

WOMEN OF VISION & WOMEN OF VISION TOO

Anonymous	Marilyn Fishbone	Jackie Koral	Judith Schwartz
Elaine Ades	In loving memory of Yetta Waldman	Robin Kramer	Marlene Schweitzer
Betsy Adler	Ratner by her granddaughter,	Evelyn Krevolin*	Barbara Segaloff
Cecle Adler	Marilyn Fishbone	Shirley Kroopnick	Jodi Seidner
Caron Alderman	In honor of my daughter, Lisa Fishbone	Elaine Lawson	Cis Serling
Lucille Alderman	Wallack, by Marilyn Fishbone	Cindy Leffell	Deborah Sessel
Judy Alperin	Betsy Gandelman Fiske	Helaine Lender	Holli Shanbrom
Darcy McGraw Altman	Betsy Flaherty	Margaret Lerner	Harriet Shapiro
Mira Arbonies	Joanne Foodim	Roslyn Lerner	Phyliss Shapiro
Diane Ariker	Linda Friedman	Ruth Lesser	Jane Webber Shernow
In honor of our daughter,	Nancy Frydman	Diane Levey	Pattie Shure
Lauren Ariker Korman,	Suzanne Gallant	Lydia Levine	Meryl Silver
by Diane & Walter Ariker	Lillian Gandelman	Betty Levy	Ina Silverman
In honor of our daughter-in-law,	Deb Gaudette	Beverly Levy	Carol Sirof
Shanti Ariker,	Dorothy Giannini-Meyers	Perri Levy	Judy Sklarz
by Diane & Walter Ariker	Pat Ginsberg	Barbara Lichtman	Judy Skolnick*
Sara Ann Auerbach	Bess Glazer	Loretta G. Lipka	Susan Skope
Judith August	Miriam Glenn	Roberta Litvinoff	Gayle Slossberg
Joan Bailey	Eve Gold	Jan Magid	Lois Smirnoff
Debbie Brander Barbieri	Lindy Lee Gold	Robin Malkus	Lois Spivack
Betsy Barnston	Bonnie K. Goldberg	Amy Margolis	Lisa Stanger*
Chana Baron	Carole Greenbaum	Bernice Margolis	Shirley Stephson
Judith Barr	Barbara Greenberg	Joan Glazer Margolis	Betsy Stern
Jennifer Bayer	In loving memory of Florence Ginzberg	Marilyn Margolis	In tribute to the memory of my brother,
Ruthann Beckerman*	Supowitz by her daughter, Barbara	Darcy Marks	Dr. Edward Goodruff Steinlauf, by
In honor of Barbara Greenberg, a	Greenberg	Mary Mathog	Marcie S. Sugarmann
real Woman of Vision, by Ruthann	Doris Greenberg	Rebecca Meyer	Janice Sussman
Beckerman	Evelyn Greenblatt	Roslyn Meyer	Robyn Teplitzky
Abby Bench	Marjorie Greenblatt	Barbara Jean Miller	In memory of my husband, Andrew H.
Sharon Bender	Ruth Greenblatt	Lauren Miller	Testa, by Doreen Testa*
Barbara Berg	Linda Greenhouse	Harriett Miller	Rebecca Tishkoff
Ina Berson	Rena Grodd	Sandra Milles	Shirley Trachten
Civianne Bloch	Velma Grodd	In memory of my loving mother,	Stacey Trachten
Sarah Blum	Roberta Grossman	Elizabeth H. Goldsmith, by Judith	Hyla G. Vine*
Marjorie Botwinik	Taube Gurland	G. Naden	In honor of my daughter, Glenna Jillian
Elaine Braffman	Judi Hahn*	Susan Naiman	Vine, by Hyla G. Vine
Charlotte Brenner	Lisa Harding	Ann Nishball	In honor of my mother, Bernice Michel
Phyllis Brodoff	Lauren Hass	Nancy Olins	Goldberg, by Hyla G. Vine
Susan Buxbaum	Ronda Hendel	Barbara Green Orell	In honor of my daughter, Ilana Michel
Laura Campbell	Rita Hershenson	Ruth Ostfeld	Vine, by Hyla G. Vine
Linda Cedarbaum	Claudia Heyman	Debra Reiter Panitch	In loving memory of my mother-in-law,
Elaine Chapman	Marjorie Hirshfield	Melissa Perkal	Lillian E. Vine, by Hyla G. Vine
Roslyn Chosak	Gloria Hoder	Danya Perry	Gail Brekke Vlock
Roxanne Coady	Amy Holtz	Sarah Perry	Karen Vlock
Gloria Cohen	Betsy Hoos*	Sydney A. Perry	Laurel Vlock
Nancy Cohen	Jennifer Rachel Hoos	Madeline Potash	Sandra Vlock
In honor of my granddaughter, Samara	Michele Faye Hoos	Jo-Ann Price	Helen Vogel
Rozen, by Nancy Cohen	Stephanie Hyla Hoos	Linda L. Randell	Laury Alderman Walker
In honor of my granddaughter,	Miriam Horowitz	Rachel Ranis	Joan Wallack
Danielle Epstein, by Nancy Cohen	Phyliss Horton	Hyla Raphael	Barbara Wareck
In honor of my granddaughter,	Dale Hurwitz	Marcia Reiter	Lillian Weinberg
Jill Epstein, by Nancy Cohen	In tribute to the memory of my brother,	Lillian Resnik	Elise Weiner
Linda Cohen	Dr. Edward Goodruff Steinlauf, by	Carol Robbins	Martha Sue Weisbart
Linda Friedman Cole	Heidi Hurwitz	Patricia Rogovin	Marian Wexler
Emily Resnik-Conn	Teddy Hurwitz	Lynda Rosenfeld	Ana White
Harriet Cooper	Dorothy Hyatt	In loving memory of Marilyn Rosenfield	Esther White
Joanna Cooper	Caroline M. Jacobs	by her daughter and son-in-law,	Mary Lou Winnick
Judy Cooper	In loving memory of my mother,	Andrea and Ed Konowitz	Marcia Witten
In honor of my daughter,	Rebecca Govrin Jacobson,	Stacey Cohen Rozen	Liz Wolpert
Sharon Mogel, by Judy Cooper	by Susan E. Jacobson	Diane Daskal Ruben	Leslie Zackin
In honor of my daughter,	Susan Kahan**	Lynn Rudich	Pearl Zale
Leslie Gold, by Judy Cooper	Bertha Kahn	Jane Rudner	Ariel Zohar
Esther M. Copelon	Lisa Kapp	Ruth Sachs	
Ann Drobnis	Iny Karp	Gloria Sack	
Elizabeth Edelglass*	Barbara Katz	Mary Beth Saltzman	
Eileen Eder	Marni Smith Katz	Emily Sandberg	
Yvette Eder	Carol Kaufman	Betsy Savelle	
Jody Ellant	Susan Kaufman	Linda Savitsky	
Arlene Elovich	Rosalyn Kaye	Ellen Scalettar	
Debra Epstein	Sandy Kerzner	Leslye Schaefer	
Linda Cohen Epstein	Danielle Kinstlinger	Lorrie Schaefer	
Ruth Fagen	Elaine Klein	Gloria Schaffer	
Harriet K. Fast	Judy Kleinstein	Enid Scheps*	
Susan Birke-Fiedler	Caryl Kligfeld	Shirley Scholder*	
Emily Fine	In loving memory of Bertha Konowitz	Lynne Schpero	
Marilyn Fishbone*	by her son, Ed Konowitz	Cheryl Schwartz	
In loving memory of Florence Ratner	Alison Kogan	Dana Schwartz	
Klugman by her daughter,	Nurit Kohl	Heni Schwartz	



Jewish Foundation  
OF GREATER NEW HAVEN

A WOMAN OF VALOR  
MAKES THE WORLD  
CHANGE.

HER STRENGTH IS THE CONTENT THAT GUIDES  
THROUGH THE DAYS. DEFINED BY HER ACTIONS THAT  
BRING LIGHT TO ALL DREAMS. VALOR IS SOMETHING  
THAT’S DEFINED BY HER DEEDS.



WOMEN OF VISION SOCIETY  
MAKES A LASTING GIFT AND  
A MEANINGFUL IMPACT ON  
WOMEN IN OUR COMMUNITY

Women in our community have a wonderful opportunity to become lifelong philanthropists through the Women of Vision Society, which is a permanent, restricted endowment fund dedicated to helping and enhancing the lives of women in our community. The endowment was originally created in 1996 with 100 founding members and has more than doubled in its membership and giving since its inception. Since 1998, over \$256,000 has been distributed in grants to a wide variety of agencies and causes ranging from employment and literacy to acculturation and health issues.

\* Designates a woman  
who has made an  
additional commitment  
to the endowment

\*\* Designates a new  
Woman of Vision

As of March 31, 2025

To learn more or join the  
Women of Vision Society,  
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### Women of Vision Grants Committee

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# WOMEN OF VISION SOCIETY

Jaffa Institute, Israel

### Welfare to Wellbeing: Kirat Malachi Branch

Welfare to Wellbeing is designed to address the problem of chronic unemployment and intergenerational poverty among disadvantaged Ethiopian women, particularly single mothers, in Kirat Malachi. This program seeks to provide them with tools and support to achieve financial independence through vocational skills training, empowerment workshops, food packages, scholarships and therapeutic and employment support.

Beit Ruth for Young Women  
and Girls at Risk, Israel

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

Pre-graduates and alumnae achieve and sustain economic independence through Beit Ruth's Economic Empowerment Program. This program empowers them with critical employment, business and life skills. These skills increase the opportunities for social mobility and help mitigate poverty and dependence.

Leket Israel, Israel

### Farm to Shelter: Supporting Haifa's Women's Crisis Shelter

This initiative purchases fresh produce from at-risk farmers and distributes the produce biweekly to the Women's Crisis Shelter in Haifa, a secure refuge for 15-20 women and children. They provide thousands of pounds of food to the shelter at a much discounted rate. This initiative ensures nutritious support for families rebuilding their lives.

Chimes Israel

### Self-Advocacy and Empowerment for Adolescent Girls With Disabilities

This workshop protects against abuse and teaches self-awareness, advocacy and empowerment through education on consent, recognizing, avoiding and seeking help against abuse and exploitation; body health and hygiene; sexuality and debunking beauty ideals and gender roles.

The Counseling Center for Women,  
Israel

### Support Group for Women Evacuated from the Northern Region

This project supports Israeli women who feel like refugees in their own country due to their sudden wartime evacuation. Addressing war trauma, uncertainty of returning home and existential anxiety. The support group fosters resilience, promotes healing and provides practical solutions to help women navigate their challenging circumstances.

Global Network for Jewish Women  
Entrepreneurs and Leaders, Israel

### The Jewish Leadership Program

The Jewish Leadership Program is a four-month incubator program providing development training and tools for Jewish women entrepreneurs to become empowered leaders, align their work with Jewish values, and leverage their existing expertise to implement social impact projects that positively contribute to their Jewish community and the Jewish people.

Haifa Rape Crisis Center, Israel

### You Are Not Alone

The program aims to enhance the quality of life for Jewish women and families by helping them cope with the stresses and shame of sexual trauma. They are given the necessary support they need to lead a healthy lifestyle by breaking the abuse cycle.

Jewish Federation of Greater  
New Haven, Woodbridge

### The Jewish Women Emerging Leaders (JEWEL) Society

The JEWEL Society was launched in 2023 for young moms involved in PJ Library in Greater New Haven to build future leaders and strengthen the Jewish community in New Haven and around the globe. This initiative inspires women to unite across our diverse Jewish community and engage women who may not otherwise be connected to Jewish life.

# 2025 GRANT AWARDS

The Towers Foundation, Inc.,  
New Haven

### Jewish Positivity: Finding and Sharing Our Light An Intergenerational Program

This project pairs Southern CT Hebrew Academy girls with Towers' residents. 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.

B'nai B'rith Youth Organization,  
Woodbridge

### Choose Your Own Story

BBYO's goal for this project is to engage and inspire more female participants by bringing

in speakers who can empower young women. This initiative will feature women survivors from the Nova Festival, as well as local female entrepreneurs, to share their stories and experiences.

Congregation Mishkan Israel,  
Hamden

### A Woman's Space: Rosh Chodesh at Congregation Mishkan Israel

This intergenerational group provides women age thirteen and older with a place to meet, form bonds, find meaningful ways to worship and contribute to our community discussion through song, poetry, storytelling, art and food. Each program will be themed and target a group that has no other dedicated women's organization.

Camp Laurelwood, Madison

### Sisterhood Series

This project seeks to connect and inspire female campers and staff at Camp Laurelwood by developing a summer Sisterhood Event series. The funding is instrumental in providing materials for a female-led Shabbat service, a film screening highlighting Jewish women in film, and materials for a collaborative creative project to enrich the staff and campers.

## FEATURED WOV 2025 GRANT RECIPIENT

# JAFFA INSTITUTE

ELI BENTAL, GRANTS DEPARTMENT MANAGER

Since 2009, *Welfare to Wellbeing* has empowered hundreds of chronically unemployed women with the skills, resources, and confidence to break free from intergenerational poverty. Through vocational training, empowerment workshops, food assistance, scholarships, and therapeutic and employment support, the program provides a path to financial independence and long-term stability.



2024 marked a record-breaking year, with seven vocational and academic training cycles—the most in the program's history. A total of 62 participants took part, collectively engaging in 896 hours of in-person learning and support. Every participant successfully completed the program, meeting all course requirements.

This year also saw the program's most extensive collaboration yet, partnering with the Welfare Departments of Ra'anana, Kiryat Malachi, and Gan Yavneh, as well as the Israel Female Prisoners' Rehabilitation Authority.

The impact speaks for itself: 89% of graduates secured stable employment, 90% reported a stronger sense of self-efficacy, and 89% experienced increased confidence and self-worth.

Welfare to Wellbeing continues to change lives—one woman at a time.

