

# Shalom WELCOME

Dear Friends,

This booklet highlights the many initiatives potentially funded by United Jewish Federation's 2023 Annual Campaign for Communal Needs.

Our local partner organizations were invited to suggest projects to be included in the Federation's Annual Campaign. This booklet includes initiatives that we believe will make a positive impact in our local Jewish community and beyond.

You, as a donor, may direct your gift to any one or more of the initiatives in this booklet. If you select the "where it is needed most" option, UJF's Grants and Allocations committee and board will use it's discretion to allocate your donation among all or some subset of the worthy initiatives outlined here. UJF considers several factors in making such allocations, including the overall success of the Campaign, the minimum level of funding required for any initiative to be undertaken, and the extent to which the Community has supported each initiative through specifically directed gifts.

By structuring the Annual Campaign in the form of this booklet, UJF continues to provide you the flexibility to direct your philanthropy to causes that resonate with you, or to support UJF programs and grants more generically. With your continuing support, we hope and believe that the initiatives in this booklet will strengthen our community for years to come.

Thank you for your generosity.

Warm Regards,

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## Beyond the Annual Campaign

Your Federation impacts our community with the following programs generously funded by philanthropic support from individuals, foundations, & corporate sponsors.

### THE BEHREND INSTITUTE FOR LEADERSHIP

Designed for leaders on the move, eager to invest time in honing their skills & learning about the community infrastructure. This selective program provides leadership learning through a Jewish lens as well as hands-on skills-building for action-oriented growth.

FUNDED BY STEPHNE & KERRIN  
BEHREND

### PJ LIBRARY & PJ OUR WAY BOOKS

Over 500 books are sent monthly throughout Stamford, New Canaan, & Darien, free of charge.

FUNDED BY 2 ANONYMOUS DONORS

### READING PARTNERS

A volunteer-based reading program with over 100 volunteers.

FUNDED BY THE HERBERT & SARAH M.  
GIBOR FOUNDATION

### THE KURIANSKY TEEN TZEDAKAH CORPS

A teen philanthropic leadership program that trains the next generation of philanthropists.

FUNDED BY THE LOUIS J.  
KURIANSKY FOUNDATION

### 3SQUARE

Provides local children identified as "in need" with a bag of food each Friday to sustain them through the weekend.

FUNDED BY THE CLAIRE  
FRIEDLANDER FOUNDATION

### DIGNITY GROWS

Combats "period poverty" by distributing over 100 bags a month to women in need. In addition, 50 bags a month are delivered to local public schools.

FUNDED IN PART BY THE CLAIRE  
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## United Jewish Federation of Stamford, New Canaan, and Darien 2023 ANNUAL CAMPAIGN for COMMUNAL NEEDS

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# Community IMPACT

## Where it's Needed Most | UNLIMITED

By directing your gift to “where it is needed most”, you are enabling UJF’s Grants and Allocations committee to fulfill the needs in this booklet.

## The Infrastructure of UJF | UNLIMITED

Help keep the UJF engine running so we can continue to strengthen our community.

## Israel & Global Jewry | UNLIMITED

Join UJF’s commitment to maintaining the continuity of our global Jewish family through social welfare needs, Jewish education, and safety.

## Communal Scholarship Fund | UNLIMITED

Help provide funding to schools, camps, and more by providing scholarships to local organizations.

## LIFE & LEGACY® | \$170,000

Assure our community’s Jewish tomorrows with LIFE & LEGACY®. With support from the Harold Grinspoon Foundation, UJF helps communal organizations promote legacy giving and build their endowments.

## Community Shaliach (Israel Emissary) | \$110,000 (\$40,000\*)

Help UJF host a Shaliach who works throughout our community. The Shaliach strengthens connections with Israel by working in local synagogues, agencies, and schools. \*Already raised by sponsorships

## New Jewish Voice Newspaper | \$80,000

Keep UJF’s community publication, New Jewish Voice, free! We keep 10,000+ readers in touch with Jewish news, activities, partner agencies, and community events.

## Communal Security | \$80,000

Keep our local Jewish community safe amid a growing threat of hatred and antisemitism. Money raised will help fund UJF’s Regional Security Advisor who trains and advises local agencies and institutions. Gifts will be matched by a Live Secure Grant from Jewish Federations of North America.

## Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC) | \$78,000

Fund UJF’s JCRC representing the Jewish community’s interests and concerns to public officials and agencies, the media, and the community at large.

## NextGen | \$45,000

Connect young Jews in their mid-20s, 30s, and 40s, from all backgrounds and affiliations. UJF’s NextGen program is dedicated to building a better, stronger Jewish community with social events, volunteer programs, educational activities, and philanthropy.

## Social Services & SENIOR SUPPORT

### JCC Arts & Entertainment Program | \$80,000

Designed to promote cultural engagement, the JCC Arts and Entertainment Program for community members ages 60+ offers a variety of events including health and wellness, author series, workshops and more.

### Build Support Through Connections | \$27,500

Provide resources for Schoke JFS programming in areas including healthy relationships, caregiving, and bereavement support.

### Schoke JFS Senior Care Navigator | \$24,000

Enable Schoke JFS to hire a Senior Care Navigator to lead care management services to Stamford, New Canaan, and Darien senior communities.

### Schoke JFS Holocaust Survivor Fund | \$20,000

Help meet emergency needs of local Holocaust survivors. Funds raised by UJF are matched by Kavod Shef, a national organization dedicated to survivors.

### Anachnu Holocaust Survivor | \$12,000

Join UJF in supporting Anachnu Holocaust Survivor programming all year round with survivors sharing their experiences and enjoying cultural programs, special events, and celebrations.

### Engagement & Affinity Groups | \$37,000

Provide a platform for communal engagement through UJF groups that connect community members with shared interests. Groups include lawyers, doctors, business professionals, grandparents, empty nesters, and more.

### Shalom/Welcome Program | \$18,000

Ensure all newcomers get a proper “shalom” from UJF family with a personal visit. Shalom Baby also welcomes new babies in the UJF family with gifts and relevant information for parents.

### Yom HaShoah Commemoration | \$12,000

Help UJF and the Board of Rabbis bring the community together annually to remember individuals and communities lost in the Shoah.

## Youth & YOUNG ADULTS

### BCHA Support Services Program | \$60,000

Partner with Bi-Cultural Hebrew Academy to provide a Resource Specialist for both their Middle and Upper School students to assist with learning styles to succeed academically, socially, and emotionally.

### BCHA Community Chesed/Tikkun Olam Program | \$50,000

Support the Community Chesed/Tikkun Olam program as Bi-Cultural Hebrew Academy students participate with communal Jewish agencies and institutions in mitzvah opportunities.

### Schoke JFS Mental Health Services & Wellness for Adolescents & Youth | \$35,000

Assist Schoke JFS to expand their clinical department to provide services to youth and teens experiencing depression and anxiety.

### Mitzvah Makers | \$20,000

Assist Temple Beth El’s efforts to engage middle schoolers in social action/social justice activities and projects. This program provides monthly mitzvah opportunities and partners with local organizations like UJF, Schoke JFS, JCC, and more.

### Temple Sinai Programming & Educational Resources | \$20,000

Help enrich families with young children (5 years old or younger) at Temple Sinai’s Early Childhood Education Center (ECEC) through youth programs and the new teen program, *TS Inspire*.

### CAS Teen Israel | \$15,000

Assist Congregation Agudath Sholom Teens in becoming trained, educated, and inspired to advocate for Israel through monthly seminars and advocacy work.

### Young Israel of Stamford Youth Program | \$12,000

Help Young Israel of Stamford expand their youth programming over the summer by hosting activities, shabbat events, and non-shabbat events for teens, free and open to the public.

### One Happy Camper | \$12,000

Support UJF to offer first-time campers attending Jewish summer camp a one-time grant up to \$1000 through a partnership with One Happy Camper. Grants are available to first-time campers not currently enrolled in day school.

### Friendship Circle Inclusion Fair | \$8,500

Help support Friendship Circle’s teen volunteer-led educational inclusion fair for elementary and middle school students.

### UCONN Stamford Hillel Shabbat | \$8,000

Provide Shabbat programming and meals for UCONN Stamford students. Funding will help bring Storrs Hillel students to Stamford for expanded social opportunities.