

# CHILDREN & YOUNG ADULTS

LOCAL	PROJECT	REQUEST	DESCRIPTION
Jewish Family and Child	Bar/Bat Mitzvah Celebration Program	\$20,000 annually will assist 8 - 10 children	Every Jewish child should be able to celebrate this important milestone with dignity, regardless of financial circumstances. This program provides assistance to children for celebration-related expenses such as a small Kiddush, tallit, tefillin, tutoring, clothing, and a modest party for the Bar/Bat Mitzvah and their friends.
JIAS	Integrate Newcomer Children	\$25,000 / year	Integrating into a new culture is difficult for anyone, especially children. It is even more difficult for children of families with limited of resources. The "extras" children require can help ease integration, facilitate social and academic success and give children the sense they truly belong and "fit in" with their peers. This project assists immigrant children through funding memberships, computers, school trips, clothing, equipment, and lessons.
Hillel	Shabbat Dinners	\$10,000 covers the significant venue expenses, dinner costs, and subsidizing the program for students	Shabbat dinners are invaluable to fostering Jewish identity and a sense of community. Recognizing the need to provide meaningful Shabbat experiences within the York Region community for the thousands of students living at York University. This program offers a social Shabbat including a kosher dinner, discussion, and spirituality; welcoming all denominations and attracting approximately 1,200 students.
Jewish Family and Child	Picking Up the Pieces	\$36,000	For families challenged by separation and divorce, Picking Up the Pieces is a clinical group assisting families to adjust to the stressors associated with this difficult life-altering event. Groups for both parents and children with topics covering issues such as the impact of separation on children and co-parenting. Children are assisted to understand their feelings and develop realistic expectations.

# ISRAEL & OVERSEAS (UIA)

PROJECT	REQUEST	DESCRIPTION
Vocational Opportunities for Young Ethiopian Women of Bat Yam	\$3,500 / student	Bat Yam is home to the fastest growing Ethiopian-Israeli community in Israel. Unfortunately, more than 70% live below the poverty line. This daycare staff vocational training program will offer women of Bat Yam, who currently work at ill-gratifying low paying jobs, an alternative to the cycle of poverty and social isolation. Through this 6-8 month course encompassing hours of theoretical studies and practical work in child development and care, will lead to a diploma with experience making them immediately employable.
For the Love of Dance: for the Youth of Eilat	\$940 / student per year	Behind Eilat's beauty and tourism sector is a city suffering from socio-economic disparity. Services in education, immigrant absorption, culture and social welfare all lag behind those available in central Israel. Eilat is home to 3 vulnerable groups: new immigrants, single-parent families, and low-income workers in the tourism industry. Most defenseless are the children of these groups. Nearly 25% live below the poverty line. This program provides scholarships to these youth enabling them to experience lessons in ballet, modern dance, jazz, steps and flamenco, offering an alternative outlet to develop confidence and poise, increase physical fitness and enhance self-esteem, while growing an appreciation for the art of movement, not otherwise accessible to them.
Riding High: Therapeutic Riding Program	\$1,300 per student (seeking funding for classes of 12 and 20)	To offer a supervised program of therapeutic horseback riding for special needs children in Eilat. Riding helps improve motor and communication skills, sense of pride, and sense of control. Riding as a group encourages the children to be aware and considerate of each other's needs. The program consists of a team of specialists who are trained to help the children achieve maximum therapeutic benefit from the activity.
Brightening the Darkness: Activities for Visually Impaired Children	\$1,950 per student (seeking funding for 10) and \$26,000 for specialized equipment in the computer library	To offer supportive activities for visually impaired children in Eilat. Activities are designed to build self-confidence and social skills in children who are at a disadvantage in regular schools. The group meets twice weekly throughout the year and is taught by experienced counselors and special education teachers. Each participant is also matched with a volunteer "big brother/sister" who provides one-on-one support and enrichment.

# SPECIAL NEEDS

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Jewish Family and Child	Equipment Hospice Program	\$8,000	The program receives requests for funding to assist individuals to cover the cost of medications or equipment rentals that are necessary and are not covered by the health care system, maintaining a level of comfort during this difficult stage of palliative care. The costs can be prohibitive, particularly for those on fixed incomes, such as the elderly.
Reena	Asperger's Support Group	\$5,200 per session or \$9,600 / year	The incidents of Asperger's Disorder (within the Autism spectrum) have increased dramatically. This program will assist 12 teens (14-17 years of age) with Aspergers who have difficulty with social interactions, making friendships and maintaining relationships. A behaviour therapist and recreation worker assist participants understand relationships and how to use social skills.
Reena	After School Club	\$7,300 / session or \$21,900 / year	This program provides family respite at the end of the school day. Up to four days a week, children and youth (12/session) participate in an eight-week structured program including activities and a kosher dinner, meeting the needs of those with developmental challenges, autism, and other related disorders.
Zareinu	Occupational Therapy	\$3,000	According to one parent, "Zareinu not only gives the therapies necessary to help our children become functioning and contributing members of their families, but they do it in a loving and caring Jewish atmosphere". Zareinu is in need of specialized therapeutic equipment for their occupational therapy department.

# AT RISK

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JVS	Financial Literacy Program	\$10,000 will serve 36 people for six one-week workshops	Workshops to assist people in breaking free from the cycle of poverty and take control of their financial situation. Low income and vulnerable people in the community will be offered Financial Literacy workshops
Jewish Family and Child	Jewish Hospice Program	\$*** will fund 75 - 85 individuals	A program of compassionate, home-centered care addressing the needs of individuals and families coping with life-threatening illness annually.
JIAS	Project Welcome	\$250 / family - \$50,000 will serve up to 200 families annually	Welcoming Jewish Immigrant families through providing vital information and assistance with start-up needs. Families often struggle to cover all of the significant purchases required to re-establish themselves. This program assists families with start-up purchases such as a first grocery order (including staples), bedding, school books and supplies, winter clothing, etc.
JF&CS	Leveling the Playing Field	\$500 / child (\$25,000 helps up to 50 children annually)	This project will "level the playing field" allowing these children to achieve their full potential, both socially and academically by funding computers/software, sports, lessons, equipment, school outings, and special event clothing (ie. Graduation), etc.



# ARTS & CULTURE

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Ashkenaz	Cultural Outreach	\$18,000	After a series of pilot projects hosting year-round concerts and events, Ashkenaz is seeking to sustain and offset costs related to expanded year-round programs. Greater support will enable Ashkenaz to provide more services to the community and focus on areas of mutual interest including using Jewish culture to connect with less affiliated members of the community, including youth, Israelis and those from the former Soviet Union.
Koffler Centre of the Arts	Children's Theatre Program	up to \$50,000	Together with the Harold Green Jewish Theatre Company, the Koffler Centre seeks to provide children ages 8-18 with an opportunity to participate in theatre through theatre-training courses geared to creating a young company of actors. Producing one play each term, the company will tour schools, seniors' residences and camps in the GTA. Students will learn about the history and themes of traditional Jewish Theatre and its ongoing influence on popular culture. Matching funds available up to \$50,000 for a 12-month pilot program allowing 12 students per class.
Holocaust Centre of Toronto	Bar/Bat Mitzvah of Remembrance	\$10,000	A symbolic "twinning" program where a Jewish child on the threshold of adulthood honours the memory of a child who was brutally robbed of this basic rite of passage. This program will provide a means for remembrance and recognition of these innocent victims and will educate our youth about the Holocaust and its important lessons.

# EDUCATION

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Hillel	"Drown out the Hate... Educate."	\$10,000	The lack of historical knowledge on Israel and Zionism can create a Jewish identity crises when confronted by hostile debate on these issues, specifically for students on university campuses Hillel has developed a day-long seminar to learn from the best educators and advocacy resource personnel in Israel and North America to teach Israel's history including the Palestinian perspective, and techniques in answering these fundamental questions when challenged on campus or through daily living. This provides them the tools to be proud and confident.
Holocaust Centre of Toronto	Writing Contest	\$10,00	A province-wide contest contemplating the theme: Remember the Children. Students (grades 8-12) will be empowered to create works of art that consider the vulnerability of children during the Holocaust and in today's world. Funding will cover marketing, mounting an art exhibition, hosting an awards reception, and trips to the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum for four students and one chaperone.
The Mercaz	Supporting Academic Success	\$18,000	A special needs fund is required to facilitate educational success for day and supplementary school students with special needs who, under exceptional circumstances, require funding for supports such as specialized tutoring, educational assessments and specialized remediation.

# SENIORS

LOCAL	PROJECT	REQUEST	DESCRIPTION
Circle of Care / Association of Jewish Seniors	Yom Tov Seniors Dinner Series	\$7,500	An opportunity for approximately 100 frail isolated seniors – many with limited incomes – to celebrate Jewish holidays and traditions, enjoy a nutritious meal and feel connected to the community. Funding will partially or fully subsidize program costs for those in need. The program helps to address isolation and ensure that no one celebrates alone.
Circle of Care	Seniors Facing Abuse	\$17,000 covers costs for a furnished transitional apartment for one year.	Older adults facing abuse need transitional housing, many of whom are women. There is limited transitional housing for older adults available as most settings are intended for women with children. Alternatives include a stay in a long-term care facility or to remain in an abusive home environment. A one-bedroom apartment unit in a central location could house up to 2 older Jewish individuals at any given time and serve approximately 8-10 individuals annually.
Circle of Care	Transportation Services	\$29,000 (Transportation Pilot Project) \$40,000 (Subsidizing Project)	As a recognized unmet community need, transportation for seniors and disabled individuals to medical appointments at downtown hospitals at a reasonable cost is the essence of this program. This 12-month pilot project would be offered to clients 3 days per week servicing downtown hospitals to see the viability of the service. In order to facilitate independence of the elderly and active in daily activities, such as shopping, attending medical appointments, and participating in social and recreational activities, funding is also sought to subsidize the financial need.

# OUTREACH

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Hillel	Niche Student Cultural Groups	\$29,000 (Program for Russian students) \$25,000 (Program for Israeli students)	Hillel as experienced unprecedented success with its programming for various niche markets, specifically within the student communities having new arrivals from Israel and Russia. There is a financial need to expand the reach of the program to the thousands of immigrant students believed to be on campuses throughout the GTA and provide the level of staff support the program requires offered in their native language.
JIAS	SProject Welcome	\$250 / family	This project for Jewish immigrant families reaches out with a comprehensive "welcome to our community" package, providing vital information and assistance with start-up needs. Families often struggle to cover all of the significant purchases required to re-establish themselves. The program will assist families with such start-up purchases such as a first grocery order (including staples), bedding, school books and supplies, and winter clothing, etc.
NCSY / Jewish Family and Child	Teen Outreach Worker	\$15,000	This project for Jewish immigrant families reaches out with a comprehensive "welcome to our community" package, providing vital information and assistance with start-up needs. Families often struggle to cover all of the significant purchases required to re-establish themselves. The program will assist families with such start-up purchases such as a first grocery order (including staples), bedding, school books and supplies, and winter clothing, etc.