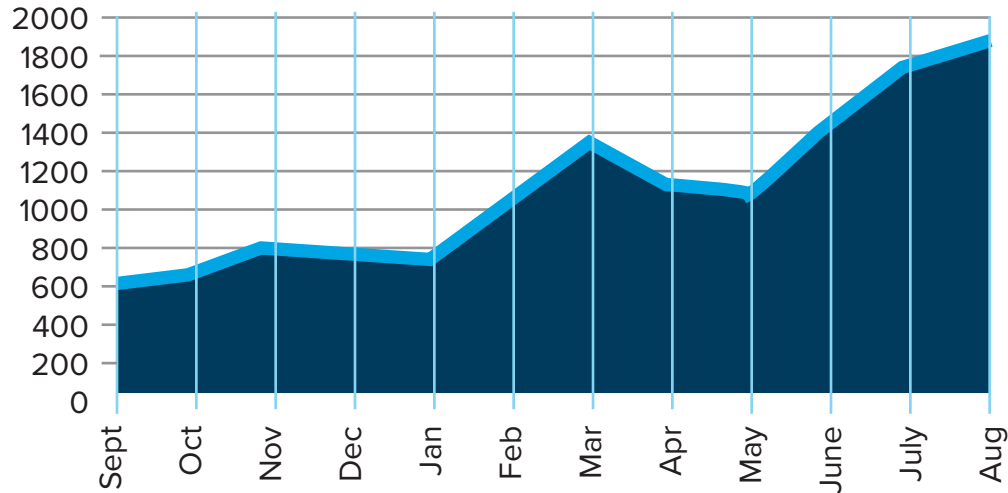
JCC community. The extremely successful all-virtual Beckerman Film Series connected our community to meaningful discussions around Jewish and cultural topics. The 15 films had 1500 views. In addition, this year we continued reviving and improving our facilities with a top-to-bottom renovation of the Vine Family Auditorium, which will be a destination for community and family events.

Over the past several years the JCC has served as a job-training site for Chapel Haven Schleifer Center. This past year we were proud to have been selected for their PAVE program, a more intense job training program for skilled and experienced interns, which requires a full year commitment from our departments. Our staff received training and our administration was involved in planning for Chapel Haven intern positions beginning this fall. We look forward to engaging with our interns and learning from our experiences with them.

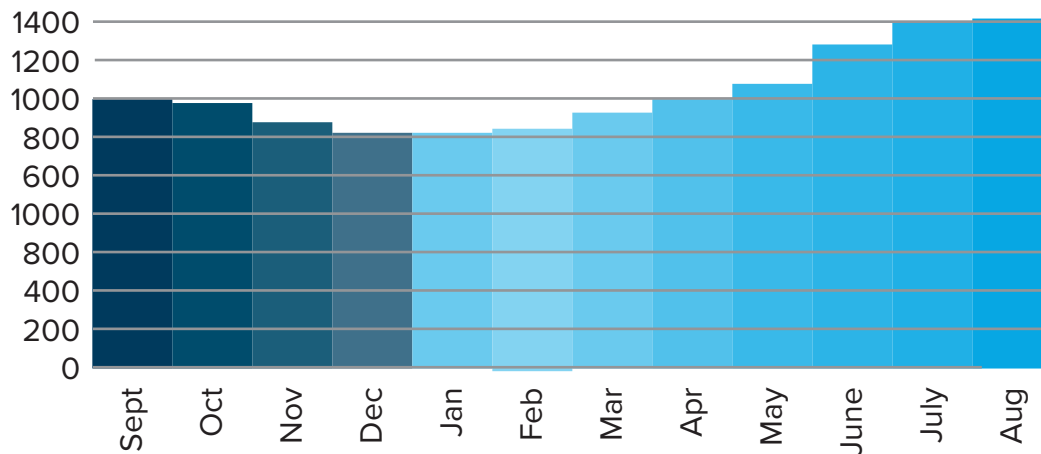
Extraordinary times call for extraordinary people to come together and do the work that makes our Jewish Community Center so strong and vibrant. We are grateful for our volunteers who have lent their time and expertise to the JCC this year, as well as to our donors, members, and staff. May we continue bringing our community together and providing enriching experiences to all.



Silver Sneakers and Renew Visits



Total Members





The Marcia and Stanley F. Reiter Swimming Pool Provides a Lifeline During Pandemic

The Marcia and Stanley F. Reiter Swimming Pool is a special place for so many in our community. Children of all ages are making their first splashes in the water, building their confidence and learning a life-saving skill; people with special needs push past their challenges to successfully learn to swim and experience a sense of achievement; adults with physical disabilities or health concerns come to our pool for recreation, exercise and to reduce stress. “In the pool, we are all equal,” stated Dr. Jeffrey Hoos, former President of the Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven. “Whether you are big or small, physically challenged or not, in the pool none of that matters; the pool is a great equalizer.”

Our pool is special. The community counts on it. Never was this more evident than during the past year. For the Greater New Haven community—especially during the COVID-19 pandemic—the pool at the JCC has served as a reliable and safe space, an oasis. The pool was the first facility reopened to our members as COVID-19 restrictions began to lift and since has demonstrated unmatched attendance and great praise. The safety precautions taken at our pool have ensured that it remains open and available to the community it impacts so greatly, establishing the pool as an undeniable symbol of resilience. Dozens of thank you notes and emails were sent by members during this challenging time, many

of whom recognized the value of the pool and what it meant for those who’ve used it.



What Our Members Have to Say

“Our family wants you and your team to know how much we appreciate your thoughtful efforts to reopen your pool in a safe and family-friendly way. Our two daughters, Waverly and Haven, are members of your preschool and burgeoning swimmers. Attending the family swim over the past couple weeks has been magical for them (and for us!). Swimming aside, we’ve been at home for four months, and it has been such a delight to interact with some members of the JCC community. We are constantly impressed by the professional, safety-conscious, and friendly pool staff. Sending gratitude and appreciation from a family of fish.”

Sarah Miller & Eric Gershon



Making a Splash: The Pool Inspires Generous Action

Many have stepped up to help sustain capital expenses and ongoing programs at the pool because they found it to be such a meaningful place. Jewish Federation's Chief Development Officer, Amy Holtz, shares that her phone rings often with calls from generous and devoted community members looking for meaningful ways to direct their philanthropic dollars in the Jewish community. The last week in December was particularly special, as Holtz received two calls from two different donors who wanted to sponsor a swim lane at our pool. These donations help to support capital needs and improvements, which do not come from operational revenue such as membership dues and program fees. "It was a wonderful and welcome surprise to have two generous donors interested in making a gift to our pool at the same time," said Holtz.

With their donation, Dr. Kalman Watsky and Dr. Deborah Fried provided that, "For thousands of years, humans have had to find the resilience to survive torture and slavery, plagues and pandemics. As Jews, we've had a lot of practice. We do so via coming together as a community, by nurturing our sturdiness via many ways, including physical mobility and comforts, as well as a wide variety of other coping mechanisms. Our own JCC offers us such a compilation of supports in our current time of stress. It is here that we can come together, some for pickle ball, some for spinning, some for swimming, some for schmoozing- en mask! We aim to support the JCC community in this way, hoping to pass on to future others who can find what enables their own resilience when the need arises. Thank you to all who make this community possible."

**5,000 people
of all ages enjoy lap
and family swim
every month**

**390 children
participate in
groups swim
lessons and
swim team**

**280 seniors
participate in
water aerobics
every month**



What Our Members Have to Say

"Thank you for everything you are all doing at the JCC! Being able to come to the pool has been delightful. It was the thing I was missing most these last months."

Mitra Sadigh

"Thanks to the JCC for the careful opening of the pool. We really missed lap swimming and are so grateful that JCC found a way to make your wonderful facility available again safely!"

Dianne Witte

"I applaud the efforts that you all are taking to make swimming available for us. I'm not sure how I would get through this pandemic without doing my laps! Thanks for all you do."

Alison Cunningham



All Day at the J to the Rescue

To address the needs of our community, we introduced All Day at the J, a supplemental school solution to help alleviate the stress caused by school closures and hybrid schedules. Not just timely but also very much mission-driven. All Day at the J stepped in to rescue so many parents who found themselves with little to no child care solutions. With so many parents unable to pay full attention to their children's online education—the JCC stepped in to provide daily assistance to those families. Parents could go to work knowing their children were in safe, qualified hands, receiving the socialization and structure children crave, need and deserve.

Open to grades K-7, children received high-quality academic support and enrichment. Our dedicated classroom facilitators supported each child's individual online learning needs. With All Day at the J, children were exposed to a variety of activities like rock climbing and arts & crafts, brain breaks, and academic support in a safe and supervised environment.

All Day at the J helped solidify the JCC's proven track record of safely reopening children's programming in the midst of the pandemic. Groups were kept small, separated and followed a set schedule, paired with the same staff. All CDC and Connecticut State health and safety guidelines were strictly adhered to.

84 children served

"The All Day at the J program has been a lifesaver for our family. While I work, my kindergartener and second grader get help with their remote learning and have the chance to play outside or in the gym during breaks and after school. Whether it's finding surprise art supplies, helping create space for a PE lesson, or troubleshooting a zoom malfunction, the All Day staff are always helpful and supportive."

Shannon Lane

"Our daughter attended All Day at the J last year and she thrived both academically and socially. Considering the difficult situation everyone was enduring due to COVID, the teachers and entire staff made the environment positive for the kids and we would certainly recommend this program to other families."

Michael Fox



SUPPORTING OUR COMMUNITY THROUGH THE PANDEMIC



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\$538,290

Deployed in emergency grants for critical human needs

1,500,000

Disposable masks distributed

25,000

Reusable masks for school-children distributed

8,500

check-in calls

1 Hotline

responding to people in need

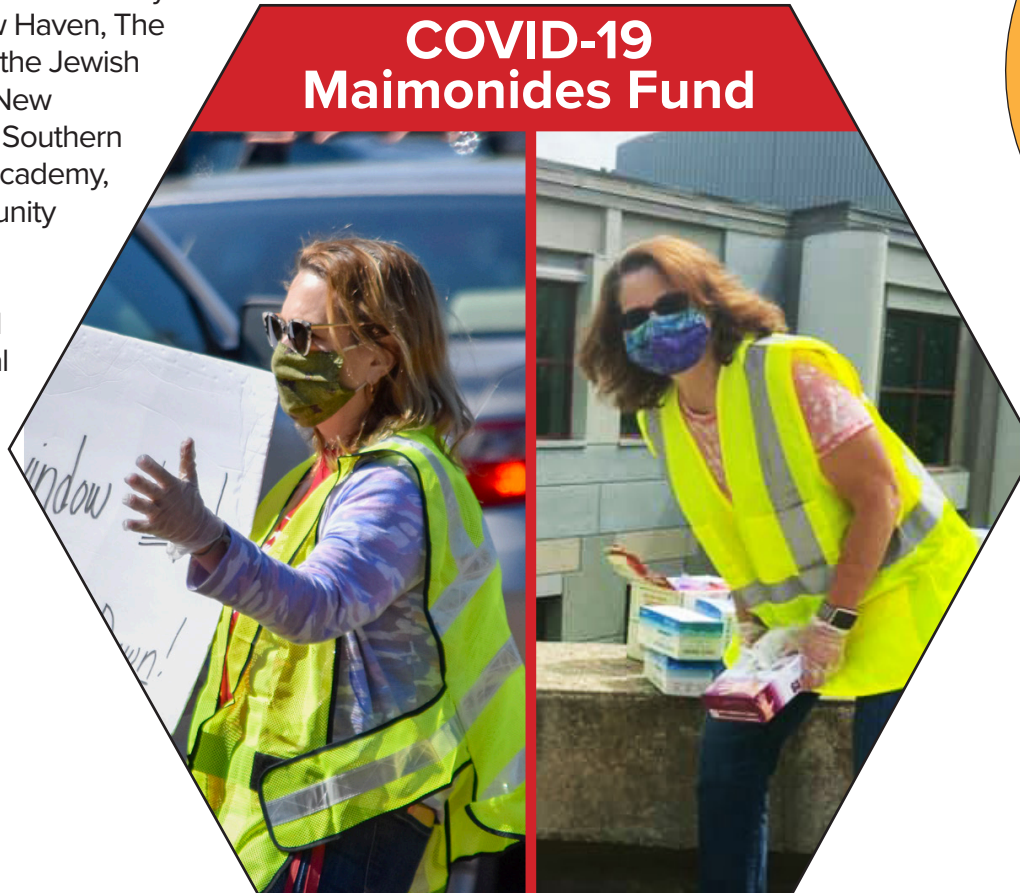


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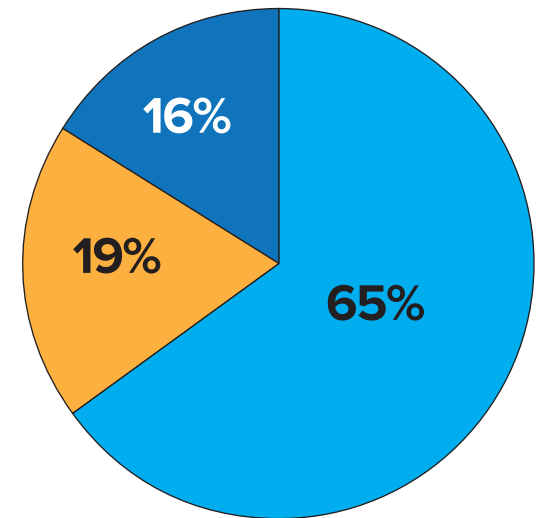
COVID-19 Maimonides Response Fund Supports Critical Human Needs

At the onset of the pandemic, the Jewish Federation and the Jewish Foundation launched the COVID-19 Maimonides Response Fund to meet critical emergent human needs in our community. This fund, seeded by the unrestricted funds of the Jewish Foundation and Jewish Federation, and funded by over 400 local households as well as the Jewish Federations of North America, has deployed \$538,290 in emergency grants for food, mental health and social services, PPE equipment, and to assist individuals confronting unemployment and loss of housing.

Grants were made to Jewish Family Service of Greater New Haven, The Towers at Tower Lane, the Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven, Ezra Academy, Southern Connecticut Hebrew Academy, JCARR (Jewish Community Alliance for Refugee Resettlement), and 12 synagogues. The Fund provided grants to local Jewish organizations and also reached out to New Haven's rabbis to channel assistance, knowing they are often the trusted leaders who individuals in need will turn to for support.



Total Monies Raised for Critical Human Needs
\$567,000



- \$369,000**
Individual Donors
- \$108,000**
from Federation & Foundation Unrestricted Funds
- \$90,000** from JFNA



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Chanukah Food Drive

In the weeks leading up to Chanukah 2020, the Jewish Federation and Jewish Foundation of Greater New Haven hosted a drop-off food drive in multiple locations, including Camp Laurelwood and Temple Beth David of Cheshire. The food donations were brought to Jewish Family Service of Greater New Haven who were very grateful. We sincerely thank everyone who participated in making this food drive a great success.



8,500 Check-In Calls: BEYOND THE STATS

“The woman I called said it was like an angel calling...we chatted for an hour. I told her about all kinds of things she can do online with her kids/grandkids for Passover. She wanted to express how much she is enjoying the online classes...She was so thankful”

Stacey Battat

“I reached a woman who is totally alone. She is over 65, lives in New Haven and is a cardiac patient. She was very nervous about becoming ill and having to go to the hospital with no one in the world to help her. I told her that her community is here and that we are all family. She started to cry which, in turn, made me cry. I told her that I would personally be calling her and that when this all was over that we would meet so that I could give her a hug. I’m sure this will be the beginning of a long and lovely relationship.”

Robyn Teplitzky



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Closer to Better Days

Prior to the pandemic, Mirna and Joe Kobel (names changed for the article) were not a wealthy couple, but they got by with Mirna's travel industry job and Joe's work at a print shop for their basic needs. As long as there were no unexpected expenses they did fine.

The pandemic changed their situation overnight. When COVID-19 threw a wrench in the wheels of international travel, Mirna's job ceased to exist. With the economic downturn and subsequent reduction in printing orders, Joe's hours were significantly reduced; he went from full time to about eight hours a week. The Kobels are both looking for employment opportunities but they, like thousands of others in our community, are seeking jobs in a shrinking market.

With a son in college, they are hoping that things will look better by the time he graduates. But his continued education could be at risk due to his parents' impaired ability to support him. "Parental contribution" is included in the financial aid formula, but colleges are not all quick to increase aid when a family's circumstances change. Their son was awarded substantial scholarships so their part seemed large but manageable—until things changed. The mounting bills and unmet financial obligations add to the stress of the social upheaval and



threaten the psychological well-being of the family.

Like some other local rabbis, Congregation Beth El-Keser Israel's (BE-KI's) Rabbi Jon-Jay Tilsen applied to the COVID-19 Maimonides Response Fund of the Jewish Federation and Jewish Foundation of Greater New Haven for help for a few households in distress. In a matter of days, the family received support to help keep them afloat while they restructured their obligations and looked for longer-term solutions. "While the gift did not entirely change their situation, it bought them some time and the opportunity to breathe," said Rabbi Tilsen.

Joe indicated that he appreciated the support, and most of all wants to get a decent stable job with regular hours. He feels gratification in giving to the

community through volunteer effort and looks forward to better times. Thanks to the Jewish Federation & Jewish Foundation, this family will be a little farther from crisis and closer to better days.

The Jewish Federation and JCC HOTLINE Served People in Need

"It was the first time I smiled in a week!"

Speaking with Sandy from the JCC felt like I had a new friend. It was the first time I had smiled in a week. I told her I was having a hard time finding toilet paper and she offered to drop some off to me. I could not believe such kindness from a complete stranger. Saturday morning I walked outside and saw the toilet paper and a plate of decorated cookies from her! You are all doing excellent work and I am so proud to be part of this community. God bless!"



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Helping People in Need

“It was one of those days,” recalls JFS’ Mental Health Clinical Director Hannah Leiterman, LCSW, but throughout the pandemic “those days” have been occurring at high speed. “My client had just received her first paycheck from her new job, but because of COVID, it wasn’t as many hours as she wanted. She had to decide: Pay the internet or electric bill? Both were critical to her children’s online schooling. Coupled with the stress of parenting her energetic, homebound elementary and junior high aged students under sub-standard conditions... her situation became too much to bear”.

At Shop Rite, her food stamps card would not work. After 90 minutes on the phone, the woman learned that even though her card “was simply worn out”, she would not receive a new one by mail for over a week. Leiterman emphasizes, “This meant my client would not have access to the money still left on it—food money that she had been counting on.” Thankfully, one email to Sandy Hagan at the JFS Nutrition Program Food Pantry quickly resulted in a scheduled pick-up of a bag of emergency food for this client and her family.

After contacting her fellow social worker Rachel Scolnic, Leiterman’s client was granted emergency funds to help pay

her internet bill and a “good faith” fraction of her electric bill. The JFS SOS (Social Work Outreach Services) team steered her through the daunting process of applying for energy assistance through the Community Action Agency of New Haven. “She was reassured her electricity could not be shut off during the pandemic,” says Leiterman. “Once her immediate needs were addressed, our team was free to focus on the client’s anxiety and the violence in her past that had brought her to treatment.”

Similarly, Scolnic worked with an unemployed single mom, “in a bad situation.” She fell behind in rent, was about to be evicted, and lacked expenses needed to care for her 10-year-old son, who was attending school virtually from home.” Emergency relief came swiftly through via the COVID-19 Maimonides Response Fund, and this mom was able to pay one month’s rent and purchase school supplies. Combining their multiple social service arms, JFS supplied her with pantry staples and helped her apply for food stamps and a job. Scolnic reports, “Her employer will be creating a new position for her.”

“The COVID-19 Fund was useful,” adds Leiterman, “Because it allowed us to say, ‘Don’t worry about money or insurance’... making it possible to treat our clients who needed emergent mental health treatment. I had a client who lost his job and his private insurance on top of complex child custody issues. He just couldn’t pull it together, or even think. This fund enabled us to treat him right away during his most critical moment. Once he got on Medicaid, other things fell into place.” The lifelines granted to these parents helped them navigate through “those days” of despair into brighter days ahead.





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Protecting Our Elders

The COVID-19 crisis has hit all communities on different levels, affecting health, employment and social needs. The scene for our senior citizens was particularly devastated by the virus and left many of our elderly neighbors in a state of loneliness and

vulnerability. The Towers at Tower Lane was able to answer in a quick and caring manner with the help of the COVID-19 Maimonides Response Fund.

“Our seniors have been disproportionately affected by COVID-19 because of their age and the congregate housing setting, so we had to take early action,” said Jennifer Bayer, Development & Community Relations Director at The Towers. The two buildings offer affordable housing for those in need and regular priced apartments for over 320 seniors with an average age of 86. Given the large number of residents, appropriate and quick action was a necessity. The COVID-19 Maimonides Response Fund was able to provide sustainable support to allow The Towers at Tower Lane residents to live in a



“The COVID-19 Maimonides Response Fund helped us in an unprecedented way; no other organization or grant organization helped us through three components with meals, personal protective equipment and technology to keep our residents socially engaged”

*Jennifer Bayer, Director of Development and Community Engagement,
The Towers at Tower Lane*

safe environment that would not only protect their physical health and well-being, but also their mental health and social needs.

All Towers residents received three meals a day regardless of their ability to pay. Getting groceries involves public transportation, time, carrying items or grocery shopping online, which implied huge risks for this specific demographic.

“We immediately began delivering three meals a day with disposable items at the front door for every resident,” Bayer reports. All meals were prepared and cooked in their in-house kitchen. They also took charge of delivering items. And that meant adding more work on the staff members to ensure the residents were living in a safe environment.

“We went from 200 meals a day to almost 1,000 meals a day depending on the day. We really believed it was how we could protect lives,” Bayer proudly states. As a result of this proactive strategy, there were only a few cases of COVID-19 in the building. The board was also able to purchase personal protective equipment, including masks, hand sanitizer and gloves for residents, staff and everybody entering the building thanks to the COVID-19 Maimonides Response Fund as well as funds from Yale

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SUPPORTING OUR COMMUNITY THROUGH THE PANDEMIC

Protecting Our Elders *(continued)*

University. About 1,500 masks were provided to them through Masks for Connecticut, a program of the Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven. Their delivery for personal protective equipment was delayed so the Jewish Federation offered them these masks; it was a huge help, Bayer gratefully says.

Physical health was the priority. Additional support was also needed to reduce the effects of the isolation the residents were facing. Seniors citizens are particularly vulnerable to loneliness and depression due to social isolation, and the health crisis impacted them tremendously.

“Being a resident in a one-bedroom apartment presents its own unique challenges,” Bayer points out. They decided to broadcast special programs on TV with classes and Shabbat services; the interactive element was missing for the residents to communicate with each other. “We applied to the COVID-19 Maimonides Response Fund for 40 iPads and we received the funds,” the Community Relations Director tells with excitement. “We have very user-friendly card games they can play with each other, they can speak with family members, do Facetime,” Bayer mentions. The Towers at Tower Lane will be receiving the iPads in a few weeks. They will be used if there is a resurgence of the virus or a particular hard winter; it will be a way to connect people and make them less isolated.

The global pandemic was, and still is, a big change in our everyday lives, but The Towers at Tower Lane managed to face its challenges with the support of the Jewish Federation and the Jewish Foundation of Greater New Haven.

“This past year has been difficult for everybody, and our biggest challenge was trying to figure out ways to keep our residents safe. We could not have done this without the support of the community. Between the Maimonides COVID-19 relief fund and the Jewish Foundation’s support through the Elderly grant we have been able to keep our folks safe and well.”

*Gustave (Gus) Keach-Longo,
CEO/President, The Towers at Tower Lane.*



ADVOCACY & SECURITY



We Stand Up for What's Right

The Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven is engaged at the local, state and national levels, representing the Jewish community's interests and concerns to public officials and agencies, the media and the community at large. Through our Jewish Community Relations Council (co-chaired by Arthur and Betty Levy), Jewish Federations Association of Connecticut (JFACT) and the national Jewish Council for Public Affairs, we protect and defend our values, whether a violation impacts our Jewish community or a neighboring community.

Hate has no place in New Haven, in the United States or the world. And yet anti-Semitic incidents, bias and hate crimes against minority groups are on the rise. In July of this year we experienced a bomb threat and heat-speech at the JCC of Greater New Haven. In April, the UConn Hillel had counted 10 anti-Semitic attacks, three of them on Passover alone. In May, the American Asian/Pacific Islander (AAPI) community rallied against 150% increase in hate incidents since the onset of the pandemic, and the memory of George Floyd and the New Haven rally against racism is still too fresh in our minds.

We are here to represent the community as we address issues like hate crime, boycotts and discrimination. Whether it is the Jewish community in the cross hairs of attack or other faith communities are threatened, we are there.





Standing in solidarity against anti-Semitism

At a rally against anti-Semitism on the UConn campus on April 5, Judith Alperin, CEO and JCRC Director said “It is critically important that we come together at gatherings like this to stand up and speak out... and that when you are confronted with ugly symbols of hate, or accosted with vitriolic speech, that you respond. If you see something, say something. This will not end until we hear the voices of more good people proclaiming love over hate, kindness over enmity, peace of persecution.”



Standing in Solidarity with the Asian American/Pacific Islander Community

On March 25, 2021, community, faith and city leaders from across New Haven gathered out front of Pho Ketkeo in solidarity against a rising tide of racialized hate and violence against the Asian American/Pacific Islander (AAPI) community, which increased by more than 150% since the pandemic.

At her comments, Jewish Federation CEO and JCRC Director said “As Jews, we know that freedom and safety for any of us depends on the freedom and safety for all of us. And it is up to all of us. Each of us must take the time to get to know one another. In order to build a truly inclusive society, each of us must do it together.”



Bringing the Jewish community's perspective to congressional candidates

On October 22, the 3rd District Congressional Debate was broadcast live on News 8 from the Vine Family Auditorium at the JCC. The debate was initiated by the JCRC of the Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven, and hosted by News 8's Darren Krammer. Paul Bass of the New Haven Independent & Mary O'Leary of the New Haven Register moderated the debate and Amity League of Women's Voters oversaw the timekeeping. This event was co-sponsored by the Jewish Federations Association of Connecticut (JFACT)



Virtual Mission to Washington DC

In February, 15 members of the Greater New Haven Jewish community joined delegates from across the United States for the Jewish Federations of North America's (JFNA) first ever Virtual Mission to Washington, DC. The mission enabled participants to hear from political leaders and policymakers who will fight anti-Semitism, ensure a strong U.S.-Israel relationship, and make the case for government resources to keep communal institutions

flourishing and provide for the vulnerable, such as Holocaust survivors. We were proud that Jewish Federation CEO was selected to introduce Rosa DeLauro in her new role as House Appropriations Chair.





Delivering for the Jewish Community at the Capitol

The Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven impacts state-level legislation through our membership in the Jewish Federation Association of Connecticut (JFACT). Comprised of all Connecticut Jewish Federations, JFACT is our government and community relations arm, and it lobbies for legislation that is of interest to Connecticut's Jewish community. This important work is funded through your generous support of the Jewish Federation's Annual Campaign.



OUR MOST SIGNIFICANT ACHIEVEMENTS IN THE 2021 LEGISLATIVE SESSION ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Advocacy that resulted in funding for our local Jewish communities:

1. An additional \$15 million will be available for Houses of Worship and other threatened non-profits to increase their security measures.
2. Funding for Citizenship classes that our partners run across Connecticut was doubled from \$50,000 each year to \$100,000 each year.
3. \$1 million in food Insecurity Grants to Food Pantries and Food Banks which will benefit several Jewish Family Services across the state.

Additional meaningful legislation:

- Create a Civil Rights division within the Office of Attorney General
- Create additional penalties for online harassment
- State that racism is a public health crisis



Keeping Security at Heart

For years, the Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven has monitored our community's security concerns through strong relationships with local, state and federal law enforcement agencies. We witnessed the deadly mass shootings in Pittsburgh and Poway. We endured the telephonic bomb threats to the JCC. We removed swastikas and rebuilt in response to vandalism. Most importantly, the Jewish Federation and Jewish Foundation offered tools and resources to our community to help increase the sense of security for all of us as well as assist them as they seek federal nonprofit security grant funding.

In December, the Connecticut State Bond Commission released \$5 million in state bonding to allow nonprofit organizations like synagogues, mosques and churches to seek a competitive state grant to help fortify themselves against terrorist attacks and hate crimes, or to pay for recent security improvements they have made. The Jewish Federation Association of Connecticut (JFACT), the government and community relations arm of the Jewish Federation system in Connecticut, led this advocacy effort.

Similarly, in 2020 and 2021, The Jewish Foundation of Greater New Haven awarded \$530,000 in security grants to 20 local synagogues, day schools, the JCC and Camp Laurelwood—this security initiative is in memory of Arthur and Yvette Eder. These security grants are to be made annually until the funds are exhausted. For many of our local institutions, these grants and their impact were part of larger security initiatives where the organizations worked with local law enforcement to assess what security upgrades were necessary.

Congregation Beth El-Keser Israel (BEKI) in Westville was one of the synagogues to receive this grant. "BEKI is grateful to have received both Foundation and federal funds to improve security at our shul," said Jay Sokolow, BEKI's security chair. "We at BEKI are vigilant and constantly looking to improve our physical and operational security. Grants from government and charitable organizations are a great help in keeping our community safe," he continued. Temple Beth Tikvah in Madison is another congregation to receive security grant awards in memory of Arthur and Yvette Eder. Suzanne Frisch, the communications co-chair, explained that grant money given to the congregation allowed the preschool security system to be updated by financing a more secure system which includes cameras, among other sophisticated security technology. "As a 'soft target,' both a school and a Jewish institution, this system helps to guarantee that only people who are supposed to be inside can access the building, greatly increasing our sense of security," Frisch said.

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\$277,000
**Awarded in grants
for security thanks
to the Arthur Eder
Family Fund at the
Jewish Foundation**

\$5,000,000
**Released in state
bonding to fortify
security for religious
institutions—thanks for
the successful advocacy effort
Jewish Federations Association
of Connecticut (JFACT)**

**National funding for
security to religious
institutions
doubled to \$180
million thanks to
Jewish Federations of North
America's national advocacy
office in Washington DC**



Keeping Security at Heart *(continued from previous page)*

It isn't only synagogues who have utilized the Foundation's grant. Edina Oestreicher, executive director at UConn Hillel, requested funds to provide security enhancements for UConn's Trachten-Zachs Hillel House. "Hillel offers a warm and welcoming 'home away from home' for Jewish students at UConn, and we prioritize their safety," she said. Grant funds went towards purchasing improved technology including cameras and lighting.

The Jewish Federation system, with its Washington office in the lead, has worked tirelessly to help our legislators understand why their support for funding is so critical. As a direct result, funding levels have doubled from \$90 million to \$180 million. But there's still more work to be done. "While these measures are significant, they are certainly not enough," commented Evan Wyner, Vice President of Security and Facilities on the Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven's Board of Directors. "Pittsburgh, Poway, and Halle taught us that our responsibility had become far greater than ever before. We must be expertly prepared and in order to achieve optimum security, we must collaborate and work together as one community."

The Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven entered an agreement in March 2021 with three other Connecticut Federations and Secure Community Network (SCN) to hire a full-time Regional Security Advisor (RSA). Each congregation, agency, facility, kosher establishment and Chabad house will be served through the development and implementation of strategic frameworks, best practice policies and procedures, threat and vulnerability assessments, training and education, safety and security matters, and crisis management support during critical incidents. As the official safety and security organization of the North American Jewish community, SCN will also benefit our community through their security and intelligence resources, trusted best practices, training opportunities, facility assessments, and the vast knowledge and experience of its current and former military and law enforcement experts. "Security was indicated as a top priority for our community in a recent community survey we conducted, and it is certainly a top priority for our Jewish Federation," said Judith Alperin, CEO of the Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven. "We take this step with a strong sense of mission and responsibility for our community and look forward to a fruitful collaboration with all the facets of our Jewish community," she concluded.



Michael Shanbrom

A Regional Security Director funded by the Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven and three other Federations will commence in October 2021, benefiting every Jewish school, camp, synagogue, and kosher restaurant in Greater New Haven

THE JEWISH FOUNDATION



Jewish Foundation Grants and Scholarship Awards

Grants for the Jewish Elderly

The Jewish Foundation's Grants for the Elderly initiative is available thanks to the Jewish Home Building Fund Corporation as well as community members who donated generously to ensure that our community would properly care and provide for our elderly. This year **\$150,000 was distributed** to Jewish Family Service of Greater New Haven, for their Care Navigator program assisting community members to care for their aging parents; and to the Towers at Tower Lane for their Meal Sustainability Project helping feed those in need.



Security Grants Initiative in Memory of Arthur and Yvette Eder for Synagogues, Day Schools, and Camps

As of August 31, this initiative awarded **\$277,000 in grants** towards armed guards, new alarm and monitoring systems, protective window film, gates, cameras, and much more. Awards were made to Camp Gan Israel, Camp Laurelwood, Congregation Beth El-Keser Israel, Congregation Beth Israel (Wallingford), Congregation Beth Shalom Rodfe Zedek, Congregation B'nai Jacob, Congregation Mishkan Israel, Congregation Or Shalom, Chabad of Hamden, Chabad of the Shoreline, Ezra Academy, Hebrew Congregation of Woodmont, the Israeli Jewish Center, JCC of Greater New Haven, Orchard Street Shul, Slifka Center for Jewish Life at Yale, Southern Connecticut Hebrew Academy, Temple Emanuel, Temple Beth David of Cheshire, Temple Beth Shalom, Temple Beth Tikvah, and The Westville Synagogue. This will be an annual process until the fund is exhausted. Towers at Tower Lane for their Meal Sustainability Project helping feed those in need.

One Happy Camper Scholarships

This year, a total of **\$30,650 was granted** for our local youth to experience Jewish overnight summer camp. Thanks to One Happy Camper and the Jewish Foundation of Greater New Haven, 23 campers received a total of \$15,400 in needs-blind, first-time camper incentive grants to and 22 kids received \$15,250 in needs-based financial aid.

College & Israel Scholarship Awards

- **MARY TAYLOR FRIEDLER SCHOLARSHIP WAS AWARDED TO:**
Caleb Freiman from Amity High School who will attend Wesleyan University.
- **STUART J. DRELL SCHOLARSHIP WAS AWARDED TO:**
Maxwell Plenby from West Hartford who will attend Manhattanville College.
- **EMMA KOHN PODOLOFF SCHOLARSHIP FUND OF THE GREATER NEW HAVEN SECTION OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF JEWISH WOMEN WAS AWARDED TO:**
Lexi Carim from Mark T. Sheehan High School in Wallingford who will attend Worcester Polytechnic Institute.
- **ISRAEL EXPERIENCE SCHOLARSHIP/ GAP YEAR AWARDED TO:**
Naomi Deitsch from New Haven who will attend Machon Alte/Seminary Chaya Mushka.



Former Jewish Home Assets Benefit Local Jewish Elderly

When the Jewish Home for the Aged was sold to a Chicago firm in 2011, the Jewish Home Building Fund Corporation, which was a separate entity, continued to hold the former Jewish Home's assets, including, many of the Jewish Home's treasures which were moved into storage. In addition to archival materials, the storage items included art, Torahs, and yahrtzeit plaques. In December 2019, the Jewish Home Building Fund transferred their funds and all of the contents of the storage units to the Jewish Foundation of Greater New Haven. The articles below provide an update on how the assets are now being used to benefit the Jewish community of Greater New Haven.

Grants for the Jewish Elderly

The Jewish Home Building Fund Corporation's cash assets were transferred to the Jewish Foundation to establish permanent, designated endowment funds to benefit the Jewish elderly. The Jewish Foundation established a grants process for the annual distributions from these endowment funds. These annual grants support programs and organizations that benefit the Jewish elderly residing in greater New Haven. Now in its second year, this initiative will award a total of \$150,000, in 2021, to Jewish Family Service of Greater New Haven (JFS) and The Towers at Tower Lane (In 2020, a total of \$130,000 was awarded). With this grant, JFS will help community members care for their aging parents by rolling out its Care Navigator program. JFS CEO Amy Rashba, LCSW, told Shalom New Haven that the new program will hire "two Aging Resource Specialists and a Community Social and Wellness coordinator who will address more pressing needs, not just for the elderly, but their loved ones as well, particularly after the devastation of the pandemic." These



specialists will be able to educate and guide families through the complicated decisions that come with aging.

Cindy Leffell, The Towers Board Chair, shared that they are "proud to be tackling one of the major ongoing problems faced by New Haven's seniors—food insecurity." The grant money will be used toward the Meal Sustainability Project, helping feed those in need, thus upholding the Jewish value of *kvod habriyot*, honoring human dignity. As stated in the Towers' grant application, "typically, organizations try to solve the problem of food insecurity each year through volunteer programs, drives, or

through private donations. We are actually going to come close to solving the problem for the long-term." Specifically, the project aims to expand the existing meal plan, for those in-need, from six to fourteen meals a week, expand the hours and availability of food, and make The Towers at Tower Lane more energy efficient overall.

The COVID-19 pandemic has forced many older adults into isolation and added further complications to an already complicated stage of life. In light of this, the Care Navigator program and the Meal Sustainability Project should provide some much-needed assistance to Greater New Haven's Jewish elderly.

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Jewish Home Archival Materials—Jewish Historical Society Digital Archive

New Haven's Jewish Home for the Aged, which was located on Davenport Avenue, may be gone, but a partnership between the Jewish Foundation of Greater New Haven and the Jewish Historical Society of Greater New Haven (JHS) will assure that it and its effect on the city's Jewish life and history will live on.

The Jewish Home's paper records, gifted from the Jewish Foundation to the JHS, are of significant historical value and will help to fill out the already extensive collection of Jewish Home documents.

The JHS will use the grant to hire an archivist to work at least 20 hours per week over a two-year period. Beyond supervising the cataloguing of the Jewish Home material, the first goal will be to create an online database that encompasses both previous materials and the new accessions. The archivist will oversee the digitization of Jewish Home records, photographs and artworks and create a database from the Jewish Home's large number of Yizkor plaques.

Ideally, the archivist and the JHS staff will create a digital display of the Jewish Home materials and also will work with Brian Real of the Southern Connecticut State University (SCSU) library science department to determine if it is possible to integrate the JHS archival materials into the SCSU library's digital catalogue. The Jewish Home's collection will be the first to receive this treatment and will serve as a model for other JHS collections.





Former Jewish Home for the Aged Torah Scrolls

Eight Torah scrolls which belonged to the Jewish Home for the Aged in New Haven and had been in storage since the Jewish Home closed in 2011, have recently found new

homes. Some of the recipients include Temple Emanuel, the Jewish Israeli Center, The Towers at Tower Lane and Camp Laurelwood. Rabbi Farbman of Temple Emanuel

explained that his community is “very excited to hear that [it] can become a long-term guardian of such a scroll” and that they “look forward, following some minor restoration, to ‘welcoming’ this scroll into [their] ark!” At the Jewish Israeli Center, Rabbi Raskin stated, “it’s an honor to make use and extend the life of a Torah that belonged to a community that doesn’t exist anymore, and to make it accessible to people on a weekly basis.”

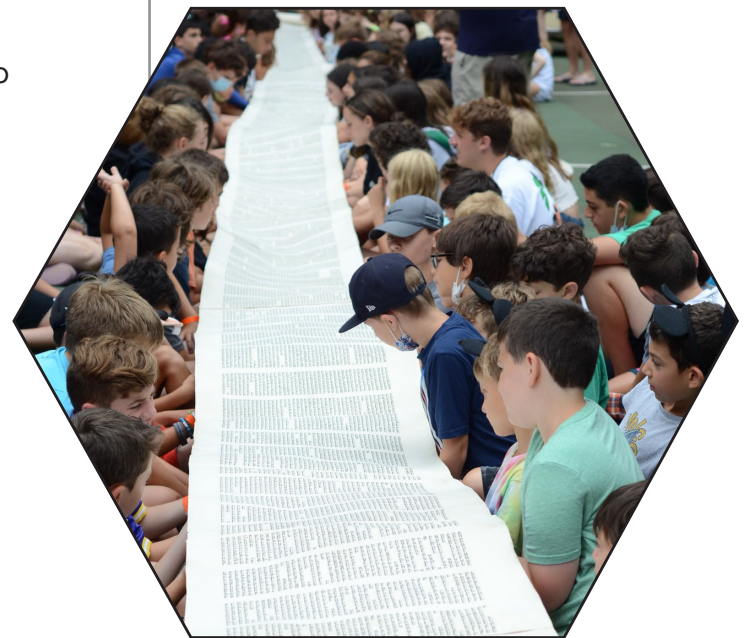
The Greater New Haven community is in a uniquely fortunate position, being able to distribute so many fully-functional Torah scrolls after over a decade in storage.

“It is so meaningful that this Torah, used by our community’s elders and senior population will once again bring Judaism, learning and joy to The Towers community,” explained The Towers at Tower Lane’s President, Gustave Keach- Longo, “It is so fitting that this Torah will continue its legacy in the primary home for Jewish seniors and services in Greater New Haven. Our community will cherish this gift for years and years to come.”

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*Gustave (Gus) Keach-Longo,
CEO/President, The Towers at Tower Lane.*

This season, Camp Laurelwood has been able to welcome a Torah scroll to their camp. The scroll, had been in storage since the Jewish Home closed in 2011. “We created a ritual where our cornerstone fellows (third year counselors who were all campers at Laurelwood) help us unroll the scroll. We asked our campers to get into two lines and then sit down, and we unrolled the scroll on top of them, so their legs were supporting the scroll. We stretched across an entire basketball court at our Chuppah. We asked the campers and counselors to look for things in the scroll that were noticeable—crowns on the letters, breaks in the writing, letters of different sizes. It gave us a chance to talk about the journey of our ancestors was full of differences, and how those differences make the scroll special, just as our differences make our Camp community whole and special. We also talked about how the journey of our ancestors supports the community we are today, just as we are supporting the scroll with our bodies. We made a sheheheyanu, read from it, and sang some Torah songs led by one of our new counselors, Jessica. It was such a special moment, and would not have been possible without the help and support of the Jewish Foundation of Greater New Haven,” states Rabbi James Green, Camp Laurelwood Executive Director.





The Women of Vision Society

The Jewish Foundation's Women of Vision Society has been helping women and girls in the Greater New Haven area and Israel for over 20 years. This endowment, created by 100 founding members in our community, has tackled issues from domestic violence and health to acculturation and spirituality. The endowment has more than doubled its membership and giving since its creation. **Since its inception, Women of Vision has disbursed over \$220,000 to help seed and sustain critical programming and services for women and girls.**



New women of vision

Judy Cooper
Harriet K. Fast
Bertha Kahn
Judy Naden
Dawn Staton

2021 Women of Vision Grant Recipients

Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven—Dignity Grows

Human Dignity is not a luxury, yet many women suffer from period poverty, lacking money to purchase basic menstrual and hygiene products. This initiative mobilizes volunteers to organize, assemble, and distribute free, reusable totes filled with a month's supply of these basic necessities. This program also collaborates with local organizations, such as Jewish Family Service and the Diaper Bank, to get the monthly supplies to the women who need them.



Yashar LaChayal—Female Hareidi Lone Soldier Project

This organization has supported lone soldiers in the Israeli Defense Forces since 2006, and ultra-orthodox lone soldiers since 2019. The support of female, ultra-orthodox lone soldiers is their newest initiative. These young women are soldiers from ultra-orthodox families who do not receive support from their families due to their decisions to serve in the Israeli Defense Forces. These girls need a place to live and a support system that will guide them—including a home for them while they are on leave, assistance with integration into the IDF, and a support system during and after their service.



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2021 Women of Vision Grant Recipients *(continued)*



Eschcolot B'emek U'behar–Living Space

This program is located in Kibbutz Megiddo in the Afula-Gilboa region, New Haven's sister community in Israel. The program provides occupational and therapeutic work for 120 intellectually disabled adults who are residents of the kibbutz. This farm/petting zoo uses animal assisted therapy to empower and address the emotional needs of the kibbutz residents while providing them with meaningful work. The program also partners with area volunteers including army groups, an area juvenile detention center, a women's drug rehabilitation center, and retirees.

The Towers at Tower Lane–

Dignified Dining: Dining Scarves Initiative

The Towers is launching a new dining program for those residents with dementia and/or cognitive decline who cannot dine comfortably in the Towers' main dining room. This project is being overseen by a task force of dementia, aging, and dining experts to ensure excellence in its delivery. Features will include new contrast rimmed dishes, new equipment, menus that include photos, adjusted lighting and staff training. Residents with dementia and/or cognitive decline often require bibs, which can be infantilizing and humiliating for an adult. The dining scarves initiative of this program allows other Towers' residents to create beautiful washable dining scarves, which can be used in place of bibs, for the participants in the dignified dining program.



Eshcolot B'emek U'behar: Women of Vision Grant for Therapeutic Petting Zoo

The Eshcolot B'emek U'behar organization was founded in 2004 by parents of disabled children. Its activities are centered in the north of Israel, in the Afula-Gilboa region, and it serves a population which includes adults with Down Syndrome and Autism, as well as those with other intellectual and developmental disabilities. This program provides both vocational training and therapeutic services. The residents of the seven institutions in the area are served by the daily, weekly or monthly activities and services that provide for their welfare, and their emotional well-being.

In a novel approach to provide a sustaining, satisfying lifestyle for these adults, the Eshcolot program established a Visitor's Center which is housed at Kibbutz Megiddo, where 120 participants from the program operate and staff an organic farm. They all participated in a year-long vocational course provided by the Ministry of Agriculture, to learn how to operate an ecologically-friendly farm. They serve as the hosts to visiting groups and individuals who come to the Visitor's Center to experience the farm, enjoying meals with freshly picked produce. This interaction between staff and visitor, bridges the gaps and dispels misconceptions and prejudices about adults with Autism and intellectual disabilities.

Supporting adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities in Afula-Gilboa, Israel



A new project of the Visitor's Center is a Therapeutic Petting Zoo, where the animals range freely and animal-assisted therapies are employed, both for the benefit of these Autistic and disabled adults, as well as those coming to the Center to seek these special therapies. The facility is in need of physical upgrading, and is staffed by the residents and outside professionals and students of the Oranim College's animal-assisted therapy department. In addition, therapeutic horseback riding is available for residents in the area, with the animals being cared for and tended by program participants.

The Eshcolot B'emek U'behar organization is grateful to the Women of Vision Society of the Jewish Foundation of Greater for their assistance in helping to expand this very important program. It will serve not only the Autistic and disabled participants of the Eshcolot organization, but will provide these services to all area residents who seek them.

Eshcolot combines resources from professionals in the field, community workers, businesses, and many devoted volunteers who all contribute to make these programs successful and impacting on all who partake in them.



Jewish Foundation Charitable Distributions for the 2020 Calendar

TOTAL 2020 CHARITABLE DISTRIBUTIONS/GRANTS

\$3,154,295

Local Secular
\$219,959

Nonlocal Jewish
\$111,872

Local Jewish Organizations
and Synagogues
\$2,604,489

Nonlocal Secular
\$217,975

Breakout of Local Jewish Distributions/Grants



Local Jewish Organizations and Synagogues

\$2,604,489

Synagogues
\$766,019

Local Jewish Other
\$174,241

Jewish Education
\$23,998

JCC
\$75,699

Day Schools
\$210,408

Camp Laurelwood
\$64,853

Scholarships Awarded
\$16,557

Jewish Federation
of Greater New Haven
\$777,644*

Jewish Family Service/
Jews in Need
\$252,276

Jewish Aged
and The Towers
\$242,824

*Includes distributions from Restricted (PACE-LOJE) Funds, Donor- Advised Funds, and Unrestricted Funds



Jewish Foundation Financial Snapshot on June 30, 2021

Total Foundation Assets

\$74 Million

Over 700 Funds

Investment Return*

9.4%

QTD

36.13%

One-year

14.13%

Three-year

*Performance for periods greater than one year are annualized.

2021 Charitable Distributions/YTD Grants

(Jan. 1, 2021-June 30, 2021)

\$2,789,760

2020 Charitable Distributions/Grants

\$3,154,295

- \$2,604,489 (82.5%) was to local Jewish organizations and synagogues
- 1,113 separate distributions to 386 different organizations

2021 Grant Highlights includes

\$277,000

in security grants

\$150,000

in Jewish elderly grants

\$545,040 (2020-2021)

Jewish Federation/Jewish Foundation Covid Maimonides Response grants

\$474,652

in PACE Distributions to Federation, Annual Campaign

\$30,650

in scholarships for Jewish overnight camps



Jewish Foundation partners with JLens

This year the Jewish Foundation proudly announced that they now partner with JLens to invest a portion of the Jewish Foundation's US equity portfolio. In doing so, the Jewish Foundation Board of Trustees unanimously approved the recommendation of the Foundation's investment committee as well as its investment advisor, SCS Financial.

"I am happy that the trustees of the Jewish Foundation recognize the importance of "Jewish socially responsible investing" and have taken the lead by introducing this concept into our portfolio management," states Dr. Craig Sklar, Chair of the Jewish Foundation.

"We are so pleased that the Jewish Foundation of Greater New Haven has invested in JLens' Jewish Advocacy Strategy. The Foundation is furthering the positive impact of its philanthropic dollars by supporting JLens' investor advocacy efforts with 300 companies on Jewish communal priorities. JLens is thrilled to strengthen our relationship with the New Haven community," states Julie Hammerman, Executive Director and Founder of JLens.

JLens' Jewish Advocacy Strategy is the only Jewish values-based investment option that conducts investor advocacy on Jewish communal concerns. The strategy was launched in 2015 by Jewish



institutions seeking a customized mission aligned market-rate investment that generates positive impact. The strategy's portfolio of 300 companies is selected through a six-point Jewish values scoring methodology focused on Coexistence, Society, the Worker, Ethical Business, the Environment, and Support for Israel. JLens builds long-term relationships with portfolio companies and engages in investor advocacy within JLens' six issue areas listed above. JLens is the only investor organization countering the Boycott, Divest, Sanction (BDS) campaign's economic warfare against Israel, as well as anti-Semitism, hate speech, discrimination against religious ritual, and other Jewish communal concerns in the values-based investing and corporate social responsibility arenas.



ple Emanuel, one of our partner organizations, came to us and said that they were interested in learning more about socially responsible investing," states Lisa Stanger, Executive Director of the Jewish Foundation. "Over the years the Foundation had considered social impact investing but felt the area was not sophisticated enough. We knew the field had evolved and it was time to look again. In addition, in the past there was not a Jewish option in the area—nothing that could screen for anti-Israel corporations and also consider Jewish values—JLens really changed that. We are grateful Temple Emanuel was part of this," continues Stanger.

"The committee looked at several opportunities, we chose JLens because of its Jewish approach, we also found it to have a very holistic approach, and we liked its relationship with Parametric," states Stephen August, Jewish Foundation Investment Committee Chair. Parametric is a highly regarded investment firm with over \$300 billion dollars under management.

ISRAEL & OVERSEAS



Israel & Overseas Impact

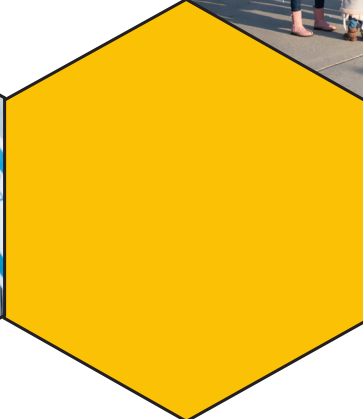
The power of the Jewish Federation lies in effective national and global networks that create a safety net for Jews around the world. While most of our resources are invested in our local community, a small portion goes to people we may never know or see. It reignites Jewish life in the Former Soviet Union, connecting children and young adults with their Jewish heritage. It helps the frail home-bound receive food, medicine and company right at their doorstep. This charitable investment sends teens on Birthright trips, a GAP year in Israel, and internship opportunities like Masa and Onward Israel. It helps build our connection to Israel, and more than anything, it reminds us that we are not alone in the world. It reminds us that we share a bond with people whose circumstances may be vastly different but we share a history, collective memory and a fate. Kol Israel Arevim Ze L'aze or all Israel are responsible for one another. Gifts to the Jewish Federation's Annual Campaign, or contributions to a fund like Women of Vision of the Jewish Foundation, celebrate the sense of peoplehood and solidarity.





Embracing New Olim and Reuniting Families

On February 26, we welcomed a group of 280 Olim (immigrants) from Ethiopia to Israel. Operation Zur Israel (Rock of Israel), a project of the Jewish Agency for Israel (JAFI) and the American Jewish Distribution Committee (JDC), was made possible through funds raised by Jewish Federations. Upon their arrival, the new Olim were greeted by then JAFI CEO Isaac Herzog, who since became President of Israel. He was joined by the Minister of Aliyah and Absorption, Pinna Tamano Shata, and Rebecca Caspi, Senior VP of Global Operations at Jewish Federations of North America. As a result of Operation Zor Israel, Ethiopian families were reunited in Israel after more than a decade of separation.





Touching People's Lives in Afula-Gilboa

Through the Jewish Agency's Partnership2Gether (P2G) initiative, the Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven collaborates with 11 Federations from our region to form SNEC: the Southern New England Consortium. Together we invest in the Afula-Gilboa region of Israel, creating significant impact in the lives of children, women, and young people at risk.



- Your support helped provide laptops to the schools in the Beit Alpha absorption center for Ethiopian Immigrants to Israel.
- You helped purchase board games and educational materials for the children at Bet Singer Youth Village, a boarding school for at-risk youth.
- You made field trips and woodworking projects possible for the residents of Beit Uri, a residential community providing nurturing care and employment for residents with special needs, aged 7-62
- You enabled Home in the Valley, a resource center for northern Israel's LGBTQ community to host "Pride in the Living Room" discussion groups and their first official "pride forum"
- Nachat Ruach Ecological Farm operates as a working farm and educational center for diverse populations. You empowered Nachat Ruach's volunteers to engage in much needed renovations to the farm — all made from local and recycled materials — that will enable it to expand its cultural and educational offerings.





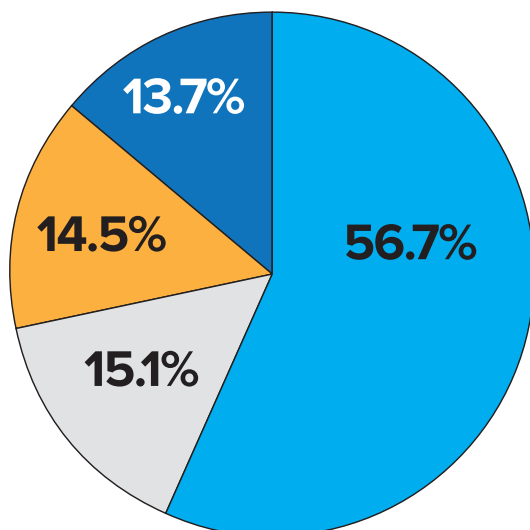
Strengthening Communities and Helping Jewish People in Need Worldwide

The Jewish Federation demonstrates our global responsibility to one another, by proudly providing assistance to overseas partners: the Jewish Agency for Israel, the Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC) and World ORT.

In partnership with Jewish Federations, World Ort transforms lives through training and education. From focusing on teaching 19th century Russian Jews essential trades and professions, ORT has evolved to provide 21st century skills that empower individuals and strengthen communities and Jewish life worldwide. The ORT network reaches more than 200,000 people a year in schools, universities, and vocational training programs, in more than 30 countries, bridging the gap between ability and opportunity by providing leading science and technology education.

JDC addresses the needs of vulnerable Jewish populations in Israel and world-wide. This year, as already desperate conditions faced by Jewish communities in countries like Ukraine, Moldova, and Belarus were exacerbated by the global pandemic and economic downturn, our support was more critical than ever. **Collectively, Jewish Federations provide 57% of JDC's unrestricted funds.**

Sources of JDC Unrestricted Revenue



(In U.S. \$ millions)

- Federation Core Funds \$32.0
- JDC Board Campaign \$8.5
- Foundation & Individuals \$8.2
- Endowment Grant \$7.7

Total Unrestricted Revenue \$56.4

YOUR EMERGENCY SUPPORT IS REACHING
185,000+ **OF THE MOST VULNERABLE**
JEWS WORLDWIDE
SO FAR, IT HAS HELPED PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING SERVICES:

ISRAEL



95,000+

Quarantined elderly, and young people and their families, received critical assistance, including:



32,000
older adults were provided with basic needs and services throughout Israel



5,400
Holocaust survivors were paired with volunteers who maintained daily contact and provided additional services where needed



\$4.2 million
in stipends and rent subsidies were distributed to some 2,500 young adult students in Israel who have no family support

EUROPE



1,600

Households will be receiving financial aid from emergency relief fund



190
more than 80 families in Morocco, 60 families in Tunisia and 50 in Turkey have received monthly assistance for food and medicine.

FORMER SOVIET UNION



80,000+

Elderly continued to receive life-saving support, including:



10,340,000+
Units of PPE including masks and gloves



123,000+
Calls to homebound elderly through volunteer hotlines

ARGENTINA



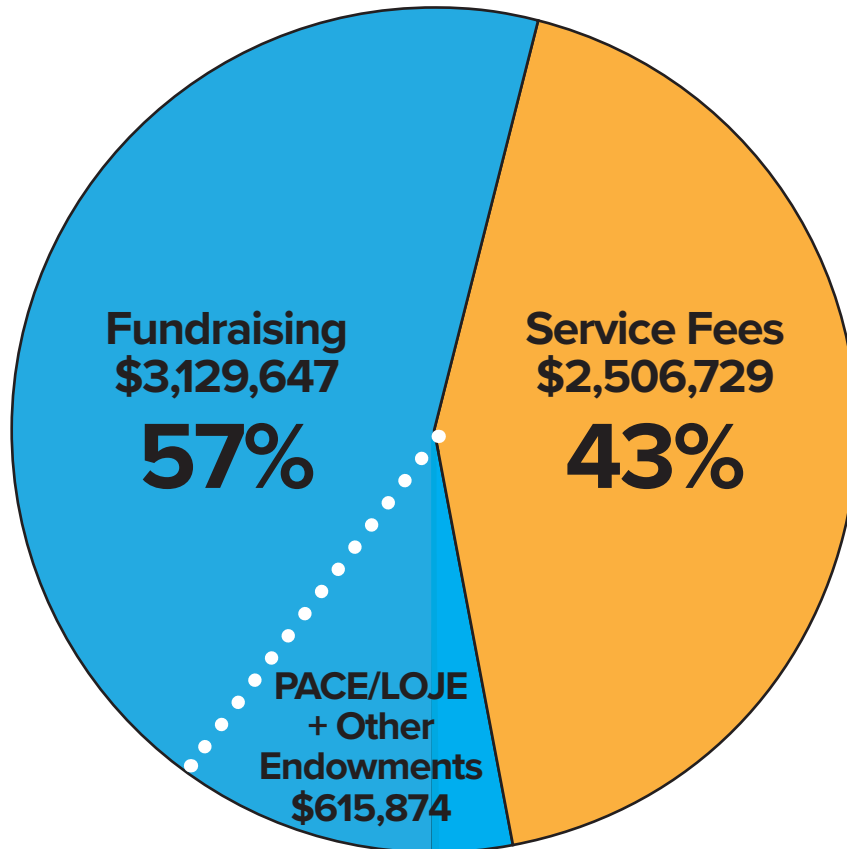
2,000

People will be receiving financial aid from emergency relief fund

FINANCIALS



Jewish Federation and JCC Sources of Revenue \$5,777,597



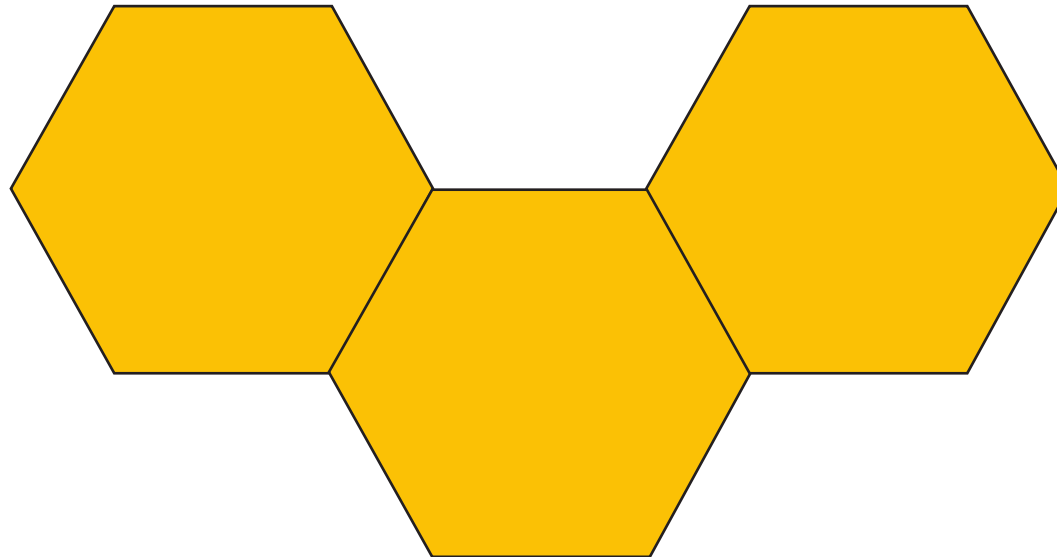
Fundraising 57%

Annual Campaign	\$2,476,540
Endowed gifts (PACE/LOJE) included in the Annual Campaign	\$474,653
Other Endowments	\$141,521
Bridge to the Future	\$116,800
JCC Capital	\$64,004
JCC General Operations	\$60,375
Barry Vine Send a Kid to Camp Schoarship Fund	\$52,497
Friends of the J	\$30,305
PJ Library	\$27,877
Dignity Grows	\$25,270
Beverly Levy Early Learning Center	\$24,000
Other	\$260,865

Service Fees 43%

Camp & Youth Services	\$777,106
Membership	\$753,801
Beverly Levy Early Learning Center	\$434,353
Health & Wellness	\$475,574
Other Programs	\$65,895

**As of the Annual Meeting, the fiscal year has just ended.
This page will be updated as soon as the
final financial statements are available.**





FINANCIALS

COVID-19 Maimonides Response Fund for Critical Human Needs

\$538,290 Distributed



THE TOWERS
AT TOWER LANE



Jewish Federation
OF GREATER NEW HAVEN

Jewish Community Alliance
for Refugee Resettlement



Ezra
ACADEMY



Jewish Family Service of Greater New Haven (JFS)

\$270,100

For 197 additional mental health sessions, 763 hours of case management to more than 250 individuals, and 500 families served by the food pantry. In addition, grants were awarded to provide emergency support to Holocaust survivors.

The Towers at Tower Lane

\$214,240

Meal Service for 198 seniors, to reduce their exposure and save lives	\$172,500
iPads for seniors, for tele-health and virtual family visits	\$16,740
Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)	\$25,000

Families & Individuals in Need

\$33,950

Direct financial support for critical needs of community members, directed through synagogues, Jewish Community Alliance for Refugee Resettlement (JCARR) and the Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven.

Ezra Academy

\$10,000

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) to keep students and teachers safe

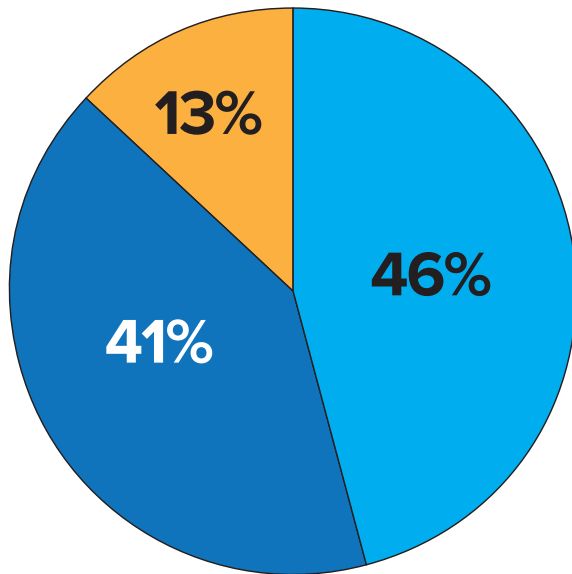
Southern CT Hebrew Academy




\$10,000

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) to keep students and teachers safe

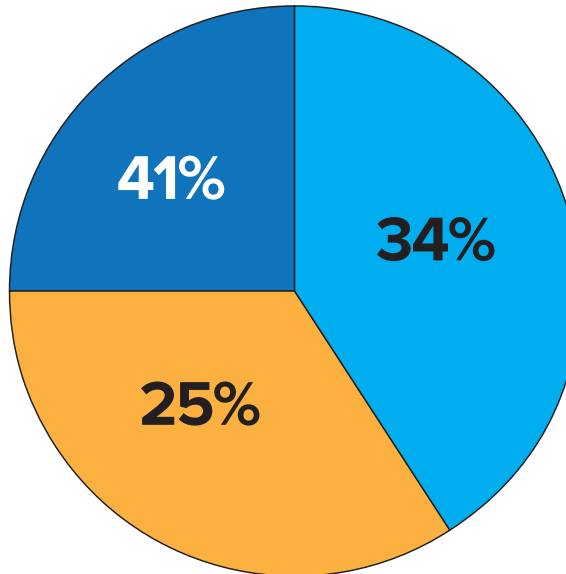


The Towers at Tower Lane/ Jewish Aged \$522,884 Distributed



 Jewish Federation
 COVID-19 Maimonides Response Fund
 Jewish Foundation

Jewish Family Service/ Jews In Need \$746,845 Distributed



Our Combined Impact

JEWISH FAMILY SERVICE/ JEWS IN NEED \$746,845

Jewish Foundation	\$252,277
COVID-19 Maimonides Response Fund	\$304,250
Jewish Federation	\$190,318

JEWISH DAY SCHOOLS \$450,908

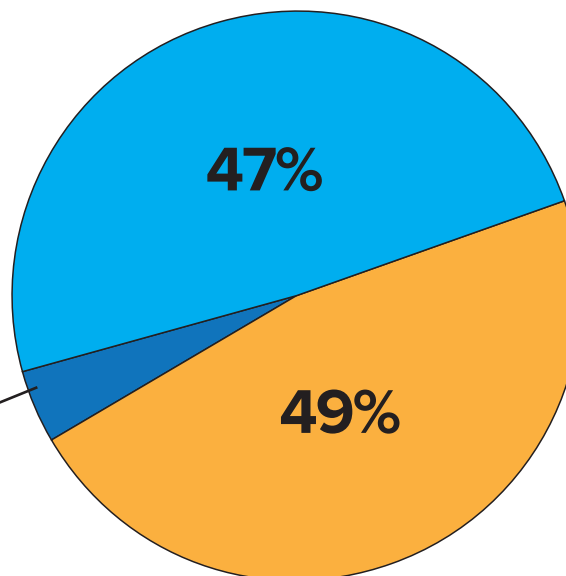
Jewish Foundation	\$210,408
COVID-19 Maimonides Response Fund	\$20,000
Jewish Federation	\$220,500

THE TOWERS/ JEWISH AGED \$522,884

Jewish Foundation	\$242,824
COVID-19 Maimonides Response Fund	\$214,240
Jewish Federation	\$65,820

Jewish Day School \$450,908 Distributed

COVID-19
Maimonides
Response Fund 4%



AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS



Jewish Federation President's Award 2021

The Jewish Federation President's Award was established in 1980 and recognizes individuals who have made a special contribution to further the mission of the Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven. The award, which was first given to Beatrice Horowitz, is not given out every year because it honors recipients who truly go above and beyond to help our Jewish community.

The Jewish Federation President's Award for 2021 is presented to the members of the Reentry Steering Committee:

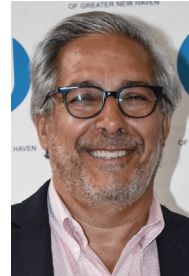
Emily Banach	Steve Miller
Bob Felice	Paul Portnoy
Steven Fleischman	Craig Riegelhaupt
Stephanie Green	Michael Shanbrom
Jeffrey Hoos	David A. Sirowich
Scott Hurwitz	Jeffrey Sklarz
Shannon Lane	Evan Wyner

Since March of 2020, the members of the Reentry Steering Committee have met more than weekly to steward the Jewish Federation management's response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Each has brought their unique perspective, expertise, insight, and compassion to every meeting, every thoughtful discussion and every challenging decision. For their remarkable commitment and dedication to ensure the health, safety and well-being of the Jewish Federation, Foundation & JCC staff, volunteers and members, we commend them and recognize them with the Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven's President's Award.

Members of the Reentry Steering Committee



Emily Banach



Bob Felice



Steven
Fleischman



Stephanie
Green



Jeffrey Hoos



Scott Hurwitz



Shannon Lane



Steve Miller



Paul Portnoy



Craig
Riegelhaupt



Michael
Shanbrom



David A.
Sirowich



Jeffrey Sklarz



Evan Wyner



Isadore “Zeke” Still Award for Campaign Excellence

Isadore “Zeke” Still was a longtime supporter of the Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven. He solicited donors most of his adult life, was a frequent guest at Federation events and was always there to support the community. The Federation will be honoring Zeke’s memory with the implementation of the Zeke Still Award—an award which upholds the values Zeke lived by: tikkun olam (repairing the world), chesed (kindness), and tzedakah (charity).



2021 Isadore “Zeke” Still Award Recipients: Howard Reiter z”l & Jody Ellant, Annual Campaign Co-Chairs

Jody Ellant and Howard Reiter led the Jewish Federation’s Annual Campaign toward unexpected success during a most extraordinary and unprecedented pandemic year. Even with compelling supplemental community needs, the campaign raised as much as in 2020 and a remarkable 19% or \$370,058 was raised by Jody and Howard. In the waning days of the campaign, Howard was tireless in his quest to provide each member of the community the opportunity to participate. It is fitting that Jody and Howard receive this award especially due to the high regard they held for Zeke Still and the inspiration they took from his example.





Kavod Key Society

Kavod means “honor” in Hebrew. Now in its 86th year, the Kavod Society is reserved for volunteers who have given outstanding service to the JCC. Volunteers are JCC members and must have performed their service to the agency for at least three years. Some of our most outstanding communal leaders have been recipients of the Kavod Key as well as some of the quietest and most effective volunteers.



Congratulations to 2020-21 Inductee:

Katalin Baltimore

“My father loved books and reading, but he lost all of his books when we left Hungary,” Baltimore said. Her parents, both Holocaust survivors, moved the family out of Baltimore’s native Hungary when she was eight-years-old, following the 1956 Hungarian Revolution.

When the family had settled, she explained, her father resumed buying books.

“When I was younger, I had about \$5 a month to spend on myself.

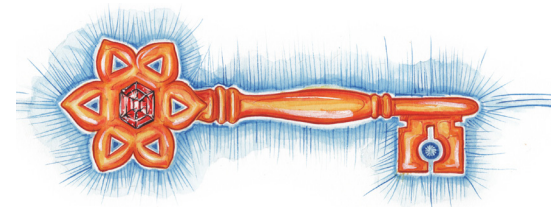
I would always buy books,” she said. “When I got married, I kept buying books, and my husband complained that we couldn’t afford a nice bottle of wine because I bought too many books! But when you’ve finished the wine, all you’ve got is an empty bottle. When you finish a book, you still have the story.”

Baltimore didn’t know she was Jewish until she was 10-years-old. Her parents kept their religion secret to shield her from any anti-Semitism directed at their family.

“When I found out, the first thing I asked was, is that why we’re so bright and smart?”

Baltimore’s past experiences make her current Jewish identity even more pressing. She and her family have been active members of Temple Or Shalom in Orange since her son’s bar mitzvah. She spends much of her free time reading and studying the effects of the past on second-generation Holocaust families. The JCC library gave her the perfect outlet to spread her vast knowledge of Judaica and Holocaust literature.

“I feel like I haven’t done enough to be deserving of being in the Kavod Society, but I’m honored,” she said. “My hope is that we can find someone who will one day want to take over the JCC library for me, someone who will love it as much as I do.”



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Katalin Baltimore



Kavod Key Society Past Members



Bernhardt Hoffman	John J. Fox	Jack Konowitz	Arthur Kleinberg	Marvin S. Pisetsky	J. William Silverman	Iny Karp
Sarah Semack	William Greenberg	Ruth Prager	Robert Pite	David Shutan	Betsy Gandelman	Mark Kirschner
Hilda M. Podoloff	Marion Kauffman	Shirley G. Wells	Josef Adler	Clara Baker	Fiske	Tom Handler
Joseph Drabkin	Samuel Pite	Marjorie Benenson	Jack D. Barnston	M. Wallace Rubin	Joseph R. Tendler	Susan Brown
Louis Sachs	Mary C. Ticotsky	Esther Hershman	Irvin A. Shiner	Herbert D. Setlow	Neil Bersin	Louis Mellilo
Abraham Markle	Philip Saslau	Arthur Markle	Hannah L. Malkin	Mark G. Sklarz	Bruce Jacobs	Robert Harris
Nathan Podoloff	Deborah Taraza	Milton Small	Arnold Potash	William Shames	Peter Weinstein	Janice Miller
Jean Saslau	Meyer E. Bailey	Esther Copelon	Edmund Brennan	Frederick S. Moss	John J. Lichtman	Richard Burman
Robert Solomon	Paul Goodwin	Arnold Gordon	Pearl F. Fleischer	Irving Calechman	Michael A. Schaffer	John Eldrich
Helen Rakieten	Jessie "Buddy"	Eunice Gordon	Marcia D. Kravitt	Rhea Greenberg	Steven L. Rosen	Pat Sunderman
Edward Cooley	Kurland	Carol J. Messer	Abby Bench	James M. Shure	Ian Freeman	Judy Sklarz
Bess Cohen	Alma Zimmerman	Eugene Moss	Anita B. Eisner	Renee Hartman	Herbert M.	Robert Felice
Edward Lettich	Nathan Feldman	I. E. Resnick	Milton Potash	Harriet Seligson	Hershenson	Linda Leff
A. Lewis Shure	Harriet Ginsberg	Louis Spelke	Henry Stein	Lawrence Shanbrom	Deborah Witkin	David Teitelman
Ernestine Traurig	Samuel Hershman	Rose Dickstein	Bernard Burge	Jay Alpert	Rick Wallace	Shulamith Chernoff
Lillian L. Freedman	Harvey N. Ladin	Marvin C. Gold	Herbert Leibovitz	Phyllis Kauffman	Bertrand S. Weisbart	Sheryl Rothman
Albert W. Ginsberg	Lillian Lazaroff	Freda Leopold	Ruth R. Jacobson	Marc Olins	Ana White	Marc Wortman
Bess Rosoff	Anna Beck	Lucille Alderman	Howard Lerner	Gary Sklaver	Pamela Feinberg	Wayne Markman
Harvey Bennett	Nathan Goldman	Paul Alpert	Anita M. Perlman	Ann Meyerson	Leon Greene	Rosalyn Ben-Chitrit
Deborah E.	Naomi B. Gordon	R. Livia Forman	Lawrence Schaffer	Mickey Pite	Randy Harrison	Scott Hurwitz
Himmelfarb	Abraham Lapides	Elihu R. Jacobson	Lindy L. Gold	Nancy Olins	Andrew J. Eder	Karen Doron
Joseph Keller	Charles Henschel	Albert Porto	Richard Jacobs	Phillip Meyerson	Dale Felice	Steve Miller
Anne C. Braun	Molly Kaplan	Louis Feinmark	Reuben Moore	Barry Vine	Shelly Pinkert	Rebecca Tishkoff
James D. Kauffman	Joseph Shure	Robert Caplow	Rosalind B.	Douglas Goodwin	Betsy Hoos	David Sirowich
Pearl Kline	Harry Barnett	Daniel DeAngelis	Spielvogel	Barry I. Steinberg	Joel C. Karp	Soudabeh Bakhtiari
Harry Lowenthal	Robert Botwinik	Robert Hoffman	David Beckerman	Charles Sterling	Robin Kramer	Martin Halprin
Sonia Berney	Dorothy N. Hilcoff	Trudy L. Mogil	Gladys H. Epstein	Murray Lender	Amy Kemler	Jeffrey Sklarz
Bernard P. Kopkind	Sylvia Tendler	Beatrice Slater	William Kauffman	Stuart Grodd	Susan Skope	Meredith Abel
Maurice E. Proctor	Joseph N. Weiner	Max H. Teitelman	Irving Rohinsky	Fay Sheppard	Jon Zonderman	Marc Goldberg
Ida P. Weinstein	Emanuel Gratenstein	Betty A. Ellis	Martha S. Weisbart	Kenneth Campbell	Stanley Hersh	Judith Goldberg
Sylvia Bailey	David Landow	Rhea Savener	Harold Potash	Loren Serman	Irene Jacobs	Shannon Lane
Charles Berney	Sadie Levine	Joel Cohn	Gerry Vitagliano	Randi Steeves	Joyce Lender	Paul Portnoy
Meyer Botwick	Beatrice D. Teitelman	Robert E. Eisner	Jordan Abeshouse	Louis Stone	Randy Kramer	Evan Wyner
Rose G. Fox	Albert R. Webber	Arthur Kanoff	Blossom R. Rose	Jeffrey Hoos	Stephen Rothman	
Esther Fishman	I. J. Hoffman	Lee L. Moore	James A. Wolf	Kenneth Ginsberg	Joyce Saltman	
Jacob B. Fishman	Bertha W. Konowitz		Carl S. Feen		Eileen Eder	



Robert Eisner Community Service Award

Named for former JCC President Bob Eisner (1971-1974), the Robert Eisner Community Service Award was established in 1983 to honor individuals who make significant contributions in both the Jewish and secular communities. Malcolm Webber was the first person to receive this award.

The Robert Eisner Community Service Award for 2021 is presented to:

- Ezra Academy
- Southern Connecticut Hebrew Academy
- Yeshivas Beis Dovid Shlomo

Since the onset of the pandemic, our Jewish day schools were among the first to close our buildings, the first to go online, and some of the first to be back in person or hybrid. With all the turmoil of the pandemic, our schools continued doing what they do best—inspiring and educating our kids, preparing them for a vibrant Jewish future.

We salute the passion and dedication of teachers, and the determination of leadership to respond incredibly well to the needs of students, faculty, and families. The tireless ways schools guarded the health and safety of their community have reflected their commitment to protect the students, their families and the broader community.

The achievements of the past year, the growth in enrollment, the awareness of the power of community, have all deepened our schools' resilience and the strength of Jewish education in Greater New Haven.



YESHIVAS BEIS DOVID SHLOMO



Robert M. Pite Youth Award

The Robert M. Pite Youth Award is offered annually as a tribute to the memory of Bob Pite, a devoted JCC leader whose life exemplified an abiding commitment to our community and our youth. The award recognizes a high school student or group of students who have demonstrated outstanding community service.

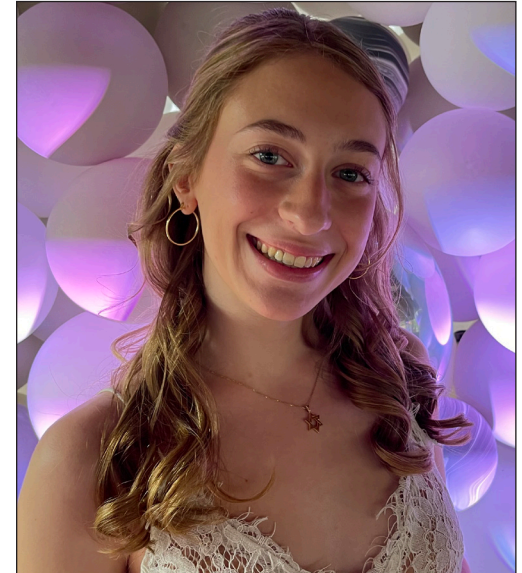
The Robert M. Pite Youth Award for 2021 is presented to: **Brooke Perry**

Brooke is a fantastic leader in her community at Camp Laurelwood and is deeply involved in her Jewish community in Shelton. She is an active member of her synagogue and a board member of her local BBYO chapter, serving as the Orechet. In her free time, she is an active volunteer at a Jewish senior living center in Bridgeport where she has some family connections. She has been connected to Camp Laurelwood since 2015.

At Camp Laurelwood, Brooke was a leader as a camper and now as a staff member. She is always the first staff member to step up and help with something, and even came to Camp during 2020 when we were closed to volunteer for some of our in-person and virtual programs. Brooke is not just a current leader in her Camp community, but is someone who is expected to continue to lead and grow in future years at Camp. The staff look to her to energize, motivate, and guide other counselors. She helps her leadership team by providing valuable feedback, and also supports her campers through her work as a counselor. Her campers absolutely love her, and the other counselors in her division respect her and value her advice and guidance.

During this summer of 2021, Brooke is someone who looks at the challenges and sees opportunities. Even though Camp functioned somewhat differently due to the pandemic, Brooke worked every day to help her campers and staff feel a sense of normalcy. She is the person who stands up on the benches and sings with a full heart even when she is tired, and the person who continually gets her campers excited about the little things at Camp. She brings the fullness of her energy to every moment, and we are so lucky to have her as part of our Camp Laurelwood community.

—Rabbi James Greene



Brooke Perry

2021 HONOR ROLL

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Because of your support of the 2021 campaign, we are able to help when assistance is needed, provide a safety net for those who must rely upon it and nurture the core institutions that are the fabric of a rich and dynamic Jewish community.

PRIME MINISTERS CIRCLE \$100,000+

Irving Eckhardt PACE Fund
Sidney & Arthur Eder PACE Fund
Karen L. Pritzker & The Seedlings Foundation

KING DAVID SOCIETY \$25,000 - \$99,999

Leonard & Linda* Bell
Samuel & Paulette Bobrow
Howard Reiter z"l & Jody Ellant*
Steven & Andrea* Fleischman
Jeffrey & Betsy* Hoos
Laticrete International, Inc.
Alan & Patti* Masarek
Jeffrey & Barbara* Orell
Hap & Stacey* Perkins
Stanley & Marcia* Reiter
David & Stacey* Trachten
The Morris & Sylvia Trachten Family Foundation

JOSHUA SOCIETY \$10,000 - \$24,999

Stephen & Judy* August
Gerald & Debby* Barker
David & Ruthann* Beckerman
Eric & Civianne* Bloch
Jim Vlock & Gail Brekke*
Richard & Debra Epstein*
Stephen Stein & Emily Fine*
Rose B. & Barbara Gingold Fund
Judith Hahn
Jay & Marjorie* Hirshfield
Joel & Iny* Karp
Robert Levine
Arthur & Betty* Levy
John Levy
John & Barbara* Lichtman
Michael & Jo-Ann* Price
Norman & Karyn* Ravski
Barry & Joan Richter
Richard Weiss & Lynda Rosenfeld
Mal Rudner

Stephen L. & Mary Beth* Saltzman
Shirley Scholder
Harry & Dana* Schwartz
David & Judy* Skolnick
David & Gayle* Slossberg
Greg Colodner & Lisa A. Stanger*
Jeffrey & Robyn* Teplitzky
Barry & Hyla* Vine
Ruben Kier & Stephanie Wain*
Barbara Wareck
Zwerdling Family Charitable Fund

BUILDERS OF ISRAEL \$5,000 - \$9,999

Lucille Alderman LOJE Fund
Norman & Caron* Alderman
Judith Alperin
Robert & Jennifer* Bayer
Stanley Bergman
Harvey Bixon
Jay & Lynn* Brotman
Kenneth & Linda Buckman
Henry & Laura Cabin
Marc Wallman & Cynthia Carr
Martin & Dorie Cobern
Benjamin & Freda Cohen Memorial
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Gloria Cohen
Kenneth & Linda* Cohen
Nancy Cohen
Harriet Cooper
Jay & Heidi* Dworkin
Frederick & Elizabeth P. Edelmuth
PACE Fund
Mary & Jacob Falek PACE Fund
Paul & Susan* Fiedler
Kalman Watsky & Deborah Fried*
Lindy Lee Gold LOJE Fund
Howard Goldstein
Eric Green & Dena Schulman-Green*
Eric Grubman & Stephanie Green*
Alvin Greenberg
In memory of Barbara Greenberg
Linda Greenhouse
David Schaefer & Janet Hall
David & Lauren* Hass
Donald & Ronda* Hendel
Mark & Amy* Holtz
Scott & Jocelyn* Hurwitz
Norman & Laura* Kaplan
Robert & Jill Kesselman
Kenneth & Robin* Kramer

Robert & Ruth Lesser
Stuart & Joan* Margolis
Cindy Miller
Scott & Lauren* Miller
Boris Mizhen Family PACE Fund
Jeffrey & Deborah* Pollak
Margaret Streicker Porres
Pamela Reis
Marilyn Saltzman Memorial LOJE Fund
Ronald & Melrene* Savin
Thomas & Jane* Shernow
James Shure
Jay Sokolow & Ina Silverman*
Nathan Silverstein
David E. Silverstone
The Sirot Family Foundation
Doug & Susan* Skalka
Mark & Judy* Sklarz
George & Linda* Spivack
Milton & Joan* Wallack
Wayne Larrison & Melanie Waynik*
Suzanne Weinstein
Peter & Leslie* Zackin
Linda Zwerdling

GATES OF JAFFA

\$1,800 - \$4,999

Josef & Cecle Adler
Richard Amerling
The Astmann Family
David & Karen* Astrachan
Stephen & Rosalind* Atkins
Hillel & Sara Ann* Auerbach
John Krystal & Bonnie Becker*
David & Sharon Bender Family
Foundation
Irwin Braverman
Kenneth & Barbara Campbell
Mark & Linda* Caplan
Frederick A. & Justine Millspaugh
Catlin Family Foundation
Matthew Nemerson & Marian Chertow
Helen Cooper
Glenn & Peggy Duhl
The Eagle Leasing Company
Yvette Eder LOJE Fund
Howard Fiedler
Barry & Gila* Fischman
Sean & Betsy* Flaherty
John & Lili Foggie
Robert Forbes & Joanne Foodim*
Claire Frankel *(continued on next page)*

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Gerald & Karen Freedman

Suzanne Gallant

John & Marcia Gell

Samuel & Marcella Glazer PACE Fund

Dr. Milton & Gladys Godfried PACE Fund

David & Joanne* Goldblum

Green & Sklarz Foundation Trust

Neil & Marlene* Greenberg

Robert & Rena* Grodd

Scott Soloway & Roberta Rivka Guskin

Lawrence Handler

Moshe & Nancy Hasbani

Craig Hecht

Stanley & Donna* Hersh

Chesky & Chaya-Hinda Holtzberg

Bruce & Irene Jacobs

Ruth Jacobson

Jewish Foundation PACE Fund for
Federation

Marilyn A. Katz

Richard & Susan* Kaufman

William & Carol* Kaufman

Barry Kelmacher

Ronald Zlotoff & Donna Kemper*

Alan & Joan Kliger

Laurence & Jacqueline Knoll

Gary & Hedda* Kopf

Jacqueline Koral

Jack & Elaine Lawson

David & Cindy* Leffell

Benjamin Liveten Fund

Benjamin D. Liveten PACE Fund

Adam & Shari* Mayerson

Mike & Toby Meisel

Josh Dembsky & Sami Merit*

Sam & Rose Merriam Family PACE Fund

Irene Miller

Stephen & Janice* Miller

Leonard & Ellen Milstone

David Moll

David Margolis & Jill Nathanson

Howard & Willa* Needler

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Paul & Estelle* Nussbaum

Zelma Pacella PACE Fund

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James Graham & Melissa Perkal*

Sydney Perry

David Adler & Mona Pierpaoli

Arnold & Madeline* Potash

Hyla Raphael Memorial PACE Fund

Rabbi Joshua & Elena* Ratner

Alan M. Reznik

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Edward Konowitz & Andrea Rosenfield

Michael Dimenstein & Hedda
Rubenstein

Peter Salovey

Schaffer Associates, LLC

Mark & Cindy Schoenfeld

Anne R. Schulman

James & Barbara* Segaloff

Tracy & Helen* Selmon

Arthur & Reena* Seltzer

Jerome & Cecelia* Serling

Arlene & Arnold Shanbrom PACE Fund

Lawrence & Sherry* Shanbrom

Paula Shemitz

Alan Siegal

Michael Diamond & Karen Grodd-Simon

Craig & Nanci Sklar

Jonathan & Sara Snyder

Morris Bell & Raina Sotsky

Lawrence & Betsy* Stern

Walter & Esther Stutzman

Larry & Maddy Tannenbaum

Joshua & Linda* Teplitzky

Sydney Travis

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Sandra Vlock
Bertrand & Martha* Weisbart
Alan & Rhona Weiss
Marc & Carol* Weitzman
Marian Wexler
Steven & Ana* White
Stephen & Rachel Wizner
Barry Zaret
Joseph H. & Myra Zelson
Bernard & Marilyn Zuckerman
Sherman & Ruth Zudekoff
Anonymous (1)

KEHILLAH

\$1,000 - \$1,799

Elliot & Carol* Agin
Jason & Suzanne* Alderman
John & Madeline Baer
Betsy Barnston
David Berg & Robin Goldin
Neil Bersin
Stephen & Cindy Brenner
Phyllis Brodoff
Richard & Tina* Brogadir
Richard & Ilene Rosalimsky Bronen

Irving & Harriet Calechman
Jeffrey & Linda Chaffkin
Michael Cleman
Donald & Pearl Cohen PACE Fund
Rhoda Cohen
Scott & Joanna* Cooper
Yair Grinberg & Liz Coyle
Jack Crane
Daniel & Lynn DeBarba
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John Wareck & Rachel Doft*
John & Elizabeth Edelglass
Rabbi Richard & Judy Eisenberg
Jack & Harriet* Fast
Gerald & Marilyn* Fishbone
Sylvia Krieger Frumer
Martin & Lana* Gad
Peter Mohrer & Christina Giebisch
Gary & Patricia Ginsberg
Isaac & Diane Goodrich
John & Frances Gordon
Leonard & Betsy Grauer
Glenn Greenberg
Paul & Audrey* Greenberg
Aaron & Erica* Gross
Fred z"/ & Ina* Gross

Randy & Bonnie Harrison
Michael & Sara Horton
Fred & Linda Kantor
Jonathan & Susan Katz
Stuart & Marni* Katz
Beverly Kaye
Steven & Judy* Kleinstein
Michael & Caryl* Kligfeld
George & Susan Krall
Aimlee Laderman
Robert N. & Goldythe B. Langerman
PACE Fund
Ethel & Abe Lapides Foundation
Edward & Rhoda* Lemkin
Marvin & Helaine Lender PACE Fund
Robert & Jeannie Lerman
Paul z"/ & Margaret* Lerner
Sidney & Donna* Levine
Rabbi Murray Levine
Leonard & Roz Liss
Hank Nusbaum & Judith Mamber*
Veronika Grimm-Matthews
Evelyn Maze
Helene Meltzer
David & Susan Millen
Ira & Marsha* Moses
Kenneth Musen *(continued on next page)*

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KEHILLAH

\$1,000 - \$1,799 *(continued)*

Susan Naiman
 Irwin & Esther* Nash
 Sheldon & Geraldine Natkin
 Jack & Jane Novick
 Dan & Jeanette Oren
 Paul & Rita Portnoy
 Dennis Rader
 Stanley Rosenbaum
 Ronald & Sharon Salem
 Joyce Saltman
 Henry & Berta Samson
 Josh & Sara Sapire
 Bruce & Jill* Schaefer
 Michael & Barbara Schaffer
 Paul & Teri Schatz
 Steven & Elyse Schnittman
 William & Carol* Schreiber
 David Kaminsky & Rochelle Schreibman
 Alan & Marsha* Schwartz
 Heni Schwartz
 Kenneth & Maureen Schwartz
 Jerry & Marlene* Schweitzer
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 Leonard Margolis Athletic
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 Stuart & Judy Levitz
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 Rebecca Olshansky
 William & Lauren Ortman
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AS OF 8/31/2021

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AS OF 8/31/2021

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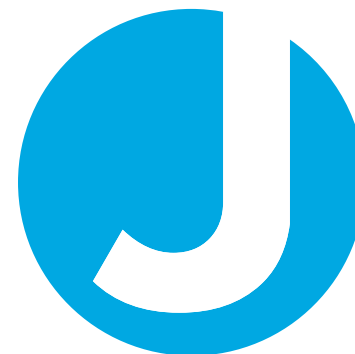
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