



## SUMMER ISRAEL EXPERIENCE GRANT RECIPIENTS:

- 🔥 Sophie Math from Wallingford will attend Yallah! NFTY in Israel
- 🔥 Toba Sandman from New Haven will attend Camp YTT/Swerdlov
- 🔥 Liora Grunblatt from New Haven will attend CTEEN Israel Journey. Liora also received the Henry & Helene Kasha Fund for the Teaching of the Hebrew Language scholarship.

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT GRANT RECIPIENTS:

- 🔥 Temple Emanuel of Greater New Haven, Professional Development session for Religious School Faculty
- 🔥 Jewish Community Center of Greater New Haven, Gratz College Special Education course
- 🔥 Ezra Academy of Greater New Haven, New Teachers Project



# 2024 SECOND QUARTER NEWSLETTER

# CREATE A JEWISH LEGACY GREATER NEW HAVEN

## YEAR 1 EXCEEDS GOALS



*What will your Jewish legacy be?*

**Steve Saltzman established a PACE Fund (Perpetual Annual Campaign Endowment) and a LOJE Fund (Lion of Judah Endowment) at the Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven.**

The PACE Fund endows his Federation gift and the LOJE gift endows his late wife Marilyn's Lion gift to the Federation campaign. Steve also has a donor-advised fund.

"The LOJE fund was my first," he shares, "as it was so meaningful to [Marilyn] 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." Steve also established funds at the Jewish Foundation for the benefit of the Jewish Cemetery Association, for the ADL (Holocaust Education), and for the Downtown Evening Soup Kitchen. "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."

*Be forever remembered by our community  
for the legacy you leave.*

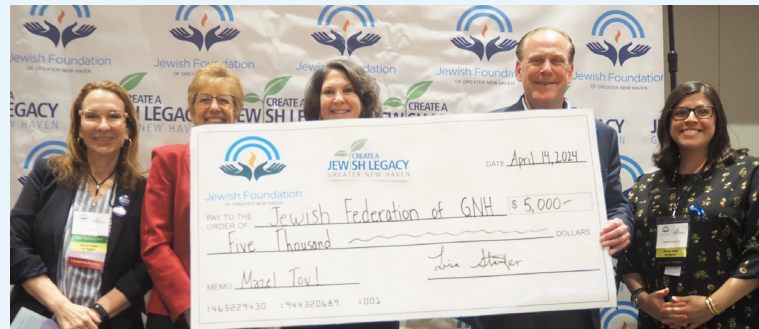
**Make YOUR legacy a brighter Jewish tomorrow.**

Create your Jewish legacy today by scanning the **QR code** or visiting [newhavenjewishfoundation.org/create-a-jewish-legacy](http://newhavenjewishfoundation.org/create-a-jewish-legacy).



On Sunday, April 14th, we had an inspiring evening as we celebrated the accomplishments of our Jewish partners in the inaugural year of Create a Jewish Legacy Greater New Haven. Close to one hundred attendees joined us for the festivities, enjoying lavish hors d'oeuvres and desserts as we recognized the achievements of the 13 organizations that collectively raised close to \$10 million in Year 1 of the 4-year initiative.

Our event featured Rabbi Daniel Cohen, author of *What Will They Say about You When You Are Gone? Creating a Life of Legacy*, as the keynote speaker. On behalf of the Jewish Foundation of Greater New Haven and the Harold Grinspoon Foundation, we extend our heartfelt gratitude for your presence at the Create a Jewish Legacy community celebration event. We truly hope the evening left you feeling inspired and energized. Mazel Tov on your remarkable contributions during this inaugural year!



The Jewish Foundation presents Robyn Teplitzky and Gerry Barker from the Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven with an incentive grant for reaching their Create a Jewish Legacy Year 1 goals



Keynote speaker Rabbi Daniel Cohen (left), author of the book *What Will They Say about You When You Are Gone? Creating a Life of Legacy*, with legacy donor and Foundation Trustee Doug Skalka (right)



Members from Temple Beth David, Cheshire, including new temple rabbi, Rabbi Rebecca Gutterman (second from right)



Foundation Executive Director, Lisa Stanger (far left) and Create a Jewish Legacy Manager, Tamara Schechter (far right), present Jennifer Bayer, Nicole Merritt and Ellen lead from The Towers at Tower Lane with an incentive grant for reaching their Create a Jewish Legacy Year 1 goals

## Legacy Commitments: Building a Strong Jewish Future



### LIFE & LEGACY™ National Program 2012-present

- \$1.6 billion in legacy commitments
- \$234 million secured
- 40,680 letters of intent
- 75 communities
- 898 participating organizations



### Create a Jewish Legacy Greater New Haven 2012-2022

- \$8.1 million in legacy commitments
- \$300,000 in incentive grants from the Jewish Foundation
- 375 letters of intent
- 600 donor conversations
- 12 participating organizations



### Create a Jewish Legacy Greater New Haven 2023 YEAR 1!

- \$9.9 million in legacy commitments
- \$28,000 in incentive grants from the Jewish Foundation
- 150 letters of intent
- 247 donor conversations
- 13 participating organizations



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# WOMEN OF VISION SOCIETY 2024 GRANT AWARDS

Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven

## YESOD – Leadership Development Project

The YESOD Leadership Development Project is an established curriculum combining Judaic text study, business skills, leadership theory, and experimental application to Jewish women who wish to enhance the quality of life for themselves and their families to ensure continuity by providing a strong foundation of knowledge.

Yashar LaChayal, Israel

## Female Haredi Soldiers In Need

Yashar LaChayal launched this project to assist impoverished female Israeli soldiers. There are many female soldiers that serve in combat units that have great difficulties financially. Yashar LaChayal provide the soldiers with appliances, credit at supermarkets when needed, as well as food packages before major holidays, warm clothing, and rent for female Haredi Lone Soldiers. The needs of the soldiers have increased drastically over the last few months due to the war.

The Haifa Rape Crisis Center, Israel

## You Are Not Alone

This project aims to provide an emotional resilience group for mothers whose children have been sexually harmed or abused. Groups will run for 25 sessions of 1.5-2 hours each and are overseen by two professionally trained facilitators. Each group can accommodate up to ten women.

The Towers at Tower Lane

## Adopt a Bubbe: An Intergenerational Jewish Program for Women and Girls

This project pairs Southern CT Hebrew Academy girls with an adult from The Towers. Over the course of the

school year, SCHA students have the opportunity to form ongoing, lasting, and meaningful relationships with this older population. Monthly sessions focus on holidays, crafts, and holiday food. This year, the women and girls will focus on planting for the future with an emphasis on projects relating to the new Tower Garden.

Beit Ruth for Young Women and Girls At-Risk

## A Path to Economic Empowerment for Israel's Young Women At-Risk

Beit Ruth's Economic Empowerment Programs ensure Pre-Graduates and Alumnae achieve and sustain economic independence by empowering them with critical employment, business and life skills, banking, managing credit cards, loans and creating business plans. The project hopes women can use these skills to increase opportunities for social mobility and independence while helping mitigate poverty.

B'nai Brith Youth Organization

## Connecticut Valley Region – Stomp Out Mental Health Program

B'nai Brith Youth Organization (BBYO) has a rich history of providing Jewish teens with a safe space to explore different aspects of their identity and try new things. Stomp Out Mental Health has been running for the past five years and has received a very positive response as teens learn to have open dialogue with their peers about mental health in a collaborative environment.

Global Network for Jewish Women Entrepreneurs & Leaders

## The Jewish Leadership Program

The Jewish Leadership Program is a 6-month program for Jewish Women Entrepreneurs and Leaders that enhances the quality of life by empowering women to be economically independent and builds bridges by uniting women from diverse traditions

and fostering community strength. Collaboration with other organizations maximizes resource utilization and outreach efforts engage unaffiliated women, strengthening connections within the Jewish community. The program aligns the Jewish values, promoting Tikkun Olam through support for community programs.

The Counseling Center for Women, Israel

## Support Group for Women With Partners on Military Duty in Israel

This support group aims to provide assistance to women whose partners are on active or reserve duty. The Counseling Center for Women seeks to provide a space

for these women to decompress and comfortably discuss their feelings of loneliness and loss during this difficult time. The goal is to prevent mental deterioration of women's health and foster a sense of belonging.

Chimes, Israel

## Preparing Girls With Disabilities for Life's Challenges through Self-Advocacy & Empowerment

Women and girls with disabilities experience ten times the rate of sexual exploitation, violence, and psychological abuse. The workshop encourages self-awareness, advocacy, and empowerment through education on consent,

recognizing abuse, avoiding negative situations, and seeking assistance against abuse and exploitation. Other topics include body health, hygiene, sexuality, and debunking gender ideals and gender roles.

2025 Applications Now Open!



## FEATURED GRANT RECIPIENT

# YESOD LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

Yesod is a curriculum based program to assist in building a pipeline of volunteer leadership.

This program aims to build a stronger Greater New Haven community by investing in the development of individuals who demonstrate volunteer leadership potential. Many participants have some leadership experience within their organization and have shown interest in learning more about being a leader. Program participants also show commitment to the Jewish community.



The curriculum, developed by the Florence Melton School of Adult Jewish Learning and written by Dr. Erica Brown, covers a diverse range of topics, including Judaic study text, business skills, leadership theory, and experimental application.

The interactive program provides participants with the tools necessary to develop their leadership skills. The New Haven Cohort consists of 20 participants who are dedicated to making a difference and will become strategic partners for our community.



# INTRODUCING A NEW TZEDAKAH PROGRAM FOR KIDS: MY VERY OWN TZEDAKAH



The Jewish Foundation's Build a Tzedakah (BAT) Program has been running for over 20 years, lending over \$106,000 in community funding. BAT has successfully engaged teens celebrating their Bat/Bar Mitzvahs, and has seen incredible community support. To continue growing our youth philanthropy, we're proud to introduce My Very Own Tzedakah.

Embark on a meaningful philanthropic journey with the Jewish Foundation of Greater New Haven's expanded Build a Tzedakah program, **My Very Own Tzedakah**. This initiative aims to instill the spirit of giving in children from a young age, making philanthropy an integral part of their lives. Children and families can start a fund at any time, even well before their Bar/Bat Mitzvah.

With My Very Own Tzedakah, parents, guardians, family, and friends can establish a personalized Tzedakah Fund (charitable fund) for the special child(ren) in their lives by contributing \$600. Another \$400 is contributed from a generous community donor, so your budding philanthropist's fund will have an impressive \$1,000 available.

The beauty of this program lies in its ongoing nature. Anyone, including the child, can continue to contribute to the fund at any time—be it birthdays, holidays, b'nai mitzvah, or other memorable moments. This not only fosters a sense of responsibility but also provides the opportunity for the fund to grow and the child to make an even greater impact.

Start your child's philanthropic journey early and watch as the seeds of compassion and generosity grow within them. It's never too soon to inspire a lifelong commitment to giving back!



Learn more and open a fund today at [newhavenjewishfoundation.org/bat/](https://newhavenjewishfoundation.org/bat/) or by scanning the QR code

# OUR JEWISH OVERNIGHT CAMP IMPACT SINCE 2018



**\$140,000**

awarded to children and families in need



**197**

families enabled to send their child(ren) to camp



**236**

children got to experience camp



**89**

families received an incentive grant



**118**

families received a need-based grant



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