



Jewish Foundation
OF GREATER NEW HAVEN

WOMEN OF VISION

30 YEARS OF WOMEN, VISION, AND IMPACT





WOMEN OF VISION SOCIETY



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LOCAL GRANT AWARDEES:

Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven

Hope in a Bag

This project provides critical menstrual and hygiene supplies to community members in need through a delivery network of community social service partners such as food banks, food pantries, schools, shelters, and resource centers. The products are purchased using funds from donations, individual and corporate sponsorships, and grants. Personal tote bags are assembled by volunteers.

The Towers at Tower Lane

The Butterfly Project: An Intergenerational Holocaust Education Program and Art Project

Honoring children who were murdered in the Holocaust, this national program invites participants to paint ceramic butterflies in remembrance of each child lost. The program includes film, discussion, and the butterfly art project. The Towers will install its butterfly project in their outdoor garden, and a component of this project will also be featured at the Greater New Haven Yom HaShoah Program in 2027.

Camp Laurelwood

Jewish Values in Action

This program is a women-led initiative that engages campers in Jewish learning, leadership, and hands-on service rooted in *tikkun olam*. The program strengthens Jewish identity in young women and encourages leadership and empowerment.

B'nai B'rith Youth Organization - Connecticut Valley Region (BBYO)

Mindfulness, Movement & Meaning

Led by a panel of Jewish health and wellness professionals and BBYO alumni from various fields, the program will combine gentle movement and facilitated conversation to promote wellness, self-reflection, Jewish values, and a cross-generational connection.

Jewish Israeli Center of New Haven

JIC Women's Circle

The JIC Women's Circle is an ongoing program that brings Jewish women together through meaningful, hands-on experiences that foster connection to Jewish holidays, values, and community.

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GRANT AWARDEES IN ISRAEL:

Haifa Rape Crisis Center (HRCC)

You Are Not Alone

Building on their success in Afula, HRCC is expanding their support groups to the Jezreel Valley to address the rising demand for support since the war. This project provides 10 survivors with 18 professional sessions offering a safe, familiar space to recover and find strength.

Yashar LaChayal

Female Soldiers in Need Project

The project's purpose is to assist underprivileged female IDF soldiers. There are many female combat soldiers under extreme financial stress with little to no family support. The grant monies will provide these soldiers with household appliances, grocery vouchers, holiday food packages, and warm clothing.

Beit Ruth for Young Women and Girls at Risk

Beit Ruth STEM Initiative

Beit Ruth's STEM Initiative provides young women with immersive technology education through a robotics program and featuring the ImagineBox, an engaging, programmable classroom with interactive walls. They gain academic skills, confidence, and career pathways in high-demand fields, expanding futures once unimaginable and supporting long-term economic independence.

ASLI Israel White Ribbon Organization

Male leadership in the Community

Based on Argun Seret Lavan Israel's (ASLI) experience engaging bystander men through community and national-level fieldwork, the ASLI Israel White Ribbon Organization Male Leadership in the Community program aims to build local communities of men committed to preventing violence against women. These men work to make their surroundings safer for women and girls while actively encouraging and inspiring other men to get involved.

Counseling Center for Women (CCW)

The Second Shift: Empowering Women Caring for Aging Loved Ones

The Counseling Center's support group is for women aged 50 and over who are caring for aging parents as they navigate careers, family responsibilities, and personal change. Recognizing the emotional strain and isolation this role brings, the group offers a safe, inclusive space for women to connect with others who are going through the same demanding mid-life stage.

One In Nine for Every Woman

By Your Side

In Northern Israel, women diagnosed with breast cancer face not only illness but isolation, especially in communities affected by the war. This program offers structured support groups and a peer mentorship program ("By Your Side"), connecting diagnosed women with trained survivors to provide guidance, hope, and resilience.

Jaffa Institute

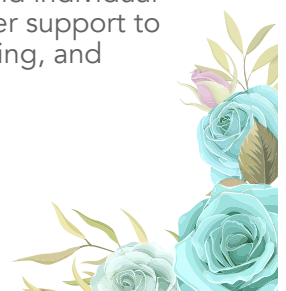
Welfare to Wellbeing

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

Ruca's Farm

Rooted in Resilience

This grant will fund the Ruca's Farm first all-women therapeutic agro-rehabilitation cohort for IDF female veterans coping with PTSD. The program combines trauma-informed farming, group and individual therapy, somatic practices, and peer support to strengthen resilience, offering healing, and long-term recovery in a women centered environment.





30 YEARS OF WOMEN, VISION, AND IMPACT

Nancy Cohen, President

"Many years ago, a good friend got me involved in something new to the Jewish women in the Greater New Haven area," Nancy recalls. The biggest draw was the dual impact of supporting both local and global causes. "It was so meaningful to find a women-focused group that supports agencies in New Haven and Israel. Helping Israeli organizations that serve women dealing with trauma has been especially rewarding, along with assisting local agencies in New Haven that need a little push to get ahead." One local example Nancy mentioned, is the Gospel Choir program at B'nai Jacob, a WOV grant recipients that has become a vibrant and well-attended community initiative.

Beyond the programs themselves, Nancy sees WOV as something deeply personal and generational. *"I wanted my daughters and granddaughters to be members of WOV because*

I feel it is something they can wrap around themselves. To be part of the Jewish community and to see what happens to the money that is given in their name," she says. "I am hoping that if members of the community see this, they will be inspired to do the same."

Lauren Hass, Grants Committee Chair

Lauren felt an immediate connection when she was asked to join. *"I was drawn by the opportunity to be part of such a diverse group of women who have a direct effect on female-focused programs in both New Haven and Israel."*

Serving on, and most recently chairing, the Grants Committee has been especially meaningful. *"We are a small but mighty group that takes this responsibility seriously, reading applications carefully, discussing priorities thoughtfully, and working hard to ensure our decisions reflect both compassion and impact."*

"I hope WOV's membership continues to grow so we can expand our reach and impact, and that it remains a model of collaborative philanthropy where women come together to create lasting change."

Lauren notes as she looks to the future. *"The beauty of this organization is its one-time ask followed by years of shared giving and visible results. More members mean more resources and opportunities to help women live safer, stronger, more empowered lives. I would also like to thank Lisa Stanger and Beth Kupcho, who keep us organized, informed, and prepared to do this important work."*



Lauren Hass (Left), Grants Committee Chair and
Nancy Cohen (Right), WOV Society President

As WOV celebrates 30 years of impact, we invite you to be part of the next chapter. Join Women of Vision, honor someone special with a membership gift, and help us continue creating lasting change for women and girls in our community and in Israel.



FAQ



What is the Women of Vision Society?

Women of Vision is a community of women philanthropists who make a monetary donation to fund innovative programs that strengthen and support female initiatives in the Greater New Haven Jewish community and in Israel.

What impact does the Society make?

Since its founding, Women of Vision has awarded more than \$278,000 to initiatives addressing health, safety, education, leadership, and community connection for women and girls.

Who can join?

Any woman who is passionate about collective giving, community leadership, and supporting opportunities for women and girls is highly encouraged to become a member. Membership may also be made in honor of a mother, daughter, granddaughter, or to celebrate a special birthday or milestone, or in memory of a beloved friend or loved one.

What is the membership commitment?

Membership contributions are invested in a permanent endowment that provides ongoing grants to programs in Israel and Greater New Haven addressing issues such as domestic violence prevention, health initiatives, food insecurity, trauma therapy, education, leadership development, community connection, and much more.

How can I become a member?

To learn more or join, scan the QR code or contact Beth Kupcho, the Jewish Foundation Director of Scholarship and Philanthropy at bkupcho@jewishnewhaven.org



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Anonymous
Elaine Ades
Betsy Adler
Cecle Adler
Caron Alderman
Lucille Alderman
Judy Alperin
Darcy McGraw Altman
Mira Arbonies
Diane Ariker
In honor of our daughter,
 Lauren Ariker Korman,
 by Diane & Walter Ariker
In honor of our daughter-in-law,
 Shanti Ariker,
 by Diane & Walter Ariker
Sara Ann Auerbach
Judith August
Joan Bailey
Debbie Brander Barbieri
Betsy Barnston
Chana Baron
Judith Barr
Jennifer Bayer
Ruthann Beckerman*
In honor of Barbara Greenberg,
 a real Woman of Vision,
 by Ruthann Beckerman
Abby Bench
Sharon Bender
Barbara Berg
Ina Berson
Civianne Bloch
Sarah Blum
Marjorie Botwinik
Elaine Braffman
Patty Bray**
Charlotte Brenner
Phyllis Brodoff
Susan Buxbaum
Laura Campbell
Linda Caplan**
Linda Cedarbaum
Elaine Chapman
Roslyn Chosak
Roxanne Coady
Gloria Cohen
Nancy Cohen
In honor of my granddaughter,
 Samara Rozen, by Nancy Cohen
In honor of my granddaughter,
 Danielle Epstein, by Nancy Cohen
In honor of my granddaughter,
 Jill Epstein, by Nancy Cohen
Linda Cohen

Linda Friedman Cole
Emily Resnik-Conn
Harriet Cooper
Joanna Cooper
Judy Cooper
In honor of my daughter,
 Sharon Mogel, by Judy Cooper
In honor of my daughter,
 Leslie Gold, by Judy Cooper
Esther M. Copelon
Ann Drobnis
Elizabeth Edelglass*
Eileen Eder
Yvette Eder
Jody Ellant
Arlene Elovich
Debra Epstein
Linda Cohen Epstein
Ruth Fagen
Harriet K. Fast
Susan Birke-Fiedler
Emily Fine
Marilyn Fishbone*
In loving memory of Florence Ratner
 Klugman by her daughter,
 Marilyn Fishbone
In loving memory of Yetta Waldman
 Ratner by her granddaughter,
 Marilyn Fishbone
In honor of my daughter, Lisa
 Fishbone Wallack, by Marilyn
 Fishbone
Betsy Gandelman Fiske
Betsy Flaherty
Joanne Foodim
Linda Friedman
Nancy Frydman
Suzanne Gallant
Lillian Gandelman
Deb Gaudette
Dorothy Giannini-Meyers
Pat Ginsberg
Bess Glazer
Miriam Glenn
Eve Gold
Lindy Lee Gold
Bonnie K. Goldberg
Carole Greenbaum
Audrey Greenberg**
Barbara Greenberg
In loving memory of Florence
 Ginzberg Supowitz by her
 daughter, Barbara Greenberg
Doris Greenberg
Evelyn Greenblatt

Marjorie Greenblatt
Ruth Greenblatt
Linda Greenhouse
Rena Grodd
Velma Grodd
Roberta Grossman
Taube Gurland
Judi Hahn*
Lisa Harding
Lauren Hass
Ronda Hendel
Donna Hersh**
Rita Hershenson
Claudia Heyman
Marjorie Hirshfield
Gloria Hoder
Amy Holtz
Betsy Hoos*
Jennifer Rachel Hoos
Michele Faye Hoos
Stephanie Hyla Hoos
Miriam Horowitz
Phyllis Horton
Dale Hurwitz
In tribute to the memory of my
 brother, Dr. Edward Goodruff
 Steinlauf, by Heidi Hurwitz
Teddy Hurwitz
Dorothy Hyatt
Caroline M. Jacobs
In loving memory of my mother,
 Rebecca Govrin Jacobson,
 by Susan E. Jacobson
Susan Kahan
Bertha Kahn
Lisa Kapp
Betsy Karp
Iny Karp
 In memory of Bonnie Karp
 Schwartz
Barbara Katz
Marni Smith Katz
Carol Kaufman
Susan Kaufman
Rosalyn Kaye
Donna Kemper**
Sandy Kerzner
Danielle Kinstlinger
Elaine Klein
Judy Kleinstein
Caryl Kligfeld
In loving memory of Bertha Konowitz
 by her son, Ed Konowitz
Alison Kogan
Nurit Kohl

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Robin Kramer
Evelyn Krevolin*
Shirley Kroopnick
Elaine Lawson
Cindy Leffell
Helaine Lender
Margaret Lerner
Roslyn Lerner
Ruth Lesser
Diane Levey
Lydia Levine
Betty Levy
Beverly Levy
Perri Levy
Barbara Lichtman
Loretta G. Lipka
Roberta Litvinoff
Jan Magid
Robin Malkus
Amy Margolis
Bernice Margolis
Joan Glazer Margolis
Marilyn Margolis
Darcy Marks
Mary Mathog
Rebecca Meyer
Roslyn Meyer
Barbara Jean Miller
Lauren Miller
Harriett Miller
Sandra Milles
In memory of my loving mother,
Elizabeth H. Goldsmith,
by Judith G. Naden
Susan Naiman
Ann Nishball
Nancy Olins
Barbara Green Orell
Ruth Ostfeld
Debra Reiter Panitch
Melissa Perkal
Danya Perry
Sarah Perry
Sydney A. Perry
Madeline Potash
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Lillian Resnik
Carol Robbins
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Lynda Rosenfeld

In loving memory of Marilyn Rosenfield
by her daughter Andrea and
Ed Konowitz
Stacey Cohen Rozen
Diane Daskal Ruben
Lynn Rudich
Jane Rudner
Ruth Sachs
Gloria Sack
Mary Beth Saltzman
Emily Sandberg
Betsy Savelle
Linda Savitsky
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Enid Scheps*
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Heni Schwartz
Judith Schwartz
Marlene Schweitzer
Barbara Segaloff
Jodi Seidner
Cis Serling
Deborah Sessel
Holli Shanbrom
Harriet Shapiro
Phylliss Shapiro
Jane Webber Shernow
Pattie Shure
Meryl Silver
Ina Silverman
Carol Sirot
Judy Sklarz
Judy Skolnick*
Susan Skope
Gayle Slossberg
Lois Smirnoff
Lois Spivack
Lisa Stanger*
Shirley Stephson
Betsy Stern
In tribute to the memory of my brother,
Dr. Edward Goodruff Steinlauf,
by Marcie S. Sugarmann
Janice Sussman
Robyn Teplitzky
In memory of my husband,
Andrew H. Testa, by Doreen Testa*
Rebecca Tishkoff

Shirley Trachten
Stacey Trachten
Hyla G. Vine*
In honor of my daughter,
Glenna Jillian Vine,
by Hyla G. Vine
In honor of my mother,
Bernice Michel Goldberg,
by Hyla G. Vine
In honor of my daughter,
Ilana Michel Vine, by Hyla G. Vine
In loving memory of my mother-in-law,
Lillian E. Vine, by Hyla G. Vine
Gail Brekke Vlock
Karen Vlock
Laurel Vlock
Sandra Vlock
Helen Vogel
Laury Alderman Walker
Joan Wallack
Barbara Wareck
Lillian Weinberg
Elise Weiner
Martha Sue Weisbart
Kim Welch
Marian Wexler
Ana White
Esther White
Mary Lou Winnick
Marcia Witten
Liz Wolpert
Leslie Zackin
Pearl Zale
Ariel Zohar

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

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**To learn more or join the
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WOMEN OF VISION SOCIETY MAKES A LASTING AND A MEANINGFUL IMPACT ON WOMEN IN OUR LOCAL AND JEWISH COMMUNITIES

Since 1996, the Jewish Foundation of Greater New Haven's Women of Vision (WOV) Society has brought together generations of women committed to strengthening lives in Greater New Haven and Israel.

As we celebrate 30 years, we honor members whose vision, generosity, and leadership have been an integral part of the WOVS Society.



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