



Jewish Foundation
OF GREATER NEW HAVEN

2024 QUARTER 3 NEWSLETTER

JEWISH FOUNDATION AWARDS GRANTS TOTALING \$186,000

for Enhanced Well-being and Caregiver Relief Programs for Seniors

Since 2020, the Jewish Foundation of Greater New Haven has awarded \$811,000 in grants to enhance the quality of life for Jewish elderly residents in Greater New Haven. The 2024 grant recipients, The Towers at Tower Lane and Jewish Family Service of Greater New Haven (JFS), have developed programs that address the needs of both the aging population and their caregivers.

The Towers at Tower Lane: Cognitive Day Program

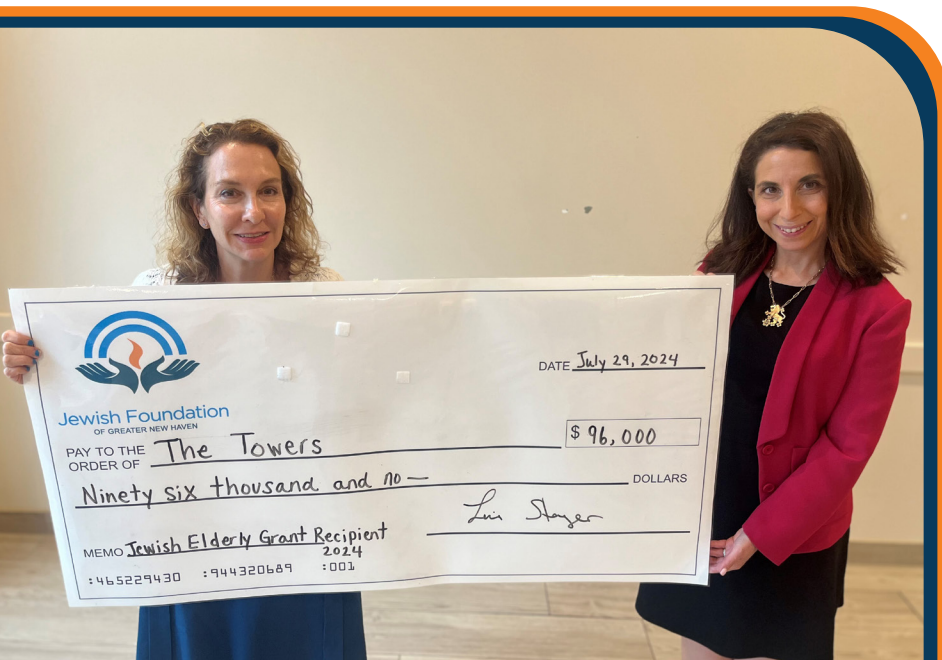
 **\$96,000**

The new Cognitive Day Program at The Towers will help participating residents maintain their independence through carefully cultivated programming meant to foster brain health, socialization, nutrition, and overall wellness. This initiative received \$96,000 in grant funding and is designed to support approximately 35 residents. This program is just one pathway in The Towers' proactive approach to care which assesses residents' needs across six wellness pathways: cognitive, social, emotional, physical, vocational, and spiritual. This care model provides person-centered, evidence-based programs and tracks outcomes in a data-driven way.

"Through this new program and approach to care, The Towers will know our residents extremely well and be able to track progress and/or regression for both individuals and cohorts. The Cognitive Day Program will not only benefit our residents, but also families and caregivers in need of education and respite," Jennifer Bayer, Vice President of Strategic Initiatives at The Towers, noted. "This initiative is just one way that we are keeping residents independent and healthy longer."

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— Jennifer Bayer, Vice President of Strategic Initiatives at The Towers.



Jewish Family Service of Greater New Haven: Aging Adult Services Program

 **\$90,000**

Another partner agency, Jewish Family Service of Greater New Haven (JFS), received \$90,000 for their Aging Adult Services (AAS) program to continue to offer and expand programming with our aging seniors and their families. The JFS vision is to remain a community connector to people of all socio-economic backgrounds as these programs expand. We all face life events as we age; anyone can benefit from the mental health therapy programs provided by JFS. Addressing the challenges of navigating healthcare systems and promoting autonomy is key. The program includes educational initiatives, therapeutic family conversations, and proactive programming to empower older adults and their caregivers.

“We are informed by the aging community of their wants and needs to feel empowered and seen. Our programs are based on what is working nationally to meet the growing needs, and welcomes the input and support from the Jewish Seniors Enrichment Alliance, who are leaders in the field,” shared Alissa Wurtzel, CEO, JFS. “Through therapeutic conversations and support, we address intergenerational trauma and prepare families for future challenges. The ultimate goal is to promote autonomy and reduce barriers to quality care for the aging population.”

Ongoing support for these programs shows a strong commitment to enhancing independence, reducing isolation, and providing essential resources for seniors and their caregivers, paving the way for a brighter, more supportive future.

“These programs are profoundly impacting our aging population by preserving independence, maintaining social connections, and offering vital support to caregivers,” said Lisa Stanger, Executive Director of the Jewish Foundation. Craig Sklar, Chair of the Jewish Elderly Grants Initiative stated, “The \$186,000 in Jewish Elderly Grants awarded by the Jewish Foundation highlights the community’s deep commitment to transforming the lives of older adults and their families, ensuring they receive the care, education, and respect they deserve.”

The Jewish Elderly Grants Committee is chaired by Craig Sklar and committee members include Nan Birdwhistell, Betsy Hoos, Jocelyn Hurwitz, Ed Konowitz, and Ken Sandberg.

Scan the QR code for more information
on grant opportunities, or visit
newhavenjewishfoundation.org/grants



2024 Q1 & Q2 SCHOLARSHIP AND GRANT RECIPIENTS

COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS

Emma Kohn Podoloff Scholarship

Lindsey Caplan - Southern Connecticut State University
Ben Grunblatt - University of Miami

Stuart J. Drell Scholarship

Marisa Resnick - Lasell University

Mary Taylor Friedler Scholarship

Maya Katsovich - Connecticut College

ISRAEL GAP YEAR SCHOLARSHIPS

Garin Oded HaNoar Haoved Vetta Lomed

Nili Chetrit

Seminary Chaya Mushka-Tzfat

Leba Katz

Midreshet Lindenbaum

Zoe Schulman

ISRAEL SUMMER PROGRAMS

CTEEN Israel Experience and Henry & Helen Kasha Fund for Hebrew Language

Liora Grunblatt

Camp YTT Swerdlov

Toba Sandman

The North American Federation of Temple Youth

Sophie Math

ONE HAPPY CAMPER

23 One Happy Camper incentive grants have been awarded.

19 One Happy Camper needs-based scholarships have been awarded.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FOR JEWISH EDUCATORS

Temple Emanuel

Professional Development Workshop

Jewish Community Center

Southern Connecticut State University Special Education Graduate Course

Ezra Academy of Greater New Haven

Jewish New Teacher Project

GRANTS FOR THE JEWISH ELDERLY

Jewish Family Services

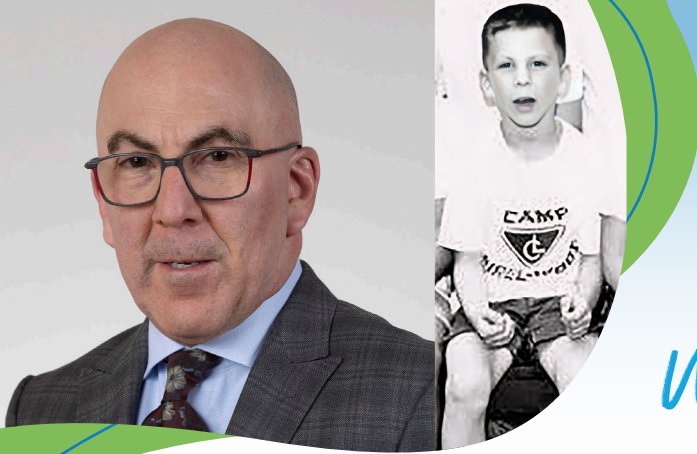
Aging Adult Program

The Towers at Tower Lane

Cognitive Day Program for Older Adults with Decline



Sophie Math: NFTY in Israel Summer Program Recipient



CREATE A
JEWISH LEGACY
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What will your Jewish legacy be?

Stuart Katz Created a Legacy for Camp Laurelwood

"I have been part of the Camp Laurelwood family since 1968, when I started in Bunk 1 at 7 years old. Eight years as a camper, seven years as a staff member, about 30 years on the Board of Directors, and then running the Alumni Association and serving as the camp archivist has shown me the immense value that Laurelwood provides to campers and staff alike. Almost all of my closest friends went to Laurelwood. I developed my career interest through activities I did at Laurelwood, like running the camp radio station in the mid-1970s. And I met my wife at an event hosted by a friend from camp. So it means a lot to me to be able to support Camp Laurelwood in the future with a legacy gift." —Stuart

Scan the QR code to learn more and
Create a Legacy, or visit
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**GRANT AND SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS
DUE SOON!**

Grants:
Professional Development
Security
Talmud Torah Meyuchad



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Scholarships:
Synagogue School



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WOMEN OF VISION GRANT SPOTLIGHT: THE COUNSELING CENTER FOR WOMEN, ISRAEL

Women of Vision Society Makes a Lasting Gift and a Meaningful Impact on Women in our Community.

This endowment, created in 1996 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 \$236,000 to help seed and sustain critical programming and services for women and girls.

The Counseling Center for Women – 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 also to prevent mental deterioration of women's health and foster a sense of belonging.

Scan the QR code to learn more and join the Women of Vision Society, or visit newhavenjewishfoundation.org/women-of-vision





INTRODUCING 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 birth, making philanthropy an integral part of their lives. Children and families can start their fund at any time, even well before their teenage years and 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. An additional \$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 youth 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 & open a fund today at
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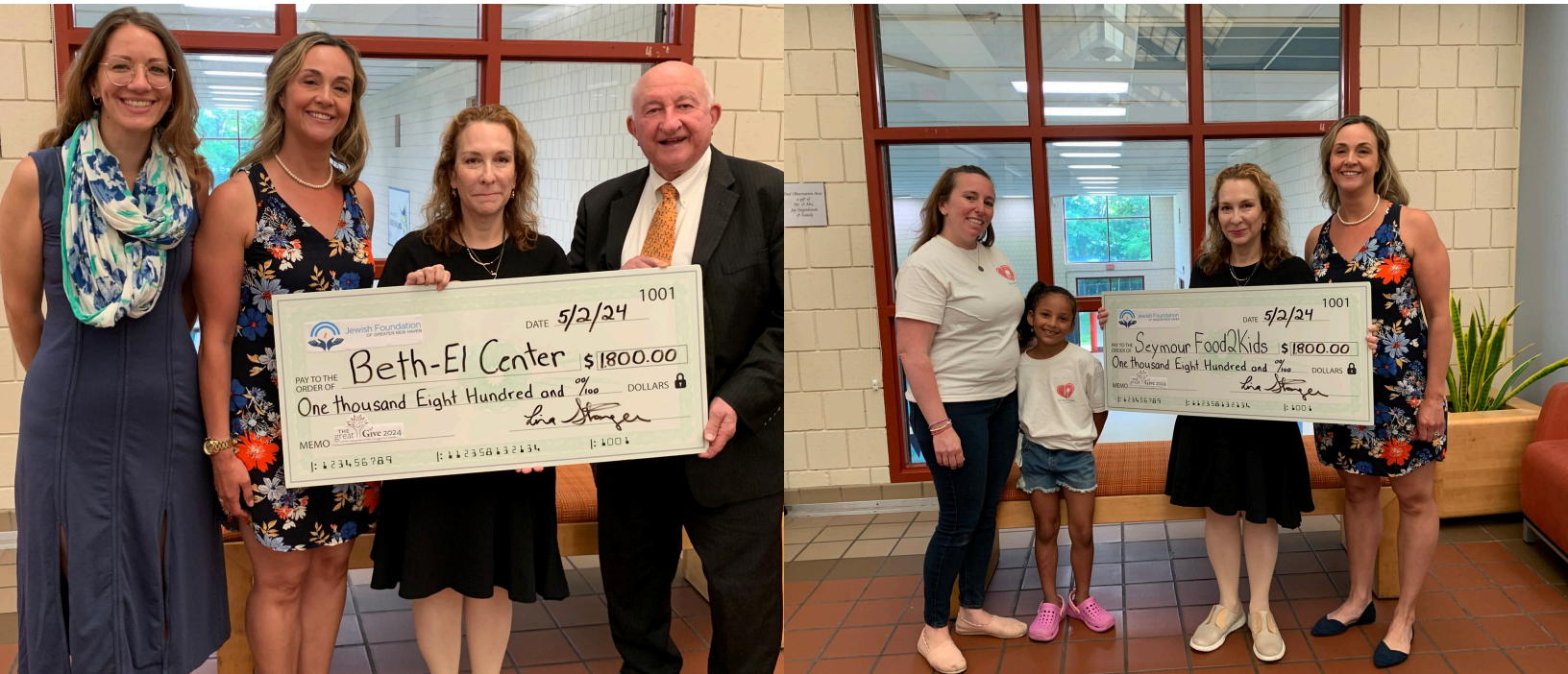
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WE ARE A FOUNDATION FOR OUR COMMUNITY!

The Jewish Foundation of Greater New Haven joined as a prize sponsor for The Great Give 2024. Two prizes totaling \$3,600 were offered to inspire giving towards food insecurity and houselessness, helping to provide essential support to those facing these challenges in our community.

Mazel tov to the Beth-El Center for receiving the prize for Housing and Seymour Food 2 Kids for food insecurity!