

Jewish Agencies of Western Massachusetts

Wish List

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Please consider using your donor advised fund to meet one of these community needs. Thank you!

Agency	Amount Requested	Program
Congregation Sons of Zion	\$2,900	<p><i>Tree of Life</i></p> <p>There has long been a tradition at Congregation Sons of Zion of acknowledging one another for acts of kindness, community service, special events, dedication to our synagogue and fond memory of lost friends and family members through the purchase of a leaf on our Tree of Life. We now find that we have no room for additional leaves. We ask that you offer support in the amount of \$2,900 in order for us to purchase a new Tree of Life so that we may continue our very special tradition of honoring one another as described above. Thanks very much!</p>
Hebrew High School of New England	\$3,500	<p><i>HHNE goes to the Israel Day Parade</i></p> <p>Hebrew High School of New England's mission is to inspire the next generation of Jewish leaders, committed to Israel and to the betterment of our world. There is no better way to fulfill this mission than by bringing our students to participate in what promises to be a massive outpouring of heartfelt public affection for the Jewish state, the annual Celebrate Israel Parade. It's an unparalleled day of celebrating Israel, one that attracts hundreds of thousands of joyous spectators, representing a vast cross-section of the Jewish community and supporters of Israel. The Celebrate Israel Parade features representation from numerous Jewish day schools from the New York area, and this year, HHNE students have expressed interest in participating to represent our region's school. In order for us to attend, the total cost will be \$3,500. We are asking for your help to make this dream possible for us.</p>
Heritage Academy	\$405.90	<p><i>Leveled Reading Books</i></p> <p>Kindergarten Complete Leveled Reading Library Collection (Levels A-J) To meet the needs of all of your Kindergarten students, this collection offers 50 books above-grade level and 50 books at grade level. With multiple genres, 50% nonfiction, and a mix of new and classic titles, this collection is a well-balanced foundation for your classroom library! Cost: \$405.90</p>
Heritage Academy	\$350/per kit (up to \$1,750 total)	<p><i>Robotics Kits</i></p> <p>Heritage Academy is planning to start a robotic program. Our partnership with World ORT will enable us to utilize a robotics curriculum World ORT schools have been using around the world. We are currently interviewing candidates for an enrichment teacher for the 2014-2015 school year. This teacher will be coordinating efforts for robotics as well as many additional enrichment programs. Each robotic kit costs \$350. We would be able to use as many as 5 kits (\$1,750 total).</p>

Heritage Academy	\$2,000	<p><i>A Pottery Wheel for the Art Room</i></p> <p>The Art program at Heritage Academy is stellar. We recently received a very generous gift of a kiln and would like to add a pottery wheel to our program. Next school year we will be offering adult pottery classes so that we can share our good fortune with the great community.</p> <p>Cost: \$2,000</p>
Heritage Academy	\$647.65	<p><i>Leveled Reading Books</i></p> <p>Grade One Complete Leveled Reading Library Collection (Levels A-N) To meet the needs of all of your 1st grade students, this collection offers 50 books above-grade level, 50 books below-grade level, and 50 books at grade level. With multiple genres, 50% nonfiction, and a mix of new and classic titles, this collection is a well-balanced foundation for your classroom library!</p> <p>Cost: \$647.65</p>
Jewish Geriatric Services	\$7,000	<p><i>It's Never 2 Late at JGS</i></p> <p>Its's Never 2 Late (IN2L) is a technology system geared towards the elderly that brings the benefits of technology to our elders in a way that is not intimidating, is understandable, interesting, engaging, fun and life enriching. It is delivered through an easy to use touch screen system (each resident touches their own picture to access their own personalize programs). Programs include email, skype, games, family posted pictures and videos, websites, music, tv, film, travel, lifelong learning, Veterans history, sports, reminisce, health & wellness, games & puzzles, stay connected, spiritual, staff tools, and therapy. As a result of participating in IN2L, elders have demonstrated significant improvements in a number of areas: IN2L participants are significantly more active, more energetic, and are at higher functioning levels; they demonstrate greater levels of activity and social engagement behaviors; they function at higher cognitive levels; they express more positive emotions and are less depressed; they demonstrate greater self-efficacy; they experience greater quality of life; and they have better general health. IN2L also helps residents sustain therapies for longer periods of time, keeps residents cognitively stimulated, assists in the delivery of group exercise and activity programs, and has proven to help people suffering with dementia. To learn more visit the website at www.in2l.com. As JGS continues its journey of culture change and the delivery of patient centered care, we continue to seek opportunities to bring new programs and technologies like IN2L to our residents. These programs are customized to their desires and needs, in an effort to engage, enhance relationships, keep them connected to the greater community, and ultimately to improve quality of life. JGS has purchased 2 Mobile Flex Systems for Ruth's House, including a monthly license fee and on-site training fee at a discounted cost of \$15,582 . We seek to purchase a 3rd Mobile Flex System for the Julian J. Leavitt Family Jewish Nursing Home at a cost of \$7,000 and seek community support.</p>
Lander Grinspoon Academy	\$2,526	<p><i>Focus On Me</i></p> <p>An increasing number of elementary school students have special needs, particularly with attention and writing. Lander Grinspoon Academy strives to meet the needs of as many students as possible, with a very limited budget. This program would allow us to expand the materials that we can make available to improve students' cognitive, physical, sensory, and motor skills. Items purchased would support students' writing habits (slant boards,</p>

		<p>a variety of grips, and other writing tools), ability to focus in class (wiggle seats, foot bands, sensory rulers, weighted lap pads, etc.), and ability to self soothe and calm down (balance beam, dizzy board, sensory sack, indoor swing, etc.)</p> <p>Cost: \$2,526</p>
Lander Grinspoon Academy	\$3,200	<p><i>STEAM Ahead!</i></p> <p>STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math) are the five elements of education which are seen as vital to keeping America a global leaders. Increasing numbers of professions require the skills of science and innovation. As a result, LGA sees the need to improve our already strong science curriculum. The LGA science curriculum incorporates chemistry, Biology, Physics, Earth Science and Environmental Science as part of each grade (Kindergarten through 6th grade). We would like to purchase 2 microscopes that would connect to a computer, allowing students and teachers to project what they see under a microscope onto a smart board and also allow images to be saved to a computer and manipulated. We would also purchase a digital scale, allowing experiments to be more precise. In addition, we plan to increase the number of experiments that each grade conducts each year and make more use of Abundance Farm as part of our Life and Earth Science Units in each grade.</p> <p>Cost: \$3,200</p>
Mak'hela, the Jewish Chorus of Western Massachusetts	\$6,200	<p><i>George Frederic Handel's masterwork, the oratorio, Esther, composed in 1718</i></p> <p>Mak'hela, the Jewish Chorus of Western MA, requests funding in the total amount of \$8,200 for the 2014-1015 season. This includes the cost of two very different projects. Project 1: To present a large excerpt (or the entirety) of George Frederic Handel's masterwork, the oratorio Esther, composed in 1718. Esther tells the Purim story in the musical language of the early 18th century. This compelling musical work is infrequently performed, yet has the historical distinction of being quite possibly the first English oratorio. It has great significance to a Jewish audience as it tells the story of a major Jewish holiday. Performing Esther would be a monumental project in terms of the amount of challenging music for Mak'hela to learn and would be a six month-long process. The score is for a small orchestral ensemble consisting of violin I,II, viola, cello/bass, oboe I,II, and harpsichord. Because of the necessity of doubling most string instruments for balance, the minimum component of the orchestra would be: 2 oboes, 4 violins, 2 violas, 1 cello, 1 bass and harpsichord. Mak'hela's regular accompanist would play the harpsichord part (that would be part of the accompanist's salary). The other instrumentalists would need to be hired for 2 rehearsals and the concert, at a fee of \$400 each player. In addition, 4 professional singers would need to be hired to sing the roles of Esther, Ahashuerus, Haman, and Morecai (very difficult, professional-level singing is required). These soloists would also be compensated at a rate of \$400 each singer. The cost of the musical scores for each chorus member is \$15, therefore the price of scores for a 40-voice choir would be \$600. The total cost of mounting the performance of this exciting work would be \$6,200. Thank you very much for your consideration.</p> <p>Cost: \$6,200</p>

Mak'hela, the Jewish Chorus of Western Massachusetrts	\$2,000	<p><i>Update and expand Mak'hela's Choral Library</i></p> <p>To update and enhance Mak'hela's choral library of musical scores. Sheet music is quite expensive, and, in order to continue to program new and stimulating music to present to Mak'hela's audiences, much more sheet music needs to be purchased (so that Mak'hela is restricted to performing previously sung music).</p> <p>Cost: \$2,000</p>
Rachel's Table	\$500/family (Up to \$11,500 for the year)	<p><i>ESSEntials Kosher Food Program</i></p> <p>A joint program of Rachel's Table and Jewish Family Service, ESSEntials provides kosher food to local families in need who adhere to the dietary laws. \$500 will provide kosher food to one family for a year. There are currently 23 families (60 people) receiving kosher food assistance.</p>
Springfield Jewish Community Center	\$1,500	<p><i>Stand and Salute</i></p> <p>The JCC is replacing the single flagpole on the Dickinson Street side of the building with 2 flagpoles, 1 for the American and 1 for the Israeli flag. A donation has been made to cover some of the costs of the new poles, but \$1,500 is still needed.</p>

For more information regarding any of these programs, please contact the agencies directly.

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