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brighter
world
because
of YOU



Jewish Federation of Rhode Island 2011 Annual Community Campaign

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Because we work together as a community, we bring *dignity, hope and joy* to people's lives every day.

Because we work together as a community, we ensure that Jews in need or at-risk, young and old, singles and families remain *safe, nourished and strong* here in Rhode Island, in Israel and around the world.

Because we work together as a community, we effectively respond to the crises that confront us and our neighbors with *loving kindness and enduring Jewish values*.

Because we work together as a community, we provide *inspiring Jewish experiences* to children, adults, seniors and families through Jewish summer camps, Jewish day schools, Jewish enrichment classes, trips to Israel, and in so many other ways.

Because we work together as a community, we accomplish what *no one individual could do alone*.

At the center of our Jewish community stands your partner, the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island.

More than just a fundraising organization, the Federation responds to the needs in our Jewish community and around the world. Whether it's an elderly neighbor feeling isolated, a child in need in Israel or a member of your congregation requiring social services, your Federation is here for all of them, and for you.

No single gift can touch more Jewish lives, in more meaningful ways, than your gift to the 2011 Annual Community Campaign.

YOU and the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island

Every gift makes a difference.

The impact is real. It is tangible. It makes a difference *in our neighborhoods and in far-off communities* around the world. And it makes a difference to the people of Israel.

Your gift changes lives for the better. It provides *counseling* services to your neighbor, the mother of three who was laid-off during the economic crisis. It *feeds an elderly Jewish man* in Warsaw who hasn't left his apartment in 16 years. And it supports programs like Birthright Israel that *inspire a life-long love of Israel* and Jewish culture.

Making your gift through the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island's Annual Community Campaign *provides the greatest impact for your dollar.* Your money will go where it's most needed and be delivered through programs that are monitored to ensure results.

500

JEWISH FAMILIES CONNECTED TO HELP

Over 500 Jewish families in Rhode Island have access to vital community support through weekly visits from a social worker.

2750

VISITS TO OUR ELDERLY IN LOCAL NURSING HOMES

Over 2750 visits are made annually to local nursing home and assisted living residents. Caring volunteers continue Jewish traditions and holiday rituals.

160

AT-RISK AND ABUSED YOUTH TAUGHT LIFE-SKILLS

Over 160 abused and neglected youth in Afula, Israel are taken off the streets and given a chance to thrive in life.

Your gift will make the difference.

Your gift to the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island impacts lives by

Helping to ensure that the vulnerable in our community are cared for with dignity and given *access to the services* that will enhance their well-being.

Improving the overall quality and availability of *Jewish educational programs* and experiences community-wide.

Caring for Jews in need around the world; moving them towards a more secure educational, nutritional and financial future, and ensuring Israel as a *strong and vibrant Jewish state*.



Funding programs that affect

JEWISH LIVES

every day



The community programs that follow over the next few pages have received the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island's endorsement. During our allocations process, these programs withstood a vigorous review and were found to meet community priorities, create impact, and have measurable goals and objectives.

Each of these programs contributes to a better, brighter world. Your contribution fuels their work. Look for the "Programs Funded By" stamp at Jewish community organizations throughout Rhode Island and be proud of the work they do because of you.

300

NUMBER OF PROGRAMS
SUPPORTED HERE IN
RHODE ISLAND, IN ISRAEL
AND AROUND THE WORLD
WITH YOUR GENEROUS
CONTRIBUTIONS TO
THE 2010 JFRI ANNUAL
COMMUNITY CAMPAIGN



IF YOU COULD, WOULD YOU HELP A FAMILY NURTURE THEIR CONNECTION TO JEWISH LIFE?

The **PJ Library** encourages literacy and piques interest in Jewish values from a young age by introducing children to Jewish culture and tradition through stories and songs. PJ Library recipients, from the age of six months to six years, receive monthly mailings of a high-quality children's book or CD. PJ Library helps to nurture Jewish life and strengthen families and their relationship to the Jewish community.

750

JEWISH CHILDREN LEARNING CULTURE THROUGH LITERACY

"PJ Library has helped to awaken the girls' interest in Jewish culture and holidays," says the Ginsburg family, PJ Library participants from Cranston, Rhode Island.

IF YOU COULD, WOULD YOU HELP SHAPE A YOUNG ADULT'S JEWISH PERSPECTIVE?

The Brown University/Rhode Island School of Design and the University of Rhode Island **Hillel programs** create a social, cultural and spiritual connection to the students' Judaism while cultivating personal development through self-reflection and expression. The **Alef List** was created to gather young professionals and graduate students post-college, as they enter the next phase of their adult lives. Through a variety of social and networking events, young Jewish professionals strengthen their ties to each other and to their Judaism.

1050

COLLEGE STUDENTS AND YOUNG ADULTS REACHED

200 Hillel events reach over 1000 Jewish college students annually while 50 Jewish young adults in Rhode Island have networked through the Alef List during its first three events.

IF YOU COULD, WOULD YOU HELP ENSURE A CONTINUED CONNECTION BETWEEN OUR LOCAL ELDERLY AND OUR JEWISH COMMUNITY?

Jewish Eldercare of Rhode Island (JERI) is an outreach program that trains volunteers to become visitors to the elderly in our Jewish community. With regular visits to hospitals, nursing homes and assisted living facilities, volunteers continue our traditions through Shabbat services, Passover Seders and other holiday activities. Introducing elder care facilities' staff to Jewish observances, traditions and dietary customs is important so that they can be more responsive to the needs of their Jewish residents.

758

HOSPITAL VISITS TO OUR LOCAL ELDERLY

24

SEDERs HELD IN NURSING HOMES

IF YOU COULD, WOULD YOU HELP A FORMERLY OPPRESSED JEWISH PERSON OR FAMILY DISCOVER THEIR JEWISH HERITAGE?

The **Limmud-Keshet Conference** helps Jews of all backgrounds realize their Jewish identities. This international conference of Jewish learning and culture celebrates the richness and multi-dimensional nature of Judaism. Bringing Jewish people together, including those whose lives were formerly oppressed without religious freedom, is one of Limmud-Keshet's greatest purposes. Last year over 450 people from all over Poland attended this important conference.

50

PERCENT INCREASE IN PARTICIPATION THIS YEAR

Alina, age 32, a Limmud-Keshet participant said, "Judaism is like a diamond: the more facets it has, the more beautiful it is!"

IF YOU COULD, WOULD YOU HELP STRENGTHEN A CONGREGATION'S BOND?

The **Kesher program** grew out of community need and a commitment to provide social services to Jews through their congregations. Kesher provides participating synagogues with a weekly, on-site social worker to help congregants with crisis intervention, short-term counseling and more. Kesher also reflects the sanctity of the synagogue and its commitment to the emotional, spiritual, and physical well-being of its congregants.

502

FAMILIES WITH ACCESS TO COMMUNITY SUPPORT

Kesher founder, Rabbi Elyse Wechterman says, "Synagogues have to be relevant, dealing with all aspects of a person and connecting them to resources for their whole lives."

IF YOU COULD, WOULD YOU HELP INFLUENCE THE FUTURE OF A JEWISH CHILD IN ISRAEL?

The **Emunah Children's Center** in Afula, Israel is a day and residential care facility for abused, neglected and at-risk youth. Emunah gives these children a safe, nurturing environment where they receive entrepreneurial life-skills by teaching business acumen through the marketing and sales of their own hand-made Judaic crafts; giving them valuable expertise they can take with them into the world.

7 years old

DAVID'S AGE WHEN HIS MOTHER ABANDONED HIM

"We cannot change the hurtful past for our children. But we can promise them a better future," says Shlomo Kessel, Director of the Emunah Children's Center.

IF YOU COULD, WOULD YOU HELP REINFORCE A JEWISH CHILD'S IDENTITY?

Exposure to new ideas, new and old friends and an opportunity to live in an immersive Jewish setting are all part of the Jewish camp experience. Summer camps in Poland are helping to make Judaism an integral part of the lives of children and young adults by strengthening their sense of belonging to the Jewish people. Here at home, **Camp JORI**, the only Jewish overnight camp in Rhode Island, strives to develop a community of respect and cooperation through Jewish culture and friendship.

300

YOUTH PARTICIPATING IN AN IMMERSIVE JEWISH CAMPING EXPERIENCE

Last year, 120 children in Poland got a Jewish camping experience and 84% of at-risk Israeli campers improved their English.

IF YOU COULD, WOULD YOU HELP SECURE A JEWISH FAMILY'S NUTRITIONAL WELL-BEING?

An elderly Jewish couple living below the poverty level, a person ravaged by mental illness, a family with parents who lost their jobs due to the recession; these harsh economic circumstances led to the creation of the **The Louis & Goldie Chester Full Plate Kosher Food Pantry**. A valuable resource for vulnerable families who want to observe Jewish dietary laws, the Kosher Food Pantry, the first of its kind in Rhode Island, feeds more than 100 local households each month.

16

TONS OF FOOD DISTRIBUTED SINCE OPENING IN 2009



IF YOU COULD, WOULD YOU HELP **IMPACT**
THE LIVES OF JEWS HERE IN RHODE ISLAND,
IN ISRAEL AND AROUND THE WORLD?

Here's your opportunity.

We make it easy for **YOU** to make a difference.



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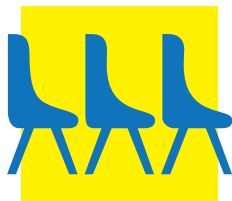
It's what being Jewish feels like.
It's a promise that Jewish social
services and vibrant community
programs will remain strong
and accessible for everybody.
And for you.

It's an opportunity to *be part of*
a caring community that gives
back. And it's an opportunity
to foster and celebrate Jewish
identity for future generations.

**Without your gift, the critical work we
do in Rhode Island, in Israel and around
the world would not be possible.**



\$18 PROVIDES A FINANCIALLY-CHALLENGED JEWISH FAMILY WITH NEEDED KOSHER FOOD



\$25 ENGAGES A JEWISH COLLEGE STUDENT IN CULTURAL ARTS PROGRAMMING



\$40 GIVES ONE CHILD'S FAMILY THE GIFT OF *PJ LIBRARY* FOR ONE FULL YEAR



\$46 ALLOWS FOR ONE MONTH OF JEWISH LEARNING FOR A NON-JEWISH MOM RAISING JEWISH KIDS



\$250 KEEPS THE LIGHTS ON FOR ONE LOCAL JEWISH FAMILY STRUGGLING TO PAY THEIR UTILITY BILLS



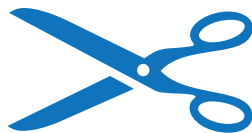
\$365 ENSURES A SENIOR IN A NURSING HOME GETS A YEAR OF PASTORAL VISITS



\$500 ENABLES ONE MONTH OF COUNSELING FOR A FAMILY COPING WITH A TRAUMA



\$550 PARTNERS A NEW *OLEH* WITH A VETERAN IMMIGRANT FOR A SMOOTH TRANSITION INTO ISRAELI SOCIETY



\$700 SUPPLIES EDUCATIONAL TOOLS TO THE *EMUNAH CHILDREN'S CENTER* IN ISRAEL PROVIDING LIFE-SKILLS FOR DISADVANTAGED YOUTH



\$750 PROVIDES TUITION SUPPORT SO A LOCAL CHILD CAN ATTEND A JEWISH DAY SCHOOL



\$925 MAINTAINS A FAMILY'S JCC MEMBERSHIP WHEN ECONOMIC NECESSITY WOULD OTHERWISE FORCE THEM TO RESIGN



\$1100 ENABLES A CHILD TO SPEND 2 WEEKS AT A JEWISH OVERNIGHT SUMMER CAMP

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