

**Jewish Agencies of Western Massachusetts
Wish List
September 2013**

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

Agency	Amount Requested	Program
Congregation Ahavas Achim	\$1,500	<i>Hebrew School Drop-Outs</i> We have several families that are struggling to keep their kids in Hebrew School. We know that attending Hebrew School is of utmost importance, especially living in an area with such a small Jewish population. It can be very isolating for Jewish children, who are usually the only Jew in their class (or sometimes in their whole school!). Although we do our best to consider financial need and accept reduced tuition, we would love to be able to offer scholarships to deserving families.
Congregation Ahavas Achim	\$500	<i>You've Got a Prayer</i> We need more prayer books to ensure that all of our members and guests can fully participate in services. Our goal is for everyone to have his or her own book. We think that sharing books should be an option, not a requirement!
Congregation Sons of Zion	\$3,000	<i>Tree of Life Purchase</i> Congregation Sons of Zion has filled every available leaf location on Our Tree of Life. Gifts of leaves serve as an income source for our synagogue, but more importantly, members have an opportunity to honor one another and to acknowledge good deeds and special events. Your support, in the amount of \$3,000, will allow us to continue this wonderful tradition.
Jewish Family Service of Western Massachusetts	\$2,200	<i>Pave the Way: CARPETING the JFS Community Room</i> The JFS Office on the Grinspoon Jewish Community Campus has a beautiful Community Room (formerly the Hatikvah Museum exhibit space) but the carpet is stained beyond cleaning and worn out. The room is used by many of the Jewish agencies in our area as well as local community groups. A new carpet will provide a more hospitable, clean and inviting environment. Stop by and see your opportunity to make a big difference!
Jewish Federation of Western Massachusetts	\$1,800 (per group)	<i>Chai Mitzvah, a new life-cycle event, deepens Jewish engagement and builds community through 5 simple steps:</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Learning about Jewish heritage 2. Participating in a new ritual 3. Engaging in social action with a Jewish flavor 4. Joining a community discussion 5. Celebrating your achievement
Jewish Federation of Western Massachusetts	\$5,000	<i>"Bored" Room</i> The Federation Board Room is used for meetings and trainings. It's one of the first things visitors to the Federation see and it's in desperate need of an upgrade. A new modular board table, new room dividers and a coat of paint will help take the Boardroom from boring to inviting!
Jewish Federation of Western	\$100+	<i>Warm and Fuzzy Feelings</i> During the cold winter months, children in our community go to sleep cold, without

Massachusetts		the comfort of warm pajamas. Something as simple as slipping into a new, cozy, warm pair of PJ's is a joy many children will never know. To meet this critical need, The PJ Library , is again running a community-wide pajama drive. You may make a donation which will be used to purchase pajamas or drop off your brand new pajamas (sizes infant –teen) at any of these convenient locations: Temple Beth El, Sinai Temple, Congregation B'nai Torah, Congregation B'nai Israel, Beit Ahavah, Temple Israel and Jewish Community of Amherst, Lubavitcher Yeshiva Academy, Heritage Academy, Lander~ Grinspoon Academy, the Springfield JCC, Storrs Library (Longmeadow) or Forbes Library (Northampton). Our goal is to give 1,000 children that warm and fuzzy feeling this year.
Jewish Geriatric Services	\$1,500	<i>Broadway and Music at JGS</i> The Activities Departments of the Julian J. Leavitt Family Jewish Nursing Home and Ruth's House seek to bring creative and stimulating entertainment to our residents. \$1,500 in funding will help underwrite 4 theatrical interactive shows and/or concerts to our residents.
Jewish Geriatric Services	\$6,000	<i>Overhead Screen for auditorium</i> The auditorium at The Julian J. Leavitt Family Jewish Nursing Home is not only a gathering space for our residents and staff, but it is also a communal gathering space lending itself to meetings, and social gatherings for the community. We often host meetings of other area organizations (ie last year we hosted the Annual Meeting of the Jewish Federation/Endowment Foundation and we are a meeting place for the Melton Program) as well as regional meetings (ie. we have hosted the last 2 years of the Regional Meeting of Hadassah). It is a multipurpose room where our staff, residents, families, board and members of our community come together to discuss, plan, celebrate, worship, share, grow and feel a sense of community. JGS is in the need of a pull down screen for this room that would be used for a multitude of purposes that support resident activities, board/committee/communal presentations, etc.
Rachel's Table	\$1,000	<i>OutRun Hunger 5K</i> Our Teen Board has scheduled the 5K for June 1, 2014. OutRun Hunger takes place biannually and brings our youth together to raise money to alleviate hunger, and show that action can make a difference in the lives of others. In 2012 (the first 5K), 167 individuals participated in the event and there were more than 50 volunteers. In this active collaboration between teens and the community, we educate young people and empower them to address the needs of the hungry in Western MA.
Rachel's Table	\$1,000	<i>We have the Formula</i> The Teen Board of Rachel's Table is launching a service to supply baby formula to the hungry. For many, buying formula for their children is a hardship. This will provide relief for families who must feed their babies.
Springfield Jewish Community Center	\$3500	<i>Aquatics – Lifeguard Stand</i> Pool Lifeguard stand needs to be replaced for improved visibility and safety
Springfield Jewish Community Center	\$750-1000	<i>Literatour</i> The Jewish Community Book Festival Literatour is held each fall. The Center seeks sponsors to help offset the cost of travel and lodging for the many visiting authors who present.
Springfield Jewish Community Center	\$3,000-5,000	<i>Adult Lounge</i> After 25 years of service, the furniture in the adult lounge needs replacing.
Temple Beth El	\$4,508.39	<i>Tech for Today</i> In conjunction with the Sandi Kupperman Learning Center's brand-new

		<p>“Shalom Learning” program, in which classes connect via video chat and online classroom, we are interested in expanding the use of technology throughout the religious school. To this end, we have asked for and received funding to hire a Technology Coordinator to assist teachers in bringing new technology to our Hebrew and Judaic learning. To make this project as successful as possible, and enable all students to participate in a dynamic, authentic 21st century Jewish educational experience, we are asking for your partnership to purchase the hardware needed to bring this dream to fruition. We already have the leadership, training, and ideas, but we do not yet have funding for the computers and other equipment needed. The two parts of this request are for a stationary computer lab, and a mobile learning center. These two components will enable flexibility as we continue to meet our population’s changing needs. The mobile learning center will also allow for technology implementation in our family and adult education programs at the Sandi Kupperman Learning Center. This need for adequate technology resources is vital as we strive to keep up with the needs and expectations of 21st century learners while providing quality Jewish education and enrichment.</p>
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For more information regarding any of these programs, please contact the agencies directly.

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