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B'nai Tzedek

## **B/NAI TZEDEK LIST OF JEWISH (AND GENERAL\*) ORGANIZATIONS**

Although this is not a complete list of organizations to which you may make a contribution from your fund, these organizations are all worthwhile and deserving of charitable contributions. If you have any questions about any of the organizations included in this list or would like to discuss any other specific organization, please contact Shannon Small at 615-354-1651 or email at [shannon@jewishnashville.org](mailto:shannon@jewishnashville.org).

\*Please note: Organizations with an asterisk (\*) are non-Jewish organizations.

**If you have less than \$100 available to recommend, it MUST be to a Jewish charity and not to any charity with an asterisk.**

### **JEWISH EDUCATION**

#### **Akiva School**

**Congregation Beit Tefilah Chabad Religious School (through Center for Jewish Awareness)**

**Congregation Micah Religious School**

**The Temple Religious School**

**Sherith Israel Religious School**

**West End Synagogue Religious School**

#### **National Jewish Outreach Program**

The National Jewish Outreach Program (NJOP)

is dedicated to providing, through educational courses and experiential programs, a basic Jewish education for every Jew in America. NJOP has become one of the largest and most successful Jewish outreach organizations in the world. NJOP offers Jews positive, joyous, Jewish educational opportunities and experiences.

#### **The HASAC (Hebrew Academy For Special Children)**

Since 1963, HASAC continues to provide high quality education and therapeutic services to special needs children. Families are an integral component of our education process. Highly structured and individualized, our programs concentrate on the development of the whole child in the least restrictive environment. Progressive vision and traditional leadership enable us to synthesize proven techniques with new and innovative approaches. We are guided by creativity, compassion and motivation as we strive to make a world of difference in the lives of our children.

#### **Get Connected! Trip to Israel**

Support our local Jewish 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> graders' community-wide trip to Israel for summer 2015 where our local teens learn from and interact with Israelis, including those youth in our sister city of Hadera.

## **THE ARTS**

### **The Jerusalem Foundation**

**(please designate on your distribution form you would like the distribution to go towards arts and culture)**

Beyond the tangible benefits, art and culture offers meaning and beauty to daily life, and Jerusalem's ever-expanding cultural landscape proudly features the avant-garde alongside its treasures of antiquity. We support projects that strengthen cultural institutions and emerging artists, inspire arts education graduates to settle and create in the city, increase international exposure for the city's artists, and bring performers from around the world to Jerusalem.

## **THE ELDERLY**

### **Shalom Taxi**

Provides transportation to Jewish seniors in Nashville to enable them to go to doctors' appointments, grocery shopping and attend social and recreational events at the Gordon JCC and other locations.

### **Gordon Jewish Community Center Senior Programs**

Sponsors lunches, special learning events, classes, exercise classes, and day trips as well as visitation of homebound seniors.

### **Jewish Family Service**

Jewish Family Service assists elderly community members needing services such as care management, nursing home transition and counseling services.

### **The Temple Senior Programs**

Provides transportation to services, educational, luncheons and social programs for senior adults.

### **West End Synagogue Senior Programs**

Members visit congregants in nursing homes and elderly shut-ins. The congregation's seniors group also offers social and educational programs for persons 60 years of age and older.

### **Memphis Jewish Home**

Provides nursing home services to Jews in the southeast region of the U.S.

### **Lifeline for the Old, Israel**

Operates 13 workshops for the elderly, who come from their homes to make items such as Challah covers, Tallaysim, toys, Mezuzot, ceramic items and clothing. In addition there



is a bookbindery where they repair the schoolchildren's books for all of the schools of Jerusalem.

### **Project Ezra, NYC**

For 26 years, this extraordinary group of devoted individuals has reached many elders on the Lower East Side of Manhattan. Many of the elderly are still living independently today because of this crucial program.

### **Yad Sarah, Israel**

Lends medical equipment free of charge throughout Israel. In addition, Yad Sarah adds an impressive array of programs such as activity centers for elders and workshops for disabled people.

### **JEWS AT RISK**

#### **Nashville Jewish Federation Annual Campaign**

Conducts an annual campaign among Jews in Nashville and Middle Tennessee to assist Jews wherever and whenever they are in need. Locally, the annual campaign provides funds to the Akiva School, BBYO, GJCC, Hillel, Jewish Family Service, and local congregations. Through our overseas partners, JDC, JAFI and ORT, overseas dollars assist Jews in Israel and in 70 countries throughout the world. In general, funds are allocated to a variety of local, national and international agencies that help the Jewish people and Jewish communities through a wide range of vital programs and services.

#### **Jewish Family Services**

Jewish family services provides kosher food boxes, school supplies, and emergency financial assistance to Jewish families and individuals at risk in the community.

#### **American Joint Distribution Committee (JDC)**

Jewish Federation's overseas partner provides assistance to Jewish communities in and around the world. Current concerns include rescuing Jews from areas of distress, creating new programs for disadvantaged Israelis, helping develop Jewish communities in the Former Soviet Union and youth activities in Eastern Europe.

#### **Chamah – “A Helping Hand and A Guiding Light”**

Chamah is a non-profit organization in the United States, Israel and Russia. It was founded in 1953 underground in the Former Soviet Union. The programs which Chamah has been successfully operating for nearly fifty years are aimed to upgrade Jewish awareness among Russian Jews and help the elderly and needy, which include soup kitchens, “Meals on Wheels” programs, home care for the elderly, senior citizens centers, community centers, institutions for underprivileged children, distribution of food staples for the hungry and needy population from all walks of life in Russia.

### **ELI, The Israel Association for Child Protection**

In recent years, Israel has experienced an increase of more than 400% in the number of reported incidents of child abuse. ELI protects Israel's children from sexual, physical, emotional abuse by providing a comprehensive continuum of services, including crisis intervention, emergency hot line and shelter services, therapy (including pet therapy and art therapy programs), prevention programming, professional education and community awareness. (Please contact the Jewish Foundation to support specific programs, if desired.)

### **Jewish Adoption and Foster Care Options (JAFCO)**

Nothing is more tragic than a family torn apart. When a child is removed from his family, he leaves behind what he has known and takes with him his fears, anger, hurt and insecurities. JAFCO provides a child with a familiar cultural and religious environment. JAFCO currently provides an entire continuum of programs and services for at-risk children and their families including the following: Family Preservation/Case Management Services; Foster/Adoptive Parent Recruitment, MAPP Training and Licensing/Home study; Foster Care Placement, Supervision and Support; Adoption Placement and Post Adoption Support Services; "Forever Friends" (Mentoring) Program; MST (Multi Systemic Therapy); Emergency Shelter; Group Homes

### **Jewish Agency for Israel (JAFI)**

Jewish Federation's overseas partner agency in Israel that is responsible for overseeing the social service programs and assists immigrants to Israel with absorption into Israeli life. It receives funding from money contributed by worldwide Jewry through their Federation annual campaigns.

### **Keren Haya'eled**

Much has changed since Keren Haya'eled was founded over half a century ago. It began as a fund to save immigrant children from missionaries. Today it provides a warm home to orphans and children from dysfunctional families throughout Israel. Keren Haya'eled's goal is not just to provide its children with food, clothing, shelter and an education, but also to see that they grow up happy and healthy. Its dedicated staff gives their hearts and souls to the children, providing them with the home – and family – they never had.

### **World ORT**

The world's largest Jewish education and vocational training nongovernmental organization. This year, through their network of schools, colleges, training centers and programs in Israel, Russia, Argentina and many other countries worldwide, they will benefit more than 200,000 people - young and old, Jewish and non-Jewish. Among their many programs are:

- Helping Children-in-Need
- Assisting Students at the Gaza Border

- Providing Computer for Every
- Supporting Seriously Ill Children

## **HUNGER**

### **Mazon, Inc. NYC**

A grant-making and fundraising organization that raises funds in the Jewish community and supports many projects that directly feed the hungry as well as programs that educate the public about solving the underlying problem: hunger.

### **North American Conference on Ethiopian Jewry**

NACOEJ is an organization with four mandates:

1. To help Ethiopian Jews survive Ethiopia.
2. To assist them in reaching Israel.
3. To aid in their absorption into Israeli society.
4. To preserve their unique and ancient culture.

NACOEJ also feeds Ethiopian Jewish Children whose parents do not have food at home to feed them. Because of NACOEJ, these children in their Feeding Centers are now growing strong and healthy.

### **\*Second Harvest Food Bank**

The local food bank provides emergency food boxes to those in need in our community and provides donated food to area food pantries and feeding programs.

### **Table to Table/Leket Israel**

The mission of this organization is to lead the safe, effective and efficient collection and distribution of surplus nutritious food in Israel, to those who need it. Leket Israel deals with harvesting surplus agricultural produce and collecting cooked meals then sorting and distributing them to the needy throughout the country.

## **HOMELESS/IMMIGRANTS**

### **Jewish Family Service of Nashville**

The social service agency of the Nashville Jewish community. It provides counseling, emergency financial assistance, adoption services and case management services.

### **Room at the Inn**

Provides overnight shelter at various synagogues and churches to homeless men and women in the Nashville area during the winter months.

## **The Ark, Chicago, IL**

Among the first grassroots projects in the United States to address the needs of poor Jews. This program offers a full range of services, including a shelter. The Ark set the example: people in need should not have to go from one agency to another to yet another to have their needs addressed.

## **HEALTH**

### **American Red Magen David for Israel**

Israel's equivalent to a Red Cross Society. The ARMDI supplies and equips ambulances, bloodmobiles, and cardiac rescue ambulances serving all hospitals and communities throughout Israel.

### **Chai Lifeline/Camp Simcha**

Chai Life, founded in 1986, provides support to sick individuals, who suffer from cancer and other life threatening illnesses, and their immediate family at no charge. Camp Simcha is the foremost kosher camp in the world for children with cancer and related life threatening disorders.

### **Chaim Layeled – “Helping Children in Israel with Cystic Fibrosis”**

At Chaim Layeled, they strive to increase their activity by offering maximal help to as many patients as possible. A winter camp at the Dead Sea and a summer camp in Switzerland contribute a lot to the patients' quality of life. The conferences and meetings between the sick children, their parents and siblings, as well as the emotional support that they get, give additional encouragement, as do other various activities sponsored by the organization. They are working towards purchasing an ambulance for transporting patients to and from treatments, with the future vision: Buying their own building in Switzerland for the annual, medical camp.

### **Israel Cancer Research Fund (ICRF)**

The Israel Cancer Research Fund is the only voluntary charitable organization in North America solely devoted to supporting cancer research in Israel. Since 1975, ICRF has provided 1526 grants to outstanding cancer researchers whose laboratories are located in all of the leading scientific research institutions, universities and hospitals across Israel, leading to many groundbreaking advances in the struggle to conquer cancer.

### **Israel Special Kids Fund**

Improves the quality of life for disabled and seriously ill children. Israel Special Kids Fund cares for desperately ill children and their families year-round, earning the accolades of the medical and health communities throughout Israel.

### **Jewish Braille Institute of America**

Provides access to Judaism for blind children and adults. They also provide significant services to the elderly visually impaired who cannot easily read print as well as for sighted children with significant reading disabilities who depend upon them for their Jewish education and development.

### **Sharsheret**

Sharsheret aims to provide tailored support and resources to young Jewish women facing breast cancer through a national peer support network; to educate the health care community and the Jewish community about the unique concerns of Jewish women facing breast cancer through the presentation of medical symposia and outreach events; and to address the unique concerns of younger women facing breast cancer through programs that address their quality of life.

### **Shiloh Israel Children's Fund (SICF)**

Provides medical and psychological treatments to children who have been traumatized by terror. SICF engages in various therapeutic techniques to help children, such as music therapy, animal-assisted therapy and movement/art therapy, all in addition to physical, occupational and speech therapy. Its petting zoo has become a therapeutic haven for the children.

## **WOMEN**

### **El Halev**

An Israeli organization promoting women's empowerment that is focused on 3 goals:

- Reducing violence in Israeli society by teaching Martial Art Skills and values: respect, self-restraints, loyalty, integrity, compassion and community involvement and thereby enabling people to choose a non-violent way of life.
- Teaching Personal Safety & Self Defense skills allowing these populations to acknowledge that they are powerful and have the right to protect themselves and to live a safe and fulfilled life.
- Providing a warm and professional environment in which women can practice and teach Martial arts, participate in special trainings and certification programs, excel and reach their full potential as martial artists and Self Defense instructors.

### **NCJW, Nashville Section**

NCJW offers Jewish women a way to make a difference in their community. Through their volunteer and fundraising efforts, they provide grants to local organizations that assist women and children in need.



### **Hadassah, Projects for Women**

Funds research and services at Hadassah Hospital in Israel in the areas of breast cancer, prenatal intensive care and osteoporosis. In the U.S. Hadassah chapters conduct programs and projects related to breast cancer education and awareness and sponsor the Young Judaea Camps.

### **Jewish Family Service**

Jewish Family Service provides confidential services to birth parents (including counseling and help with medical and living arrangements) and prospective adoptive parents (including education counseling and post-placement services).

### **Jewish Women International (JWI)**

Jewish Women International (JWI) is the leading Jewish organization working to empower women and girls by ensuring and protecting their physical safety and economic security, promoting and celebrating inter-generational leadership, and inspiring civic participation and community engagement. JWI works to ensure that all women and girls thrive in healthy relationships, control their financial futures and realize the full potential of their personal strength.

### **ANTI-SEMITISM**

#### **American Jewish Committee**

Protects the rights and freedoms of Jews the world over; combats bigotry and anti-Semitism and promotes democracy and human right for all; works for a deepened understanding between Americans and Israelis; and advocates public-policy positions based on American democratic values and the perspectives of Jewish heritage.

#### **Anti-Defamation League**

Defends democratic ideals and works to eliminate anti-Semitism and bigotry around the world, while providing knowledgeable leadership for the American Jewish community on a national level.

#### **Simon Wiesenthal Center**

Simon Wiesenthal Center is a center for Holocaust remembrance, the defense of human rights and the Jewish people. The Center brings a unique combination of social action, public outreach, scholarship, and media projects to impart the lessons of the Holocaust, develop educational strategies for tolerance, and impact on issues of the day.

#### **Stand With Us**

We are dedicated to educating of all ages and backgrounds around the world while combating the extremism and antisemitism that often distort the issues. With 18 offices





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across the globe, we use cutting-edge print materials, speakers, programs, conferences, missions to Israel, social media, educational videos, and other online resources to tell the story of Israel's inspiring achievements and ongoing challenges. With departments focused on middle schools, high schools, college campuses, and communities, we empower a global network of activists and educators for Israel.

### **World Jewish Congress**

The World Jewish Congress is the international organization that represents Jewish communities and organizations in 100 countries around the world. It advocates on their behalf towards governments, parliaments, international organizations and other faiths. The WJC represents the plurality of the Jewish people, and is politically non-partisan.

### **HOLOCAUST EDUCATION**

#### **Gordon Jewish Community Center Holocaust Memorial Endowment Fund for Education**

Provides for educational programs in connection with the Nashville Holocaust Memorial.

#### **Rosemary May Holocaust Education Fund for Students, Jewish Foundation of Nashville**

A fund in the Jewish Foundation of Nashville established to provide money to enable the implementation of educational programs on the Holocaust for youth.

#### **U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum, Washington, D.C.**

#### **Yad Vashem Memorial Museum, Israel**

Holocaust Memorial and museum located in Israel, whose purpose is commemoration, education and research about the Holocaust.

### **LGBTQ**

#### **World Jewish Congress of LGBT Jews**

We strive to be a worldwide voice for LGBTQIA+ Jews, to support, inspire, and strengthen local groups, to foster a sense of community among diverse individuals and organizations. We organize conferences, translate materials, support leaders, and connect new and established LGBTQIA+ Jewish organizations from across the globe. Read about our history and our current members.

## THE ENVIRONMENT

### **Jewish National Fund**

Performs groundbreaking work to develop the land of Israel through a variety of multifaceted initiatives. While they plant trees (you can plant a tree in Israel to honor or memorialize family, friends and loved ones) and create parks, their work in Israel is divided into these seven action areas: forestry & ecology, water, community development, security, education, research & development and tourism & recreation.

### **Society for the Protection of Nature Projects, Israel**

Conducts educational efforts and campaigns for the protection of Israel's unique landscape, wildlife and endangered species as well as a safe environment for all of its residents.

### **ECO Israel**

Eco-Israel offers Jewish young adults the opportunity to embrace permaculture and sustainable living through intensive hands-on experience and coursework on an organic farm. Upon completion of the program, you will receive an internationally recognized certificate in permaculture design. Based at the Hava & Adam Eco-Educational farm in Modi'in (located halfway between Jerusalem and Tel Aviv) Eco-Israel allows you to explore how ecology, Judaism, and Israel blend together in a working model of a self-sustaining ecological community.

## ANIMALS

### **CHAI (Concern for Helping Animals in Israel)**

A non-profit formed in the United States to help Israel's animal protection community in improving the condition and treatment of Israel's animals.

### **Israeli Guide Dog Center for the Blind**

Their mission is to help blind Israelis regain their lives by providing independence, mobility, self-confidence and companionship through the use of Guide Dogs. You may be surprised to learn that Israel has one of the highest per-capita rates of blindness in the world, **because their soldiers as well as innocent civilians are often injured in barbaric acts of terror**, in addition to becoming blind from other medical disorders. They breed, raise and train the guide dogs in their facility near Tel Aviv. When a blind Israeli requests assistance, they transport them to their center, house and feed them for three weeks during training, and then provide an additional week of training in their homes. They also provide follow-up care twice a year to make sure that the partnership is still working properly. This is all done **AT NO COST TO THE BLIND!**

## **\*GENERAL EDUCATION**

**\*Creative Adaptations for Learning (CAL)** – creates and publishes innovative educational Braille flashcards, embossed pictures, and tactile illustrations that bring raised line drawings to life. CAL creates tactile graphics for children and adults with special needs: those who are blind or visually impaired, children who have dyslexia, autism, or may have a cognitive learning disability. CAL produces educational materials that transform lifeless, two-dimensional print pictures into legible, three-dimensional pictures. These unique raised line drawings are used by children, parents, teachers, therapists and caregivers; high quality and multi-textured; interactive and enjoyable to everyone - children to seniors, able or challenged.